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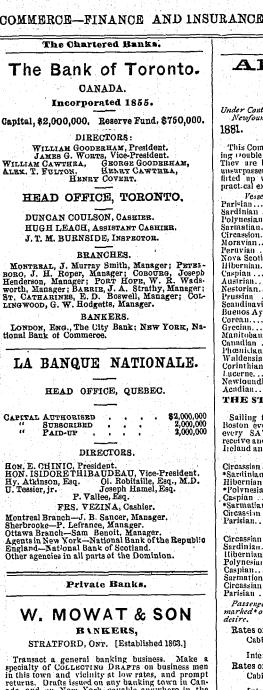
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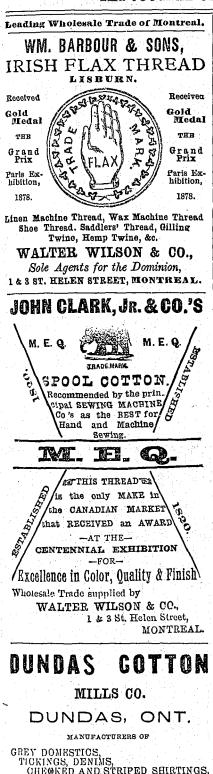
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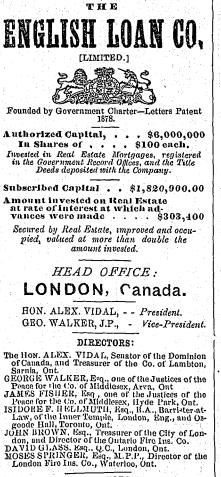


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DIVIDEND No. 9.

The Ninth Quarterly Dividend, at the rate of Eight The Nath Quartery Dividend, at the rate of Eight per centum per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company, will be due and payable at the Head Of-fices of the Company, London, Canada, or at their Bankers in London or Edinburgh, on and after the first day of April, 1881.

The Company has made an Issue of Stock at ten per cent premium, half of which has been reserved for the Canadian market, the other half to be sold in Great Britain and Ireland. A considerable amount of this Stock has already been disposed of. Persons requiring it will be provided will forms of appli-cation and full information by applying to the Secre-tary at the Head Office, London, Cauada, or at the office of their British agents. The next lssue will be at a higher rate of premium;

EDINBURGH:

LAWRIE & KER, Agents for Great Britain. MONTREAL:

JACKSON RAE, E.q., Agent for the City and District of Montreal.

QUEBEC:

P. A. SIIAW, Esq., Agent for the City and Province of Quebec.

The first issue of the Bonds of the Company has now been made. They bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable half yearly. Application for the same may be made to the Head Office, London, Canada, or to their British Agents, Edinburgh Edinburgh.

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	President.	A., (4)	Secretary.



Bay, Algoma District, who did a large trading busness with the Indians, have assigned, with liabilities estimated at \$10,000. The estate, it is said, shows a nominal surplus of \$5,000.

MESSRS. BRONSDON, STEWART & Co., paints and oils, Toronto, are endeavoring to compromise with their creditors at 75c on the dollar. Liabilities, \$22,000, due almost entirely in Toronto and this city, with nominal assets to the same amount.

MANY of our readers have a right royal way of making amends for thoughtlessness in remitting the amount of their subscriptions. Some send us new subscribers with the cash down; others who are a year or two in arrears send \$4 or \$6 to pay a year in advance; and a few have even sent principal and interest at 8 per cent. This is as it should be, and, when accompanied with words of kind appreciation, is an incentive to greater efforts in behalf of our patrons.



A SPECIMEN of wool taken from a sheep eleven months cid belonging to Alexis Perreault, farmer, Belœil, in this Province, has been sent to us. It measures fourteen inches in length, and is of unusually fine quality.

Is our last issue the names of the Directors of the Cornwall Woollen Manufacturing Company were by mistake inserted as those of the Directors of the Stormont Cotton Company. The Directors of the last named Company are: Messes. A. F. Gault, President; Sir Hugh Allan, Vice-President; R. L. Gault, Director; Samuel H. Ewing and M. H. Gault, M.P.

The principal creditors of A. R. Leask & Co., dry goods dealers, Hamilton, referred to in a recent issue, have agreed to accept 65 percent, of their claims, and allow the business to be continued. The firm's capital was always small; the assets, principally stock, amount to \$11,000, and the liabilities to \$10,000.

