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KLOCK ET AL. V. LINDSAY .--- Messes. Klock & Company leased a saw-mill from the said Lindsay, and among other terms of the lease, it was agreed that they were "to return the mill to the lessor at the close of the season in as good order as could be expected, considering wear and tear of the mill and machinery." During the occupation of Messrs. Klock & Company, a fire occurred, which totally destroyed the mill. The lessor, as a consequence, brought an action against them for damages. The lessees, in defence, adduced evidence to show that usual precaution had been taken for the safety of the premises, in the shape of buckets. force pumps, and the like, and further claimed that the origin of the fire was mysterious and unknown. It was held by the Supreme Court "that the lessee had not shown any lawful justification for their failure to return the mill according to the terms of the covenant; that the presumption established by article 1,629 of the Civil Code against the lessees had not been rebutted, and that the evidence showed culpable negligence on the part of the lessees, which rendered them civilly recponsible for the loss by fire of the leased premises.'

MCINTYRE V. SILCOX.-A parent insured his life for the benefit of six of his children in equal shares. Three of them dying without issue he made a new will altering the shares of the three survivors, gave a portion to another child and portions to four grandchildren. The old policies of insurance were cancelled, and new ones issued, payable "to the executors in trust" after his death. It was held that the portions given to the four children were valid, but those to the grandchildren were not valid, as against the rights of creditors.

MALCOLM V. PERTH MUTUAL FIRE IN-SURANCE COMPANY.-The plaintiff was arrested on an information laid by the company, charging him with setting fire to his building, upon which they had an insurance. He was tried and acquitted. The jury found that the company's officers believed the charge true, but that such belief was not reasonable, and that in making the charge they were actuated by other and improper motives. It was held, on account of the first finding, that the defendants acted on their honest belief. Absence of reasonable and proper cause could not be held to have been shown, simply because further inquiries might have been made, and that the question of malice was of no importance.

-A government report says that immigrants to the United States, in 1897, numbered 222,399, an even smaller number than in 1894, when the effect of the panic was so marked. In 1892 the number was 47,060; it was 495,030 in 1892; the humber was 547,060; it was 495,030 in 1893; 250,313 in 1894; 324,330 in 1895, and 301,087 in 1896. From the United Kingdom there came 107,610 in 1892, and in 1887, only 39,771. From Germany the falling off was more pronounced, being from 118,400 in 1892, to 8.88° in 1802. 18.785 in 1897.



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Mercantile Summary.

REIN & HERCHENHOVER, of Montreal, a small hat and fur concern, of quite recent establishment, are reported absentees, and the landlord has attached the stock. Liabilities are about \$1,200.

THE firm of Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, N.S., have orders for cars from the Intercolonial Railway. They will build 150 box cars, and 100 flat cars. They will also build six twenty-ton coal cars for the Crow's Nest Coal Company, in British Columbia.

HEAVY gales and thunder storms around Winnipeg, and very copious rains, in many parts of Manitoba last Saturday and Sunday, are reported. Indeed there was snow at Deloraine and Boissevain in the South-west. Here and there threshing has been intertered with.

A GROCERY business, started at Carleton Place, Ont., by A. S. Leach & Co., has had a very brief run. Mr. L., who was formerly a clerk in Ottawa, succeeded A. R. G. Peden only last December. and has already made assignment. His troubles came early.

J. L. VINEBERG & Co., the Sherbrooke clothing firm, whom we mentioned last week, made an offer to creditors of 45 per cent., cash, which they have since increased to 50. They owe some \$10,500. with apparent assets of about \$12,000.-F. Belanger, lately a general dealer at Ville Marie, has been able to arrange a settlement at 50 cents.

The Michigan Supreme Court decided on Monday last to reverse the decision of the Wayne County (Detroit), Circuit Court in the case brought by Governor Pingree to compel the Michigan Central Railway Company to sell mileage books at a flat two-cent rate. The court holds that the company, under its special charter, has a right to fix its own tolls; that this is a vested right which the State must pay for if taken away.

J. T. POULIOT, general merchant at L'Islet, Que., is in difficulties, and has made an offer to creditors of 50 cents, which has been declined, and his assignment is expected to follow. The business is a very old one, having been established by J. T.'s father, who made it a success, and to whom he succeeded in 1885. He, however, has not been able to hold the business up to the old level, sales have steadily declined, and he has been reported slow for some time past.

A TINSMITH and stove dealer, St. John. N.B., named R. J. Selfridge, has assigned. He is a journeyman printer, and loaned his name to a brother, who managed the tin and stove business, and who had been unsuccessful several years previous. The liabilities are put at \$2,500.--D. Theriault, a general dealer at Green River, in the same province, is proposing to pay his creditors only 33 1-3 per cent. of their claims, which amount to about \$6,000. He was formerly a saw-miller, and started store-keeping four or five years ago with little knowledge thereof. His assets are only figured at \$2.399, which is not 35 per cent.

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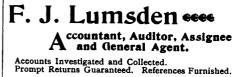
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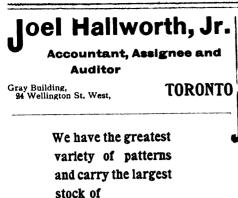
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Mercantile Summary.

THE proprietor of the Robinson House, temperance hotel, Toronto, Marshall Flick, has assigned to J. P. Langley.

THE chairman of the finance committee of the town of Galt asks for tenders for debentures to the amount of \$12.000.

CUSTOMS collections for the last quarter at Montreal amounted to \$2,499,320, as compared with \$1,745.210 for like period September's collections were of 1897. \$639,051, which is about the same as the previous September.

MR. HOPWOOD, of the British Board of Trade, London, England, who has been in Ottawa for the purpose of looking into the patent system and trade mark registration, is going to Washington on a similar mission

AT Berlin on Tuesday last the finance committee of the council recommended that the offer of the Confederation Life Association for \$102,000 debentures for the water works, issued at 33/4 per cent, of \$103,150 be accepted, it being the highest.

THE city of Stratford continues to make considerable strides. The new Municipal Buildings, now in progress of completion there, will be quite an imposing structure. Some \$30,000 will be expended on them. The roof is to be on this autumn. Having purchased the gas works, they contend that they will be enabled to give citizens light at a considerable reduction. The Council further intimates an intention to purchase the water supply plant, and give their citizens the benefit of a reduction on that also, if they can. The Classic City is a progressive place.

JAMES KERR, at one time quite an extensive dealer in grain and feed, at Montreal, is reported an absentee. His habits have been subject to comment of late years, and his affairs have fallen into bad shape. Last week he left town, leaving a letter to his book-keeper, stating that he would not return, and upon application to the Court, a meeting of creditors has been fixed for the 13th inst., to appoint a curator. Kerr, not long ago claimed a surplus of some \$25,000, but, notwithstanding this, the estate is expected to turn out poorly.

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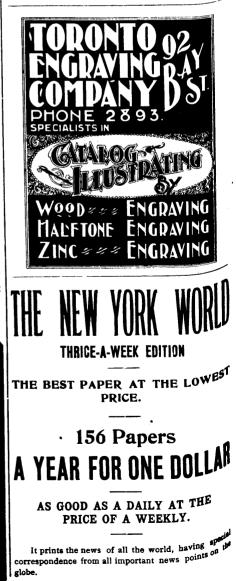
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As there have been misleading rumors and actual mis-statements about the change in the ownership of the Manitoba & North-western Railway last winter, it is well to have something official as to the personnel of the new company. The president of the railway is Mr. E. B. Osler, and the vice-president, Mr. Wm. Hendrie, of Hamilton. Messrs. Allan, of Montreal, have disposed of all their interests to the new company, and relinquished all claims. The new owners, however, intend to make needed improvements. The road-bed will be put in first-class condition on all sections. The bridge across the Assinaboine at Millwood will be placed on stone abutments. New cars will be bought and put on the line very shortly

THIS is the era of circulars. Never were so many of every possible kind sent through the mails. One would think there was an election or a plebiscitum going on all the time, if he could see the interior of Toronto Post Office, at times for weeks past. The sorters have been greatly overworked, and application has been made to the Postmaster-General on their behalf. If such avalanches of mail matter of this kind continue, there will have to be additional sorters provided.

ONE of the largest and most conspicuous buildings on St. George's Square, Guelph, is the Bank of Montreal, and adjoining it is the residence of the manager. The bank is now undergoing improvement and alterations, both in the public offices and manager's room, and the artistic display of modern ornamental work and fresh color will add considerably to the appearance and comfort of the premises.

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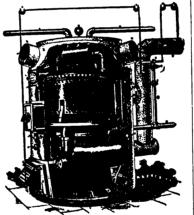


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A CONSIGNMENT of clover seed, billed at \$2,800 for Germany, and one of \$2,500 for France, were shipped by a local firm from Toronto on Tuesday.

THE grocery stock and shop furniture, the estate of James Beattie, St. Mary's, valued at \$919.17, have been sold at public auction at fifty cents on the dollar to Mr. Henry Macklin.

THE Canadian passenger steamer "Majestic," carrying passengers and merchandise from Collingwood to Duluth, stranded on Big Shoals at the East end of Drummond Island, Lake Huron, on Tuesday, in a fog.

THOMAS D. RANKIN, general storekeeper at Dover South, has assigned. About three years ago he succeeded his brother Matthew, but lack of capital has hindered him from the beginning. A few months ago one of his creditors sued and obtained judgment.

THE Minnesota Iron & Steel Co., of Minneapolis, protests against the appraisement of its plant at \$50,000, exclusive of real estate. While the plant was idle it was rated at \$4,600. The company wants to make a test of the enterprise for a year to determine whether it will pay, before having the valuation put up.

IT appears that a gang of sharpers has been working the Western Ontario fairs with one-dollar bills raised to higher denominations. One of the ticket-sellers at the dining-hall in London had a "fixed" \$2 bill passed on him. This work is neatly done by pasting a figure 2 over the figure I at both corners. The figure used is almost an exact fac-simile of the genuine, both in size and color.

IT is proposed to put the wholesale millinery business of Skinner, Leblanc & Co., at St. John, N.B., into joint stock shape. The firm dates from 1894, at which date they took over the millinery department of the old firm of Daniel & Boyd. A similar step will be taken with regard to the business of A. Miller & Co., who succeeded to the general wholesale dry goods business of Daniel & Boyd in that city.

F. LETOURNEAU, a Quebec grocer. has assigned, with liabilities of about \$2,000, and assets shown at \$1,150. He began three years ago with some small capital, having previously been book-keeper for Langlois & Paradis, a prominent grocery house.—Arthur Alain, a carriage maker of the same city, has assigned on demand. He had been frequently sued since last spring.

Ex-MAYOR GEORGE ROBERTSON, of St. John, left that city on Tuesday last for Ottawa to interview the Government about a proposed 800 foot dock there. The City Council has voted a free site, tax exemption and a bonus of \$2,500 % year for forty years. It is hoped that the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial Gov ernments will assist. To-day it is expected that Capt. Partington, of Liver pool, who is coming, will examine and report on the site of a pulp mill at the Falls to mill it. Falls, to which the captain will subscribe if the report is satisfactory.

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ANOTHER failure reported from Fort William is that of E. L. Williams, jeweler. He went there from Britton six years ago, and up to the time of his assignment good reports, as to his business ability and the trade he was doing, were received, so that the announcement of his assigning comes as a surprise.

A HARNESS dealer in a small way, J. E. Shell, of Port Arthur, is another who helps to swell the number of failures during the year. He succeeded Francis Witherspoon in Feb., 1897, by paying \$400 for the stock, but his earnings from the investment were insufficient to keep him and pay debts, so he assigned.

WONDER is expressed at the announcement of the assignment of David Plews, pump manufacturer, Toronto. It is not so very long since this gentleman showed a statement of assets \$34,000, of which \$21,000 was in real estate, and only \$5.000 liabilities .---- Thomas Sargent, regalia manufacturer, Toronto, has assigned.

'FISHING for canned salmon' looks queerly as the heading of an item, and it sounds oddly, too. But it correctly describes an incident of the varied activity of the river front, where the canneries were at New Westminster, some days after the great fire. When the buildings collapsed many thousands of cases of salmon were dropped through the burned floors into the river. While much of this salmon was destroyed by the fire, a great deal of it is perfectly good, and as a result, says a local paper, scores of men were dipping into the Fraser's muddy waters and scooping out cans by the dozen.

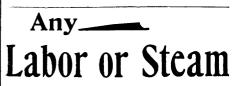
WE should have noticed last week the exhibit of William Parks & Son, Limited, at the St. John Exhibition. It was both large and creditable, consisting of fancy flannelettes, shaker flannels, napped sheetings, courtenay shakers, flannels, shirtings and galateas, ticking, cottonades, denims, cotton yarns and carpet warps, beam work and knitting cotton. These are the staple lines made in the St. John and New Brunswick cotton mills, controlled by Wm. Parks & Sons Limited. Besides these, the company had on view two new lines of goods which they have just commenced making, and which are very important articles of consumption, bleached cottons and linings.



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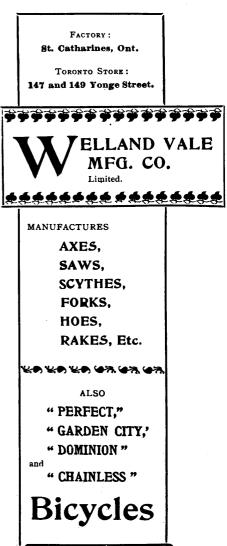
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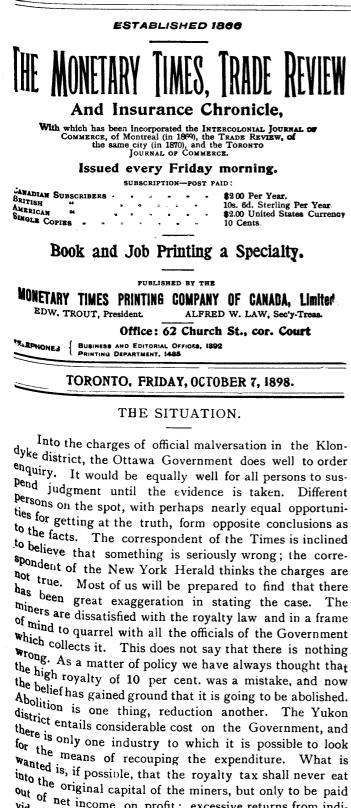


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out of net income on profit; excessive returns from individual labor might take the place of profit or income. The Dredging claims apppear to have been made too much a subject of speculation. Those granted cannot be recalled, but a more cautious policy for the future seems to be

A Montreal journal claims authority from Mr. Martin, Attorney-General of British Columbia, for the statement that he has applied on behalf of the Provincial Government "for the transfer of the Yukon or Klondyke district application can scarcely be considered as serious. It would not have been worth while to separate the Klondyke district from the Territories for the purpose of joining it to it. At different times there have been indications that the successful administration of that distant region might tax

the full energies of the Dominion. The idea of the province seems to be that if it could get hold of the great mining region of the north, something might be got out or the speculation. It is the fate of territories to be divided into smaller portions. This too has happened to States in the neighboring Republic ; but to graft on to a widely extended province, with 500 miles of sea coast, a vast adjacent territory, is a notion that never occurred to the sober-minded men of that or any other country. Mr. Martin seems to be in earnest, but he can never hope to communicate his enthusiasm, which is certainly misplaced, to anyone responsible for the administration of the Dominion. Fortunately, the application is not backed by the shadow of a claim of provincial right. British Columbia is interested in the Alaska boundary question; but even here the rights involved are primarily those of Canada rather than of any single province.

Lord Herschell, at the International Commission banquet, expressed the opinion that the difficulties which the Commission has to cope with are not insuperable. The sturdy selfishness of special interests is opposed by the equally robust selfishness of other interests. And here, we take it, is the ground of any real hope of accommodation. Where there are opposing interests both cannot completely succeed; the middle course of give and take is the essence of reciprocity. The American barley grower wants a guarantee against Canadian competition; the American user of barley, especially the maltster, wants Canadian barley. The maltsters are few and the farmers many: a reason why the latter won in a previous contest, This was possible in a duel; now, when a general settlement is on the carpet, it will go hard with the maltster if he can find no friends to join his forces. In the end somebody will be disappointed, as some are dissatisfied now, but a reasonable measure of reciprocity must be for the benefit of both countries as a whole. Hereafter we shall have to look to Washington as the seat of the Commission. The Canadian commissioners, embracing members of the Government, are more self-contained than the American, who cannot be supposed to be vested with plenary powers on all points and whose work must stand the test of Senatorial ratification, unless it is to go for nought. At Washington the American commissioners will be in touch with their creators and supervisors. Here lie the reasons of the change of the locality in which to carry on the work of the Commission.

The plebiscite giving a small total majority for prohibition, and the Province of Quebec showing a large majority against it, the question what will follow is keenly discussed. Among prohibitionists opinion is divided, some contending that any majority is a sufficient warrant for legislation in the matter, others expressing prudential doubts, or declaring prohibitory legislation out of the question, under the circumstances. To what extent politics will come in as a determining factor is at present somewhat uncertain. On all sides, even among prohibitionists, there are people who are politicians before anything else. From first to last these persons have worked their game with what secrecy they could, the hand that was supposed to be unseen being occasionally visible to alert eyes. The political game is now more in the hands of the Opposition than of the Government, and the question is what use they will make of it; the chances are that they will play it so as to win all they can. The Government, if we count heads and have regard only to individual opinion, is largely against prohibition. But their political attitude is the question. Mr. Tarte, speaking as an inhabitant of Quebec,

wants to know if Ontario wishes to coerce his province; the Premier, more reticent, is not yet ready to speak. Mr. Tarte's question is an appeal to the old double majority which long gave us a double-headed Cabinet, but which was supposed to be buried under the sod of Confederation. The chief Conservative organ of the French Canadians backs up M. Tarte's protest.

