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-Tme Eden wharves, etc. at Gaspe Basin, Que, have been purchased by the Petroleum Oil Trust of London, Eng., for 8,500 . It is rumored thoy have also purchased the Lowndes wharf, ete, at the same place for about $\$ 10,000$.
-Smelts are very abundant in all the rivers of Kent Co., N.B., and the packing houses are working hard to overtake the immense catches made. Owing to the glut prices lave fallen to 2 to $21 / 2$ cents per pound; but even at this the fishermen are doing well.
-Mr. P. C. Sitannon, for some time past superiutendent of the Dominion Cotton Mills Co., has been appointed secretarytreasurer of the company in guccession to the late Mr. T. B. Ross.
-New l3runswiek lumbermen say that this winter's cut on the St. John river and tributaries will be lighter than it was last year. 1 s 23 million feet of logs held over from the previous season came out with the last cut, the falling of this year will be unusually apparent.
-Nempawa, Man., is coming to the front as a grain buying centre. It is estimated that the grain purchased there this year will reach 700,000 bushols.
-Tre machinery, etc., of the Royal Corset Co., Sherbrooko, Que.' rocently gone into liquidation, have been purchased at $45 \%$ conts in the dollar for a new company which is being reorganized to continue the business.

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-A new fire hamanco company called the Independence has been organized in Now York. It has a capital of $\$ 250,000$ and a surplus of $\$ 500,000$.
-Is November the emigration from Great Britain to Canada was: English 646, Scotch 25, Irish 65. Eleven months' figures aro: Engligh 15,405, Scotch 917, Lrish 976.
-Mr. Romerr Aremen, ex-president of the Board of Trade has been presonted by the members of the Board with his portrait in oll, accompanied by a boautifully illuminated address, in approciation of his services in comection with the new building.
-Tme Wimnipeg Board of Trade has propared a document, containing facts and figuros as to how excessive froight rates bear against the country, and it will be presented to the commission when it returns.
-Time use of 100,000 cubic feet of ice for the ico castle and forts for the coming carnival at Ottawa bids fair to advance prices for consumers in that city and it is said that a corner in lee will result.
-Certan of the fire insumace companies doing business in - Winnipeg aro understood to have agreed to abandon the recontly
announced advance of 205 per cent on premium rates on condition that the city purchases a new steam fire engine.
-Some residents of "Acton, Ont., regret the absence of Paul Sang, who had been plying a peddling trade in the town for some months. His hasty departure doubtless caused him to overjook leaving other than his musical name wherewith to settle some local accounts.
-Most of the frozen herring fleet have sailod for Newfoundland. This yoar only about 54 yessols have satled or begun to fit, owing to the fact that last year the fleet was unusually large and consequently very little money was made. The others are hauled up or have joined the haddock fishing fleet.
-Tres "Clothing Drummers Sample Co." is the name of a now concern which has contracted with 67 of the leading clothing manufacturers of the Unitecl States to sell at retail all their drummers' sample garments. This gives some insight into the magnitude of the clothing business of the country.
-The oarnings of the American railronds for November show a very small decrease, less than $11 / 2$ per cent., compared with last year ; but in 1803 there was a decrease of more than $61 / 2$ per cent compared with 1892. The railroads are not recovering past losses yet.


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-At the close of the present month the branch oflice of the North British \& Mercautile Insurance Co. in Boston will be discontinued, but the present resident secretary, Francis L. Stevens, will continue to represent the company. He will, devote himself entirely to local business.
-A speoral roport on the feeding of wheat to cattlo has just been issued from the Agricultural Department, which says that the returns from the correspondents of the statistical division estimate the quantity of wheat fed to stock, up to October 30, at $46,030,000$ bushels, and the estimated amount to be fed $29,273,000$ bushels making a total of $75,303,000$ bushels.
-Trin London Produce Association, and the produce dealers of Liverpool and Glasgow have passed resolutions demanding that the date of the manufacture of each cheese shall be manked upon the cheese itself, instead of on the box as at present. It is asserted that some juggling with the boxes has been practised on this side,
-Tononto is bidding for two of Montreal's industrics. The Queen city has offered the Metallic Rooffing Co. a lease of land at the corner of Ting and Dufferin streets at a rental of 5 per cent. on its valuation and an exemption from tavation for ten years. The Canada Mineral Wool Company will also be exempted for the same period if they will move to Toronto.
-Bririse Columbia sealers stand to lose considerably on their soason's work owing to the low prices ruling for sealskins in London, At C. M. Lampson \& Co's sale last week the prices realized for Alaska and Copper Island skins ruled 20 per cent. less than those of December 1893.

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-Dumna the eleven months of the present year ending on30th November last over $1,110,000$ tons of coal were exported from Cape Broton. Or this total, 891,000 was the output of the mines of the Whitney syndicate, and 220,000 tons from the General Mining Association.
-Ties only thing that now stands in the way of the formation of the new international ruilroad association at Chicago is the question of Canadian Pacific differentials. A committee was named to give the matter special attention and report to the genoral mectiug uext Monday.
-The Valley City Seating Co., of Dundas, Ont., (Ltd.), with a capital stock of $\$ 50,000$ has been incorporated. The members are: R. T. Wilson, J. D. Pennington, George Anderson, J. J. Steele, J: B. Grafton, all of Dundas, and J. D. Evans, HamiltonThe company propose to engage in the manufacture and sale of furniture and general wood-working and iron and brass work and other hardware.
-In the Chicago wheat pit the advices from Argentina are closely watched. A shortage of 30 per cent, in the Argentine crop, as compared with last year, would mean about $20,000,000$ bushels less than last year, and would make the crop about 40,000,000 bushels, instead of $75,000,000$, as the estimato heretofore has been.


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A mbifutron composed of Messts. G. T. C. Smith, Liverpool and London and Globo, Thos. Davidson, North British and Mercantilo, W. M. Ransay, Standard, Geo. Simpson, Royal, E. P. Hoaton, Guardian; and B. Hall Brown of the London \& Lancabhire, waited upon the Ninister of Fimance at Ottawa to ask that tho time within which the insucance companios have to make their anmal retams be extonded from March 31 to June 30.
-Ammucan crop reports say : "Partions of the wheat crop have been relieved by raims. Thero is considerable drawback yet from drought in other portions, but the general outlook is not discouraging. The seeded area eapst of the Rookios is estimated at 5 per cent, under last your. The wheat marketing continues rostricted and will likely remain so. Wheat-feeding is moderately lessening but is equaliug previous ostimatos. Cor n is moving moro frealy, but important further gain is not likely,"
-The hostilitios between Japan and China have brought beeswax into sudden request for coating ammunition. Besides it is stated that a regulation has just been put into forco in Russia that requires all catades used in churches and religious cere-

[^2]monles to be composed of a definito proportion of beeswax, General revival of business abroad and expansion of trade at home arturally creates a larger consumption also and the consequence is that beeswax is becoming scarce and prices are advameing.
-Tue Hon. W. B. Ives, Rufus Hemy Pope, Francis Pierce Buck, Geo. Van Dylce, and Irving W. Drew will apply to the legislature, at its present session, for a special act of incorporation, under the name of the Royal Paper Mills Company, with special power to acquire the property of the Royal Pulp and Paper Company, and to issuo to such shareholders of tho Royal Pulp and Papor Company as may become shareholders of the proposed company, deferved stock certifeates of such proposed company. The capital stock of the new company is to be $\$ 400,000$, with power to increase the same.
-Thre manngement of the Distilling \& Cattle Feeding Company issuie a circular to stockholders advising a reorganization, by which the $\$ 35,000,000$ stock will be reduced to $\$ 3,500,000$ cumulative 7 per cent. preferred stock and $\$ 7,000,000$ common, Stockholders are asked to subscribe for one sharo of now preferred for every ten shares of present stock, paying $\$ 50$ per share cash at time of reorganization and $\$ 00$ in iustalments when called for, two shares of new common stock being given for each share of preferrod subscribed for. The new company is to take possession of all the plant and property of present company which can be utilized, and to assume the $\$ 1,000,000$ of bonds outstanding.

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-The friends of the partners in the old banking house of Baring Bros. \& Co. have formed a trust to pay off the amount still
owing to the Bank of England and nurse the remaining assets 'Whe debt due to the Bank is about a million and a half sterling. and the assets still remaining are valued at $£ 2,200,000$. There is an apparent surphus, therefore, of $£ 700,000$. But as it was thought po:sible that the pablic might not regard this surplus as sufficient, under the circumstances, friends of the Messrs. Baring have guaranteed a further half million sterling, raising the total of assets to $: 22,700,000$. Upon the security of these it is proposed to issue a million sterling of 4 per cent. debentures, running for ten years and redemmble at pur, and a second amount of half a million debentures for the same time, bearing 5 per cent. interest and redeemable at about 105. If these debentures are all taken at par the money will be provided to repay the Bank of England, the liguidation so far as the Bank and the public are concerned will be brought to an end, and the guarantors will be relleved of all liability.
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## ITHE CRISIS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

It is impossible as yet to realize folly the paralysis of trade brought about by the suspension of the entire banking system of Newfoinitland: Thatyancient colony has never enjoyed either the banking tacilities nor the eredit that would have acerved to her had her:
people chosen to abandon their policy of isolation and cast in their lot with the Dominion of Canada. But it is doubtful if they have ever realized what that policy of isolation involved so thoroughly as they do to-day when the only two banks' on the island have closed their doors, when the government savings bank is unable to repay one cent to its 6,000 depositors, when the currency is worthless as a purchasing medium, and when their prospects of help are limited to the desperate chance of negotiating a!loan in England from the very banks whose refusal to accept their paper has brought about the catastrophe.
In order to thoroughly understand the exigencies of the position it is necessary to explain the system under which banking in Newfoundland is carried on. There are but three banks in the island, and one of these-the Government Savings Bank-contents itself with taking in deposits, on which it pays 3 per cent. interest, and handing over the money for investment to the other two. Consequently the suspension of the Commercial Bank, followed promptly by that of the Union Bank, locked up the funds of the savings bank also, and thus completely paralyzed the entire system. This involved the instant discrediting of the circulation ; for although under the laws of Newfoundland the shareholders are burdened with a treble liability, this is no security when their money is all locked up in the suspended banks, and under the clause which permits the Commercial Bank to issue notes up to the point at which its debts, other than deposits, reach three times the amount of its paid-up capital, andithelUuion Bank to the extent of twice that amount, the circulation of both banks largely exceeds the safety limit insisted upon in this Dominion, and hence has no tangible assets behind it. The result was.that, when the public became alarmed by the suspeusion of the Commercial Bank, they at once demanded British gold for the notes of the Union Bank also, (as under the Act they are entitled to do at 8 per cent. exchange) and this involved the suspension of the latter bank very shortly afterwards.
The primary cause of the panic was the refusal of the Iondon and Westminster Bauk to accept the drafts of the Commercial Bank tendered to them by the firm of Prowse, Hall \& Morris. This house has always done a large business with Newfoundland and nearly all the drafts against cargoes of fish going to Continental ports went through their hands. Of late, it is said, these drafts were in excess of the legitimate goods shipped and the London and Westminster Bank, who handled them for the firm, became suspicions. The death of the senior partner of the firm, Mr. Hall, caused their suspension and, on Saturday last, their bankers definitely refused to handle any more of the Commercial Bank's drafts, This involved the suspension of that bank, as well as that of those of its customers whose bills were thus dishonored. These include the large supply houses of Job Bros., Edwin Duder, John Steer, Goodridge \& Son, Baine Johuston \& Co., and Goodfellow \& Co. As the senior partner in Goodridge \& Son, is also premier of the Colony, as well as a director of the Bank, the story gained credence that much of the bank's weakness was due to a loan of $\$ 500,000$ made to the Cabinet for; political purposes, pund this caused so much odium to be attached to him that he of fered to resign from office. But his opponents declined to take charge of affairs at a time when financial chnos existed, whenthe government wastunable to meet

## Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association

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Total Death Claims paid since Jan. 1, 1804,' \$2,236,761.84 Total amount of Death Claims paid since orTotal Cash and Invested Reserve and Emer geney Fund, over NEW BUSINESS FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1893-94

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## D. Z. BESSEITTE, General Manager.