J. B. WATSON & Co., hardware dealers, Strathroy, Ont., effected a compromise about a year ago with their principal creditors, John Proctor & Co., Hamilton. The firm are in trouble again, and may assign, as it is stated that the estate will not likely pay over 25c on the dollar.

THOMAS C. MURRAY, for many years in the boot and shoe trade at Listowel, Ont., has assigned to George Towner, tanner, of the same place. Liabilities small, not exceeding \$3,000. -T. J. Corwin, who succeeded William Hall in the millinery business at Meaford, Ont., is reported to have left the country, and his store is closed.-G. A. Anderson, general dealer, Shelburne, Ont., has failed.-Amos Bissell, stores and tinware, etc., Mount Forest, Ont., has sold out to Thos. Collins and Mrs. Bissell is it is understood that there will be sufficient to pay all his debts, although Mr. Bissell may require an extension.

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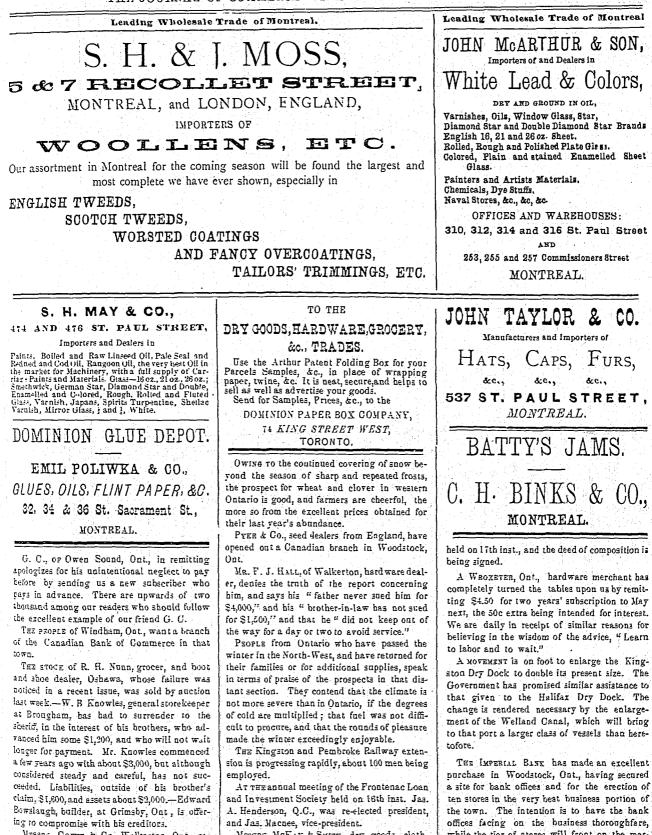


MR. ROST. H. LAWDER, Whirby, Ont., is reported to have estimated that the wheat surplus of Uanada has about all been shipped, barely enough being left at New Year's to meet the home consumption for seed and bread up to next harvest. Against this, however, is the statement, by correspondence to this JOURNAL, that in Western Ontario " a great deal of grain remains in tarmers' barns unsold. Owing to good roads and plenty of snow, farmers were engaged all winter taking out timber. logs, posts, and other stuff, and left their grain to be sold in the spring." The crop of wheat in Canada last year was undoubtedly considerably smaller than at first estimated, but of the " great quantity of grain in the barns unsold" it is fair to presume that a portion is wheat.

BUSINESS CHANGES :-- MESSIS. C. & C. G. Geddes, stock brokers, this city, have dissolved partnership, C. Geddes retiring. Among other dissolutions are :- Dines & McKeown, hardware dealers. Dresden, Ont. ; W. H. & J. McBain, produce dealers, Peterboro', Ont. Joseph Wiemert, druggist at Walkerton, Ont., has sold his stock and business to H. Wilson, of Ripley, and intends removing to Mildmay to commence in the same line. Andrew McLean, Reeve of Walkerton, has sold his hotel and a portion of real estate, with a view to returning to his farm at Cheviot. James Adams, of the same place, has sold his liquor and grocery business; John Nicol, stove dealer at Plattsville, Ont., is selling of and going out of business; Samuel Levan, of the same town, has sold his pump business to Kaufiman & Workman ; Miss S. M. Syrne, Stratford, her millinery business to Jas. Gordon ; J. D. Hall, London East, his hotel to Edwin Panton ; and J. J. Hanratty, dry goods, Stratford, is selling off and removing to London.