Now that alcohol can be made without the destruction of any form of food, fit for man or beast, without grapes, roots or grain, without fermenation or distillation, by the mere precipitation of acetylene gas, some aspects of prohibition will greatly change. The objection to the use of food products for conversion into alcohol will cease if the new alcohol, which is said to be capable of meeting all demands, should ever come to totally supersede the alcohol This argument appeals particnow in common use. ularly to exceptional periods of scarcity; in ordinary times there would economically be a gain in the substitution only if the new alcohol cost less labor to produce than the old. The alcohol produced from acetylene gas is said to be identical with that with which commerce has long been acquainted. Whether it is accompanied by or free from what is known as fusil oil is a point of great importance. It is not probable that the new alcohol will all at once supersede the old, but it gives a new facility that makes against the success of prohibition.

Emphasis has been given to the request of the city council of Toronto for a new commission to enquire into the means employed to obtain the rights held under their bargain with the city by the Toronto Railway Company. In its original shape the request was conditional; in its amended form it is absolute. Statements have been made on authority which few would question that if full light were thrown upon the means used to obtain these rights from the city the charter would fall, and that another similar charter would go the same way. It is probably too late to punish the wrong-doers, if wrong to the extent alleged was done. But no statute of limitations should be permitted to cover acts of this kind if they were really committed. Will any court interfere to screen the guilty, if guilt there was, by injunction or otherwise ? My Lord Bacon could not cover his enormities in this way, and what Lord Bacon could not do, shall a lot of railway bribers, if they really exist, be permitted to do? If yes, then we are in a bad way indeed. But we need not assume this answer until it is given. No attempt was made to re-insert in the new resolution the names of persons desired as commissioners, the selection being left to the judgment of the Attorney General. This is the usual course, from which there have been occasional deviations. In the early part of the century an Act to authorize a naval and military enquiry named the Board by which the work was to be done; and in 1816 Mr. Brougham's committee in drafting its bill to enquire into the abuses of charities followed this precedent, but the House struck out the provision. Still, Mr. Brougham's remark that everything depends on the commissioners holds good now as then.

Mr. Joseph Martin hears, and apparently believes, that the late Government of British Columbia intends to complain to the Government of Ottawa of the conduct of the Lieutenant-Governor in the late political crisis. There is very little chance of that functionary being successfully impeached before the House of Commons; most likely none at all. Such an impeachment could probably be tried by the Privy Council, as that of Chief Justice Boulton of Newfoundland was, under the Imperial statute of 1883,

which practically enables the Queen-in-Council to hear any complaint.

Mr. Haultain, Premier of the North-West Territory, is measurably successful in defending the issuing of liquor licenses in the Yukon; before the latter territory was separated from the North-West the right of jurisdiction was clear. Mr. Bullyear, an agent of the North-West Territories, was sent to the Yukon for this purpose, and while he was issuing these licenses Parliament at Ottawa was separating the Yukon distict from the North-West Territories, so that if the agent had not been prompt the province would not have got the \$80,000. Some of the licenses extend to a time beyond which the powers of the Territorial Government lapsed.

According to Mr. Ross of the North-West Assembly, Canada is not likely soon to be in want of spruce timber. For 200 miles north from Edmonton by a width of 27 miles, he says, there is a close forest consisting largely of spruce from 60 to 80 feet high, without a limb. The Territorial Government is doing what it can to open a road north to the Peace River, on which there is known to be much spruce. The same timber is found far down the Mackenzie. But these are reserves for the future. At present none of them are accessible to the population of Canada outside the North-West. When the more eastern supplies are exhausted these will doubtless come into general request.

#### THE CANADIAN FAILURE LIST.

A favorable feature in the outlook for Canadian trade is the lessened number of mercantile failures in the Dominion thus far this year as compared with former years. We must go back ten years, says Bradstreet's, to find a period of the first nine months in any year in which failures have been so few in number and so small in aggregate as the nine months of 1898 closing with September. The following is the list :

| 0                    | No. of Failures. |      | Liabilities. |             |
|----------------------|------------------|------|--------------|-------------|
|                      | 1898.            | 1897 | 1893.        | 1897.       |
| Ontario              | 506              | 679  | \$3,254,552  | \$4,224,322 |
| Quebec               | 350              | 535  | 2,676,313    | 4,754,825   |
| New Brunswick        | 60               | 45   | 352,490      | 237,850     |
| Nova Scotia          | 100              | 137  | 532,215      | 647,042     |
| Prince Ed. Island    | 4                | 8    | 35,900       | 61,702      |
| Manitoba             | 24               | 38   | 312,086      | 405,729     |
| North-West Territory | 4                | 7    | 51,000       | 65,342      |
| British Columbia     | 43               | 52   | 377,954      | 256,400     |

Totals, Canada .. 1,091 1,501 \$7,592,510 \$10,653,212 Assets of insolvent estates above enumerated were in nine months of this year \$3,271,772, equal to 43 per cent. of liabilities, and last year, same period, \$4,141,860, or only 38 per cent. In the first nine months of 1896 the failures numbered 1,651, with liabilities of \$12,210,906, and assets \$5,047,300, or say 41 per cent.

BUSINESS AND FAILURES IN THE STATES.

Both mercantile agencies agree that the failures in business were few last month in the States. Dun's Review says the returns indicate a smaller aggregate of failures than in any other month in many years except one, and smaller for the quarter than in any other quarter but one since 1892. Bradstreets' report is similar in tone, giving the number and amount of failures this September quarter at 2,426, with liabilities of \$80,072,000, while Dun's has only \$22,875,000. The statement of the former agency for the nine months shows 8,885 failures, with \$102,197,000 liabilities, which is twelve per cent. less than last year and less than any year since 1892. The percentage of assets for several years is shown in the following table:

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| 1898 | 8,855               | \$52,742,809      | \$102,197,887 | 51                                  |
| 1897 | 9,833               | 65,454,923        | 118,484,659   | 55                                  |
| 1896 | 11,280              | 99,613,765        | 171,350,292   | 58                                  |
| 1895 | 9,299               | 61,162,107        | 109,756,723   | 56                                  |
| 1894 | 9,251               | 59,707,031        | 110,674,934   | 54                                  |
| 1893 | 11,140              | 227,373,231       | 327,275,109   | 70                                  |
| 1892 | 7,378               | 39,209,701        | 76,971,771    | 51                                  |
| 1891 | 8,866               | 71,811,320        | 138,811,510   | 51                                  |

This showing is encouraging, because it indicates an <sup>im</sup>proved condition of mer antile affairs. Since 1892 indeed, "the year of good business" that Americans like to look back to as the one preceding the panic year, there has been no such favorable showing in this particular. The other indications are of a corresponding kind. Railway earnings show an advance of five per cent. on the month, and business in iron, especially for construction work, railway cars and rails is heavy. Export trade is extremely active and money is easily and cheaply obtained. The clearing house exchanges, last month, while not larger than in the previous September, are 14 per cent. greater than in September, 1892. Manufactures in shoes, leather and lumber are active; the wool trade temporarily stagnant and the price of cotton unusually low.

### CAPITAL OFFERED AND APPLIED IN BRITAIN.

For some three months past applications for new capital have not been very active, but the aggregate, which is £37,705,000 sterling, exceeds that of the same period in 1897. There was very marked and unusual activity in industrial company promotion for the first half of the year, which continued with but little interruption throughout the current year. But it practically ceased with July. The total amount offered for public subscription in the September quarter includes several Government, corporation, and railway issues of large amount. Taking the Capital applications for nine months, however, they amount to £123,916,000, which is greater than last year, same period, by £15,780,000. Analysis of the business represented by this aggregate is made by the London Economist, which shows that foreign and colonial Govern-<sup>m</sup>ent loans, British railways, breweries, distilleries and mercantile or manufacturing companies absorbed more than half. We condense the table thus:

| Foreira                                                      | Nine Months, 1893. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Foreign Government loans                                     | . £24,103 400      |
|                                                              |                    |
|                                                              |                    |
|                                                              |                    |
| British railways                                             | . 10,418,400       |
| Indian and colonial railways<br>Foreign railways             | . 2,673,000        |
| Foreign railways                                             | . 9,548,000        |
|                                                              |                    |
| usiralasian                                                  | . 750,000          |
|                                                              |                    |
| Canadian, Klondyke, etc                                      | . 977.700          |
| Exploration and financial<br>Breweries and distillation      | . 1.138.000        |
| Breweries and distilleries                                   | . 15.081.900       |
| Merchants and manufacturing businesses<br>Stores and trading | . 11,614,100       |
| Stores and trading                                           | . 4.969.500        |
| Estate companies                                             | . 2.922 300        |
| Electric lighting, power, etc.                               | 1 500 000          |
| Th                                                           | . 1,588,200        |

The only foreign loan issued during the quarter was a Dutch issue for the equivalent of £4,673,363, which was probable Reilways figure for probably taken up chiefly in Holland. Railways, figure for the total  $\frac{1}{2}$  total  $\frac{1}{2}$ a total amount of just over £6,000,000, of which more than United Kingdom. One third was raised by railways in the United Kingdom. The greater part of this consisted of Caledonian Ordinary

Stock. The manufacturing and stores and trading groups contain no very notable promotions, being made up for the most part of very small items.

#### BANKING IN SCHOOL.

Our brief objections to teaching banking in the common schools have brought out several comments, in the main favorable to our contention that "the place for a lad to learn banking is in a bank." We do not reproduce them, not thinking it necessary. But a letter from Winnipeg in to-days issue shows that the newspapers of that city-from which our information was derived-had been in error in stating that a banker of that city recommended the teaching of banking in the common schools. His proposal was that some simple, practical instruction with regard to banks, their uses, functions, etc., should be given to the senior pupils taking the commercial course in the Winnipeg Collegiate Institute. That idea was suggested to him from reading an article in THE MONETARY TIMES of 13th May last. And he disapproves, as we do, of much of the higher education given in the schools.

#### FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

Judging from the recent launching of several fire insurance companies in Ontario and the projecting of others, capital is again showing more disposition to venture into fire underwriting. Seeing that the earning power of money has so greatly shrunken compared with former times it is not wonderful that people should be looking about for avenues of investment which promise larger returns, and doubtless these subscribers have somehow been persuaded that solid profits reside in the business. To be sure, fire insurance, properly done, can be made profitable. We see this in the experience of other countries, but it would not be safe for Canadian fire underwriters to pattern their procedure exactly after that of other nations. Our conditions, as a new country and so largely a "wooden" country, are not the same.

There are one or two important points in connection with the subject which it is always well to bear in mind. Long experience has shown the extreme value of adequate rates and proper reserves in fire insurance. Indeed these are interdependent, for you cannot accumulate adequate reserves unless your premiums are sufficient. Many young companies commit the error of cutting rates, some for the sake of getting a foot-hold, others to popularize themselves and get a big volume of business. That this is a mistake cannot be too often affirmed. It has rarely if ever been justified by past experience.

Again, no amount of capital subscribed, no list of particular names on a board, no devotion to a special locality or character of risk will ensure the success, in the long run, of a company which, through inexperience or ignorance, violates fundamental principles. The Isolated Risk Company was considered to be safe to succeed because it wrote only non-hazardous, isolated risks. The rates were inade quate however, and the company succumbed. The Stadacona was formed in Quebec under the prestige of prominent people, and was supposed to have a great " pull " in religious and educational circles, but it did not succeed The like is true of other concerns which have come and gone. It should never be forgotten that it is the money paid in for premiums that pays fire losses and not the money of shareholders.

It may be instructive to those who regard present rates of insurance as too high to recall the experience of groups of companies in Canada. Taking the Ottawa Blue

Book of insurance we find that in the twenty years from 1877 to 1896 there were only six years in which Canadian fire insurance companies' income exceeded their outgo: in the remaining fourteen years the outgo exceeded the inincome. The premiums taken in those twenty years were \$68,594,781 and the losses paid were \$49,307,390. This means 71.88 per cent absorbed by losses, and it takes 80 per cent. more, they say, for the expenses of the business. The excessive profit complained of is therefore invisible here.

Take now the experience of British companies operating in Canada. In the year 1876 a balancing of their income and outgo showed a favorable balance of \$140,780. The very next year, however, that of the St. John fire, cost them over four millions and left them with an adverse balance in 1877 of no less than \$4,070,170. Year by year this was reduced; by 1887 it was extinguished, but not till 1896 did the British companies get their favorable balance up to the sum of their deficit of 1877. Why, then it may be asked, do they continue to do business where they do not make money? The answer is that they do not all continue. Since 1890, the Glasgow and London, the Queen, the United Fire and the Albion have all withdrawn. In doing this they followed the example of other Old Country companies, such as the Scottish Commercial, the Scottish Imperial, and the City of London, who have had enough of Canadian business and have given it up. The lesson of 1877 given above is very plain, viz., that conflagration hazard cannot be ignored and that reserves must be held against it. Windsor, N.S., in 1897 and New Westminster, B. C., in 1898 are further disastrous reminders.

The too common ignorance of the facts connected with the experience of fire Underwriters in Canada and the rose-colored views of it which interested parties try to impress upon peoples' minds render it necessary to repeat the facts at intervals of a lew years. Among the unpleasant facts is the disappearance within twenty years or so of the following companies organized in Canada. With them vanished a large amount of capital, proving a serious loss to their shareholders:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Citizens               | Provincial     |
| Canada Fire and Marine | Royal Canadian |
| Dominion               | Sovereign      |
| Eastern                | Stadacona      |
| Isolated Risk          | Standard       |
| National               | Union          |
| Ottawa Agricultural    |                |

#### IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

The recent decision of the Ontario High Court of Justice in the case of Roper vs. Hopkins is interesting as an interpretation of a contract in restraint of trade. This form of contract has, by the wide variance in judicial decisions involved the mercantile community in endless doubt as to what contracts restricting trade are really valid. Uncertainty is inevitable whenever a court is left to form its decisions on the ground of "public policy." In the case which we have cited the defendant, who was shareholder and manager of a dairy company, sold his shares to the plaintiffs and covenanted with them that if his agreement to continue as manager of the company should be terminated. he would not "become connected in any way in any similar business carried on by any person or persons " in the same place. The agreement was terminated and a year afterwards the defendant's son opened up a dairy business in the same place. The defendant, as was shown by evidence, having no pecuniary interest in the business, intro-

duced his son to the company's customers and solicited their orders for him. It was maintained in the court that he had "become connected" with a similar business in the same place and thus had violated his covenant. The court held, however, that it was necessary to show a legal contract between the defendant and his son in order to bring this action within the covenant. No general rule can be laid down for an interpretation of these contracts. The circumstances of the case we have cited are of frequent occurrence, and on this account the decision is of more than ordinary interest.

#### AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS IN QUEBEC.

While we in Ontario take pride, and properly, in our agricultural progress, it is well to look about us from time to time and see what people elsewhere are doing in a like direction. Taking up some of the Quebec Blue Books we confess to having been interested especially in the contents of the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for that province for the year 1897. Anyone who imagines that the Quedec authorities are asleep with respect to this or several other departments of their Government make a decided mistake.

Much of the Blue Book in question is devoted to reports made to the Commissioner, Hon. M. F. Dechene, concerning the various agricultural schools of the province, viz., those at St. Anne de la Pocatiere, at L'Assomption, at Oka and at Roberval. The first-named has 360 acres of land; there were 24 students in 1896, and in addition to practical work at dairying, cow-feeding and field work, the At pupils had lectures in chemistry, manure, etc. L'Assomption, where there were 42 students, a still wider range of instruction seems to have been given under Prof. Marson and Pere Jobin. At Oka the heads of the different departments of the farm are mostly monks. There is an area of 300 acres under cultivation, besides 35 in nursery, kitchen garden and vineyard. They get for their butter, so the report says, two cents above the market price; they have 150,000 young trees in the nursery, and they grew several thousand pounds of grapes last year. The school at Roberval, in the Lake St. John country, far north and east, is designated the "Monastery of the Ursulines of Roberval." Its farm has 84 acres under tillage. Besides hay and oats, Indian corn is grown for ensilage, and fruit trees have been planted. Unhappily its residential buildings were burned in 1896.

Besides these organizations, there are some 76 agricultural societies in Quebec province, with a membership of 12,770 at the beginning of 1897. They received Government grants of \$25,905 for the year 1896; their members' subscriptions amounted to \$18,922; while from sundry sources, such as entry money to grounds, sums paid towards competitions, etc., enough was derived to make their total receipts \$77,820. Of this there was expended for prizes at exhibitions \$24,630; for farm competitions, ploughing matches, purchase of cattle, etc., \$20,000.

The agricultural lecturer, Mr. Edward Dellaire, in describing to the Commissioner the result of his efforts among the farmers of Quebec, complains of the apathy shown by them as to what progress is being made else where. "Moreover," he says, "the agricultural class are disposed to regard every innovation with suspicion. They wait for someone else to lead the way in making trials," and therefore agricultural advancement is slow. It is very agreeable to hear from this gentleman, however, that there is "progress in the dairy industry, in the culture of vegetables and leguminous plants, the improvement of pastures and meadows, the management of stables, the care of manure." Enough, surely, to gladden the heart of the Commissioner.