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its engagements, and when the only prospect of extrication from its difficulties lay in the hope of negotiating a loan of $\$ 1,500,000$ in England on terms which are certain to be excessive in view of the colony's position. Accordingly they prefer to let the Goodridge government get out of the difficulty as best it can, feeling certain that it must furnish election capital for them in the long run, and have confined themselves to demanding its dismissal by the Governor, on the ground that the interest on the colony's debt matures on the 1st January next and as the Union Bank, which promised to protet it, is manifestly unable to do so, the colony will be posted as a defaulter in London.

Fortunately the crisis has occurred at a period when it involves the minimum of suffering to the people. Had it occurred three months ago the disaster might have been appalling. But, fortunately, the fisheries are over, the fishermen have lodged their cargoes with the merchants, and received their supplies for the winter, and hence the panic will affect them but little. It is on the townsfolk who find their money suddenly worthless that the loss will fall most heavily.: The stock of specie in the island is small," and what there is is principally held by the Union Bank, which is now avtiling itself of the clause permitting it to suspend payment for sixty days; and hence, now that the notes will no longer circulate, trade is at a standstill for want of money. That the Union Bank is solvent; most merchants believe. It is the successor in the island of the Bank of British North America, whose branch and staff it took over in 1853. and it has always been looked upon as a flourishing concern. At one time it paid dividends of 20 per ceut., and it brought its capital stock up to the present figure by issuing abonus of one share for every 2 to its shareholders out of the profits. At the close of 1893 its capital was $\$ 458,000$ in $\$ 100$ shares, and its reserve $\$ 300.000$, its note circulation $\$ 006,152$, and for the last complete year it paid 15 per cent. dividend and bonns. It seems to have done a sound business all along. , When, therefore, it is able to secure sufficient specie to
enable it to reopen its doors, much of the tension will be over. Of the Commercial Bank it is impossible to speak so favorably. It was formed by merchants dissatisfied with the rates charged by the older bank and has never been looked apon as strong. At the end of 1893 its stock was $\$ 306,000$ in $\$ 200$ shares; it had a rest of $\$ 100,000$, and it paid a dividend of 12 per cent. Its notes in circulation on June 30th, 1893, amounted to $\$(050,000$. What condition the creditors will find its affairs in remains yet to be seen.
The effect upon this city is not looked upon as impartant. Some of the firms dealing with the island will suffer the loss of their past profits; but (in spite of rumors to the contrary) il is not expected to lead to any embarrissment. In Ontario, however. the losses are likely to be heavier. A number of milling firms have been shipping flow: extensively from that Province to Nowfoundland, and these, of course, stand to lose. In Nova Scotia, the loss will be heavy. But it is well spread out, and the banks of that province claim that their losses will not exceed $\$ 15,000$ for unaccepted exchange in transit. There will also be the loss on Newfoundland notes circulating in the larger seaports. But this is likely to be offset by a rise in the price of fish and fish products, for the reason that the Newfoundland fishing fleet is certain to be so crippled by the hard times that the cateh next season will not be more than half the usual quantity. No matter whether the fisheries are good or not, not half the fleet will be fitted out; simply because merchants have not the means to do it. Prices will accordingly rise. If merchants keep their stocks on hand till May next, they ought to reap good prices. Any drop in prices owing to stocks being forced upon the market, will be but temporary, and next season, with a diminished supply, must come enhanced values.

## TRADE IN THE GRLEAT CENTRES:

ILo an American or even a Canadian visiting Great Britain in times of depression such as the greater part of this continent, in common more or less with nearly all the world, has been passing through for some time past, the activity which seems to pervade all lines of business wherever he turns, is a matter of no little surprise. While, notwithstanding this, England herself has not altogether escaped scot free, it is rather because some of the nations with whom she has dealings have been but lightly affected, some having felt the change to a greater degree than others, the general average being not as low nor the prospects so gloomy as with our southerly neighbours. The United States has felt the dullness perbaps more severely, owing to the currency and tarift uncertainties, although Sir William Van Horne silys the newspapers have caused much of the harm ; and while Camada also has not quite escaped, we feel the effects more severely owing to our intimate intermational trade reiations, but likewise in an important degree tofthe influence among us of American writings on the subject.

Anong those who have been eye-witnesses to the condition of things prevailing in England is Mr. George Hague, General Manager of the Merchants Bank, who has but recently refurnedjfrom a visit to the business centres of Great Britain. Mr. Hague found every outward appenance of activity, not only in London but in
the principal cities of York and Lancashire and !in Glasgow and the great industrial centres of North Britain. The busy hum of machinery was heard in every direction through all the manufacturing districts; and on occasional inquiry, although some little falling off was admitted, there was no alarm or serious cause of complaint. In London the great banks, and the shops on Regent and Bond streets, seemed to be as busy as usual, and the corridors and vestibules of the great hotels, were as lively with guests arriving and departing as at any period during the last four or five years. It is to be feared that much of the so-called depression in British trade. of which we hear and read so much on this side of the continent is due to the imaginations of certain American newspaper writers, through motives having for their origin the object that leads them to publish unsavoury details of the doings of certain people in social circles in Great Britain.

The only change ${ }_{s}$ in activity that Mr. Hague could observe was in respect of the building trade, and what could be inferred from the remarkable number of "To lets" on houses of the middle or better class. This was observable more particularly in the suburbs of London and in fashionable seaside resorts, such as Bournemonth and Brighton. It is a result, doubtless in some degree due to the increase in the number of joint stock companies which were so industriously exploited for some years past, about the time of, or rather prior to, the collapse of the Barings. The exploiters and others who realized handsome profits in advance found themselves able to live in fine houses and in a luxuriance which could hardly be expected to last. The demand for this class of residences gave an impetus to the building trade and to active speculation in suburban properties and buildings, after the fashion which has become so familiar to our own people, especially in cities like Toronto and some of the cities of the Western States, only to suffer the inevitable relapse sooner or later.
The opinions of a close observer like Mr. Hague, one who soldom, if ever, allows a holiday trip to wholly occupy his thoughts, are worthy of. placing s,before our readers, especially at a time whentmany people are being influenced by gloomy apprehension respecting the near future-when those who have it to spend are hoarding too greedily-too anxiously for the proverbial "rainy day." The observations of visitors to the neighboring cities to the south of us are corroborative of the now gencral impression that matters are also improving in the United States. In Canada there is apparently little canse for apprehension, business men, especially those interested in staple lines, agreeing generally that though trade is quiet, there is nothing approaching what may be termed severe depression.

Trie Jure Casb.--The case of the Customs Department against the Dominion Bag Co., arising ont of the jute affair (fully described in our leading article in the issue of 21 st September) and which was opened in the Exchequer Court a week ago, has been decided ly Judge Burbidge closely in aceordance with the suggestion thrown out in our editorial. Gools imported by the companies interested prior to the last revision of the tariff are not deemed dutiable, owing to the albsence of the term "cropping" in the statute at the timo. 'The judge deren'ded lis ruling in the matter by saying that it called for equitable rather than legal consideration. There were, we believe, but little, if any, of these goods imported under the new tariff. It is protiable that a duty of 20 per cent. will be imposed on all future imports of the kind.

## THE DRATH OF THE PREMIER.

Never was demise more unexpected than that of Sir John Thompson, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada, Privy Councillor, icc., which took place on Weduesday last of heart failure, at Windsor Castle while at luncheon there, and whither he had gone to attend a meeting of the Privy Council of which he had jnst been sworn in a member. Although the news whioh was cabled across became puhlic early on Wednesday morning, many were the surmises as to the occasion of the half-masted flags on public buildings. The despatch was generally discredited, and it was only on the receipt of repeat messages from London that people could be brought to believe it. Sir John Thompson was in what may be called the very heyday of his prime as a public man, being only in his fifty-first year, and it will go hard with the Government to find someone in every respect fit to replace him. The sad event is universally deplored, not only by his adherents throughout the Dominion, but by political opponents and the many who had learned to lonow the deceased gentleman in private life. In political life Sir John Thompson was regarded as an eminently safe man-one who made no mistakes and who could always be relied upon to steer his government unembarrassed through whatever obstacles might threaten to assail it. His mission to Paris on the Behring Sea question was well performed; although in this the honors were deservedly shared by a colleague. The deceased gentleman was rather retiring in his demeanor, but could, and often did, unbend himself heartily on occasion, while as a graceful speaker he had-few-equals. While Canada has lost an able statesman, the blow falls with keenest force upon his family; upon Lady Thompson and the children,-two promising young sons and three daughters-who have the sympathy of the nation and of hosts of personal friends in their great bereavement. The death of Sir John Thompson dissolves the Cabinet, but it is not improbable that the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Acting-Premier since Sir John's departure for Eugland, may be chosen to fill the position-for a while at least. There have been no perceptible fluctuations on 'Change because of the sad event. There is more or less canvass of the situation politically, and an influential gentleman at Quebec is not likely to be reckoned without in any general shuflle of the cards.