THE AFFAIRS OF James A. Lyons, dry good: merchant at Simcoe, Ont., whose suspension we announced a fortnight ago, are undergoing a thorough investigation, at the instance of several creditors, who consider the claims of his relatives as fraudulent. Lyons has been examined before the Master in Chancery, by Mr. George C. Gibbons of London, represent ing the Montreal and London creditors ; the case, it is said, will be carried to the Toronto Courts. The liabilities, represented chiefly by the judgments obtained by relatives, are about \$20,000; assets, about \$7,000. Mr. Lyons has been a long time in business, having taken over his father's stock several years ago, and on which it is understood he owes considerable vet. His offer of 25c on the dollar will not likely be accepted. It is stated that he has assigned his book-debts to a Hamilton firm, but the legality of this step is questionable.

A FIRST and final dividend of seven and three-quarter cents on the dollar has been paid by the assignee of the estate of John W. Thompson, of Trenton. When the assignment was made in September last, a number of executions were in the sheriff's hands. These absorbed the stock-in-trade. Ten days previous a mortgage was given upon the real estate. The absence of a law to prevent preferences by executions and mortgages has had an unfortunate effect upon the creditors in this as in other instances; they have had to stand by and see the assets in which they ought to have shared swept beyond their reach, the only asset in which they were allowed to participate being the remnant of open accounts; these were saved to the creditors, merely because they were beyond the reach of an execution.



MESSRS. COWIE & Co., Walkerton, Ont., referred to last week, are offering a settlement at ele on the dollar, which has been agreed to by the Toronto creditors, and will likely be accepted by all interested. The stock being small, Mr. Cowie will probably sell it en bl.c.

MESSRS. MCKAY & SHITH, dry goods, clothing and groceries, of Port Colhorne, Ont., whose assignment some time ago was published in the JOURNAL, made an offer of 66% c in the dollar, in 3, 6 and 9 months, secured, which was accepted by the creditors present at a meeting next, the 50c extra being intended for interest. We are daily in receipt of similar reasons for

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Government has promised similar assistance to that given to the Halifar Dry Dock. The

purchase in Woodstock, Ont., having secured a site for bank offices and for the erection of ten stores in the very best business portion of while the tier of stores will front on the market square. The plans indicate a block of red brick, elaborately faced with stone, the extreme on Dundas street and that to the south both elaborately embellished and coped with turreta. slated and finished with iron.



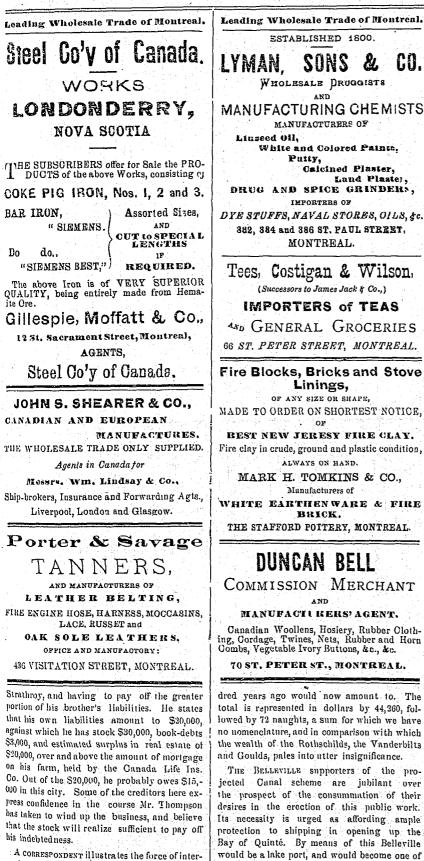
tablishment of a cotton mill in this city now seems to be placed beyond a doubt. About \$200,000 is required. At a meeting of the civizens, held on the 18th inst., \$70,000 was subscribed on the spot, and S21,200 have since been obtained. The shares have been fixed at \$50 each. The following have been appointed provisional directors : Jas. Minnes, J. Richardson, J. Breden, R. Waldron, W. Nickle, W. R-McRae, J. B. Carruthers, F. X. Cousineau, B. M. Britton, P. Henderson, J. Richmond and F. Shaw. The stock books are now open. The tages in going westward, and our next census will, as in the State of New York, show a decrease in several of the clearly agricultural sections. The growth of towns and villages, through the stimulus given to manufacturers, will, it is hoped, overbalance the inability of the agricultural portions to improve upon the birth-rate. If the valley of the Genesee, the garden of the State of New York, is unable to hold its own in the matter of population, it need surprise none if in the older sections of Ontario a like exhibit should appear.