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A hint is given by M. Dallaire which deserves to be <sup>emphasized</sup> in these days when educators in Ontario are running after the "ologies" and seeking to make every child an Admirable Crichton in accomplishments and a professional man to boot. It would seem that disdain of a plain education and contempt of plain people such as farmers, mechanics and producers has spread to Quebec, too. We quote from pages 185 and 186 of the report : "I would like to see those who are charged with schoolteaching, in the rural parts especially, better informed on the agricultural programme and their teaching impregnated in a measure with agricultural knowledge. . . . Contrary to what is generally witnessed, the schoolmaster and the schoolmistress should therefore be well imbued with the importance of agriculture in a province like ours. I have the proof that they too often take little pride in seeing their pupils become good farmers; on the contrary, they seem rather to despise the calling which has not the glitter of the other professions. . . The teachers of the elementary schools should be greater admirers of agriculture and better acquainted with its secrets. Then and then only shall we see a generation taking pride in the products of our soil."

Reference must be made to the Model Farm of the province, at Compton, the principal of which, Mr. John M. Lemoyne, reports twelve pupils in November, 1897, who have weekly instruction in theoretical farming, buttermaking, etc., from a lecturer. The creamery in connection with this school uses 7,000 pounds milk per day.

There are seven technical schools in Quebec, Montreal, Sherbrooke, St. Hyacinthe, Three Rivers, Levis and Sorel, established by the Council of Arts and Manufactures. These have more than a thousand pupils, with an average attendance of six hundred. Drawing, modelling, plumbing and shoemaking are taught.

#### THE MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE.

We hear from Montreal of widespread dissatisfaction thereabout with the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association in connection with their altered rates of premium. Not long ago, Judge Girouard of that city sued the com-Pany for specific breach of contract, and his statement of deb. debt and costs in the Superior Court, Montreal, was for Payment of admission fee, calls and annual dues from July, 1888, to February, 1898, and it amounted to \$1,400.60. He sued for half this sum, or say \$700.60, with \$58.10 costs and \$15.15 balance of deposit in company's hands, making \$768.55 in all. This case, we understand, has been compromised.

At the present time a well-known advocate of Montreal, and late Dean of the Law Faculty of McGill Uni-versite the Mutual versity, Mr. N. W. Trenholme, is suing the Mutual Reserved to be been aid it for Reserve for a return of all the premiums he has paid it for some some years. His ground is similar to that of Judge Girouard, that the conditions of his contract with the company are not being fulfilled, and he is confident of carrying his contract for the his case. Mr. Geoffrion, Q.C., who is acting for the com-Mutual Reserve, proposes to call the president of the com-<sup>pany</sup> as a witness.

New York advices say that internal troubles now harass the Mutual Reserve. There is friction between Mr. Burnt D Wells one of the Burnham, the president, and Mr. J. D. Wells, one of the vice-presidents, and the latter is said to be trying to oust the form

The failure of the Bay State Beneficiary Association and the Massachusetts Benefit Association, both prominent concerns also operating on the assessment plan, have had a sympathetic effect on the Mutual Reserve Fund Life, because one of its vice-presidents, Mr. George D. Eldridge, was consulting actuary of the Bay State Beneficiary and on friendly terms with the Massachusetts Benefit. Again, the Connecticut Insurance Department has been giving the Mutual Reserve especial attention of late, and has put several specific queries to its management.

The unpaid loss claims of this company are heavy; they are said to be greater in proportion than those of the three great old line life companies, and the item of \$225,000 New York State loss claims unpaid, shown in the Dec. 31, 1897, statement, was a larger figure than the similar item in the exhibits of those three.

#### A NEW MORTALITY TABLE.

It is interesting to hear of a new mortality table, from which annual premiums and annuity rates may be calculated. The table is the result of the combined experience of two long established concerns. The Canada Life Assurance Company is the oldest and largest company in Canada, and the Mutual Life has for half a century been the largest company in the United States, so that a mortality table founded on the experience of these two companies is of special value at the present time. when so many people are observing the failure of assessment companies. Not having room to-day for extracts from the figures of this table, which we find in Life Echoes, we shall quote a paragraph which refers to it:

"At the present day a great deal of emphasis is being laid upon premiums, and a great deal of attention is directed towards ascertaining the lowest net premium that a company can safely adopt. It would appear that not enough emphasis is being laid upon what reserves are necessary to carry out contracts based on these net premiums. Unless the proper reserve is held, the whole basis upon which the net premiums were founded falls to the ground, for the net premiums formed from any table will only be adequate on the assumption that the proper resulting reserves are held from year to year, and if these reserves are not held, then the net premiums originally found will not be sufficient."

It is evident from the statistics here given that considerably higher reserves are required on the basis of mortality and interest made use of in the present calculations than by the Government standard. For instance, at age 35, the Government requires a reserve of \$124.90 at the end of ten years, on a Life Policy of \$1,000, whereas this new basis would require a reserve of \$135.37. At the end of 25 years the corresponding figures are \$375.59 and \$400.41. We are taught by this table that there will have to be a great strengthening of the reserves of societies and assessment companies, or the people of Canada during the early years of the next century will witness such a collapse in insurance of that class as will bring sorrow and disaster to many a home.

#### INSURANCE THAT INDEMNIFIES.

The business man who wishes to tread in safe paths and avoid set-backs needs to be on the look out for humbugs. Those who offer him short-cuts to success and wealth are often very plausible. Cheap modes of doing this and that in the prosecution of his business are often suggested. There are insurance fakirs as well as other Cheap Johns. A subscriber in Brantford. for example, asked us not long since about the standing of several so-called English fire insurance companies represented by an American youth, which offered to do underwriting at very low rates. It was underground insurance, of course, and the concerns had no satisfactory standing. But for his enquiry this merchant might have been victimized. On this subject "American Investments" has some suggestions which are to the point. Says that journal:

" How few, very few men pay any attention to the examination of the quality of fire insurance that is offered them. Some of the most conservative and carefully conducted business firms place their entire reliance upon agents who are to represent the companies, both in the placing of insurance and sometimes in the adjustment of their losses. This is not a natural thing to do. Why cannot we have agencies for the placing of fire insurance that operate solely from the standpoint of the interests of the insured? There seems to be a necessity for something of this kind."

We know very well that there are numerous insurance agents who are perfectly trustworthy and who sometimes save merchants and manufacturers much trouble in the placing of fire risks. But there are others who mislead their customers and run dangerous risks for themselves and their clients in breaking rates and evading the underwriters' regulations, thereby imperilling the indemnity of those for whom they act. Such agents are looking, not to the real interests of clients but to the commissions they can get. The journal we have quoted suggests that there should be agencies that operate solely from the standpoint of the interests of the insured. And one of the objects of the Insurance Agency Corporation lately formed in this city appears to be to do this very thing, namely, to advise as to the safe placing of insurance, and, if desired, to undertake the placing of it in trustworthy concerns. It is a decided comfort for a merchant to feel that he is in the hands of strong and honorable underwriters who will do the right thing if his premises should burn. But to those who prefer to take the risk of giving large lines of insurance to underground companies in the United States there can be no such feeling of security. They cannot always tell whether they will get their money or not in case of fire loss.

#### CIGAR MEN CONVENE.

The Dominion Cigar Manufacturers' Association has been in existence only two years, but the proceedings at their second annual meeting were characterized by a vigor which many an older association might envy. A great many subjects of interest were taken up and discussed by the members. The president, J. Bruce Payne, in his annual address referred to the work of th: association in having the law amended so that duty was now collected on standard instead of actual weights. He spoke also of the desired rebate on cutting, and said that no satisfaction had yet been received from the Government in regard to it. With reference to the plebiscite, he advised that the association watch carefully so that legislation inimical to their interests might be headed off. The president also stated that a scheme be prepared by the Executive for submission to the Government with a view to the prevention of smuggling, or at least a diminution of the evil. The advisability of an increased rate of duty on imported cigars, and the reduction of freight rates secured from the railroads were also discussed with approval.

The secretary's report showed that the association now represented 80 per cent. of the makers, and included practically every factory of note in Canada. The treasurer reported a fair balance.

Resolutions of thanks to Hon. William Paterson and Mr. C. H. Parmelee, of Waterloo, for their services in securing tariff reforms in connection with the cigar trade were adopted. but the association also decided to appeal to the Government to secure an increase on imported cigars from \$3 to \$4.50 per pound, thus placing the duty at the same figure as obtains in the United States. It was pointed out that before the duty had been raised from \$2 to \$3 cheap Manila and German cigars, which cost about \$10 per thousand, had been introduced. These could pay the duty and undersell the domestic cigars, and in addition the purchaser would choose them on account of the "imported" stamp. Since the increased duties came in force, however, the manufacture of clear Havana cigars has greatly increased, and high wages were being paid to the makers of them.

The matter of insurance was discussed. Mr. E. N. Cusson, of Montreal, maintained that the rates of insurance charged by the companies on buildings where there is a cigar factory were too high. He said the cigar men were quite willing to pay extra insurance on their own stock, as that was liable to extra damage by smoke, but they did not consider that stocks of any other nature should be charged extra. A committee was appointed to interview the Underwriters on this point.

The association was banqueted at McConkey's, and the event as might be expected was a success. These officers will preside over affairs for the coming year: Hon.-president, J.

Bruce Payne; president, M. Hirsch; first vice-president, R. D. McDonald; second vice-president, L. O. Grothe; third vicepresident, G. T. Tuckett; treasurer, O. R. Brener; secretary, Geo. Milligan; Executive Committee, E. N. Cusson, M. K. Halloran, C. H. Nelson; legislative committee, W. A. Reid, John Mitchell, M. Fortier.

#### INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO.

The council of the institute submit their programme of papers to be read during the session, 1898-99. in the Canadian Institute, Richmond street east, Toronto. They hope to welcome many of their commercial friends, so that the aims of the institute may be forcibly brought before the manufacturers and traders of the province. The following is the schedule: Oct-19th, paper by Mr. A. C. Neff, C. A., subject, "Old and New Methods of Keeping Cash and Bank Accounts;" Nov. 16th, Mr. Geo. Kappele, barrister-at-law, deals with "Points in Mercantile Law;" Dec. 14th, Mr. David Hoskins, C. A., takes for his subject, "Mercantile Arithmetic:" Jan. 18th, Mr. Wilton C. Eddis, C. A., will deal with "Auditing;" Feb. 15th, a paper by Mr. George Edwards, F. C. A., has for its subject, "Books of Account;" March 15th, Mr. Harry Vigeon, F. C. A., will elucidate "Profits;" April 19th, paper by Mr. W. B. Tindall, C.A., subject, "Cost Accounts;" and on May 10th, Mr. J. M. Scully, C. A., will speak on "Fire Insurance Accounts."

#### THE APPLE TRADE.

The export apple trade from Canada is now in its fullest activity. The different firms have their buyers busily at work throughout the country, and as a result of their operations large shipments are going forward. The apple crop has turned out somewhat better than was expected at the beginning of the season, although in many districts there is yet considerable room for improvement. The yield east of Toronto has been rather light, but in the western and northern parts of the pro" vince it is thought there has been an average harvest. The prospects in the British markets this year are thought to be bright as competing countries do not show excessive crop<sup>5</sup> The steamship companies have all the apples they can con' veniently carry and as a result freight rates from Montreal to Liverpool advanced this week from 1s. 9d. to 2s., and a further increase is predicted. It is said that some Ontario shipper? have been purchasing apples in the Maritime Provinces, and it is curious to note that some of this fruit is going forward by way of Montreal. The British markets offer good values for choice stock, but late advices report many of the apples to be arriving in bad condition and bringing low prices. From Glas gow we are advised by cable of the following quotation<sup>5</sup> Blush pippin, 15s. to 19s.; colvert, 14s. to 16s.; kings, 18s. to 225. 20 ounces, 14s. to 18s.; and from Liverpool as follows: Sundries 10s. to 15s.; colverts. 13s. to 16s. 6d.; pippins. gs. to 15s.; kings 18s. to 22s. We are indebted to Messrs M. H. Peterson & Co. Toronto, for the following statistics of shipments in barrels from Ontario and the United States: . . 1.

|                | Liverpool. | London.     | Glasgow. | Various. | Totar<br>78       |
|----------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Montreal       | 15,387     | 2,142       | 11,298   | 451      | 29,278            |
| New York       | 4,743      | • • • •     | 2,017    | 389      | 7,140<br>2,505    |
| Boston         | 2,503      | ••••        | 2        | •••      | 2,50              |
| Halifax        | 2,183      |             |          |          | 2,1               |
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| Week's total   | . 24.816   | 2,142       | 13,317   | 840      | 41,115<br>28,603  |
| Week, 1897     | 13,286     | 7,774       | 5,167    | 2,376    | 20,0              |
| Season to date | ,          | 33,204      | 27,486   | 2,259    | 154.324<br>82,817 |
| Last"".        | 49,749     | 10,338      | 19,304   | 3,426    | 82,0              |

#### AMERICAN IRON TRADE DEVELOPMENT.

Some facts of decided interest are to be found in M<sup>f</sup>. Swank's report upon the American iron trade for 1897. He tell us, for example, that the production of iron ore in the United States in 1897 was 17,518,046 gross tons as compared with 16, 005,449 tons in the previous year. During the years from 16, to 1897 the receipts of iron ore at Lake Erie docks increase almost seven-fold, or from 1,503,969 tons to 10,120,906 tons This of course was from Lake Superior. Shipments of iron from the Cornwall mines, Pennsylvania, fell off in eight years, from 760,000 tons in 1889 to 420,000 tons in 1897. The shipments of ore from the leading New York mines were respectively 738,902 tons in 1888 and 226,431 tons in 1896. Iron mines in New Jersey shipped 482,169 tons in 1889 and 537,066 tons in 1890, but only 239,634 tons in 1897.

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While production of pig iron in 1897 was 9,652,685 tons in 1897 and 9,446.304 in 1895, the domestic consumption, as indicated by statistics of production, exports, imports and stocks on hand, was less than in 1895, namely, 9,381,914 tons against 9,628,572 tons.

Nine works made basic open-hearth steel only, last year in the United States; 39 made acid open-hearth steel only and 20 made both acid and basic open-hearth steel.

Black plates for trimming were produced to the extent of 185,387 tons in 1896 and 271,880 tons in 1897; which indicates a large increase in the output of tin plates.

The rail production of 1897 consisted of 1,614.399 tons of Bessemer steel rails rolled by producers of domestic ingots; 30,121 tons of old Bessemer rails re-rolled and rails rolled from purchased blooms; 500 tons of open-hearth steel rails; and 2,872 tons of iron rails.

The maximum production of cut nails was in 1886-8,160,973 kegs. In 1896 the minimum was reached—1,615.870 kegs. To show how largely they have been superseded by wire nails, in 1897 the total was 2,106,799 kegs, an increase of more than 30 per cent. Wire nails reached their maximum in 1897-which Was 8,997,245 kegs, an increase of 90 per cent. over 1895. The Massachusetts output of cut nails in 1885, was 654,318 kegs, now that State makes hardly any.

#### DAIRY PRODUCTS.

The offerings of butter at the Ontario boards last week amounted to 24.357 boxes, whereas the similar week a year ago 56,853 boxes were offered on board. The smaller movement this year is, however, better noticed in the export shipments. From Montreal in 1897 the shipments up to Oct. 1st. were 1.425.469 boxes, while this year to a similar date they were 1.287,793 boxes. The same course is noticed in the butter trade, shipments falling from 179,054 packages in 1897 to 157,075 packages this year. We append our usual statement:

| Boards and                                  | No. of<br>facto-<br>ries. | Cheese<br>boarded.<br>Boxes. | Cheese<br>sold.<br>Boxes. | Price<br>per lb.<br>Cts. |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kingston, Sept. 29                          | ••                        | 908                          |                           | 9 <sup>1</sup> ⁄4        |
| Perth, Sept. 30                             | ••                        | 1,500                        | 1,500                     | 9 <sup>1</sup> ⁄4        |
| Chesterville, Sept. 30<br>Ottawa Sont       | ••                        | 885                          | 28                        | 9 3-16                   |
| Ottawa, Sept. 30<br>Shelburne Sant          |                           | 1,518                        | 1,428                     | 9¼                       |
| Shelburne, Sept. 30<br>South Finch Sept. 40 | •••                       | 3,195                        |                           | 9                        |
| South Finch, Sept. 30                       | •••                       | 1,795                        | 324                       | 9 <sup>1</sup> /8        |
| Cornwall, Oct. 1                            | . 17                      | 1,451                        | 1,451                     | 9 <sup>1</sup> ⁄4        |
| London, Oct. 1<br>Belleville                | • ••                      | 1,900                        | 250                       | 89-16-9                  |
| Belleville, Oct. 4                          | 12                        | 620                          |                           | ••                       |
| Ingersoll, Oct. 4                           | • ••                      | 1,745                        |                           | 83⁄4                     |
| Madoc, Oct. 4                               | • • •                     | 1,270                        |                           | 9                        |
| Napano.                                     | . 13                      | 1,120                        |                           | 83⁄4                     |
| 1 Weed 0 000. 5                             | • • •                     | 1,260                        | 175                       | . 9                      |
| Tweed, Oct. 5                               |                           | 590                          | 370                       | 9                        |
| Peterboro, Oct. 5                           | • ••                      | 4,600                        | 3,400                     | 9                        |

#### LIFE INSURANCE PARAGRAPHS.

An attorney named M. A. Hall, of Omaha, made a claim on the Canadian assets of the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association, as being the beneficiary named in the policy for \$1,000 of his r. his father, Wm. Hall, of Scarboro. The contention was made that as the beneficiary lived in the United States he was not hititled to rank on the Canadian assets, but the Master decided that he was so entitled.