## MEN'S WINTERR STYLES.

The inexplicable Napoleonic revival, which has had so marked an influence upon the current of feminine fashions during the past year, has at last set its impress upon the styles of men's garments", also. Man has maturally been more coy than the more impressionable sex in aceepting a return to the styles of nearly a century ago; but no oue can fail to perceive in the new short-waisted and long-tailed coats, the lurid-colored whistcoats, and the tight trousers which are now the favorites of fashion, a long step backward ${ }^{8}$ towards the styles of the first Empire. This tendency is even more perceptible in the loose shapeless styles of the overconts now worn, as well as in the effort to replace the present conventionalized black dress coat by a far more picturesque garment of dark brown, wine color, or even
blue. Only one thing stands in the way of this latter revival ; but the objection is' a fatal one. It would be impossible to wear trousers with a colored diess coat. Kneebreeches and silk stockings to match would be inevitable were the suit to be distinguished from a livery. And unfortunately, in these degenerate days; not one man out of a dozen would dare to expose his lower extremities to the criticism of an exacting world unshrouded by the comforting obscurity of his trousers. This is the reason why the colored dress coat has never made any headway in modern society, and until the reason is removed mankind will still display a decorous expanse of black aud white as its highest ideal in the shape of dress.
In coats the three button cutaway in soft finished cloths (such as vicunas and thibets) is the favorite. . It is made extremely short in the waist. At the back the: waist is only $17 \frac{1}{2}$ inches long for a man of average size; although the garment itself is 38 inches long. This gives the tails an appearance of exceptional length, which is the effect sought after by all fashionable tailors to-day. With this coat is worn a fancy waistcoat of rich colors and striking pattern. These are cut double-breasted, and have four pretty buttons of contrasting or harmonizing colors. The lapels are sewed back, and the vest is cut in the style of 1868. :The trousers are narrower in the legs, and cut very straight. For an average sized man they are only 18 inches wide at the knee and $17 \frac{1}{3}$ inches at the bottom. They are still creased, and will continue to be so as long as the pointed shoe is fashionable, and they are made preferably of a contrasting cloth to the coat. Striking patterns, such as large checks and shepherd plaids in wood-: brown shades, are most stylish, and the tendency is towards louder styles. Some tailors even report a return to the outside stripe following the shape of the lea.

For business wear the fo ur-button double-breasted sack, made with heavy fronts and medium close-fitting, is the favorite. It is made somewhatlonger than usual, and in Cheviots and fancy Scotch tweeds and plaids generilly. The brown shades, especially in checks with a faint overstripe, are popular, and the trousers are usually of a lighter eloth than the rest of the suit. This is one of the prominent changes of the season. Whole colored suits are now the ex ception and not the rule.
In dress coats the season has been marked by an unusually heavy demand for Tuxedos. These are now made 30 inches long and moderately close-fitting. They have plain collars, peaked lapels, and are silkfaced to the edge. In full-dress coats there is an attempt to introduce dark brown and wine-shades m soft vicuna cloths, which may or may not succeed. In ordinary black dress suits the coat is made very short in the waist and with very long tails well rounded at the bottom. It opens very low, and is silk-faced to the button holes. There is no change in the dress vest: except that more watered silk vests are worn, and fewer white ones. The trousers follow the ordinary ones in being very narrow and elaborately creased to harmonize with the pointed-toed patent leather boot.

In overcoars the prevailing style is the double breasted coat made with a box back and as shapoless as possible.: In extreme styles it has a bell skirt and flaring sleeves. In ordinary styles it is made 45 inches
long with a heavy front. It has a wide velvet collar and broad lapels. It has raw edges and lapped seams three guarters of mn inch wide and double-stitched. Jarge flaps to tuck in or out are on all the pockets. It is made in meltons, heavers and kerseys, in black, blue or brown. For the wear of elderly gentlemen the plain Chesterfield is very popular. It is made about 42 inches long in quiet colors. It is single-breasted, with a lly-front, and is medium close-fitting. It has a nurrow velvet collat and plain seams. For men with athletic or horsey proclivities the paddock coat is considered most proper ; atthough it is far trom a popular garment in spite of its comfort and dressy appearance. It is made single-breasted with a fly-front and a heavy roll. It has slashed pockets and velvet cuffs as well as collar: The back is made whole, with a vent up the right side to the wist seam, and it is usually 47 inches long. It may be observed here that the measurements given in this article are for a man of 5 feet 8 inches in heighti, iund that they must be modified in proportion to the stature of the wearer.
The principal novelty in outdoor wear this winter is the new ulster. 'Ihis is one of the most convenient and dressy garments yet placed upon the market, and it has taken extremely well. Unlike the paddock coat, which is always constructed of drab or brown kersey or covert cloth, the new ulster is made of fancy Scotch tweed. It is made very loose, the sleeves being fifteen inches wide at the wrists. It has a wide collar and heavy lapels. Tt is double-breasted in tront and has curved pockets with wide flaps to go in and out, and it is made with a silk-lined capochon. The novelty lies in the back; which is cut whole with a broad box plaitextending to the waist and fastenel with a semi-belt and two large buttons. This gives the maximum of freedom to the el leg, while keeping it constantly covered, and in this point it is far superior to either the paddock coat, the ordinary ulster, or the Newmarket. Coupled with its warmith, the ease with which it can be slipped on, and its dressy appearance, this advantage has put the new ulster in the front of popularity and it bids fair to be the prominent feature of the present winter's fashions.

## THE NEW MANITOBA ACIL.

The act respecting insurance companies, passed at the last session of the Manitoba Legislature, which comes into lorce on the 1sti Jannary next, is certainly stringent enough in its character. It furnishes an example of ": hayseed" legislation not at all creditable to the legishators of the Prairic Province ; and is evidently based on the principle that capital is a crime, and one which can only be compounded by a free division of profits.

According to the new act each company wishing to do business in Manitoba must obtain an annal license from the provincial trensures. Prior to obtaining this license it must fyle a certificd copy of its act of incorporation ; it must submit a power of attorney to its chief agent, stating in what parti of the Province the chief agency will be, and fyle duplicates in the office of the prothonotary of the Court of Queen's Bench, as well as"new'powors of attomey when any change is contemplated; and it must hand in a statement of the condition of its business on the 31st December next pre-
ceding. Then it is permitted to commence paying for all these privileges. For its initial license, or renewal, it is allowed to hand $\$ 200$ to the provincial treasurer another $\$ 200$ is enacted for certification of registration, and then a deposit of $\$ 10,000$ in cash, stock, or debentures is required if its risks do not exceed $\$ 1,500,000$. For each additional $\$ 1,500,000$, (or fraction thereof) it must deposit $\$ 5,000$; but the deposit shall not aggregate more than $\$ 25,000$. It must then pay $\$ 5$ for fyling the documents, $\$ 5$ for change of attorney, $\$ 5$ for change of chief office and $\$ 5$ for fyling its annual statement. Accident aud guarantee companies pay $\$ 25$ for initial license
Then the petty monoyances commence. The companies must leep such registers and books of accounts as the provincial treasurer may direct, and if these books are not kept to his satisfaction, or to that of the other farmers in the legislature, he can call in a competent accountant to audit their affairs. If they have a share or stock eapital they must keep a stock book showing the registered number of shares transferred, the amount of stock paid up, and the names and addresses of the transferrer and transferree, and finally they must hand to the provincial treasurer not later than the end of March a sworn statement of their position on the 31st December previous, giving assets, liabilities, receipts and expenditures, and furnish prompt and explicit answers to any questions as to their transactions that he may require.

By this method it is hoped to make the compan ies pay $\$ 10,000$ amually uto the treasury of Manitoba for the privilege of doing business within the borders of that province, and, as the cost of administration will be practically nil, the eminent agriculturists who formulated the scheme are congratulating themselves that so much money will be brought into the province crom the effete East. They forget that insurance is to-day a commercial necessity, that no wholesaler will sell goods unless the purchaser be insured, and hence that their local storekeepers are forced to carry sufficient insurance to satisfy their suppliers. The companies will not furnish that security, save at rates sufficient to return them a reasonable profit, and therefore the impost which these bucolic financiers fondly imagine is a tax levied upon foreign capital, really comes out of the pockets of their own constituents. The demand for money then, does not hurt the companies at all ; for the insured of Manitobr will have to pay it in the shape of an increase in fire rates. The annoyance of having to keep duplicate sets of books for the sake of a provincial government is more serious. The companies already furnish one statement of their affairs annually to the Dominion Govermment, and to furnish a duplicate of it to the treasurer of Manitoba is no great hardship. But to be compelled to keep special books for the inspection of a provincial official, and to answer any enguiries he may choose to put in regard to the conduct of their business, is a more serious matter. If he happens to be a business man it would matter but little. But a socialist, a populist of the Kansas stripe; or an agricultural reformer of society, might use the powers conferred on him under the Act to so seriously amoy the companies that they might profer rather to abandon the field than to put up with his inguisitionser In that case the last state of the Manitoban insurer would be a good deal worse than the first.

## THE WHEAT QUESTION.

The Economist of the 1st inst. contains a letter from Edward-Atkinson, the well-known statistician, explaïning liis position on the wheat problem as taken in his stand before the Royil Commission in. Nngland on the Depression in Agriculture. We make a few extracts:

There are now four States, of which two constituted one terittory in 1870 , in which the $p$ henomenal increase in wheat production has manly ofenred in the face of the deelining prices of the last few years. These States are Kansas, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, all west of the Mississippi River. Their area is over 300,000 square miles, or about tive times the area now under wheat in the whole United States, In 1870 there were 2,658 miles of railway within the area of these four States. In 1803 there were 20,000 miles.

The increase in railway service corresponds almost identically to the increase in the production of wheat.

The wheat crops of Kimens, Minnesota and Dakota, from I870-1 inclusive, averaged a little under $20,000,000$ bushels ; from 1884-6 inclusive, $87,000,000$ bushels; $1801-3,157,000,000$ bushels; but the crops of 1801 and 1892 were underestimated. The increase in railway mileage was a little less than eight-fold ; the increase in wheat proditction finlly eight-fold.

It was this development which first drew my attention to the paramount infuence of the construction of railways on the price of wheat. In the face of that inerease of production beyond the Mississippi the wheat product of the middle Western State of Ohio also increased by more than donble, while the wheat crops of Penusylvaia and Now York in the far East also increased moderately.
The statement which I submitted to the British Association in 1887 proved that the reduction in the cost of delivering wheat had been as follows:-

## 1870 and 1873 Tnclustye Compared to 1886-7.

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Total. 22 s
On the basis of the data given me by the highest authorities whom I have cited in the additional testimony about to be sent to the Royal Committee I should have made this statement in the following manner:-

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> Reduction in steamer charge 13

The other elements I leave as they were o riginally computed The total reduction shonld have been 24340 . I gave my statément by memory at the time.
The comparison with the present data of 1894 is as follows:-

## 1870-3 Inclusive Compared to 1893-4

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I will leave the reduction in phating, reaping, milling, ©c., as before, at fis; although additional improvements have increased that reduction. The total as it stands to-day comes to 27 s 4 d , or more.
The average price of wheat in M[ark Lane in 1870 to 1873 was D. atd. The veduction in rallway charges and other elements of putting whent in Great Britain from the trans-Mississippi section since that time, as compared with the present date, amount to $2 \pi \mathrm{~s}$ th. This is equivalent to one-half the former price.
It is alleged that my computations were fallacious, upon the ground that the larger portion of the wheat came by water in the earlier pertod to which I have referred, especially by way of Duluth, Minnesota. This statement is wholly erroneous. Investigations prove thatsixty per cent. of the wheat then reached the Rastern seaboard by all rail routes, and it was the competition of the railiwat-with-the caual-which forced the Stato of New York to vendéve all tolls;'supporting tho chans' by: taxation: = The port of Duluth was hardly known at that early date:: The total tralfic of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, both eastwardand westward,
through which all the lake traffic from and to Duluth must pass, . averaged amnally from 1870 to 1878 only $1,000,000$ tous. It is now between $11,000,000$ and $12,000,000$ tons. The competition, of the water ways at the present time canses a larger part of the whent to reach the Fastern seaboard by water rather than by rail. There has been a greater proportionate reduction in the cost of moving wheat by railway and canal or by exclusively water routes than there has been in the railway service.