were unsuccessful, their account having been considered slow and unsatisfactory for some years. The firm commenced in London nearly thirty years ago with a capital of \$5,000, and in '75 claimed a surplus of over \$80,000, but since then they have been losing money, and their business has decreased ; they have doubtless suffered losses by the shrinkage in values for iron and consequent bad debts, but Mr. T. Thompson, who has been carrying on the business alone for some years, attributes his difficulty to endorsing for his brother in

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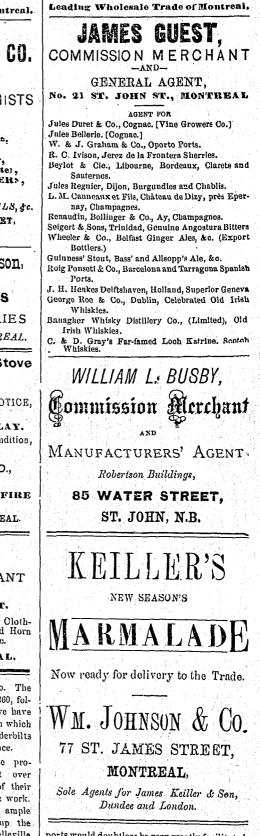
the regular shipping places of the line steamers.

The shipping of freight from the upper bay

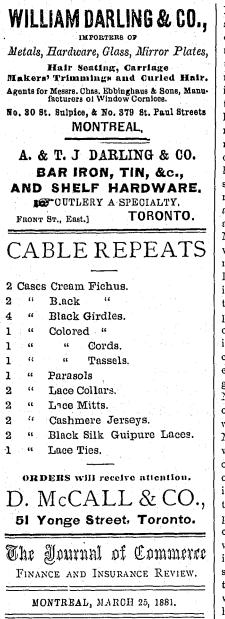


est by showing what one cent if put out at the

rate of ten per cent. per annum, ninetcen hun-



ports would doubtless be very greatly facilitated. We notice that the sum of \$5,000 has been placed in the estimates for this work, and it is now rumored that this may be increased.



THEST. LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENTS.

'When, in days long since past, the late Mr. Hamilton Merritt, and those who believed, as he did, in the importance of improving the navigation of the St. Lawrence, and of the great lakes, strenuously advocated as part of the scheme that the obstructions in the river and in Lake St. Peter should be removed, it would scarcely have been believed that a time would come when the most violent opposition to what may be correctly described as a national policy, would be offered by the Province of Ontario. In those bygone days there was a feeling in Quebec that'the effect of the projected improvements would probably be to transfer a good deal of the shipping business from that city to

Montreal, and accordingly the only opposition to the deepening of Lake St. Peter came from the citizens of Quebec. It is now contended that it would be unjust to the people of the Dominion generally to relieve Montreal of the burden of making improvements in Lake St. Peter, a distance of some ninety miles from its own harbor. In considering this subject, it must be borne in mind that Montreal has never received any aid whatever for its own harbor, and that the demand which has been pressed, we have no doubt with some vigor, not only by the Harbour Commissioners, but by the Board of Trade and the members for the city, is not for aid to the harbour proper, but to relieve Montreal and all the Western importers via Montreal from a tax which presses most unfairly on the St. Lawrence trade. It seems to us that the real question at issue is, whether it is for the interest of the Canadian people that the old national policy of endeavoring to secure the trade of the St. Lawrence should be persevered in. We live in times when there is great competition, and it is notorious that in several important Western Canadian cities goods are largely imported via Boston and New York, not only when the navigation of the St. Lawrence is closed, but even when it is open. The wharfage charges at Montreal have been both excessive and vexatious. We have great confidence that our Harbour Commissioners, who are thoroughly alive to the importance of effecting important reductions in the rates hitherto charged, will make considerable im provements in their tariff before the commencement of another season, but we continue to believe that, if Montreal is to maintain its position, it will be necessary to enable the Harbour Commissioners to make more extensive reductions than will be practicable, so long as the imports have to bear the cost of the improvement of Lake St. Peter and the river. Our contention is, that the deepening of Lake St. Peter is as much a public work as the Welland or St. Lawrence canals, or the blasting of rocks in the rapids. It has never been pretended that tolls should be levied on vessels and goods passing through the canals sufficient to pay the interest on their cost, and it is equally objectionable to impose tolls on goods imported into and exported from Montreal to cover the interest on the Lake St. Peter expenditure. During the Session that has just terminated, a vote was taken for rivers and harbours in various parts of the Dominion, all being of a local charac. ter. We do not wish to impute to the Dominion Government a direct violation of promise. We are well aware that there