A subscriber who had seen the advertisement of the unconditional accumulative policy of the Confederation Life Company, asks an explanation of it. This is how we understand it: Suppose a 20-payment life policy for \$10,000 at age 40, after two payment payments have been made, the party, if unable to complete his echtract, has the option of taking a paid-up policy for two-twent: twentieths of the amount, which would be \$1,000, or of having the incur the insurance on \$10,000 extended for one year and ten months. If four premiums have been paid, the beneficiary will be held

insured for five years and nine months longer, or say nine years and nine months in all, or he may take a paid-up policy for \$2,000, payable at death. The policy is called unconditional because the holder of it may live where he chooses or engage in any occupation he pleases; and after a certain time it is incontestable. This is decidedly a liberal and attractive plan of life assurance.

The convention in Toronto last week of some seven hundred agents and assistant superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Assurance Co. was an event of uncommon interest. Mr. Geo. H. Gaston, vice-president of the company, was present from New York, and gave the large gathering some interesting pointers. The cause of industrial insurance must derive benefit from such an important gathering.

The Aetna Life pursues the steady path of progress from year to year, in paying larger and larger cash profits to its fortunate policy-holders as the years go by. For instance, in a rate-table leaflet lying before us it prints the case of a thirty-year endowment for \$5,000 on which the regular premium of \$154.65 has now been reduced, for this year, to only \$43.50. Commencing at age 30 the party would have paid \$4,633 had there been no prcfits; but his thirty cash dividends reduced those figures to \$2.824.45, or only \$94.15 per annum, and so he gets thirty years of insurance, and a gain on his money of \$2,175.55. For 25 years past this solid old company has never failed to delight those insured in its mutual department with an increased annual dividend. It has assets of \$47,584,967.11, of which \$6,887,873.70 is surplus as regards policy-holders. Also, \$3,699,327 deposited at Ottawa for special security at the back of its Canadian pelicies.

Something new for intending policy-holders is offered by the British Empire Life Company. A plan has been adopted whereby policies with profits, with uniform premiums during life, can be obtained by payment of four-fifths of the annual premiums quoted. The remaining one-fifth to be allowed to stand as a debt on the policy, at 6 per cent., compound interest, such debt to be gradually liquidated by the application of the cash value of bonuses declared upon the policies during the continuance of the arrangement. The same bonus will be declared upon the policy as if all the premiums had been paid in full from the commencement. This company, which has some \$43.000.000 at risk, has already been doing well for its patrons, having declared a good bonus in 1895. The next bonus is to be allotted at the close of 1899; another to follow in 1901.

A comparative exhibit is made of the business for three successive years of the Federal Life Assurance Company. Its total income went up from \$277.000 in 1895 to \$391.000 in 1897. and its payments to policy-holders increased in the same period from \$115,000 to \$157,000. The total of guarantee capital and assets now stands at \$1,331,448 where in 1895 it was \$1,119.576.

Pointers, i.e., tips as it were, are given by The Insurance Press to female life agents. Here is one of them: " If the man who hesitates is lost and the woman who hesitates is won, you are sure of them both." Here is another: "The will and love of woman is the strongest force on earth, madam. All things are possible to it. According to your belief in life insurance and your womanliness, so shall your success be."

Very remarkable are the figures of the fifty-third annual report of the New York Life. Not because of their size alone but because of the progress and strength they exhibit. The increase of income during six years from 1891 to 1897 was about ten millions, and the increase in dividends to policy-holders during that time was more than a million. There are now 332,-958 policy-holders and the company's insurance in force is something over three hundred millions of dollars. The amount paid out by the New York Life during the year 1897 for death losses, endowments and annuities exceeded \$14,000,000, and for dividends and surrender values it paid out \$5,000,000 more. What an army of beneficiaries has been gladdened by this result.

#### FIRE INSURANCE HAPPENINGS.

The village of Treherne, on the Glenboro branch of the C. P. R. west of Winnibeg, was visited by fire on Thursday of last week, thirteen business places and one dwelling being burned. The loss is between \$30,000 and \$40,000; insurance about \$18,000.

In Stratford the new building of the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has been erected on the corner of Ontario and Waterloo streets. It is a fine building, constructed of Toronto red pressed brick with trimmings and facings of white stone. The office is reached by a flight of stone steps. The various departments are found to be well fitted up. The front tower of the building is surmounted by a graceful tapering spire, which adds considerably to the external appearance. It is a credit to both the city and the company. The Perth Mutual, be it remembered, has been in business 34 years.

To manoeuvre and fight for business is natural, and no harm is done if honorable efforts are used. But to secure business by stealthy methods, by prevarication and giving away commissions—this sort of thing does not answer in the long run. It is apt to recoil on both the agent who does it and the client who profits by it.

The unusual result has been reached by the fire underwriting companies of France that every one of the eighteen companies managed to secure an actual profit. In several former years a number of companies worked at a loss. The policies in force during 1897 covered £4.934.000,000, an increase of After deducting re-assurances the premiums £80,000,000. amounted to £4.072,530, or £39.388 in excess of 1896, whereas the losses were reduced £41,257, or from 48.75 per cent. to 47.26 per cent. of the premium income compared with that year. This percentage was lower than in any year of the last decade, except 1894. Commission amounted to £1,002.900, an increase from 24.26 to 24.62 per cent., and as management expenses were also a 1/2 per cent. higher, the three items of expenditure stood for, together, 82.04 per cent. of the net premiums. The investments produced £273.532 interest. Realizable assets: Uncalled capital due by the shareholders, £3.874.092; investments and sundry securities, £8,158,838; amounts due by agents. £501.434; sundry debtors, £651.067; total, £13.195.431. The liabilities were: Reserve fund, £1,632,062; old-age fund in favor of the employees, £250,939; losses ascertained, but not yet settled, £400,846; sundry creditors, £1.765872; total, £4,049,-719. The net surplus of assets over liabilities was therefore, £9,145.712; or £180,000 larger than in the previous twelve menths.

#### ABOUT DRY GOODS.

The bayadere stripe, says The Draper's Record, still holds its own, though it is no longer in hard lines across the figure, but waved, curved, and broken. In certain very high-class brocades the design is in large festoons, the centre in the middle of the width. This effect is got in floral ribbon and bow designs.

For the smarter kinds of hats and bonnets chenille will be much in request by milliners as trimming material. The mixtures of black and white chenille, and chenille and straw, are extremely pretty. The wide front with turned-off brim, either divided or plain, is evidently most in favor with the more dressy part of the feminine contingent.

The short jacket, says The New York Economist, is increasing its hold on the market, and orders are coming in for such quantities that confidence in its future is firmly established. Some manufacturers, who, earlier in the season, displayed both long and short lengths, have acquired so much confidence in the short jacket that they have discarded their long samples and will concentrate their efforts on the short garment.

What English trade journalists can do when a special effort is required is well shown by the autumn number of The Drapers' Record. The weekly edition of this journal is always interesting and of special value to Canadian dry goods merchants, who require the fullest and most authentic knowledge that can be obtained of British textile centres. but this special issue both in abundant information and fine typographical appearance is of unusual merit.

The American Needle Company, composed of New York. Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburg capitalists, has a new invention, which, it is said, will produce 1,000,000 needles every day, assisted by 125 operatives. At present 1,500 employees are required to do this work. A new machine is to be used which amalgamates 20 processes, receiving the crude steel wire at one end and turning out a needle almost complete at the other end.

The tempering is always done with bunches of needles, with probably 1,000 in a bunch. Machinery next takes the needles and places them in paper.

The head of one of the large millinery houses in Paris explained the other day to an enquirer how fashions were originated. His private office is a quaint little place hung with bookshelves, which contain bound volumes of every fashion plate ever printed in Paris. Endless old plates and engravings are included. He took down a book of Louis XVI. plates, with the remark: "There are five artists at the head of our sixty workmen who sit at a table with these Louis XVI. plates before them. They do not copy, they are simply inspired with ideas from looking at these and other oldtime fashion plates. Then the finished result is put in the showroom to see if the public will take to it. If it does the result is—the fashion."

#### FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

Lemons are not moving well. The high prices asked by holders apparently retard business.

California fig shippers in view of the reported shortage of the Smyrna crop are hurrying fruit forward to the Eastern markets.

A firm in Oxley, east of Windsor in Essex county. Charles Bell & Son, shipped 3,500 baskets of peaches last month to London, Toronto and Ottawa.

The market for Tarragona almonds is advancing in sympathy with advices from primary sources of supply. New almonds are quoted in Toronto at 11 to 11½ cents per pound.

Cables received from Greece report an advancing market on currants, but gave no reason for it. One cable which gave a nominal quotation for Amalias for shipment said that holders would not sell.

The Hungarian Agricultural Ministry reports that owing to drouth and heat the land in Hungary is so hard that autum<sup>11</sup> plowing cannot be done. Corn is being gathered and appears to be a fair crop.

The sorghum mill of John F. Deneau, in Malden, Ont., has been running day and night for a week, making syrup from a generally good quality of cane. According to The Echo John talks of making 200,000 gallons this season.

Chicago seems overburdened with cranks. The latest outbreak is from a crowd of vegetarians who "demand" that no meat shall be served at the banquets which are to be a feature of the approaching peace jubilee in that city.

A St. John paper says: We learn by the Grand Lake that the lobster fishery on the French shore has been totally abandoned owing to their scarcity. The lobster catchers have taken in their traps and but few of the packers will clear expenses.

The Rio News of September says: "There is much complaint of drouth in the State of Rio de Janeiro. In many localities the food crops are a total failure. Many coffee trees have died and others have suffered so much that they will not bear next year."

The poultry season is beginning to open up and all that is needed to induce activity is cold weather. Dealers are looking for free shipments. It is to be hoped growers will send forward their products steadily and not wait until holidays before rushing them into the market.

Two little girls in San Francisco had a small-sized tilt over family affairs. Maud said, tauntingly, to Marie: "My mamma says she can remember when your mamma kept a grocery." But Marie was able to retort: "My mamma says she can remember how much your mamma owes her for groceries."

The exports of dairy produce keep up to fair proportion<sup>5</sup>. Our Montreal correspondent tells us that from that port last week 110.608 boxes were shipped, which is some 17.000 boxe<sup>5</sup> in excess of the corresponding week last year. Butter w<sup>a5</sup> shipped to the extent of only 8.897 boxes.

An experimental shipment of Canadian butter is to be sent to South Africa. The Lennoxville creamery has been selected by the Hon. R. R. Dobell, president of the Quebec Cold Stor age Company, to put up an exhibit of 100 boxes of butter for shipment to South Africa, where it will be shown at the exposition to be held at Cape Town, in December, with a view to establishing a trade in that article with that country. The Richmond Guardian states that the price paid to the Lennoxville creamery was something over 21 cents per lb.

The first direct Mediterranean dried fruit steamer, the "Escalona," made rather a better passage from Gibraltar than calculated, and was reported at Sydney, N.S., for coal on Tuesday. She is expected at Montreal on Sunday next. The "Bellona" was delayed several days in her sailing date from Patras, Greece, leaving there on the 26th ult., and is now filling up at Denia. The "Escalona" has on board 747 tons of currants alone, besides a very large quantity of Valencia raisins. as well as quantities of nuts and other Mediterranean goods. As may be gathered from our Montreal market report the firmness in dried fruits continues.

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-News comes of another Canadian bank robbery, in which the sum taken much exceeds that of the Napanee affair. This time it is the Winnipeg branch of the Molsons Bank that is the scene, and the amount stolen from the vault is \$37,000 in bank notes and \$25,000 in clearing house certificates. Up to yesterday morning no arrests had been made. The manager, Mr. T. B. Phepoe, had left for Russell on a shooting trip, and Mr. E. McBeth, accountant, was acting manager during Mr. Phepoe's absence. It looks as if the vault had been <sup>opened</sup> by means of the regular combination, but only one man in the bank knows the whole combination, each of five clerks  $\frac{wh_0}{wh_0}$  use the vault locking a portion. At all events there is no evidence of violence about the premises. It is stated that the stelen funds were in the treasury on Wednesday, the 28th of September, which was the last time the treasury box was opened until Tuesday last at 4.30 o'clock. On the 28th the money was seen by the clerks in charge; it was not counted. but by its bulk it appeared to be intact. On Tuesday it was Rone. The money consisted of \$1 and \$2 Dominion notes; \$5 and \$10 Molsons Bank bills. Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, general manager, up to Wednesday evening had received no particulars of the robbery further than that the total sum missing was \$62,000. Of this sum, however, \$25,000 is in non-negotiable  $p_{aper, so}$  that the robbers had actually made away with \$37.000. The affair is thus far quite as puzzling as the Napanee robbery.

-An Englishman, who has made repeated visits to Canada, Writes as follows to The Monetary Times: "The Toronto of to-day is a very fine city, wonderfully improved since my last visit visit some years ago. And as to the Fair, it was all right, and I must say that the animals, or many of them, were far beyond what I had ever hoped to find in Canada. It appears to me that the breed of sheep that should receive special encouragement in Canada is one that will "hustle," as you say, that will grow a scod fleece of fine wool, that will, early in the spring, bring forth a lamb, which will grow at a rapid rate, and ripen early, so as to be ready for the butcher before the winter sets in. I  $k_{\text{norm}}$ know of only one breed that comes up to this high standard. and that is the Hampshire Down. As to the early maturity of this breed I only need say that a ram lamb of an old friend of  $m_{12}$ of Mine, Mr. Rt. Coles, was, Aug. 12 last, let for a few weeks at the extraordinary price of 125 guineas. Mr. James Fowler, another noted ncted breeder of Hampshire Downs, let and sold 100 ram lambs on the same day. His hundred averaged 17 guineas, one lamb being let for too guineas. Now what astonishes me is this: There was not a single entry of this very valuable breed of sheep. I heard one or two sheep at the Toronto Exhibition. It is true I heard one or two sheep breeders say they intend importing some."

That a new and modern hotel on a large scale would be a good thing for Toronto is something that the citizens genare strong differences of opinion. Some people advocate an upbatrons will probably want. An important question is, however, objected, not unnaturally, to the suggested plot of ground on site. Still the evidence of persons skilled in the hotel business pay it must be in the heart of the business quarter. The restaurant and bar, they say, from one enormous element in its earning power; the rental of shops, cigar stores, news stands, etc., in the building, another. The Iroquois Hotel in Buffalo, for example, pays the interest upon its bonds from these two sources. It would not be possible to get adequate revenues of this sort unless the hotel were in the heart of things. These considerations must have weight, of course, in estimating the chances of success. We are glad to learn that there is a prospect of the affair being carried to a successful issue, but of course in a matter involving a million or more some careful financing will have to be done.

--In the opinion of Dun's Review business prospects in the United States have not been better for years. Discussing the pros and cons of trade and speculation Henry Clewes & Co. say: "Briefly, we have on the side of lower prices exaggerated political uncertainties, a backward grain movement and correspondingly diminished railroad earnings, together with the fact that the market leaders encouraged by the break in the Industrials are working for lower prices. On the side of higher prices we have an assurance of improved political conditions and an era of steady business prosperity. In the long run the latter influences will assert themselves. For the present, however, they are temporarily overruled by the first named conditions, leaving the situation favorable chiefly to quick turns."

-It is understood, says The Quebec Chronicle, that among the October changes of staff in La Banque Nationale are the following: Mr. Drouin, manager at Ste. Marie, Beauce, transferred to be manager at St. Francois, Beauce; Mr. Labadie, manager of the St. Francois branch, to take the management of the Chicoutimi branch; Mr. Vezina, the present manager of the Chicoutimi branch removes to Ste. Marie, Beauce, as manager there.

-Something has occurred within the week which should relieve the congested state of the marine freight market. Some thirty-five or forty freight boats on the Great Lakes, of a capacity ranging from 1.200 to 2.000 tons, have been chartered for the Atlantic coast, and fourteen of them were in the Welland Canal yesterday, passing down. They are intended to ply between Newport News and the New England States, Boston and New York, carrying coal, etc.

--Word comes that the divisional freight office of the Intercolonial Railway at St. John, established by Mr. Harris, is to be closed. Is there anything left that Mr. Harris did in connection with the road that has not been undone? Some of the things he did, have, to be sure, been wisely altered.

-A sub-agency of the Merchants Bank of Canada has been opened at Mildmay, Ont., under the direction of the Walkerton manager.

#### ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

SUBSCRIBER, Moncton, N. B.—The debt of Quebec province has doubled in the last fifteen years. In 1883 it was \$16,920,000; at the end of 1896 it was \$32,200,000.

J. C. M., Montreal.—Our exports to the United States that year were 36 per cent of the whole; to South America they were only 1 per cent.; to the West Indies nearly 3 per cent.; to Great Britain, over 58 per cent. The total was \$121,000,000.

#### CLEARING-HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1898, compared with those of the previous week

| Clearings.<br>Montreal |             | Sept. 29th, 1898.<br>\$14,169,376 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Toronto                | \$9,836,258 | 7,653,419                         |
| Winnipeg               | 2,004,775   | 1,596,412                         |
| Halifax                | 1,238,956   | 1,046,695                         |
| Hamilton               | 780,927     | 558,831                           |
| St. John               | 686,575     | 520,832                           |
| ,                      | \$          | \$25,545.565                      |
| Amount 1 1 1 1 1 1     |             |                                   |

Aggregate balances this week, \$.....; last week, \$4,288,248.