Since I appeared before the Royal Committec, at the meeting of which I expressed the opinion that the United States could continue the supply of wheat to Great Britain at twenty-five shillings a quarter, but might yield to Argentina if wheat could be supplied at less than that rato from South Amorica, a great development has taken place in the matter of feeding wheat to stock. I should not now venture upou that opinion. The evidence is apparently conclusive that, at the ruling average price of meats which are relatively much higher as compared to the standard of $18 \% 3$ than wheat, it will be far more profitable to feed wheat to stock than to sell it in England even at thirty shillings a quarter.

As for the future of wheat, people can only hope that some new conditions may arise to arrest the downward course of prices during the last five years. Taking Argentina, one of the greatest factors in the situa-tion,-whent there fell 00 per cent. from 1889 to 1803 or to about 631 cents a bushel, and there has been a further fall meantime of about 15 to 20 per cent.

## STYLES IN FURS.

The exceptionally mild weather of the season has not been favorable to the fur trade, and it is therefore difficult to make any forecast of the winter's wear in those goods. Furs aro certainly cheaper, and nearly all cloth jackets and wraps are trimmed with them either in harmonizing or contrasting shades.
... Stylish fur garments range from thirty to forty-six inches in length. The most popular designs are tight-filting medium. lengith, double-breasted coats made with very full skirts. They have pointed revers which extend out on the sleeves. The collar is made to roll up or down; the sleeves are of $\theta$ treme size at the shouldor, and the armholes are large enough to allow of fitting easily over the exaggerated dress sleeves. Three-quarter length coats are made very full in the skirt which is opened up the middle of the back. They are doublebreasted, perfect fitting and have collars extending across the back, sailor fashion. Prince Albort coats have sufficient depth to reach below the knee. They are made with a flaring skirt, lying in pleats below the hips, and revers extending out over the large sleeves. Forty-two inch lengths are usually made single-breasted, but on the same model.

Short coats are not so much in favor. They are doublebreasted, have a basque with the pointed front somewhat deeper than the back, large sleeves and high collars. 'Fur capes are more generally worn than usual this year, owing to the fancy for golf capes. Plan full military capes range from twenty-six to thirty-two inches in depth, and have high turned over collars. Others have a vest of the same fur, and many show a shawl collar: Shoulder capos are not : so much worn. These have stole fronts extending down nearly to the: foot, an ample ruffle of fur extending across the back and a high rolling collar which makes them look dressy. The boa for the present season is larger than that of last, and it is made lat and wide: "They are completed with a tail and two paws, or three tails, at each end. Vexy expensive boas are made in silver; blue, black and gray fox. These are finished with the tail of the animal. Small rulfs with heads and tails at the onds in mink; sable and ermine are as popular as ever and have sold well: although they are conmoncing to get a little common. Fashion in muffs differs here from that in New York . In the United States mults aro smaller this year than last, and aro plain and untrimmed; while in this city they are much larger, and are decorated with tho tails of the animal. Vory
large Hudson Bay sable nulls are shown with two or three tails dependent from them which are very fashionable.

Por driving and for country wear racoon coats are worn both by ladies and gentlemen. They are economical in price. In more expensive lines handsome dark plucked beaver coats are offered. lior sleigh and carriage robes musk-ox is the fashiomable fur. Fur-lined coats are not so much called for as usual. For linings, mink and musk-ratare the most popuIar. For trimmings otter lends, with Porsian lamb a good socond. In caps the high deep wedge is still the favorite whether in soal, lamb, dark mink, or otter, and perhaps mink is tho most called for, although all are good sellers.
I. furs, seal-skin is, of course, the most fashionable. This is duo to its being the most expensivo. But for full military capes Hudson's Bay sable or dark mink are more fanciel, and for coats Persian lamb is very popular. Rrmine is the fashionable fur in Now York; but it is not suited to this climato. Stijll it is worn occasionally for ball or theatre circhlars, for which it is particularly appropriate. It is also worn in ruffs, storm collars and capelets, although it is by no moans as popular for this purpose as the coarser furs.

## AN ILONORABLE DRED.

Whe world hears so much ot what is depressing in trade, of wrong-cloing, of injury to our neighbor, of a total disregard of meune et thum, of wrecks by the way, of failures, of settlemonts all the way from 20 to 60 cents in the dollar, that people are led to bolieve we live in a vory wicked world indeed. Ono would suppose on roading the frequent accounts served up to the readers of the pross-of arrests for drunkemess and other violations of civil laws, and of the hundreds of cases of suits-nt-law and judgmonts rocorded in our courts every week -that business is one contimal struggle to get the better of our fellowmon. Weare reminded continually of these ; but wo hoar little or nothing of the far more uumerous cases of peoplo who load honost lives, who do not get drunk either in public or private, who do not take or endeavor to take, libortios with other people's properties, who, in a word, try to observo the general commandinent of doing unto others as they would be done by. We do not hear also of cases like the one to which our attontion has been rocently directed, in which a worthy retail merchant of tho Ancient Capital is the chief actor. Roaders of tho Journai of Comameere probably notieed a paragraph in our issue of 1st October, 'S6 (page 948 of Volume 23) in which the assignment of George E. Amyot, dry goods dealor of Quobec, is recorded. Amyot had started about a year before with a capital of a fow thousand dollars, but in a poor stand, which led to his susponsion. His ostate was sold at the time, and roalized $40 \frac{1}{2}$ cents in the dollar for the croditors. Mr. Amyot resumed in the corset trade in which ho eventually becamo succossful. Recently, after a lapso of over eight years, he felt himsolf able to pay the balance of his indobtedness which, to his credit, be it recorded, has been fully availed of to the advantage of his old friends. As the dobt was prescribed by law, croditors had no legal status ; and we loarn that there were no judgment claims against him. The caso is probably not so infrequent as might be supposed. Businoss men in various parts of the country have time and again paid their creditors balancos of old accounts which had long been writton off as bad debts through failure or other misfortune ovar which they had no control at: the timo. Mr. Amyot's honorable conduct in the prosent case is one which cortainly calls for goneral publicity. It is a doed which should be printed in letters of gold.
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THE NEW COLOR CARD.
The new color carus received from Paris by the millinery trade show very few noveltios in shades for the coming spring. The rod shades will contain a strong suggestion of blue this year, and they range from Bengal, a faint pink, to Amaryllis, a dark magenta. The pure reds in coquelicot, cardinal and grenal shades are good clear tones, and there are two brownish, coppery reds in Falstaff and Girollee. A bright flane-colored scarlot is called Othello, and there is also at reddish pink named Manon.

The blues are expected to be popular next spring. The two turguoise blues, Colibri and Azurine, and the two skyblues, Azure and Ciel, are old favorites, and there are three bluet sLades, with a cast of white in them, Jacinth, Bleuet and Barbeau, which should be good sellers. Green is well represented. 'The newost shades are Azalia, Latonia and Begonia. 'lluree other shades which promise well are Aloes, Capillaire and Volga. In yellows are seen the same as shown on the fall card, Ivoire, Cremo, Mais, Genet, Ebenier and Cleopatre. Three greys are shown and a number of purple shades, Sans-Gene, Mignon and Nadjal. Purples with a reddish cast are Parisiana, Gismonda and Violetta.

There are a long line of browns. Two of yellowish cast are Touareg and 'l'imbouctou. In the tan shades are Gravier, Dune, Trabucos, Tabac, Madore and Marron.

## TWO ACCIDEN'I DECISTONS.

The full court in Manitoba has decided that being frozen to death comos under the category of an accident. A test case was brought by the Northwest Travellers Association against the London Guarantee and Accident Co., to recover under a policy of $\$ 1,000$ on the life of C. D. Church who was frozen to death in a blizzaid on the prairie near McLeod in the winter of 1892 . The Court decided in favor of the plaintiffs, and over-ruled the company's contention that such a death did not come within the provisions of the policy.

Another interesting case is that of Kentaler vs. the American Mutual Accident A sociation. The father of the plaintill was insured in the company, and was an engineer on a tug at Ashland. On September 20, 1892, he disappeared, and nothing was heard of him until his body was found in the bay in the following May. The policy provided that notice must be given of deatli withim six months after the occurrence of the accident; but notice was not and could not be given until after the finding of the body. The circuit court entered judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $\$ 1,500$, the amount named in the policy, and the Association appealed. The supreme court on Nov. 13th, affirmed the judgment.

## COT'ION.SEED OIL.

It is ovident that the recent boom in cotton-seod oil is over, and although all the recent advance has not been lost, values are declining and the outlook is not promising. The rush for oil by Brailian importers has ceased, and there is little prospect that the market will receive further attention from that quarter as oil bought now could not reach. Brazil in time to get the advantage of the old rate of duty. The European demand has also subsided, as the continent is drawing supplies from lingland where prices have recently deelined to a point which makes competition from this side impracticable in view of the rates of freight to European ports: The downward tendency of the lard market has restricted the movement in the compound, and as a result the compounders are disposed to go slow in making purchases of cottonseed oil, particularly with the prospects of lower prices for the latter in the near future. The market closes $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 2c off from the figures at which business was-done in both crude and refined a week ago. There has been rather more inquiry for off-grades from the soap makers as a result of the upward tendency of tallow, but the prices they are willing to pay not being up to holder's present ideas, little actual business has resulted.