is a tendency to exaggerate the utterances of ministers who are interviewed by persons naturally inclined to take the most sanguine view of every expression that may be at all of a favorable character. We are rather disposed to look on the small concession actually made as affording proof that the Government recognizes the claim to relief, although, under existing circumstances, it has found it impossible to do all that it would have wished to do.

LAST OF THE SESSION.

The last Bill of importance which was discussed in the Commons was one for enlarging the boundaries of Manitoba, which was sent down from the Senate. It naturally led to some discussion as to the boundaries of Ontario, inasmuch as the new eastern boundary of Manitoba is fixed by the Bill to be the western bounary of Ontario, which is still in dispute. During the discussion Mr. S. J. Dawson, the member for Algoma, and Chairman of the Select Committee of 1880 on the boundaries, took an opportunity of stating the views which he and his brother, Mr. McD. Dawson, have of late years endeavored to enforce. Mr. Dawson's avowed object was to have a new Province of Algoma created, to be bounded by Ontario on the east, and Manitoba on the west, and he has, in defiance of the opinions of the highest legal authorities, maintained that Ontario does not extend westward of the entrance to Lake Superior. Whatever other effect the Bill may have it has completely disposed of the claims of the brothers Dawson. During the debate Sir John Macdonald is reported as having stated that " the Dominion "case before the arbitrators had been " shamefully, if not deliberately, misman-"aged," Such language should certainly not have been uttered without some kind of proof. Mr. McD. Dawson had used language not very dissimilar in 1880, when he said that the case of the Dominion was "no case at all," and that the late ministers "had not made themselves masters of the subject." Such observations were natural enough, coming from Mr. Dawson, who would have liked that his own and his brother's peculiar views had been urged on the arbitrators, but it is quite different with Sir John Macdonald. In the year 1872 a correspondence took place between the Governments of the Dominion and of Ontario, from which it became known, that there was a wide difference of opinion between them as to the legal boundaries. The claim of the Dominion was based on a report, dated 1st October, 1871, made to Sir John A.

Macdonald, then Minister of Justice, by Col. Dennis, who is at present Deputy Head of the Department of the Interior. In that report Col. Dennis argued in favor of what is known as the due north line as the western boundary, and the height of land as the northern boundary of Ontario. It is not unworthy of notice that in this report, which was submitted to the Select Committee in 1880, Col. Dennis reported to Sir John Macdonald that the charter of the Hudson's Bay Company described their grant as "extending over and including all lands and territories drained by the waters emptying into Hudson's Bay," In his evidence before the same Committee Mr. McD. Dawson stated as follows :- " To show how strong impres-"sions sometimes get hold of men's "minds that cannot easily be got rid of, "I notice that my esteemed friend, the "Deputy Minister of the Interior, has " given evidence before this Committee, " in which he gives as a quotation from -" the Hudson's Bay Company's charter " the following words: 'Extending over,' "&c. (as already quoted above), whereas "there are no such words in it, nor any "thing that, as I would translate that "very absurd document, could possibly "bear such a construction." Mr. McD. Dawson should have gone further, and pointed out that the erroneous quotation by Col. Dennis was not in his oral testi. mony, but in a report made in 1871 to Sir John Macdonald, and which doubtless caused the "strong impressions". that got hold of his (Sir John's) mind on the subject. It would be interesting to learn whether Sir John ever compared Col. Dennis' report with the text of the char. ter, but it is at least singular that after the expiration of nearly ten years his own chief departmental officer should submit a report to the Committee on Boundaries containing such an important misquotation. To return to Sir John's imputation on the counsel, it is to be observed that the boundaries which they contended for were those which Sir John himself claimed in 1872, and which the present Mr. Justice Ramsay contended for in an elaborate report which formed part of the documentary evidence in the case before the arbitrators. Now if Sir John A. Macdonald could point out a single cogent argument in favor of the Dominion pretensions, which the learned counsel for the Dominion, Messrs. McMahon and Monk, failed to urge, he might be excusable for using such language as he did, but most assuredly not otherwise. He surely would not think of censuring them because they did not adopt Col. Dennis' report to himself, and argue before the