#### Correspondence.

### COMMON SCHOOLS NOT ACADEMIES.

Editor MONETARY TIMES.

SIR,—I notice an article in your issue the 23rd instant, headed "Common of the 23rd instant, headed Schools not Academies," in w in which reference is made to instruction in our schools, which is so misleading that I wish to correct it.

It was never proposed that the subject of Banking should be taught in the public schools of Winnipeg, and such a proposition would have been too absurd for our Board to have considered; but at the suggestion of a banker of this city a "Mock Bank" has been started in connection with the Commercial Course taught in our Collegiate Institute, which is at-tended by about 50 pupils, who have pass-ed through the lower grades. This "Mock Bank" is similar to that recently started in the commercial department of the public schools at Buffalo, by the City Nation-al Bank of that city (to which I think your paper made favorable reference at the time of its establishment), and a similar course is adopted in many of the Col-legiate Institutes in the United States, and

also in all Business Colleges. Our object is not to teach Banking, for, as you properly say, that can only be taught in a bank, but to give some in-struction in a simple practical form to youths about to start out in business, with regard to a bank, its uses, functions, etc. Yours truly,

Joseph Carman, Winnipeg Publi Public School Chairman, Board. Winnipeg, Man., 27th Sept., 1898.

#### MODERN BRIDGE BUILDING.

#### Editor MONETARY TIMES.

SIR,—I trouble you with another letter on a subject which I see you admit to be of great public importance. A bridge inspector should be a good

mechanic; he will soon get a knowledge of strains, strength of materials, etc. He should be taken from the ranks of bridge builders or civil engineers, and should be immediately under the chief engineer of the railway. The kind of inspector I have in mind is something better than the men who simply examine bridges to see that timbers are not decayed, or nuts unscrewed.

In a paper read before the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, some years ago, J. Appleton, C.E., said: "I had occasion to compute the strains upon some Howe To compute the strains upon some Howe Truss bridges, and found that the iron was decidedly too weak. As, however, I was young and inexperi-enced, while the builder or engineer was one of the pioneers of Howe Truss bridge building. I showed my calculations building, I showed my calculations to him, asking him to criticize them if wrong. After examining the figures, the builder replied: 'Well, your calculations are all right, that amount of iron would be required for that bridge, loaded; but we never use such heavy iron as that, it is not common practice." So much the worse, one would think, for the practice. The Ashtabula bridge accident, which occurred in 1877, in Ohio, a great many lives being lost, had the effect of attract-ing railroad men's attention all court this

lives being lost, had the effect of attract-ing railroad men's attention all over this continent to the security or otherwise of railway bridges. A result was that such structures were more carefully inspected than ever before, because the results of defective construction of bridges were by that disaster brought so vividly the attention of the community. Careful inspection of bridges is just as necessary now as then. And more is known now than then as to the character of iron and the way its strength is affected by concussion or by strain.

Mr. T. C. Clarke, one of the most eminent bridge builders in the United States, suggests, in a letter published some years ago, that to secure the safety of the public, the American Government should have a corps of bridge inspectors, to whom should be submitted all plans for new bridges, which they should have power to reject absolutely, if faulty; and in whom should rest the power to order what they might consider necessary re-pairs and alterations of existing struc-tures. In the opinion of Mr. Clarke, this corps should be composed of United States military engineers. Is not something of the kind needed in Canada?

It is practical experience, combined with intelligence, and a well-trained mind, that makes the knowledge of a man in any profession valuable and his advice safe.

A maxim of the Legal Profession has it that "He who is his own lawyer has a fool for his client."

The doctors might, perhaps, say that "He who is his own doctor will have a corpse for a patient."

It is certainly true that in constructing and operating a railway, if its manager trusts to luck, he will have the devil for an engineer.

CONSTRUCTOR. Toronto, 30th Sept., 1898.

#### AN INSURANCE LUMINARY.

#### Editor MONETARY TIMES.

DEAR SIR,-In your paper of the 16th ult, you refer to a Mr. J. Thomson Pat-terson as claiming to be an "Actuary" on on the subject of Life Assurance. It appears he is the same man who appeared on a platform in Toronto lately and gave his endorsement to a large assessment institution, which has its head-quarters in this city.

It strikes me that I remember a Rev. J. Thomson Patterson, at a period now some years ago, first, as a Presbyterian clergyman in Western Ontario, and afterwards as a member of the staff of the Mutual Reserve Insurance Co., in Mont-real, where he occasionally gave "supply" to vacant congregations.

When I read in your Insurance Notes that Mr. J. T. Patterson had posed as an actuary from New York, in order to been the I.O.F., I was as much astonished, as if he had been made a D.D. of Knox College, in this city. The chief High Ranger has a reputa-

tion for selecting suitable men for certain positions in his camp, and I think it will be admitted that he has made a "hit" in this case! But then we must remember that the majority of the policy-holders in Oronhyatekha's company don't care much

for scientific facts or actuarial figures. The intelligent public certainly owe a debt of gratitude to honest insurance journals, such as the MONETARY TIMES, for drawing aside the veil, and unmasking mountebanks, and demanding their authority for assuming the position of actu-aries. The Rev. Mr. Patterson may have the necessary qualifications to lecture, but defend me from his actuarial powers. Surely some of the insurance names quoted in your article, eminent as they are, would have heard of this self-styled. actuarial writer, if he had had any real title to be called such.

#### I am, vours, INSURANCE AGENT. Toronto, October, 4th. 1808.

The city of Kingston is just now agitated by a serious question of ethics. prominent citizen gave a beggar woman five cents "to buy some milk." Immedifive cents "to buy some milk." Immedi-ately after he met her again carrying a pail of beer. He emptied the beer into the street, remarking, "that's the milk "that's the milk vou wanted to get with my five cents." The beggar woman was no doubt in the wrong: but was the philanthropist justi-fied?-Montreal Gazette.

#### Y ACCIDENTS IN BRITAIN. RAILWAY

The report of the Board of Trade upon the accidents that have occurred on the railways of the United Kingdom, during the year 1897. has been issued as a British Biuc-Book. This report deals with railway accidents from two points of viewviz., the safety of the travelling public and the safety of the men employed in work-ing the traffic. The number of passengers killed in train accidents was 18, which is a large increase on the numbers for the a large increase on the numbers for the two previous years, in both of which the number was only 5. Of these, to were killed in an accident at Welshampton, ou the Cambrian Railway, and 3 in an accident at Rothbury, on the North British. Both of these accidents were caused trains leaving the rails. On the other hand, the number of injured in train accidents was 324, as against 388 in the previous year.

The total number of accidents to D35sengers from causes other than accidents to trains reported in 1897 was 115 killed and 1.315 injured in 1697 was 115 killed and 1.198 injured in 1896. When all classes of accidents on railways are taken into ac count, however, only I passenger is killed in 7.747.520 passenger journeys, and only I ir. 628,688 is injured. Season ticket 1 ir. 628,688 is injured. Season ticket holders journeys are not included in these figures, because the number of them cannot be estimated; 1.286,508 season tickets were issued in 1897.

The number of collisions between trains and buffer-stops caused by trains entering stations at too great a speed, to which special attention has been called in previous returns, has, the report states, satisfactorily decreased; and in those cases which have occurred, the Board have con-tinued to urge upon the companies the strict enforcement of the measures recomstrict enforcement of the measures recom-mended by the inspecting officers of the department with a view to the prevention of this class of accident. The committee appointed in May, 1897, to "consider the efficiency of the means at present adopted efficiency of the means at present adopted of communication between the passengers in railway trains and the companies' vants in charge of the trains, and whether any particular system of communication in use or available is so efficient as to in use or available is so efficient as to make its general adoption by the railway companies desirable." after taking evid-ence and witnessing trials of different systems now in force, has made a report on the subject, which has been accepted by the Board and the department has eff by the Board, and the department has en tered into correspondence with the cont panies with a view to the adoption of the recommendations made by the committee. Unfortunately, the numbers of railway servants killed and injured during shunt-

ing operations continue to be large.

#### FRENCH LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN 1897.

The seventeen life insurance companies of French nationality doing business las year made further progress towards re covery from the check caused by the new when regulations, made some years ago, when the premium rates were materially in creased. The ordinary life policies force increased on balance by  $\pounds 1.970.000$ , against  $\pounds 1.120.000$  in 1896, and the The business represented  $\pounds 13.540.000$ . growth of the annuity branch is, however, more remarkable. The new annuities granted amount to  $\pounds 287.892$ , a gain of  $\pounds 40.800$ , and after deducting those lapsed. regulations, made some years ago. 140,800, and after deducting those lapsed. the liabilities under this heading rose from f2.520 000 to 12.69  $f_{2,520,000}$  to  $f_{2,684,000}$ . It is a feature in harmony with the French character are purchase annuities rather than insure their lives and middle their lives, and middle-class people freefi sink their capital for the sake of benefit during their lives by accurity during their lives by securing a higher for come. The rate of mortality was con-paratively high at a securing a higher for paratively high at 1,482 against 1,382

1896, a rise of fully 7 per cent., and though the management expenses were only slightly in excess of the preceding year, viz., £409,550, the agents' commissions absorbed nearly £80,000 more—rather a scrious matter. The aggregate lay-by of the seventeen companies—£560,000—was higher by about £100,000 to £120,000 that in each of the three years 1893-95. According to the system of rendering accounts in conformity with the Government regulations, the gross profits were  $\pounds 1,480,-000$ , resulting from industrial enterprise, and  $\pounds 2,988,662$  interest from investments.

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Management expenses and commission reached together £1,071,394, equal to 0.89 per cent. of the capital of the policies in force, viz., £140,000,000 in round figures. Of the net profit of £954,245, the sum of £183,570 was added to the statutory reserve fund, and of the remainder the policies participating in the profits bene-fited to the extent of £385,750, whilst the divisit of the extent of £385,750 and 1000dividends paid to the shareholders took the remaining £384.925.

The system of distribution was decided-ly in favor of the shares. The net divi-dends, after accounting for income tax, were accounting for accounting for accounting the second uends, after accounting for income tax, were as follows: Generale, £160.000; Nationale, £126.720; Phenix, £35.328; Urbaine, £22.249; Union, £14.000; Soleil and France, £6,000 each; Caisse des Familles, £4.227; Monde and Abeille, £4.000 each; Aigle, £1,200; and Nord, £1,200; whereas five companies paid no dividends dividends.

The accumulated funds of the seventeen companies, upon which the fulfilment of their liabilities towards the policy-holders reet. rests, were stated at £74,225,176, but be sides at sides these assets the voluntarily created special reserve funds represented at the end of  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $\frac{1}{2}$ end of the year £3,328,892, and there was lastly the profit on investments—that is to say the profit on investments the purchase to say, the difference between the purchase price and the market value of December 31st, 1897—of £10,360,566. This asset is, however, problematic, but, accepting the French French version, it would appear that the reserves exceed the amount required by law by the sum of £13,689,458, or say 15 effected. The investments thus favorably effected were: Real property, as per balance sheets, £20,333,173; French Government securities, £20,333,173, French bonds, guaranteed by the State, £23,927,-033; Foreign Government bonds, etc., £3,297,-510; total 50, roreign Government bonds, 20,000, 510; total book value, £67,049,664; mar-ket value on December 31st, 1897, £77, 086,230. This somewhat hazardous state-ment ment has been circulated throughout France for the purpose of demonstrating that the security offered by the French life offices are second to the life insurance companies of no country whatever, including England, and as this assur-prove is accompanied by a promise to British Officer British offices, we intend referring to the matter as soon as the promise has been fulfilled.—Insurance Spectator, London.

### RAILWAY CAR BUILDING IN 1898

An enquiry has been made by the ed to important milroads to ascertain the ed to important railroads, to ascertain the extent of important railroads, to ascertain the extent of rolling stock orders likely to be placed in the remaining months of 1898. It presents the result in the following statement

Railroads operating 20,000 miles, with an equipment of 7.500 locomotives and of January 7 to be a second second for the second s January, 74 locomotives, 6,000 freight cars, and 40 passenger cars. Of the panies operations about 14,000 miles and panies operating about 14,000 miles and owning about 134,000 cars, expect to give some orders, but were so uncertain about it that their figures have not been in-cluded in the above. Further than this, certain prime above, to buy certain private car lines expect to buy 735 cars. Electric street railroads oper-ating 5.500 cars will buy 620 new cars.

A considerably larger number of steam railroads than those mentioned above. namely, those operating 64,000 miles, and owning almost 500,000 cars, will buy no new equipment before January 1st. Very little new rolling stock will be bought by railroads in Canada and Mexico during the rest of this year. The replies received represent 58 per cent. of the total mileage. and 72 per cent. of the total equipment of the steam railroads of the United States.

A curious fact in connection with the operation of United States railways, as brought out in Poor's Manual, is the decrease in the number of locomotives in use. That manual gives the locomotive power at the end of 1897 as 35,810 engines, there having been a decline from 36,610 in 1895, up to which year there had been a steady increase. Such a fact, in face of the augmentation in the number and length of railways and the increase in the traffic, is a forcible evidence of the improvement in the art of locomotive construction, in some branches of which America probably leads. The highest class locomotives of to-day draw fully double the loads that were the rule even wenty years ago, and it is not sure that the limit of capacity has been reached.

#### NAILS.

One of the notable incidental movements of the iron and steel trades during recent years, in the United States, has been the substitution of wire nails for cut nails. The latter description had been the more prominent for many years, but wire nails have only come into competition within the last twenty years or less. The United States consumes a much larger quantity of nails than any other country. This, of course, is only what country. This, of course, is only what might be looked for, in view of our vast industrial and agricultural interests, as well as of the advanced condition of our manufacturing interests. It is, therefore, of special interest to trace the recent course of the cut and steel wire nail industries, as illustrated by the experience

of the United States. The New York Commercial estimates that forty years ago the United States produced about 2,000,000 kegs of cut nails, or approximately 89,000 tons. At that time the manufacture of wire nails was unknown. Until 1880, cut nails appear to have held the field, and for some years afterward they made very notable pro-gress in this country, of which the best evidence is the fact that the output increased in the ensuing four years by about 42 per cent. The maximum output of cut 42 per cent. The maximum output of cut nails in the United States was reached in 1886, when it amounted to the enormous figure of 360,000 tons. But from this point the cut product began to decline, and the wire product to advance, until, in 1892, for the first time the wire nail got ahead, with a total production of 4.750,000 kegs, against about 4,500,000 tons of cut nails, the total of both de-scriptions being 9,220,000 kegs. This is the high water mark of nail output in any country at any time.

Since 1892, the American output of cut nails has rapidly fallen until in 1896 it was less than a fifth part of what it had been in 1886. The output of wire nails has meanwhile gone on increasing, the maximum output in any one year having been 5.841,000 kegs in 1895. The number of wire nail works in the United States is now seventy-nine, against fifty-three in the year 1896. On the other hand, it appears that the number of cut nail machines is now 4.544, against 4.598 in the year 1896. The progress of the one is thus as evident as the regress of the other. Both descriptions of nails have been

greatly cheapened in cost during the last few years. Cut nails, the older product, have fallen in price from an average of \$2.62 per keg, in the six years ending

1872. to an average of \$1.60 in the six years ending 1896. In wire nails the re-duction of cost has been still more remarkable.

In standard sizes of wire nails the prices have ruled much lower. The average price of 1897 was \$3.15 per keg, but in 1896-97 prices fell as low as \$1.60, or little more than one-half. Cut nails hold the record for cheapness up to the present time, the average of 1894 having been only \$1.08 per keg.—Chicago Journal of

#### PAPER FROM CORN HUSKS.

After months of experimenting and investigation, entailing the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, A. G. Winter, superintendent and chemist of the Marsden Development Company, says he has solved the problem of the cornstalk as a commercial and manufacturing com-modity. As a result of his searches and experiments, paper and cardboard are now being manufactured from corn shives. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has carefully watched the ex-periments, and Prof. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, is expected in Rockford for the purpose of carefully looking into the new indus-try. Heretofore the shive, or outside of the cornstalk, has been regarded as absolutely useless, but by Mr. Winter's experiments the shive promises to become the most valuable part of the stalk from a commercial standpoint. The corncob has been adopted for pipe purposes, the pith has long been used in the manufacture of cellulose. The shive of the corn-stalk had heretofore been discarded as uscless, but last November the plant at Owensborough, Ky., was selected to ac-cumulate shives, and experiments begun under the direction of several experts. The result of these investigations and experiments is that early last week an old Rockford paper mill was purchased, special machinery installed, and the manufacture of paper from corn shives begun. -Chicago Tribune.

#### BICYCLE "GUARANTEES."

When the hardware man opens his bicycle department he should be careful to place in charge an experienced man, one who knows what he is talking about. Get some bright young fellow who is a bicycle rider and understands a bicycle. If he is not familiar with the machine you are handling, give him a catalogue and tell him to take an afternoon off and study it carefully. When he has fully digested the book, tell him to take the machine into a rear room, take it to pieces and examine it carefully, so that he will know every little detail of construction, and be able to talk intelligently. This precaution may mean business to you, for a clerk who knows what he is selling is three times more valuable than one who talks like a parrot. You wouldn't have a clerk in your hardware department who didn't know his stock, and there is no reason why you should permit it in your bicycle department.