## THE FRANCO-CANADIAN COMMERCIAL TRREATY

The treaty of commerce with Canada, signed by the French Government in February, 1893, but which was not then ratified by the Canadian Parliament for reasons specified at the time, was at length voted upon by the French Chamber about a fortnight ago, and has become operative. The duties on Canadian apples, preserved meat, timber and fish are not reduced beyond those paid on the same articles from other countries under the French minimum or most favoured nation tariff. Nevertheless there was some opposition to the treaty, but it was satisfactorily explained that the duties and freight would prevent Canadian produce from competing with French agricultural products, and that, consequently, all the advantages will be on theside of that country. There was some sentimental reference made to the fact that France was the first country to conclude a commercial treaty with Canada under the privileges recently accorded to the Dominion. Allusion was made to the offer of this Government of a subsidy of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ million franes annually for a line of stamers from Canada to some French port, and it was hoped that some French company might obtain the contract. It was estimated that the 3 millions required for the service would warranta sum of nearly a million and a half of franes on the part of the French navigation bounty in addition to the Canadian subsidy. Freight on foreign merchandise represents a value of 36 million francs, all now carried under British flags. Another advantage laid before the Chamber was the privilege which France should possess of a route to the far east overland through Canada, in case of any closing of the Suez Canal by war, as it was felt that the "French Canadians have never forgotten, and never will forget, their French origin." The attitnde of France in this matter was likely to receive some consideration in diplomatic conferences with Canadian representatives, about this time in London, in view of probable discussion at the next session in Ottawa, but the sudden death ot Sir John Thompson may cause postponement.

## a question of tares.

One strong point made by Canadian grocers against California raisins is the uncertainty of their tares. European raisins are packed in boxes which contain from 20 to 22 pouuds of raisins. The package put up by the California grower is identical in size and shape. But it never contains more than $19 \frac{1}{8}$ pounds, and on an average only 18 pounds of fruit per box. The loss to the grocer can be easily imagined. The same complaint is made against American citron. The tare allowed does not represent the real weight of the packages. In the case of European citron the druins usually weigh 21-5 pounds and never weigh over three pounds each, and are as uniform as machinery can make them. The American drum never weighs less than $3 \frac{1}{8}$ pounds and has been known to come as heavy as 10 pounds. As jobbors only allow 21 pounds per drum as tare, the loss falls upon the grocer, and this in the case of a comparatively expensive article like citron is a substantial reason why the European product is always the favorite.

## THE REAL ESTATE RECORD.

The sales and loans on real estate in this city and Cote St. Antoine for the month of November, as compiled by the Real Estate Record, amounted to $\$ 1,687,328$. There were 114 real estate transfers for $\$ 629,540$, and the loans amo unted to $\$ 1,047,788$, of which $\$ 700,000$ was lent at $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to the Royal Electric Co. The registored sales during the month at Maisonneuve, Cote Visitation, Mile End, Maplewood, Montreal $\Delta$ nnex, St, Henry, Ste. Cunegonde, Verdun and MFontreal Junction anount to about $\$ 120,000$, of which St. Henry con-" tributed about $\$ 48,000$. The loaus were placed as follows:$\$ 750,000$ at $4 \frac{1}{2}$ p.c; $\$ 206,385$ at 5 p.c; $\$ 79,000$ at 51 p.c; $\$ 91$,644 at 6 p.c; $\$ 2,500$ at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ p.e; $\$ 55,543$ at 7 p.c; $\$ 6,800$ at 8 p.e; $\$ 2,600$ at 12 p.c., and $\$ 7,316$ at a nominal rate.

THE NEW FORK LREES EXAMLNATION.
The very fact that an eximination into its affairs was invited by the management of the New York Life Ins. Co., was quite sufficient to prove to the world that there was no absolute necessity therefor. It would be a pity indeed were any suspicion to attach to the conduct and position of any of our large life insurance companies. Commissioners of seven States of the Union were invited to co-operate in the investigation, and it goes without; saying that the opinion of the gentleman from the "Bay State" was quite sufficient of itself to satisfy all concerned. The examination, for which President. HeCall appears to have afforded overy facility, seems to have been made with care and thoroughess, and the result is not a statement of the company, but a report, made on the finding of the eightitinsurance cominissioners. It will be of interest to learn that since the new president undertook the administration of the company, a gain has been made in the assets of 35 millions of dollars : in reserve, 30 millions; annual income, 7 millions ; and total insturance, 177 millions of dollars, while the mombership has been increased by 92,500 new policy holders. The gross gain in surplus has been over 5 millions of dollars, of which $\$ 1,400,000$ has been written off to reduce the values of real estate so as to bring it nearer to a 4 per cent. ntorest oarning basis. A further reduction of $\$ 1,200,000$ was made to provide for the remaining dividend of 1894 . The clains and endowments paid by the company since Mr. McCall's instalment exceed 37 millions of dollars. These figures speak for themselves.

## A TEA SEIKURT.

Some stir has been caused in wholesale grocery circles here by the seizure of a quantity of tea consisting of 107 packages purchased in New York ly Mossrs. Morrow \& Ewing of this citye The tea in question is a fair to medium Palling Congou which may be valued at 20 cents per. llo. Different tea merchants here, as far as we can learn, pronounced the toa quite sound in every way and fit for consumption. The firmi, on interviewing the Controller of Customs at Ottawn-who is said to have been at one time a tea dealer himself-got the difficulty practically adjusted and it is supposed there will be little further trouble in the matter. The trade assert that if this tea should be destroyed as unfit for use it wonld place- a barrier against a large proportion of the toas at present handled in Canada.

## SEAL HUNIERS WAGES.

Trouble has arisen between the ownors and the hunters of the British Columbian sealing schooners over the question of the wages to be paid for the season of 1895. "'llie ownors offer a "lay" of one-fifth on actual realization. This the hunters refuse, claiming that, with an average selling price in London of $\$ 10$ a skin, the vessel owners can well afford to give the hunters-who face the daugir and do the hard work-at least $\$ 3$. A great majority of tho hunters announced their minds already made up that they will not accept one-fifth on the lay. They have trades ashowe at which they can do better than that they say, and as landsmen they have a hundred comilorts to one at seat. Jllioy also ollen to accept one-half lay and to pay theirassistants, steorors and boat-pullers out of this, if the ownors' prefer it. The Indian hunters demand $\$ 3$ por canoo, and they are oqually unwilling to accept any cut in wages.

## The Late Mr. James Stevenson.

Mr . James Stevenson, general manager of the Quebec Bank, died last Monday at his residence in the Ancient City after a long illness. Mr. Stevenson had been in the bank's service for over thirty years and was justly esteomed in commercial and financial circles. He was a prominont citizen of Quebec and was an ev-president of St. Andrews' Society, as well as of the Quebec Historical Society.

## THE VICR-REGAL PARJJY.

The presence of the Vice-Regal party in Montreal led, as anticipated, to an unnsual decree of social stir and eclat during the week. The Drawing-Room was largely attended, and proved a most brilliant affarir. Apropos, we maỳ mention that the article in last week's issue velating to the sojourn of their Excellencies in Montreal, calls for correction; inasmuch as the residence ! 9 Sherbrooke street, which they occupy, was hired by Fis lixcellency himself, and not provided by the municipality or by the Government. The sudden death of Sir John 'lliompson will doubtless interrupt the mojected festivitios.
-In Ontario the fullowing business troubles have been reported during tho past week: Alfrel Sleep, geyeral doaler, Seagrave, hats assigned. He began in Dec. '88 wtth moderate capi', tal but without necessary experience or business training. Ife extended his credit and oltained credit but the former outclassed the hateí and he has gone under.-An experience of something over a year has convinced J. I. Pierce, doaler in stoves; etc., Othawa, that his mode of conducting business has not prospered. He hats assigued.-D. If. MeCurthy, machinist and engineer, 'Toronto, begath ats grocer less than a year ago with a small capital. Jack of experience hastened his assigument, which has taken place.-Andrews \& Co., furniture, Hamilton, aro seeking an oxtension. Mr. J. D. Anclews is understood to be the sole owner. Her husbum, who manages the business, failed. in Narch '92. . Aatling of in business, and dilliculty in collecting are athibuted as the cillese--O. A. Murniag, Hamilton, added curriges in commeution with hiss ron estate business about 21/2 years aro. The assigne is now in pussession of his adfairs.John Cimeron, grocer, Peterhuro, has assigned. Ife has been many yours in business, having done very well previous to the days ol keen competition and rlose prices. -Credit has exhausted the stuall resoureas of I. A. JFove, buteler, 'loronto. He has accordingly assisrocol.-dames Pope, grocer, same city, has sthecumbed to the keen competition at prosent existing in bis line, and has assigned.-Dhe alfaits al S. A. Lamr, campenter, Aylmer, have been aljusted by his huming over his real estate to the credi. who have given him a discharge. He owed $\$ 1,800$, which amount was considered a litir sathation of his estate.
-An offer of of cents in the dollar, unsectured and spread over 12 months, has heen submitted to the creditors of A. II. Filardean, general dealer, Ancienne Lorette, Que. The liabilities, direct and indirect amount to $\$ 37,000$; and assets about $\$ 26,000$. He has been in business lor some years and was looked upon as prospering.- Begiming the flest of the present year, W. J. Ber$t_{\text {ram, }}$ generm store, Valloyfield, Que, has assigned. The began originally at Bedford in the lall of' ' $86,-$ An offer of 50 cents in the dollar, cash, is being made by J. A. Bermardin, genemal dealer, Buckingham, Que. Lialilities ordinary, $\$ 17,000$; mortgages $\$ 13,000$. LIe succeeded his late father about a year ago, inheriting some means, but is said to have lost considerable by fire recently -G.. M. Fortier \& Cu., general store, St. Charleg, Bellechaise Co. Que., have assigned. The business was started only last Sept. the parties coming from Quebee whero they were in the dry goods trade. L. Paquet seems to be the only member of the firm though the business has been managed principally by G. M, Fortier, whose former career has not been successful.-J. D. Charest \& Co., saddlers, Quebec, have assigned. The business was started by J. D. Charest o yours ago. Ife did not prosper, and restutted in his wife's name carly in '03. She ceased business in Fob. '04 and a now tirm composed of F. X. Tulien and J'. D. Charest whe formed.
-Shembilam Caibisha states that owing to tho manked decrease of [seals on the pribylov Islands, the number permitted to be takon the coming year will have to be reduced from 10,000 the number pormitted to be talson this yeur. The decrense in the seals on the Pribylov Islands, compled with the large number of dead pups found on the islands during the last season, whose mothors presumably weve killed at sen, and the further pheno. monal increuse in the pelagic catch, justifies the belief that before the expiration of tive years-when the regulations enacted by the tribunalof arbitration are to be submitted for a new ex amimation to consider possible modillcations in the light of past experionce-tho fur seal will have been practically exterminated,
-Accompana to the tables furnished by the N. Y , Compuercial. Bullotin. the fire loss of the United States and Canada for the, month of November, amounts to $\$ 12,135,800$. 'This is an increase over the month of December, ISO4, and exceeds the total for any month since then excapt July: The following table exhibits the losses by monthis :

|  | 1892 | 1893 | 1804 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | \$12,564,900 | \$17,959,400 | \$10,5c8,400 |
| February | 11,914,000 | 0,919,000 | 11,207,700 |
| March. | 10,648,000 | .10,602,350 | 0,147,100 |
| April. | 21,559,800 | 14,660,000 | 11,540,000 |
| May. | 0,48j, 000 | 10,427,100 | 10,777,800 |
| June | 9,205,550 | 16,344,950 | 8,282,300 |
| July. | 11,530,000 | 12,118,700 | 16,307,000 |
| August. | 10,145,300 | 13,222,700 | 10,482,800 |
| September | 7,879,890 | 10,508,700 | 10,140,000 |
| October. | 13,340,200 | 11,014,700 | 8.180,700 |
| November. | 12,008,700 | 11,403,000 | 12180,800 |
| Total. | \$120,350,250 | \$144,340,400 | \$117,025,400 |