Commissioners that the Hudson's Bay Company's charter gave all the lands and territories "drained by the waters emptying into Hudson's Bay." The assertion just noticed is not the only extraordinary one made by Sir John Macdonald during the discussion. He said that the boundary fixed by the arbitrators was "admittedly only a conventional one." Where, we should like to ask, is his proof of the admission? Sir Alexander Campbell made a similar assertion in the Senate. It has always been contended on behalf of the award that both the south-western and north-eastern boundaries are strictly in accordance with Imperial statutes and treaties. Sir John Macdonald and Sir Alexander Campbell have perhaps naturally unbounded faith in the capacity of lawyers to adjudicate on such questions, but it is at least important that lawyers should take the trouble to read the documents, and to understand them, and if Sir John had taken this trouble he would not have been for the last ten years the victim of Col. Dennis' misquotation.

INTERCOLONIAL TARIFFS.

A meeting was held in London at the Westminster Palace Hotel on the 24th February, at the request of the Dominion Board of Trade of Canada, to consider the best mode of promoting the commercial interests of the Empire. The dependencies of the Empire seem to have appointed delegates very generally, but a great many were absent. Canada was represented by Colonel Gzowski, Mr. R. Gillespie, Mr. Dobell, Mr. R. Moffatt and Mr. J. S. Ross. Sir Alexander Galt was present, but does not appear to have taken part in the discussion. The first resolution was moved by Mr. R. Gillespie, and seconded by Mr. C. Churchill of London, and was to the following effect : " That in " the opinion of this meeting it is a mat-"ter of the utmost importance for the " promotion of the commercial interests "of the British Empire, and preservation " of its unity and integrity to draw closer "the trade relations between its various "component territories." Mr. Mowat, delegate from Bombay, seconded by Mr. Ralli of Calcutta, moved an adjournment of the meeting, pending the production of resolutions for the consideration of the delegates. The amendment was negatived, and the original resolution carried, after which Mr. Frederick Young, Secretary of the Colonial Institute, proposed, seconded by Mr. Dobell, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration how best to secure the objects of the conference as expressed in the resolutions al-

ready passed, and to report to an adjourned meeting of the conference to be held at some future time, and that the Executive Committee's report be circulated among the delegates summoned to such adjourned meeting prior to its being held. The resolution was adopted, and a committee was named, consisting of four members from London, and two each from Canada, Australasia, India, the West Indies and the Cape. The meeting was adjourned to a future day to be named by the Executive Council. Sanguine expectations have been formed, that this new League, if it may so be designated, will be the means of effecting some important change in the relations between the Colonies. The object of the promoters of the new movement seems to be substantially the same as that of the late Mr. Hamilton Merritt in 1854, when he proposed to unite the Colonies in a confederation for establishing trade relations with each other on a footing of reciprocity. At that time the Imperial Government quietly put its veto on the whole scheme, and it ended in smoke. Several years later a commission was sent to the West Indies, and to some foreign States with substantially the same object, but again the Imperial Government interfered, and refused its sanction to any scheme of differential duties. It is of course premature to discuss a resolution so general in its character as the one, which we have quoted above as having been adopted by the meeting, and we must wait the report of the Committee, which we presume will not be long delayed. At the same time we may warn those who anticipate any satisfactory result from the present movement, that nothing is more improbable than that the Parliament of Great Britain will ever consent to re-impose duties on the food of the people. As a rule the Colonies are producers of raw materials, including food, and their object is to get a preference in the British markets. They may as well make up their minds to the inevitable; they will not get Great Britain to place obstructions on the importation of raw materials of any kind. The delegates to the Convention in London, represent a certain commercial interest, and it is doubtful whether they could even carry that interest with them in any policy on which they might agree. Outside the commercial classes there is no reason to suppose that they would have any influence whatever, and several of the Colonies represented are Crown Colonies, in which the policy of the Imperial Government is dominant. We shall watch with interest the future preceedings of the Convention.