Remember, the guarantee is a slippery customer and the hardware man had better get a good grip on this subject be-fore it is too late. The bicycle maker has cut down the guarantee from one year to sixty days. and is now thinking of abolishing it altogether. Now there is really no excuse for a guarantee, if the maker builds honest wheels, but it is something to talk about to the customer, and, there-fore, has outlived its usefulness. It is now nearly ready to be dropped alto-gether. An honest manufacturer should never object to replacing a defective part if he is to blame. He cannot afford to overlook a faulty piece of construction .-Chicago Journal.

#### MARITIME LOSSES.

Lloyd's return of vessels totally lost, January 1st, to March 31st, of the present year, has been issued. Of the steam year, has been issued. vessels lost, three with a tonnage 5,608 gross were abandoned, fifteen of of 22,909 tons were broken up or condemned, three of 3,679 tons were burned, nine of 10.802 tons were lost in collision, one of 982 tons was lost without any adequate particulars being forthcoming, and eleven with a tonnage of 15,888 are reported missing, while thirty-seven of 53,934 tons were wrecked. Of British steam-shipping forty-one vessels owned in the United Kingdom disappeared from view, involving 65,781 tons gross, and five colonial owned vessels with a total gross tonnage of 3,735 were lost. The British percentto vessels owned was 0.62, while age 0.57 of the colonial vessels came into the black list. Austria-Hungary, with 1.08 per cent., Holland with 1.78 per cent., and France with 1.16 per cent., show the greatest proportion of losses, and Nor-way, Sweden and Russia were very slightly affected. Under sailing vessels, a total number of 202 vessels were lost with a tonnage of 89,379. Of these forty with a tonnage of 21,423 were British or colonial owned. The losses of vessels owned in this country were 0.94 per cent. which figures compare very favorably with those of other countries. with 3.20 per cent., by Holland with 2.68 per cent., and by Norway with 2.24 per cent.--London Review.

#### MARITIME ENTERPRISE IN DENMARK.

Great energy has been shown of late in Denmark, in the development of oversea steamship services, and the results so far seem to justify the conclusion that the Danish commercial world is about to reap the benefits offered by the construction of the free harbor at Copenhagen; for it was the extension of the maritime trade of the country that was anxiously expected to follow the opening of the said harbor. There are two events of recent times, however, of which brief mention has been made from time to time in our Foreign Maritime Notes, that stand out promin-ently in this connection: One is the establishment of direct steamship com-nunication between Denmark and Eastern Asia, and the other the taking over of the business of the new Thingvalla Company by the United Steamship Comoĩ The last-named Copenhagen. pany, of event was practically accomplished on the 18th of August, an arrangement having been concluded on that day for the trans-fer of the assets and liabilities of the Thingvalla Company to the United Com-pany. This convention has, of course, to pany. This convention has, of course, to be ratified by the shareholders, but this is looked upon as a foregone conclusion. London "Fair Play."

#### MANCHESTER AND MONTREAL.

Manchester, like Montreal, is concerned about the depth of its channel. At the time the Manchester ship canal was begun, it was thought it would be quite sufficient to make provision for steamships of 3,000 tons, drawing from 16 to 22 feet of water. An increased depth of two feet is now declared absolutely necessary, and it is suggested that it would be better to make it six feet. This means, of course, altering the locks, and it is a question whether the sides of the canal will be strong enough to stand the increased depth. Altogether, the operation will involve considerable expense, but ports which mean to hold their own, to say nothing of advancing, must keep abreast with the times. The Manchester

people are also going in for increased dock and warehouse accommodation. Montreal is, in many points, more favorably situated, but it is well to bear these things in mind and learn by the example of others.—Montreal Gazette.

#### THE ELDERLY MAN.

"It is never too late to mend." That's a good old maxim, and there is another: It s never too late to work. I don't mean to say that if vou are a doddering old man who is compelled to hold on to lamp posts when out for a walk, that you may hope to begin life anew, but I do think that many men give up work and become discouraged because they think "its too late now," or they are too old to be successful in business.

The trouble with the majority of elderly business men, in the country districts particularly, is they get dirty, nasty grease spots on their clothes, wear dirty neckties, and they fail to utilize all their buttons. People don't care for their society, nor to entertain them.

The personal carelessness of age is one of its greatest drawbacks in business life.

I have seen elderly agents right here in Hayville, connected with various companies, to whom I have felt like saying, "Say, old gentleman, why don't you go and put on a clean necktie and collar and brace up?" Directly a man gets shabby, down he goes, and he thinks he is "unlucky."

Yesterday an agent came into my office to grumble over his territory. Said he: "It's no good my trying to get any business there. You know Jenkins tried it and he didn't get anything."

ne: It's no good my trying to get any business there. You know Jenkins tried it and he didn't get anything." "Well, now," I said, "it's quite evident that if Jenkins didn't get anything there, whatever there may be in that territory is there yet. The very fact that a man has been to work in the field furnishes the hope that you may be successful. He has tilled the ground, put in some seed, and it may be that you will gather the harvest. There may be early martyrs, even in the life insurance business, and you must remember that 'the blood of the martyr is the seed of the church."—

#### WOMAN AS A LIFE RISK.

At the annual meeting of the association of life insurance medical directors, held at Montreal, Dr. James Thorburn, medical director of the North American Life Company, contributed a paper on Female ) 1

Dr. Thorburn considers that while the conditions of female life are altogether different from those of male life, and upon first consideration the inexperienced might claim that life insurance was never intended for women, except in so far as they might benefit directly by the death of the insured, the assertion is entirely fallacious, for among a certain class of females need for life insurance exists as important as among the sterner sex.

The mortuary experience of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, from 1849 to 1888, where the added loading of three years to the ages of all females within the child-bearing period was considered, the actual deaths among females were considerably less than the number expected, according to the society's general experience; and when healthy lives were dealt with the actual mortality was not materially in excess of that among male lives.

ly in excess of that among male lives. The experience of the Institute of Actuaries (20 British and 30 American life companies), indicates that female mortality between 20 and 45 is greater than male, and after age 45 is more favorable than male life after that age.

The experience of ten Scottish Assurance companies, extending from 1815 to 1863, demonstrated that the difference of

mortality between males and females was much greater among insured lives than among the general population, but the Metropolitan Life Insurance Society of England, between 1835 and 1890, found that female lives were, upon the whole, superior to male lives, an experience at variance with that of most companies.

With regard to the condition attendant upon the insuring of female lives imposed by American and Canadian companies. thirteen companies accept women at the same rates as men. All the Canadian companies, with the exception of the Great West Life, either do not insure female lives at all, or impose upon the life selected certain conditions of premium or policy which is indicative of unfavorable mortality experience.

Dr. Thornburn, after a careful consideration of the subject of insuring women, thicks that all experience obtained and information gathered would indicate (I) that up to age 48, the female risk is not as good as the male risk; (2) that after the age of 48, the female risk is better than the male risk; (3) that the greatest danger is from parturition; (4) that the moral hazard is probably the most important factor in the question; (5) that females are more apt to conceal important facts than male applicants are; and (6) that it is impossible to secure as complete an examination of the female as of the male applicant.

#### PIG IRON IN THE SOUTHERN STATES.

The remarkable development in iron production in the Southern States of the American Union is illustrated in the following figures, which we obtain from the Iron and Trade Review, of Cleveland.

The shipments of pig iron from Tennessee and Alabama furnaces in August were 121,000 tons, the largest month's aggregate of the year, and indeed the largest month since these statistics were kept. The total for eight months ending with August was 839,500 tons, as compared with 652,892 tons in the same period last, year. The shipments from the Birmingham district were 79,000 tons in August, and 531,000 for the eight months, as compared with 435,065 to Sept. 1st, last year. The Southern export shipments were 95,000 tons to Sept. 1st, a falling off of 42,000 tons from the record of last year, due to the war. Shipments of cast iron pipe from Alabama and Tennessee for the first eight months of 1898 were 83,500 tons compared with 59,746 tons in eight months last year.

#### STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

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The winding-up of the affairs of the Select Knights of Canada has raised some curious points. Some years ago Alfred Jones, of Morrisburg, took out a policy from the society for \$2,000 on his life, naming as his beneficaries his daughter Alice and a Miss Gertrude Styles. Two years later Jones revoked that policy and diverted the two bencfits to Mrs. Ellen Styles. The society has paid \$1,000 of the claim to Mrs. Styles, and the balance has been paid into court, subject to its decision. The decision hinges on the question as to whether Miss Jones' rights have been annulled. Mr. Justice Robertson referred the question to the Master-in-Chancery. —On Saturday evening last, says the Hamilton Times, a spurious \$5 bill was passed on Fred. Spicuzza, an Italian fruit dealer. It was given by a young man

-On Saturday evening last, says the Hamilton Times, a spurious \$5 bill was passed on Fred. Spicuzza, an Italian fruit dealer. It was given by a young man who bought 5c. worth of peanuts, and received \$4.95 in good money in change. The note was detected shortly afterwards, and handed to the police. It is poorly made and purports to be on the Bank of Brantford. There is no bank of Brantford

The will of the late Robert Hamilton was admitted to probate at the end of September. The total amount of property is \$2,027,240. His widow is left an annuity of \$12,000. The four daughters receive \$250,000 each, less donations; Mr. John Hamilton, \$500,000, less donations; the children of his daughter Jessie, \$221,-000; the Bishop of Niagara, \$50,000; the nephews, Messrs. G. W. Charles and Robert C. Hamilton, \$20,000 apiece; the mission fund of the Quebec Church Society, \$45,000; the Bishop of Montreal, and the mission fund of the diocese of Ottawa, \$10,000 each.

The first discoverer of aluminium had the reward of genius. Pliny tells us that in the reign of Tiberius (41 B.C. to 37 A.D.), a worker in metals presented a lighter, to the Emperor, who questioned him, and learned that he had extracted the new metal from clay. The secret, he gods. The sage. Tiberius, reflecting that if this metal could be made from earth, it would lower the price of silver and gold, secret might remain with the gods, and so for eighteen centuries.

#### Commercial.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—During the greater part of the week the weather has been dressed hogs. However, the last two or three days of the cold weather have wittrade, and shipments from outside points beginning of last season, heavy hogs form ing a discrimination in prices against desirable weights. The colder weather demand for smoked meats, which remarkets by late mail advices are quiet what by the yellow fever in the South. 380,000 tierces or a decrease of 20,000 Co

GRAIN.—There has been more wheat Grain.—There has been more wheat so soon at country points this week, and deliveries are expected. Quotations are

without change, and farmers complain that at present prices they are not getting back the cost of production. Barley is rather slow of sale, and is in only moderate demand. The corn market is firmer, with a fractionally higher quotation. For oats the demand is easy, and without vigor. Rye is quiet and unchanged.

GREEN FRUIT.-On the Scott street market and in the city generally trade has been rather quiet this week. The sea-son of domestic green fruits will soon close, and decreased trade is to be expected. There are some fine late valencia oranges in the market, quoted, 120 s, 150 s, 176 s, and 288 s at \$4 per box. For lemons the demand is somewhat limited, and the movement small. We quote: New lemons, Messina, 360's, \$5.50 to \$6; new lemons, Messina, 300's, \$0; iew tancy Maiori lemons, \$8.50 per case. Pears, plums and peaches have been rather slow of sale. Rumous prices have been realized for grapes, ten pound baskets selling for 15 to 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. For sundry fruns and vegetables, we quote: Sweet polatoes, per bbl., \$3 to Sweet polatocs, per bol.,  $\varphi_3$  to  $\varphi_3.2_5$ , bananas, tancy truit, per bunch, \$1.25 to \$1.50; tomatoes, Canadian, per basket, 30c. to 35c.; dates, new Hallowee,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ cc. per lb.; dates, new Khadrowee, 4c. per lb.; melones Contelenes boxes for to 75c. \$3.25; meions, Cantelopes, boxes, 60c. to 75c.; Spanish onions, \$1.25 per box; Canadian onions, 80 lbs., 90c. per bag.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been bright during the past several weeks, and the autumn movement may now be said to have well opened. The principal interest is centred in new crop of trade fruits, which are beginning to come forward, and in a week or ten days, direct shipments of Mediterranean fruit may be expected. There seems to be much uncer-tainty as to the future of Greek currants, resulting from lack of knowledge whether the Russians will admit them free for wine-making purposes, or exact an in-creased duty. It is stated that consuming countries will have to face a crop of 160,countries will have to face a crop of foo,-coo tons, but it is not certain that all of this will be available for anything but wine-making purposes. In the tea trade there is little new. The Japan crop is somewhat later than usual in coming forward, and the season's movement is less than it should be at the present time. It is estimated that the world's supply of coffee increased 400,000 to 450,000 bags during September. From London advices state that in view of a short African crop, pepper is very firm. The local sugar trade is quiet, and the movement by no means satisfactory. Collections are good and as compared with a year ago show considerable improvement.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Trade remains almost as was reported a week ago. For green hides merchants are paying city butchers 8½c. per pound. For cured hides 9 to 9½c. per pound is quoted, with a bulk of the sales at the inside figure. Skins are quiet and unchanged. The tallow market shows few features of special interest. From Chicago, October 5th.—The market showed a good undertone. Offerings were not excessive, as the purchases made latterly have materially reduced packers' holdings. No changes were made in prices, with native steers at 1134 to 12c., Texas at 10½ to 11c., butt brands at 10¼ to 10½c., Colorados at 9½ to 95%c., Branded cows at 9¼ to 9½c., Native cows, at 11½c. for all weights.

SEEDS.—Less alsike clover seed is coming forward this week, although prices are a point or two higher. The range is now \$2.50 to \$4.50, the latter figure being paid only for choice seed. been smaller than any recent year. For red clover, which is coming in small quantities, dealers pay \$3 to \$3.50. Timothy is quiet at \$1 to 1.25. From New York: September receipts here have Fully half has been old seed. Shipments have been nearly as large as a year ago. October receipts are generally the largest of the season. What they will be next month will depend mostly upon the movement of old seed. They may increase a little over the receipts of this month. We quote: Common to fair clover at \$5.25 to \$6.25; good to fancy, \$6.50 to \$7; timothy, \$2.50 to \$3.50 in job lots for common to choice per 100 lbs. Flax, 95c. c.i.f. New York.

Wool.—The local market remains very quiet, with no new features of interest to report. Buyers are still unwilling to pay more than 15c. per pound for the fleece wool offered and this wholesalers are naturally loth to accept. The situation has not improved with the advanced season, as was expected by some sanguine traders during the summer. It is estimated that at present nine-tenths of the domestic clip is held by owners, who regard it as an investment good enough to be carried until the importing-point price shall have been reached, but, owing to the great falling off in wool consumption, as indicated by the disappointingly light fall demand for woolens, this period seems to be growing more remote.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

#### Montreal, 5th Oct., 1898. Ashes.—There has been further improvement in values since last week, due to a better English enquiry, and the very small stocks available. We quote \$4 to \$4.15 for No. I pots, and for a lot of extra good tares \$4.20 was paid the other day. Second quality pots are quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.85, and pearls at \$4.90 to \$5 per cental.

bors and Shoes.—The manufacturing houses report some fair orders for the spring trade, in addition to those received last week. Also a good number of sorting orders, for fall, from both East and West. The city retail trade is comparatively quiet. Payments are moderately good.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—This has been a rather quiet week in cements, as compared with recent weeks, and no important transactions are noted. Receipts have also been small, only 665 barrels of English, and no Belgran. Quotations rule very steady at \$1.90 to \$2.05 for Belgian, \$2.25 to \$2.35 for English, and \$2.35 to \$2.45 for German. Receipts of firebricks 44,000, and prices without change.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Cheese shipments were heavy again last week, aggregating 110,698 boxes, being 17,000 boxes ahead of the same week last year, but there is still a deficiency of some 185,000 boxes shown, as compared with exports at corresponding date of 1897. The market is not as active as a week ago, buyers not being disposed to accept the values put upon September makes, by holders, and most of the trading being done is in earlier made goods, which quote at 8% to 9c. for fine Western, and 8¼ to 87%c. for Quebec; fine Septembers are quoted at 9¼ to 9%c. for Western, and Eastern 9 to 9%c. Butter has eased off a little, and the market may be called unsettled, with comparatively small business passing. The limit for finest creamery would now be 20c. per lb. in boxes, tubs, 19 to 19½c.; dairy. 14 to 15½c. Exports last week were 8.897 boxes.

DRY GOODS.—The abnormally warm weather at the close of last week, and the beginning of the present week, checked business somewhat, but trade on the whole may be called very fair. Fourth of October payments were well met as a rule. Further indications of the general stiffening in woolen values are apparent. Letters from English hosiery manufacturers give notice of an advance of 6c. a dozen in stockings, and several makers of domestic tweeds have advised customers that they cannot book repeats at former prices.