-AT the first meeting of the creditors of the Canada Shipping Co., (Beaver Line) in Liverpool, Mr. W. C. Spencer was appointed liquidator. He stated that he took possession of $£ 1,450$ at tho Liverpool ollce, but paid stevedore's charges for the unloading of the Lake Wimipeg, uad he had left $₫ 1,100$, which was ordered to staud to a suspense account. The vessels seized were the Lake Winnipeg, Lake Superior, Lake Furon and Lake Nepigon. The other vessel was the Lake Ontario. The first three were the vessels named in the bond. The unsecured delts of the company, it was stated, wore estimated at \&18, 500 , nearly all due to English creditors. The debentures issued were believed to amount to £ 90,000 .
-An offer of 35 cents in the dollar is being considered by the creditors of G. L. Stophens, general dealer, Enniskillen, Ont, He has been in business on his own account for a couple of years embarking with a few hundred dollars.-D. L. Currie \& Co., general dealers, Nottawa, Ont., have assigned. The firm bought the business of H. Wiggins in Feb, 80 . It was originally Currie \& Currie but one of the firm retired last Sept. D. II. C. contime-ing.-Wm. Ridley, Oxford, Ont, has assigned-A meeting of ereditors of R . Bond, livery, Toronto has been held.--Vansyckle Bros general dealers, Wost Lorne, Ont., have assigned. They began at Lawrence Station in the spring of ' 92 moving to their present quarters the beginning of the present year.

- A meerina of creditors has been called in the interest of J . II. Banes, leather findings, Toronto. He has been in business some 4 years, being formerly of Wilkins \& Banes.-A. JifCromar, builder, Brantiord, has assigned. Ie has been in business many years on light capital.-Thirty years in business is therecord of Wm. McQuilan, shoes, Dickinson's Landing, Ont, but at length he has had to assign through dull trade. Ciabilities light.-The Grand Union Hotel, Windsor, Ont., until recently the Great Western, has been undergoing considerable changes of late, in addition to its change of name. The last was a seizure of the furniture for rent amounting to $\$ 450$. The hotel is owned by $A$. Patching and has been leased for a term of years by $A$. Smith.
-T.T. L. Cambe, butcher, this city, has assigned as a result of spreading his business by opening branch stores. He has been in business many years.-LL. H. Chouinard, general dealer, Matane, Que., is offering 70 cents in the dollar-E. Melanger, dry goods, Quebec, is offering 7ia cents in the dollai. Ire was originally of Vandry \& Belnuger, who were unsuccessful, but has been alone for 15 years. Some interest he acquired in a schooner resulted in considerable-loss.
-W. F. Ancrme, contractor for the new provincial buildiugs at Victoria, B.C., has ceased operations because the government would not make payments in excess of the architect's certificate. The coutractor has run short of funds, and the goverment paid the workmen tor the past two weeks. It is probable that the goverament will complete the buildiags themselves.
-Wond comes frotn Towor, that there are 100 tons of freight waiting for the trail to the Rainy Take gold fields to freezo up; Most of it consists of mining machiuery, there being four stamp. mills. There is alsowconsiderable salt, which is to be used in curing fish, is oastern parties are going into the fishing butifess in Rainy lake and tributarios on a large scale,
-Tie handsome safes, with combination locks, now on the market, tre being preferred for the storage and safe-keeping of valuables and documents where people wish to have them under their own eyes and always accessible. These safes are too heavy to be carited off by burglars, and cost only from $\$ 17$ to $\$ 30$ each -not so much a yoar as a correspondent inferred from hast week's notice.
-Some time ago 'Thomas Carson bousht from Simon G. Little of Toronto the stock of clothing and furniture in a weekly payment store in Hamilton. The value was lelt to be settled by ar bitration. Little now claims that the stock is between $\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 3,000$ short, and has had Carson arrested on the charge of fradulently disposing of the goods.
-Ir has been agreed between the British and Canadian postal authorities that no objection will be made to forwarding at printed matter rate Christmas and New Year cards on which a few words of friendly greeting have been inscribed. It will be necessary, however, that this privilege be not observed for the sending of messages partaking of the nature of correspondence.
-Tire affars of L. G. Gagroo \& Co.' general doalers, St. Anns, Man., are presided over by the assignee. The business has been running some years, considerable time aud loss having been experienced in the interval through litigation over property.-J. D, Sanders \& Co., gencral dealers, Deloraine, Man., and J. S. Regehr, general dealer, Mochstadt, Man, have assigued.
-The portrait of himself presented by some 180 contributing members of the Board of Prade to Mr. Robert Archer, ex-president, was made the occasion of a pleasant reunion in the large hall of the building on the (ith inst. Appropriate addresses and responses were mado. The painting, which cost $\$ 800$, hangs meantime in a conspicuous place in the chamber.
-'lire Trmosatlantic Fire Insurance Company has reiusured its agency business outside of the metropolitan district of New York, Chicago, Colorado and the Pacific coast. The National of llartford, is the reinsurer. The risks reinsured yield about $\$ 150,000$ in premium aunually.
- Flowers are to be fashionable as hat trimmings this winter. According to information from Paris, roses and rosebuds will be the principal flowers used for hat trimmings in pervenche and lavender shades. They will also be worn as corsage bouquets for party and ball dresses.
-On the 30th November the Winnipeg Clearing House completed the first year of itsoperations. The total bank clearings for the year amount to $\$ 50,311,700$. These figures do not include the clearings of the Bank of British North America, which is not a member of the association.
-J. J. Russell, grocer, Ridgeway, Ont., succeeded to the business of J. Kelly in May '80, with limited capital. Ire has now assigned.-Jas. Marding, buteher, Mamilton; A. Baughman, Malahide; Thomas Greer, Mulmer Township; J. Anderson, Southwold, and S. C. Snider, Tdgely, have assigned.
-Thar portion of tiee estate of the late Duncan MoIntyre, lying in the Province of Quebec--exclusive of the one-half appertaining to his widow-maid mortuary taxes of $\$ 15,000.00$ a lew days ago into the Provincial Treasury. This is by far the largest amount yet received under the new tax schome.
-Nuw blood has been infused into the directorato of the Banqué Nátiónale. Messrs. Richard 'lurner and H. M. Price will receive seats on the Board in the place of Messrs. W. Methot fand A: Painchaud.
-Tme salvage suit for $\$ 30,000$ brought by the SS. "Derwent Holme" against the SS. "Hestia" in the Admiralty Court; has been settled by the owners in Glasgow and the suit has been withdrawn.
- 'lime estate of J. L. Pierce insolvent stove dealer, Ottawa, Ont, who is reported to have disappeared; is in the hands of Mr. R. C. W. MacCuaig. The liabilities are about $\$ 1,300$; assets about $\$ 700$.
-The tea-importing firm of Messrs, John Duncan \& Co., of this city, has opened an establishenent in Toronto which will be in charge of Mr. Wm. Hutchins, The parent house will remain under the direction of Mr, John Patterson.
-The Winnipeg Fire Department have purchased a Merry weather, Greenwich type, steam fire engine having a guaranteed pumping capacity of "65 gallons, from Walter R. Wonham \& Sous of this city.
- MLr. C. H. Gwint, well-known in local insurance cireles, has been appointed general agent for this province for the London Guarantee and Accident Co. in succession to Mr. A. J. Mubbard, appointed general mauager for the Dominion.
-Rictarios, Mimis os Co., of Liverpool, Eng., have purchased: the Dominion Line of steamships, assuming all liabilitieq; lor $£ 1$ 1650 d on the $£ 20$ share, or about 9 ceuts in the dohar.
-A'r a meeting of the creditors of the Mayo estate, Mr. J. N: Fulton was appointed curator, and Messrs: John Baird, Nex Ramsay and Henry llogan, inspectors.
-Tres first calendar of the season has hee $n$ received from the Easterin Five Ins. Co. of Latifax, though the courtesy of ily. D. C. Eqwards, resident-manager in Montreal.
- Tue offer made to the Government by the defeudants in the celebrated Glove Seizure case has not been accepted. The neit stop will in all probability be into the Exchequer Court.
-Wres stock aud bonds of the Hamilton, (Ont.) and Dundas railivay, says the Spectator, will bo offered for sale on Jun. 15.
-Tre annual Provincial Fat Stock Show was held at Guelph, Ont., this week, and proved highly successful.
- A. comproxiskat 35 cents in the dollar has been secured by W. C. Gibson, jeweller, St. Johm, N.B.
"- L'The assignment is announced of E. Lorien, corset man'f'r, Quebec. He began 5 years ago with limited capital.


## Coanespondence.

$\because$ THE PRIOE OF NAILS.
To thie Edimon of Journat of Commmen, Montreal.
Deari Sm, - As you are well aware, there is a great outcry amode the Pations of Tadustry as to the cost oll articles needed by famers, among others mails and Paris green. I have studied your lists of prices in the Journal, but, not being in the tride, do not understand them. Would you kindly, at your earliest convenience, send me a statement showing the wholesale pricos of the different kinds of nails per pound, or per 100 lbs ., and also the wholesale price of laris green. By so doing you will confer a great fivor on

Yours failhitully
Suhscrimer.

## Alexandria, 8th 1)ec., 1894

Our correspondent is confused by the fret that while nalls are sold intthis country exclusively by sive they are still quoted on the nail schedules by the penny-weight. So great has this dificulty been found that there is talk of issuing a new schedule on the American gauge which differs somewhat from that of the Euglish. [n reply to his question we may state that nails aro: sold wholesale in this city at a base price which fluctuates with the market, and is that of the 60 dy or 6 iuch nail. All the other sizes cost extra in proportion to the number of mails to the one hundred pounds. The present base price is $\$ 1.00$ per 100 lbs., for 4 months or 3 per cent. lor cash in 30 days, and the different oxtras per 100 lbs. are :-

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So do not quote Paris green because there is none at present.:in this market. It is usual to order Paris green in February or March for delivery in sray, as it is rarely needed before June.
 pound packages, wholesale.--ED. J. or C.