THE WHOLESALE LUMBER TRADE.

Though stocks are light very few contracts have yet been made by Quebec shipping houses for 1881 delivery, if we except waney board timber and oak timber. The former has ranged from 33c. to 36c. per cubic foot at Quebec; the latter 48c. to 50c.; Canada oak, 38c. to 40c. Some heavy purchases of deals have been made by a London house, amongst which we may quote the Montmorency cutting, for which following prices are said to have been paid per Quebec standard, 2,750 feet B. M.

Second Third Quality.

Pine \$110 to \$112 \$70 to \$72 \$38 to \$40 Spruce.. 38 to 42 28 to 30 22 to 25 the quantity being twenty million feet of pine and five million feet of spruce.

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Good work has been done in the woods so far, but lately the spring-like weather has stopped chopping, and drawn all attention to hauling the logs which, with the light quantity of snow, is difficult, tedious and expensive. Some log jobbers who foresaw the difficulties of the drive threw up their contracts, and in those places the supply of logs will be short, notably in the Three Rivers district. It is impossible to say how the drives will be, but the small quantity of snow renders any large continued volume of water in the streams exceedingly doubtful.

The cut so far is estimated at 40 per cent more than last year in pine and spruce but, as last season's cut was very moderate, the present year's supply will not be excessive. Square timber is estimated as follows :

Ottawa Valley White

and Red Pine 8 to 10 million cub. ft. Michigan, &c., Oak... 21 to 3 64 46 44 White Pine, 3 to 34 :: ** Canada Oak 1 to 1

In the United Kingdom buyers are not very eager. Fair sales have been made of oak and waney board timber at good prices, but pine and spruce deals have been difficult to place, and very little business has been done so far. Several large sales of spruce have, however, been made to French houses. The local wholesale trade is in a flourishing state, and will require larger supplies than last year. The United States will apparently be our best customer this year, unless England soon comes to the front; large contracts have already been made in pine, and there is now good enquiry for spruce at generally 10 per cent. advance on last year.

The following are the comparative exports from the St. Lawrence for the last three years.

To United King-			
dom	1878	1879	1880.
Timber, mille		- 10 A.	· · · · · ·
cubic feet	12,000	10,500	11,114
Deals, mille feet.	19,000	199,000	263,000
Staves, pieces	1,750,000	1,500,000	1,310,0.0
To River Plate	· · ·		
No. Vessels.,	27	31	31
Pine and			
Spruce, mille			
feet	10,868	12,480	10,420

MODEL CONTRACT BROKERAGE AGAIN.

Our confrère of the Ottawa Citizen does not meet our criticism of the prospectus of the Canadian and Brazilian Direct Mail Steamship Company, Limited. We do not say anything in reference to the future trade between the two countries; time alone can determine whether the enterprise will be profitable or not; but what we do say is this : The prospectus shews that the original negotiators of these contracts with the two Governments sold out to the Transit Association for a price not stated; that the Transit Association sold out these contracts to a company proposed to be formed with the above title ; that they in turn take power to sell out to other companies, and so ad infinitum.

The prospectus further shews that the new company was burdened with a load of £35,000 before it came into existence, to which must be added the cost of its organization; that the powers of its shareholders are limited by a pre-contract for its management for a term and on terms which are not stated. We have not one word to say in reference to the gentlemen whose names appear on the prospectus as Directors; anything under their management would be properly conducted, but the management is not vested in them, if the prospectus be correct.

London in England and Ottawa in Canada may be advantageously situate for the residences of the persons who are to conduct the operations of a trade between Canada and Brazil from the ports of Montreal, Halifax, Rio de Janeiro, &c., and the operations of the company may be successfully conducted, but these things do not affect the circumstances of the manner in which the company proposed to be formed is presented to the Canadian public as an investment.