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|              | Bushels.   | Bushels. |
|              | Sept. 26   | Oct.3rd. |
| Wheat        | 43,405     | 80,124   |
| Corn         | 11,841     | 14,892   |
| Oats         | 364,309    | 332,103  |
| Rye          | 23,539     | 12,795   |
| Peas         | 46,973     | 72,451   |
| Barley       | 6,461      | 7,771    |
|              |            |          |
| Total grain  | 496,528    | 520,136  |
| Oatmeal      | 237        | 214      |
| Flour        | 13,783     | 12,718   |
| Buckwheat    |            | 210,     |

GROCERIES.—The general distribution of groceries, in a jobbing way, is described as good, and payments as satisfactory. The wholesale demand for sugars is somewhat quiet, and refiners do not report heavy deliveries at the moment. Some tendency to weakness is discernible, and although factory quotations are still given at 4½c. for standard granulated, and from 3 11-16c. to 41/8c. for yellows, there seems a very general expectation that some shading of prices is imminent, in view of which the trade, as a rule, are deferring large orders. Owing to competition from importations of rice from England, the local milling company has shaded quotations for standard B. quality, jobbing prices for which are \$3.55 for one to 5 prices for which are \$3.55 for one to 5 bags, \$3.30 for 5 to 9 bags, \$3.25 for 10 bags or over, half-bags five cents ad-vance on one bag price, quarters Ioc. extra, pockets I5c. extra. In fancy grades of rice there has been no change. With regard to prices of canned vegetables, there seems still much uncertainty. West-ern packers generally are still holding back in quotations for tomatoes; some Quebec brands are reported offering in wholesale lots at 70c. For corn some Western canners are quoting 85c. to the trade. New gallon apples have opened at \$2.20, and good English demand is reported for these goods New Sock-eye sal-mon is quoted in a jobbing way at \$5.50 per case, cohoes will probably range about \$4.75. Lobsters high at \$12 for flats, and \$11.50 for talls. The market for dried fruits generally continues very firm; figs are so high that few are buy verv ing them, and a small lot just arrived are quoted at 211/2c., while last year the same grade of goods could be bought at 11c. French prunes are about the only line that show cheapness; a larger business than usual is reported, and 110's can be laid down at about 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c., Austrian, 100's. would cost about 41/4c. Tarragona almonds show further strong advance, and Moare now cabled at 37s. 6d. f.o.b. lasses rules firm at 31c. per gal. for Bar-badoes, in ordinary jobbing lots, barrels 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. more, Antigua 27c.; no Porto Ricos in the market.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The improvement in the demand for hides, noted last week, is very fairly sustained, and the stock in the association warehouse has undergone some reduction. Prices are steady at last quotations. Calfskins dull, and few coming forward. The competition in lambskins continues, and from 65 to 70c. is the ruling price. Tallow very dull at 3 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. for rendered, rough about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound.

LEATHER.—In spite of very tair prospects in the way of orders by the shoe houses, the local demand for leather is not active. The English demand for sole leather shows increase, and several of the large tanners in this line are making liberal shipments to order, comparatively few consignments now being made. A shipment of Canadian sole is also reported to South Africa, and there seems

no reason why a fair trade should not be developed in this quarter. The American market appears to be more active. Values continue firm, and one prominent Western tanner is reported to be closing down tor several months, claiming that there is no money to be made in leather at present figures, with No. I hides at Ioc. the pound. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. I, 24 to 25c.; do., No. 2, 22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c.; No. I ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21C.; No. I slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; comnion, 20 to 21C.; waxed upper, light and needium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec, do., 18 to 20c.; juniors, 18 to 20c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French caliskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet shccpskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c. METALS AND HARDWARE.—No very noteworthy changes are reported in either shelf or heavy goods, nor is the volume of business in heavy metals very large

shelf or heavy goods, nor is the volume of business in heavy metals very large. Domestic bars incline to easiness, and they can be bought at \$1.35 in comparatively small lots, it is said. A recent fair sized sale of Ferrona pig iron is reported at \$14.50, and Hamilton No. 1 could probe bought at a shaded figure to bably be bought at a shaded figure to meet this. Summerlee ex-store is quoted at \$18 in small lots, but has been offered at \$17 ex-wharf to arrive; about 200 tons of Carnbroe is held in store here, for which \$16 is asked, but it is hard to move. Ingot tin continues very firm, Straits being quoted at 17c. in ton lots, small quantities half a cent dearer. We Ingot tin continues very firm, quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17 to 18; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50 Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, 40.5, \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50to \$15; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common ditto, \$12 to 13; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.35 to 1.40; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates--Pontypool or equal \$2.10 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates--Pontypool or equal \$2.10 to 2.15; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20 to 2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40 to 2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.75 to 5.90; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates-Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C., Alloway, \$3.15 to \$3.25; do., I.X., \$3.90 to \$4; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$2.90 to 2.95; do., stand-ard, \$2.75 to 2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>C.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch.. \$2.50; tank iron, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, and upwards. \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9C; lead. heads. seven-sixteenths, nears, seven-sixteentins, and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.65 to 3.70; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25 to 2.00 as to finish: ingot shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.25 to 3.00, as to finish; ingot tin, 1734 to 18c. for L. & F.; Straits, 1714 to 171/2c.; bar tin, 181/2 to 19c.; ingot cop-per, 13 to 131/2c.; sheet-zinc, \$5.50 to 5.75; Silesian spelter, \$5.25; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$5.25; an-timony, 91/2 to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business shows improvement during the past ten days or so; orders are coming in quite liberally. The quarterly meeting of the Leadgrinders' Association was held on Monday, but prices were left undisturbed.

The advance in linseed oil, noted last week, is fully sustained, and turpentine is firm. A good deal of window glass has yet to come forward before the close of navigation, but there seems some doubt if all the orders booked for this market can be filled in time, and scarcity in certain sizes is already apparent. We quote: Turpentine, one to four barrels, 47c.; five to nine barrels, 46c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four barrels, 50c.; five to nine barrels, 49c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 53c.; five to nine barrels, 52c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 37 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 33 to 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 5c.; No. 1, \$5.25] No. 2, \$4.92<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 434 to 5c.; No. I red lead, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 434c.; Putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; keg5, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05] 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiring, 35 to 40c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre.



\$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.60 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.70 for second break; third break, \$3.50.

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WOOL.-The London sales close on the th inst., and the firmness evinced in all lines of fine wools, at the opening, has been fully sustained. Stocks generally seem low, and recent advices from the Cape record years little stock offering seem low, and recent advices from the Cape report very little stock offering there. All foreign advices tend to stiffen the views of local dealers, who claim they cannot replace their stocks at same figures. We quote Capes, 14½ to 16c.; B.A., scoured, 30 to 35c., and scarce, only one house having a little stock; Natals very few here; medium Morocco 17c. per pound.

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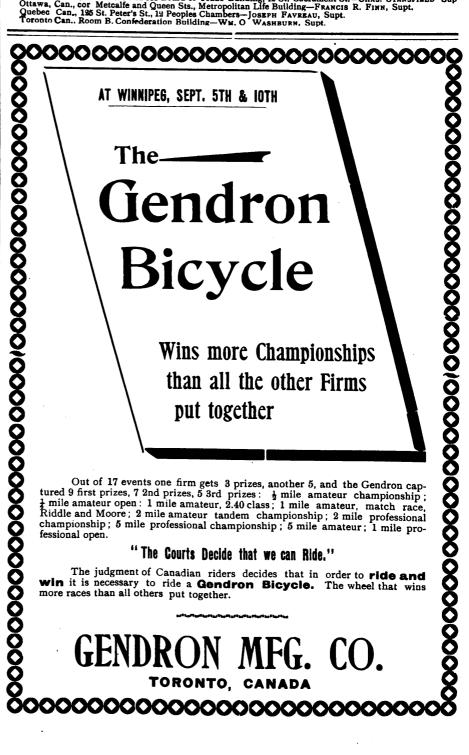
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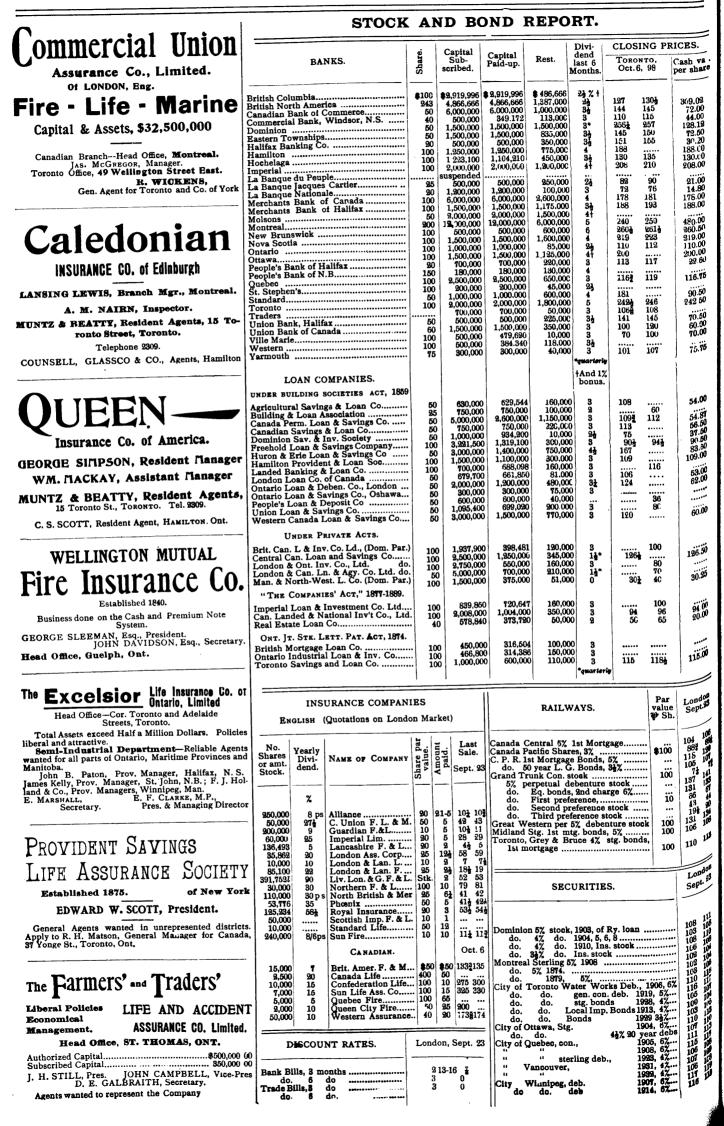
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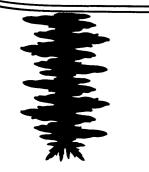
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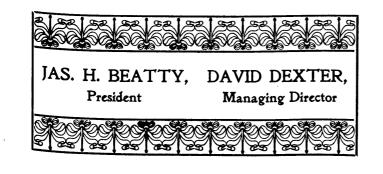
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| Net Premiums received,                          | 1895<br>\$257 <b>.</b> 647 | 1896<br>\$312,398 | 1897<br>\$349,588.62 |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Interest and Rents,                             | 19,929                     | 24,344            | 32,209.79            |
| Total Income<br>including Cap. Stock,           | 277,576                    | 336,742           | 391,501.41           |
| Dividends to Policy-holder                      | rs, 30,141                 | 42,756            | 39,246.47            |
| Total Payments<br>to Policy-holders             | 115,224                    | 131,865           | 157,667.08           |
| Total Disbursements,                            | 211,024                    | 229,824           | 277,119.45           |
| Excess of Income<br>over Outgo,                 | 66,552                     | 106,918           | 114,381.96           |
| Total Assets, exclusive<br>of Guarantee Capital | , 498,471                  | 607,713           | 722,448.27           |
| Capital and Assets,                             | 1,119,576                  | 1,226,416         | 1,331,448.27         |