## A SUSPICIOUS DEATH:

Mr. Albert G. Mitchell, a prominent Memphis, Tenn., business man, was killed by falling from a moving train on the night of the 8th inst. As the manner of his death was somewhat peculiar and as he carried $\$ 52,000$ of accident insurance, $\$ 42,-$ 000 of which was taken out the day before, an investigation has been started by the accident companies involved. Mitchel! had boen travelling by night from St. Tomis to Memphis, and when morning came walked out on the platiorm and fell off. He cartied with the Travellers, $\$ 10,000$, besides the following policies taken out the day before: jBtna, $\$ 12,000$; Fidelity \& Casualty, $\$ 6,000$; Preferred, $\$ 0,000$; Standard, $\$ 0,000$; Union Casualty, $\$ 6,000$, and the United States. Mutual Accident, $80,000$.

## TITE OLDISS LIVING MAN.

A Frenchman now living in Russia is said to have attained the immense age of one hundred and twenty-six years. From a vory interesting account of his life, just published in a Russian journal, it appears that he was born in Paris on Aptil $1^{17}$ h, 1768. He has a vivid recollection of the "'Ierror." He joined Napoleon's army in 1798. Te fonght in the batile of Austerlita and Jona, shared in the campaigns of Egypt and Spain, and flatlly was one of the 400,000 men who followed Napoleon to Moscow.-Stanilurian.

MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSL
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## Sinancial.

## Thursday, Dec. 13, 1894.

Neither ohe financial crisis in Newfoundland, nor tho element of uncertitinty "injected into the political situation by the awfully sudden death of the Promior, produced the faintest tremor in local monotary cireles. So thoroughly is the spirit of confidence, engendered by the satisfactory condition of forcign financial centres, in control of the situation, that is is impossible to disturb it by local issues. The new Russian, $31 / 2$ per cent, $\$ 100,000,000$ loan was subseribed for many times ovor the moment it cume upon the market, and the Rothschilds wore so satisfied with its reception that thoy will shortly bring out an Austrian loan for 76,000,000 florins. The aceumula. tion of gold is continuous. Tho Bank of France now holds over $\$ 400,000,000 \mathrm{in}$ gold, and the ank of Germany $\$ 184,910,000$. In the United States the gold reserve is now $\$ 110,000,000$-thanks to the new lonnbut the batuks have depleted thair stocks of gold so largely, through their subseriptions for bonds, that they must sooner or lator change some of thoir legal tenders for metal and thus bring down the Treasury reserve again. The steady advance of sterling exchange towards the specie-shippiag point, in view of the usual December pay. ments of interest to liuropan markets
involves a further drain of gold, and this has stiffened the money market in New York somewhat. Money on call in that city has ranged as high as 2 per cent; although 1 to $1 / 2$ per cent is still the rulin's rate. Time money runs from 2 per cen: for 60 days up to $31 / 2$ per cont for nine months, on good mixed stock exchange collateral. Commercial paper runs from $23 / 4$ to $51 / 2$ per cent as to name, date, and endorsation. In London money continues easy at $1 / 2$ per cent on call. Discount in the open market is $\%$ per cent for both short and three months bills. In this market the situation is unchanged. Call money lends at 4: per cent and commercial paper discounts at from 0 to $61 / 2$ per cent. Sterling exchange continues firm. Bills are comparatively scarce, and the demand from importers and bankers has been so brisk that rates have advanced a full point during the week. Posted asking rates in New York are $4.88 \frac{1}{2}$ for sixties and $4.891 / 2$ for demand. Actually paid rates are $4.873 / 4$ for sixties, $4.88 \frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $4.88 \frac{2}{2}$ for cables. Commercial bills are $4871 / 2$ and documentaries $4.871 / 4$. Paris franes are $5.161 / 4$ for long, and 5.1438 for short. In this maket the rates between banks are 9 , 11.16fto $3 / 4$ for sixties, $97 / 3$ to 10 for demand, 10. 1-16 for cables, and 1-10 to 1-32 discount for New York funds. Over the counter rates are $97 / 4$ to 10 for sixties, $101 / 3$ to $1 / 4$ for demaud, $101 / 2$ for cables and $1-16$ to $1-8$ premium for New York funds.
The Stock Exchange closes strong and buoyant. Contrary to general expectation neither cotton stocks nor Canadian Pacific were affected by Sir John Thompson's doath. C. P..R. absolutely advanced two points in Tondon yesterday, and only one sale of 25 shares of Montreal Cotton stock was made, and this was taken up at once at 120. Gas wats the leading stock of the week. A rumor gained credence that the company had succeeded in securing a filty yoar's contract with the Light Committec on condition of placing gas at $\$ 1.20$ to the citizens, and on the strength of this the investment demand became so strong that the stock was forced up to $191 \mathrm{l} /$; or a gain of six points during the week and over 6,000 shares clanged hands. A. number of buying orders were in for Street Railway, and the stock closed two points higher than a week ago. The strength of the New York market was another factor in the situation. The gross earnings of the American railroads for the first week in December aro unexpectedly encouraging. Seventy-five per cent. of the ronds show increases. This strougthened the market for rail stocks, and coupled with the strong position of sugar, naturally had its effect here, so that prices close at the highost point of the week on a flrm and advancing market. The following are the tranactions as por Chas. Meredith \& Co., stackbrokers:-


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## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MAREETS

Thursday ovening, Dec. 13th. 1894.
The unfavorable weather has offset to some extent the activity which seomed to display itself in connection with the early days of the week. In dry goods circles the feeling is cheerful, and remittances are fairly satisfactory. A good business is expected by the retail trade during the remaining weeks of the year and with few execptions, is being already enjoyed. Groceries show a quiet week with orders mostly of a sorting character for immediate use. Sugars remain steady at last week's quotations. Teas are quiet, but oxpected to show considerable activity with the advent of the new year. At present holders are not over-desirous to sell, and buyers are in a like manner neglectful of the market. The export trade in sole leather keeps well up, and the market rules strong in anticipation of possible better prices. In hardware the base price of nails has been reduced 5 cents which effects all nails toa like extent. Copper rules firmer. In heavy metals there has been iittle doing. Advices from country points indicate a good trade in staples with' money showing an easier feeling
Asnes.-Receipts of pots for December 45 , barrels against 20 brls last December, Pearls 12 brls this year 8 brls last year, Prices gradurlly fell to $\$ 4.00$ Cor 1st. pots and $\$ 3.65$ for seconds, but marlet looks rather stronger and we look for higher prices. Pearls nominal at $\$ 6.50$ for lirst sort. Receipts since 1st. Januairy 1875 brls pots 218 do. pearls. Deliverics since 1st. January 1821 do. pots, 2051 do. pearls. In store 13 December at 3 p.m. 102 .brls pots 7 do. pearls.

Spring Trade 1895.

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An inspection of our samples before placing your order is earnestly requested.

Montreal, Sept., 1894.

Cimese and Buttrar.-There is little doing in cheese, and no expectations of a revival before the new ycar. Any apparent movement is of a jobbing character and does not effect the market. Prices continue steady.-Butter: The market is unchanged from the features which characterized it during the preceding weeks. There is no export demand, and little local inquiry except for the better makes of fall goods.
Cons and Wood.-The brief spells of cold weather have not been sufficient to warrant any business other than what could not be avoided. Trade is fair without any change in quotations, which are: Stove per ton, $\$ 6.00$; Chestnut, $\$ 600$; Egg, $\$ 5.75$ Cape Breton, ex-ship, \$3.75 Picton, do. 84.25 ; Lower ports screen, retail, 政 5.00 : Scotch, do. \$6.00: Dry maple wood per cord. $\$ 6.50$, beech, $\$ 6.00$ : birch, $\$ 0.00$ : mised $\$ 5.00^{\prime}$ : tamarac, $\$ 5.00$.
Drugs Painis and Oins.-The ubual quiet prevails in these lines, which will not show any change till the new year. There-are no changes in values from former quotations. Scal oils are firm with moderately light supplies.
Dry Goods.-A very fair week's busl. mess is reported by most wholesale houses. Travelvers are sending in a good average volume of orders, and the city trade is well up to expectations. The weather has been against trade for the past few days; but, In splte of this, retail hotuses are sending in plenty of repeat orders and the genern Eeeling is a hopefal one. It is feared, however, that the death of the Premser, by putiong in stop to Vice-regal festivilies, may Injure the sale of fashionable fabries a litile. Ontside of this the outlook is certalinly reassuring. Money is coming in better than was anticipated. It needs consideroble pushing to getuit, as country merehalnts have got out of the halit of remitting without pressure. But that there is plemty of money in the country is evidenced br the returns to the whole. sale houses. It takes hard work to get it, but it is coming in just as fecely as was anticipated-il not, a little bet. ter--so than it is evident that times in Canadn are not as hard as it has become the fashion to depict inem.
Dressed Pout,tur erc.-Dealers report a lot of inferior poorly-fed stock arriving which does not fill the wants of the trade. Goorl turkeys are worth 8 to $81 / \mathrm{clb}$; inferior 7 to $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; geese, good, 5 to 6 c lb ; dueks are scarce at 7 to 8 cents lb, chickens 6 to 7 cents. Hares 20 to $2 \overline{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{c}$ per pair. Partidges, No. 1, 45 to 50 e per brace ; No. 2, 25 to 30c. Venison is sumewhat scarce at $51 / 2$ to 7 c per 1 l, as to quality for carcasses, and 8 to 9 e for saddles.
Ecos.-The market continues to be uffected with an over supply of old held stock which interferes with the distribution of better qualities. Prices are unchanged at 10 to 13 c for held; 15 c for limed, and fresh"stock when available from 22 to 600 pei dozen.