#### **Dividends to Policy-holders exceed** 10 per cent. of Premium Income.





### TORONTO PRICES CURRENT.

| Name of Article                                                                                                                          | Wholesale<br>Rates.                                                                                     | Name of Article                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wholesale<br>Rates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Name of Article.                                                                                                                                                               | Wholesale<br>Rates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Name of Article.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Breadstuffs.<br>FLOUR<br>Manitoba Patent<br>Strong Bakers<br>Patent (Winter Wheat)                                                       | <b>\$</b> c <b>\$</b> c.<br>4 25 0 00<br>3 75 0 00<br>3 30 0 00                                         | Groceries.—Con.<br>SYRUPS:Com. to fine,<br>Fine to choice<br>Pale<br>Molasses: W. I., gal                                                                                                                     | <pre>\$ c. \$ c.<br/>0 014 0 013<br/>0 02 0 024<br/>0 03 0 036<br/>0 30 0 45</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hardware.—Con.<br>Annealod<br>Galvanized<br>Coil chain § in.<br>Barbed wire, gal.<br>Iron pipe, § to § in                                                                      | \$ c. \$ c<br>00 to 35%<br>00 to 30%<br>003§ 0 00<br>2 00 0 00<br>0 02 0 091                                                                                                                                                                     | Canned Fruits.           PINE APPLE— Extra Standard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| GRAIN:<br>Winter Wheat, No. 1<br>Spring Wheat, No. 1<br>Spring Wheat, No. 1<br>No. 3<br>No. 3<br>No. 3                                   | 0 65 9 66<br>0 63 0 64<br>0 61 0 62                                                                     | New Orleans<br>Rice : Arracan<br>Patna, dom. to imp<br>Japan, " " "<br>Genuine Hd. Carolina<br>Sprcss : Allspices<br>Cassia, whole per lb<br>Cloves<br>Ginger, ground                                         | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sorews, flat head<br>" r'u head<br>Boller tubes, 3 in<br>STEEL: Cast<br>Black Diamond                                                                                          | 871 00<br>80 00<br>0 09 0 00<br>0 111 0 00<br>0 122 0 14<br>0 11 0 00                                                                                                                                                                            | "Lombards, 2 lbs" 0 00 1 4<br>" 3 "" 0 00 1 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| " No. 3<br>Man. Hard, No. 1<br>" No. 2<br>Barley No. 1<br>" No. 3 Extra<br>Qats.                                                         | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                    | Ginger, root<br>Nutmegs<br>Pepper, black, ground<br>white, ground<br>Sugars<br>Redpath Paris Lump.                                                                                                            | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Boller plate, 2 in.           """ 5/16 in"           """ 8 & th'ck'r           Sleigh shoe           CUT NAILS :           30 to 70 dy                                         | 2 00 0 00<br>2 00 0 00<br>2 40 0 00<br>0 00 1 75<br>0 00 1 80<br>0 00 1 85                                                                                                                                                                       | Canned Vegetables.           Asparadus         per doz. \$0 00 9 \$           Bzans-2's,         0 00 0 \$           Con-2's, Standard         0 00 0 \$           Pass-9's,         0 00 0 \$           Pustins-3's,         0 00 0 \$           TOMATORS-3's,         0 0 0 \$           Fish, Fowl, Meats-Cases.         91b. this           Mackerser.         per doz \$1 15 1\$           Salmon-Indian (Red).         1 10 1\$           "Horse Shoe, 4 doz.         1 20 1\$                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Provisions.<br>Buckwheat<br>Buckwheat                                                                                                    | 0 50 0 51<br>0 41 0 42<br>0 49 0 43<br>0 30 0 31                                                        | Extra Granulated<br>Extra Bright Coffee<br>No. 2 Bright<br>No. 2 Yellow<br>TEAS:<br>Japan, Yokohama<br>Japan, Kobe<br>Japan, Nagasaki, gun-                                                                   | 4 1-16 0 00<br>00 3 13-16<br>0 12 0 40<br>0 13 90                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8 and 9 dyA.P.<br>6 and 7 dyA.P.<br>4 and 5 dyA.P.<br>3 dyA.P.<br>9 dyA.P. fine<br>Wire Nails \$1.75 basis,<br>HORSE NAILS: TOTONO<br>Acadian                                  | 0 00 9 05<br>0 00 9 15<br>0 00 3 40<br>0 00 9 75<br>dis 50%                                                                                                                                                                                      | "Flat       "1650         "Anchor       1950         LOBSTER-Noble XX tall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| " Prints<br>" Prints<br>Cheese Prints<br>Dried Apples<br>Evaporated Apples<br>Hops, Canadian<br>Beef, Mess<br>Pork. Mess                 | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                    | Japam, Siftings & Dust<br>Congou, Monings<br>Congou, Foochows<br>Young Hyson, Novune,<br>Ye, Hyson Fychow and<br>Tienkal, com. to cho't<br>Yg, Hyson, Pingstey,<br>Gunpowder, Moyune-<br>Gunpowder, Pingsney, | 0 07 0 09<br>0 10 0 60<br>0 18 0 50<br>0 95 0 65<br>0 14 0 40<br>0 15 0 95                                                                                                                                                                                               | HORSE SHOES, 100 lbs<br>CANADA PLATES:<br>MLS Lion & pol<br>Full pol'd<br>IC CRATEROOL<br>IX "<br>IXX "<br>DC "                                                                | 3 25 U 00<br>9 35 2 35<br>2 85 3 25<br>3 00 0 00<br>3 50 3 65<br>4 50 4 65<br>5 50 5 65<br>3 25 3 40                                                                                                                                             | " Сапаdian, <sup>1</sup> 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Bacon, long clear<br>Breakt'st smok'd<br>Hams<br>Rolls<br>Lard<br>Eggs, & doz. freah<br>Beans, per bush                                  | 0 11 0 00<br>0 00 0 11<br>00 0 09<br>0 97 0 08<br>0 00 0 96<br>0 12 0 14                                | Ceylon, Broken Orange,<br>Pekces.<br>Broken Pekces.<br>Pekces.<br>Pekces.<br>Souchongs.<br>Indian, Darjeelings.<br>Broken Orange Pekces.<br>Orange Pekces.                                                    | 0 35 0 45<br>0 35 0 45<br>0 92 0 30<br>0 92 0 30<br>0 18 0 93<br>0 16 0 90<br>0 29 0 55<br>0 98 0 35                                                                                                                                                                     | IC M. L. S.<br>WINDOW GLASS:<br>25 and under                                                                                                                                   | 5 00 5 40<br>3 00 0 00<br>3 30 0 00<br>3 70 0 00<br>4 00 0 00<br>0 13 0 143<br>0 104 0 13                                                                                                                                                        | Conversion         Clark's, 9's, 1 doz         900           Ox Tonguz-Clark's, 9's, 1 doz         900         900           Lunch Tonguz-Clark's, 1's, 1 doz.         900         900           Soup-Clark's, 1's, 1's, 1 doz.         900         900           Soup-Clark's, 1's, 0 trail, 9 doz         900         900           Clark's, 1's, 0 trail, 9 doz         900         900           Soup-Clark's, 1's, Chicken, 9 doz         900         900           Clark's, 1's, Chicken, 9 doz         900         900           Clark's, 1's, Chicken, 9 doz         900         900           Chipreb Bezz-1's and 1's, per doz.         100         100           Smeltrs-60 tins per case         300         900           Shrings         325         900           Finnan Haddle-Flat         100         1000 |
| Leather.<br>Spanish Sole, No. 1<br>"No. 2<br>Slaughter, heavy<br>"No. 1 light<br>Harness, heavy<br>"light<br>Upper, No. 1 heavy          | 0 24 0 26<br>0 28 0 24<br>0 00 0 23<br>0 25 0 30<br>0 95 0 28                                           | Broken Pekces<br>Pekces<br>Souchong<br>Souchong<br>Kangra Valley<br>Oolong, Formosa<br>ToBACCO, Manufactured<br>Mahogany<br>Tuckett's Black                                                                   | 0 98 0 35<br>0 18 0 99<br>0 15 0 90<br>0 13 0 17<br>0 90 0 35<br>0 35 0 65<br>0 00 0 62<br>0 00 0 62                                                                                                                                                                     | Arrs:<br>Montana<br>Keen Cutter<br>Lance<br>Oils.<br>Cod Oil, Imp. gal.<br>Paim, @ ib<br>Lard, ext.                                                                            | 7 75 8 00<br>9 25 9 50<br>10 25 10 50<br>0 45 0 50<br>0 067 0 00                                                                                                                                                                                 | KIPPERED HERRINGS         1 60           Manurial Chemicals.         1 60           NITRATE OF SODA-f.o.b. Toronto, 100 lbs.         \$3 75 0 0           SULPHATE OF AMMONIA         400 0 0           POTASH, MURIATE, f.o.b. Toronto, '                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| iight & medium<br>hip Sk French<br>"Domestio<br>Heml'k Calf (25 to 30)<br>French Calt<br>Bnamelled Cow, \$\$ tt<br>Patent                | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                    | Dark P. of W<br>Myrtle Navy<br>Solace<br>Brier, 8's<br>Nough and Ready, 9's<br>Honeysuckle, 3's<br>Crescent, 8's<br>Napoleon, 8's                                                                             | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Ordinary<br>Linseed, boiled f.o.b<br>Linseed, raw f.o.b<br>Olive, & Imp. gal<br>Seal, straw<br>"pale S.R.<br>Petroleum.                                                        | 0 50 0 60                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | "PHOSPHATE OF " 140 00<br>SUPERPHOSPHATE 12%, 16%, car lots,<br>delivered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Pebble<br>Grain, upper<br>Buft<br>Russets, light, \varphi lb<br>Gambier<br>Sumao<br>Degras                                               | 0 13 0 15<br>0 15 0 18<br>0 12 0 14<br>0 40 0 45<br>0 05 0 00<br>0 03 0 00                              | Laurel, 3's                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0 00 0 60<br>0 00 0 61<br>0 00 9 63<br>in b'd dy pd<br>1 26 4 44<br>1 14 4 03                                                                                                                                                                                            | F.O.B., Toronto<br>Canadian, 5 to 10 tris<br>Can. Water White<br>Painta, 200<br>White Lead, pure<br>in Oil, 25 lbs<br>White Lead, dry<br>Red Lead, dry                         | 0 18 0 184<br>0 20 0 914<br>5 50 5 50<br>5 25 5 50                                                                                                                                                                                               | 11 inch flooring       10 00 18         14 inch flooring       00 00 18         13 inch flooring       00 00 18         14 inch flooring       00 00 18         1x10 and 12 fine dressing and better       23 00 17         1x10 and 12 mill run       16 00 17         1x10 and 12 dressing       18 00 14         1x10 and 12 common       13 00 14         1x10 and 12 mill culls       8 50 50         1 inch clear and picks       94 00 94         1 inch dressing and better       14 00 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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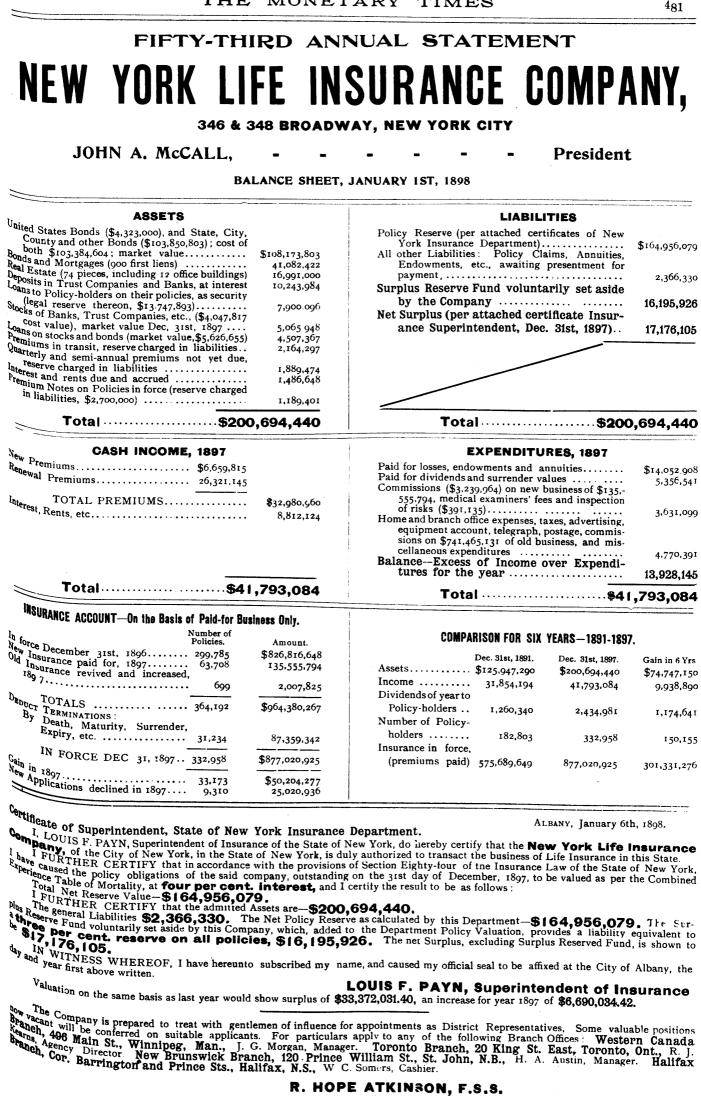
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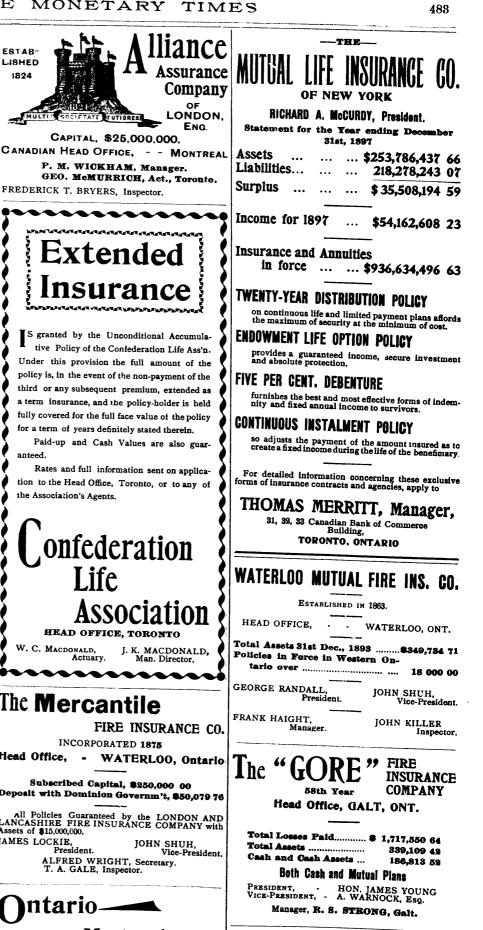
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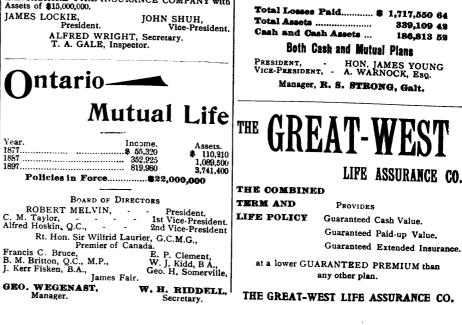
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#### AN ASTONISHING EXHIBIT.

It would be an astonishing exhibit were the life insurance companies able to show how inadequately insured most of their policy-holders are. Men of family, who have nothing but their income, seem to think that a policy for five or ten thousand dollars is quite enough when their annual income is from twenty-five hundred to five thousand dollars. How do these insurers expect a widow and several children to live on the interest derived irom the investment of, say, ten thousand dollars, when the family has been spending his full earning of five thousand?

The interest rate on safe securities is steadily falling, and those who leave inadequate life insurance might often as well leave none at all, as the beneficiaries soon learn that the income to be derived from it is insufficient, and are apt to fall victims to the advice of fools or knaves as to speculations which will yield larger returns than any mere 4, 5 or 6 per cent. The sure and sound investments for trust funds which will give over 4½ per cent. net, are not easy to find, and women are proverbially inclined to listen to alluring tales as to mining stocks, ranch bonds, real estate schemes, manufacturing companies, and the like.

Evidently the life agents do not work their fields properly, or else the insurers have failed to give the question of income to be secured proper consideration. A man whose income is \$7,500, and who has a wife and three children, represents to himself and family the earning power of \$150,000 at 5 per cent. Assuming that his entire personal expense is one-third of the income, it would still take \$100,000 well invested to maintain his family in the manner to which he had accustomed them. Yet how many men with approximately the income instanced carry only ten or fifteen thousand dollars life insurance, and how few as much as thirty or forty thousand?—N.Y. Journal of Commerce.

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people will read and pay for? Nothing is sc expensive as the thing you get for nothing. Shun the paper that wants to "write you up"—that wants to give you something. It's a fake.—H. J. Bohn, in Advertising Experience.

#### SOMETHING ABOUT THE YUKON.

Having been interviewed in Montreal this week by a representative of the Gazette, Lieut.-Col. Domville, M.P., for King's County, New Brunswick, had something to say about the Yukon District. He was up there from June to September, and he says the climate in summer is beautiful, and from all he can learn the winter season is not too bad.

learn the winter season is not too bad. "Al! you hear," said he, "is exaggerated. They lie about the climate and the country, and when they get tired of this, they then go in to lie about the gold." Being asked if he had criticized the

Being asked if he had criticized the officials in the manner represented by the despatches from the West, he replied as follows:

"There are complaints; you hear them, I hear them, everyone hears them; and what I said was that these charges should be investigated. It is no more than right and just, that both parties in the House should insist upon having a searching investigation."

As for the country, the colonel says it is all right, and if he had no family ties down East, he should never have left the Yukon. He went in by Skagway, and walked over the Pass in two days. He is confident that by next year, with faster boats replacing those at present on Lake Bennett, one will be able to travel from Montreal to Dawson City in twelve days, and that the trade between old Canada and the country up north will be worked up to very considerable proportions. When Colonel Domville left Dawson.

When Colonel Domville left Dawson, the population was about sixteen thousand. There are three newspapers, he says, and a couple of theatres. Living is, of course, very high, and as a matter of fact a Government official, who receives \$65 per month, as a salary, and is obliged to spend \$20 a day, does not lay a great deal of money aside for a rainy day.

"What about the Stikine route?" the Colonel was asked; and after meditation some time, he said: "It is not worth a hairpin. There is no water of any consequence in the river, and it can never become an entry to the Klondyke."

#### IRON AND COPPER IN CAPE BRETON.

The Sydney Daily Record has an article on the newly discovered iron deposits at George's River, C.B.

George's River mountain (so-called, is, in reality, the end of a range of hills that may be said to extend from the Grand Narrows to a point on the Little Bras d'Or Lake, about eight miles from North Sydney. It has a height at this place of about 700 feet, and almost perpendicular in some parts. A deep brook runs along its Eastern base, and empties into George's River, which is really a long and narrow arm of the Bras d'Or.

The deposit is of a surpassing richness and the quantity is said to be unlimited. So far as is yet known, the deposit runs in width nearly a quarter of a mile and is upwards of two miles long. The ore consists of magnetic and hematite. and is of fine quality. Shafts have been sunk at different points, and the results in each case were highly gratifying. Besides the main seam, there is another smaller one, but no less rich, half a mile distant. The iron find has also led to fresh discoveries of copper in the same vicinity, a fact that will leave the owners in the same predicament as the donkey who found himself between two bundles of hay.

As a site for smelting works, George's

River cannot be excelled, in the opinion of the Record. They have the ore on the spot, the finest of limestone at hand, and coal at their doors. The banks of the river afford admirable ground for such operations, and the river valley would make a suitable dumping-place for refuse. Besides the shipping facilities are first-class—rail and water right at hand. The lake at this point affords fine anchorage, and the largest vessel could load there and depart by way of the Big Bras d'Or entrance and smaller ones, if desirable, through the canal.

#### WINE PRODUCTION.

According to the Moniteur Vinicole the wine production of the world in 1897 was 2.843.478,920 gallons as compared with 3,262,103,820 gallons for the previous year. The largest producer, of coursegallons, or including the product of Aigiers, 970,115,980 gallons—more than one-third of the total. Italy and Spain follow with products respectively amounting to 685,836,780 and 519,338.000 gallons. Roumania is fourth on the list, with an output of 85,544,000 gallons, exceeding by 5,000,000 gallons the combined products of Austria and Hungary; and the viticulturists of Russia have made one-fifth more wine than those of Germany. The United States ranks sixteenth on the list of the world's wine producers, being outclassed by the Argentine Republic. Switzerland, Turkey and Greece, and only silghtly ahead of Bulgaria and Servia. The chief wine producer of the Western Hemisphere is Chili, whose last year's output of 73,976,000 gallons was the sixth largest in the world. The tabulations of the Moniteur Vinicole are full of surprise as well as of information.

#### FORTUNE SEEKERS RETURN.

W. W. McLellan, barrister, who w<sup>35</sup> one of the exploring party who w<sup>37</sup> from here on the schooner "A. H. Hardy" a couple of months ago to Labrador, arrived back yesterday, having left the schooner at Mulgrave and came to the city by rail.

it by rail. Mr. McLellan says they visited every bay and river to a distance of 100 miles North of Nain. They did not go up Hamilton Inlet, but interviewed parties who had been up. The party were satisfied that there is but little gold in Labrador. The country is of a mountainous, granite nature, and there is very little good timber to be found. They found mica, but in pockets only, and not of streaks. They also found quantities of halradorite, a bluish stone, and brough home a lot of it.

Mome a lot of it. Mr. Williston came up by rail with Mr. McLellan, the rest of the party stayed of the vessel. Before they left Labraher they experienced pretty cold weather they are satisfied that the reported dis coveries of gold quartz and good timber are mythical.—Halifax Chronicle, October.

-We frequently waste our sympathy says the Pittsburg Despatch, which phiceeds to give some examples: "A phianthropic woman here recently placed bath-rooms on each floor of one of me a personal visit in order to judge of the sentiments of her tenants on the subject. At the first flat visited the occupant will loud in her expressions of gratitude. don't see how I ever got along without it, 'she exclaimed. 'Sure, I keep me was in it.' The tenant of the next flat me for she declared she rented it out for bed at \$3 a month. In other tenement ite holders, and garbage receptacles. on on nd;

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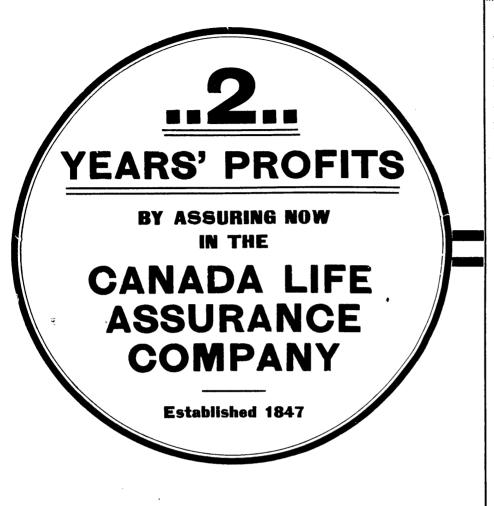
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Public attention is drawn to the interesting fact that set persons making application now to the & Canada Life Assurance Company for a full profit s policy of life assurance will share in the profits of two full years at the next division of surplus. at 31st December, 1899. 3 \* This means that new assurers will share in the profits, not only of the st oldest, largest & and most successful Canadian life .... assurance company, but of the leading profit-paying life assurance company doing business in Canada. . . Further information may be obtained from any local representative of the comrany.



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