FisIr.- The tone of the market is steady with but little doing in salt fish. In fact it looks as though fresh fish is daily gaining in favor to the extent of causing the salt article to be in slow demand. Prices are steady with stocks reasonably light. Quotations are given in prices current on another page.
Flour and Grain.-The crisis in Newfoundland had vory little effect on the local flour market except in Ontario grades in which the feeling is certainly easier and holders inclined to shade prices. In Manitoba grades the local demand keeps values steady. We quote spring wheat patents at $\$ 8.50$ to $\$ 8.65$ and strong bakers at $\$ 3.15$ to $\$ 3.50$. Fced is quiet at nuchanged prices, via: $\$ 10$ to $\$ 16$ for bram, $\$ 17$ for shorts and $\$ 20$ to $\$ 22$ for monille. Oatmeal is slow and the demand limited. Standard sells at $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.05$. The local grain market is dull and the demand slow and featureless. We quote peas in store at 60 to $661 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ and No. 2 , outs 36 to $363 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Manitoba wheat is purely nominal. English estimates state that the stock of wheat in Europe for December was $69,900,000$ bushels, a decrease of 7,000.000 bushels during November, and $34,009,000$ bushels, or $381 / 8$ p.c. less than a year ago. Beerbohm's cable advices to-day are as follows:Cargoes off const, wheat, quiet but steady; maize nil. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat steadier; maize quiet. Mark Lane wheat, English and loreign, very quiet; Mark Lane maize, American quiet; Danubian turn dearer; Mark Lane quite; Danubin turn dearer; Mark Lane
flour, English and American, slow. Liverpool wheat aud maize steadily held. Russian exports, December 11.-Wheat, 403,000 qrs.; previous week; 358,000 qrs. Maize, $\overline{13} 1,000$ qrs.: previous week, 68,000 qis.
Green Frours.-A steady business is reported. Oranges have advanced during the week as quotations will show. Lemons are casier. Winter apples are dull and moving slowly at unchanged prices. Quotations are: Winter apples, car lots $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.50$; retail $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$; fall do. $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2.50$. Orauges Jamaica's brls. \$4.50 to \$5.00. Floride's
 176 to 218 's $\$ 3.00$ to $\% 3.2 \overline{2}$. Lemons, Messim; choice $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3.00$; fancy $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$; Maluga chests, $\$ 7.00$ to $\$ 7.00$; California grapes ('Tokay's) $\$ 2 . \%$ per crate ; Malaga grapes per keg 65.50 to $\$ 6.00$; heavy weights, $\$ 6.00$ to $\$ 7.00$; bananas, finest full frult, per bunch as to size, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.00$ ripe coming by express. Eyaporated apples per Ib. $61 / 2$ to $71 / 2$ : Canadian onions, brls. $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2.00$; Spanish onions, 75 c , to 80 c per crate; nuts, filberts, 9 c ; almonds 1.3 to 14 c ; walmuts old, 10 to 13 C ; walnuts, new Naples $131 / 2$ to 14 c ; new Gronobles, $131 / 4$ to 14 s : poanuts 8 to 9 c . Italian chestnuts 9 to 10 c ; sweet potatocs $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$ lul.;cranberries Cape Cod $\$ 10$ to $\$ 10,50$, do Canadian large bbls $\$ 11.00$ to $\$ 12.00$; pears, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 4.00$. Basket pears; 25 to 35 : California winter nelles, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2,75 . \operatorname{Figs}, 10$ to 14 lb . boxes 9 to 12 c ; extra fancy, 30 to 40 lb . boxes $181 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Valencia oranges 420 size, $\$ 4.25$ to. $\$ 4.50$

Grocrrites.-The bulk of the year's supplies having been purchased admits of litile more business being transacted till the turn of the year. Small sorting up lots are going forward which comprise the present volume of business. There are no changes in prices since last review. Sugars continue steady at 4 cents for exgranulated at the refineries, though a shade might be made for a round lot. Teas aro quict with supplies light: some complaint is reported coming from importers in regard to delay frequently experienced in getting teas from the Customs; samples in one instance groing to Ottawa having, it is said, taken several weeks in passing the goverument amalyst. Coffecs are fairly steady at previous quotations. Currunts and raisins experience a gond demand from country points. The U. S. sugar market is thas referred to by lthe $N$. Y. Commercial Bullolin:-Holders of raws find little encouragement except in the fact that just at the moment they have no amount of stock to bother them, and can stand the continued dull state of trade with so much grenter ease and at the same timo devote greater attention to formulation of some plan through which a settlement of the vexatious duty assessment question can be settled. There has, however, been a little business consummated to-day which serves to give an approximating idea of values, and we note sales in bond to Canada of 2,000 bags centrifugal, $23 / 8$ for 96 test and 1,100 bags molasses sugars at 13 k c for 80 test. and a cargo 800 tons Domerara centrifugal to come to a local outside refiner at 11 s cost and freight. Live shipment this month, which is figured as equal to about $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ a 3.2 the duty paid for 80 test. Previously there had been sales at Demerara to England of somo 3.200 tons at $11 \mathrm{~s} 41 / 2$ d down to 11s $3 d$. The stock of sugar in lour ports of United Kingdom is 57,000 tons, against 74,000 tons same time last year. Refined have found very good sale. The demand is not as extensive or as forciblo as it-was on the November investment by jobbers and grocers, but the response to yesterday's decline proves very fair, and most brokers are doing a good trade of general character as to location and selection of assortment, although fine granulated gets much more favor than standard in view of the 1-1c higher cost of the latter. 'lhe list of quotations was without further change.

Hides.-Uuder: a brisk demand and prevailing short supplies the market rules at an advance of 50 cents. Quotations are Montreal green No. 1, $\$ 4.00 ;$ No. 2, $\$ 3.50$; No. 3, \$2.50; tamers paying 50 cents more for sorted, cured and inspected. The market is bare of supplies." The U. S. markets are strong, light hides heing guoted at 55.25 in Chicugo. Litmhskins ure steady at Give to Gís c.
Iron and Metals.- Very little ls doling in the heavy metals. Most houses are busy with their 'books' and stock-tak ing, and transactions are of a hand-totuonth character: In pig iron a lew small lots of Carnbroc ex-store at $\$ 19.50$ to $\$ 20.00$ are all that is reported. Bar

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slack. Most shoe houses are taking stock and little movement will be noticed beforo the New Year:
Potatoes.-Under a fairly active move. ment prices keep steady at last week's quotations. Best stock is worth 60c per bag on track in car lots, or 65 c delivered. Inferior qualities fetch $\overline{0} 0$ to $\overline{0} \mathrm{c}$. One dealer reports the sale of a car this week at 53c.
Phoyisions and Eags.-The market for dressed hogs rules quiet, the mild weather seriously interfering with business. Liglit to medium sell at $\$ \overline{5} .25$ to $\$ \overline{0} .60$ with heavy stock hard to dispose off at $\$ 5.30$ to $\$ 0.40$. An Eastern Ontario dealer is reported as buying all arailable stock in the vicinity at $\$ \overline{\$} .25$ to $\$ \overline{3} .30$ and storing in refrigerator on speculation. Canada s. c. per brl is in light request at $\$ 14.50$ to $\$ 17.50$ per brl ; hams, city cured 0 to 11 c .

Woon.--The market continues quiet and dovoid of special interest. A cargo of Cape on Montreal account arrived at New York this week. The U. S. markets show a slight but steady improvement, many manulacturers being compelled to trade, owing to low supplies, or close down. Considerably supplies have changed hands and the outlook is more hopeful.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE,

(Revised by Telegraph).
Toronto, Dec. 18, 1894.
There has been a quietetrade in mer. chandise this week. The feeling is somewhat unsettled, with payments generally slow,aud unfavorable weather effecting the holiday trade. Business iv heavy goods is al ${ }^{*}$ most at a standstill, while the retail trade is less quiet lor the same reasons, Sugars area trille wenker, and the demand for wheat is also keen. Money rules easy on choice collateral, the rate being 4 per cent. for call loans. Sterling exchange is higher in sympathy with New York rates. A fai $t^{\text {rade }}$ has been done in stocks, with some irregularity in quotations. Commerce sold at 138, Thoronto at 245 , Imperial at 1823 Standard at $1651 / 4$, Dominion at 275 , 1 'ritish American Assurance at 115, Western at 103 16 , Gas at $1911 / 2$, Telephone at $15.1 / 0$, Dom. Telegraplı at 112, Cablo at 141, British Canadian Loan at 113, London \& Canadian at 120, Canada. Permanent at 1\%0, Peoples at 50.
Burren.-Trade dull with little change in prices. The best tub sells at 17 to $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, medium at 12 to 10 c , choico large rolls at 15 to $161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, creamery tubat 190 and rolls at 21 to 23 c . .Eggs uńchiainged $; \cdot$ limed $121 / 2$ to 13 c ; and 4 fresh 15 to 10 c . Cheese is unchanged at-101/2c to $103 / 4$.

Dressed Hoas,-The market is dull, with car lots of choice selling at $\$ \overline{10}$ to

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Sī. 20 delivered here. Small lots bring $\$ 5.20$ to $\$ 5.25$.
Flopr and Grain.-Flour is inactive, i. With prices gonerally unchanged. Struight rollers at $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.70$, and Ontario patents at $\$ 2.80$ to $\$ 2.85$. Manitoba flours firmer, with sales of patents at $\$ 3.65$ to $\$ 3.50$ and of bakere at $\$ 3.40$ to $\$ 3.45$. Wheat quiet and unchanged; white sold at 07 to 0 Se west and red at $\overline{0} 7$. Spring firm at 60 c on Nidand. Goose is quoted at 50 c west. Manitoba grades firm with sales of No 1. hard at 74 c west and at 7 Fsc to roc cast. Barley is dull, No. 1 selling at 43 to 4 c at outside and No. 2 at 40 . Oats are ensier ; mixed sold at 26c outside, and white at 28c. Cars on track 31c. Peas quiet and steady, with sales outside west at:521/2 to 58 c, Rye is steady, with sales of car lots at 41 to 42 c . Buckwheat easier, there being sales at 36 to $37 c$ outside. Bran steady at \$11 to $\$ 11.50$ west and at $\$ 12$ to $\$ 12,50$ 'Toronto freights. Shorts sold
at $\$ 13.00$ to $\$ 14$ Toronto freights. Oatmeal steady at $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.75$.
Grocerres-Trade quiet with the chief demand for dried fruits. Currants are selling at 33 to $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, and Valencia raisins off stalk at $41 / 4$ to $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Sugars easy at 4 c to $41 / \%$ c for gramulated, and at $31 / 4$ to $33 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ for yellows. Canned goods are steady at 8 i to 90 c . Rio coffees are quoted at 20 to $211 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Teas dull.

Hardwabe-lbusiness generally is quiet with quotations unchanged.
Leatmer,- Prade is fair, but the movement to advance prices is not general.
Mides and Skris.- Mides unchanged, with cured quoted, at 41/c... Green is unchanged, denlers paying $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for No. 1 and $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for No, 2. Sheepskins are 60c, and calfskins 5 to (ice Tallow unchanged at $53 / 4$ to $61 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

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Provisrons.- Trade is duller than usual at this season of the year. Mess pork sells at $\$ 10.75$ to $\$ 15.25$; short cut at $\$ 15.25$ to $\$ 15.72$ and shoulder ${ }^{\circ}$ mess $\$ 12.50$ to $\$ 13$. Bacon steady, jubbing at $71 / 4$ to $73 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Bellies rule at $101 / \mathrm{c}$ and rolls 8 c to 814 c . Smoked hams 98 to $10 \% \mathrm{c}$. Lard rules at $73 / 4$ to $8 \%$ c. Potatoes, unchanged, carloads selling at 46 c per bag. 13 cans firm at $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.35$. Hops dull at 7 to 9c. "Dried app.es nominal at 5 to $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ and evaporated at 7 to $7 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.
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