THE CHARGES AGAINST THE NOXON BROS. MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

There is no saying more true than that people seldom forgive those whom they have injured, and this will probably account here and there for the conduct of employes suspended for malfeasance, There are but few business men who can rid themselves of such help and feel that. they are not sending out one who will: leave no stone unturned to work revengeupon the discoverer of the misconduct. Even the most considerate treatment usually fails to produce any better feeling on the part of the dismissed; former promotion and the obligations of years, if: remembered at all, serve only to embitterthe heart of the transgressor. Happy isthe firm whose history embodies no experience of this kind.

We are led to these remarks by the perusal of a circular dated from Ingersoll lately, dealing with the affairs of the Noxon Bros. Manufacturing Co., and signed by a late secretary and accountant of the company, wherein the writer, afteradversely criticising the present condition of the concern, makes the gravest charges against Mr. James Noxon, the President. So serious were the statements concerning both that one or two banks and some of the creditors determined upon a thorough. investigation, and for this purpose they engaged the services of an able accountant of this city who proceeded to Ingersoll and, after a searching examination of the company's affairs, embracing the entire period of its history, from its formation in August 1872, to March 10th, 1881, madea report which is in every particular at variance with the assertions and charges in the circular.

The accuser quotes the following statement of the company for the financial year ending last September :

PROFIT AND LOSS.	
By balance at credit from last year	\$3,747
By Profits for year ended 30th Sept.,	
after allowing for bad and	
doubtful debts	27,460
	\$31,210
To Dividend No. 8, 12 per cent	\$13,090
" Plant guarantee fund	10,000
" Balance carried forward	8,120
ASSETS.	\$31,210
Bills Receivable	\$245,487
Accounts Receivable	31,195
Stock on hand	107,336
Cash * *	2,235
Real Estate	6,507
Lands, Building, Machinery, &c., \$55	5,921
Less plant guarantee fund 23	5,000
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	\$450,684
LIABILITIES.	
Bills and Accounts payable	\$246,687

Bills and Accounts payable Capital Stock	\$246,687 109,200
Guarantee Account	73,587
Dividend No. 8	13,090
Balance carried forward	8,120
	\$450,684

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The circular states that, as the item "Bills Receivable" includes a lot of pas due bills deemed worthless, it should be reduced to \$200,000. This is met by the fact that the past or overdue bills are not over \$10,000, and of the total more than \$100,000 had been collected before the 10th inst. The statement that "the Accounts Receiv-"able is chiefly composed of repairs sent "to agents to replace breakages on "machines sold," is flatly contradicted. as there is no such item in the Accounts Receivable; they appear in the item " Stock on Hand," and at cost price, in cluding freight. The next paragraph in the circular is most unfortunate for the writer. He says : "The volume of busi-"ness done each year has not increased, " but remains about the same." Except the last item, the following are, in round figures, the amounts of sales during the incumbency of the secretary-accountant :

1=72-3	1876-7\$165,000
1573-4 153,000	1877-8 201,000
1874-5 175,000	1878-9 225,000
1875-0 158,000	1879-80 280,000

It were useless to follow the writer of the circular throughout. It may be of interest, however, to refer to his statement that " the Profit (\$27,000) shown in " the Company's statement for the year is "equal to about 22 per cent of the total "sales : that the cost of management and "interest charges are 30 per cent., leav. "ing only 48 per cent. to pay for the "material used, workmen's wages, freights, "and other incidental expenses con-"nected with the business." A sufficient answer to this is that, during 1879-80, the gross profits were over \$104,000 (nearly equal to the entire capital stock of the Company), or about 371 per cent on the business done : leaving a net profit over and above all charges of workmen's wages, reights. duties, interest, salaries, insurance, commissions, &c., of 10 per cent. on the gross sales, and this exclusive of machines and repairs in the hands of agents. The personal charges made against the President of the Company may be dismissed as unworthy of notice, and have doubtless their origin in the damaging fact admitted by the accuser who in his circular says : "I did do a good deal to "reduce the work to a system, so far at "least as I could, without interfering with "the President's way of doing his work. " My efforts in this line, of course, secured "me his ill-will, and he only waited "an opportunity to get me out of the "business. Unfortunately, my private "affairs gave him the chance he wanted. "Through endeavoring to assist relatives "in Ingersoll, I became involved in out

"side business, and in trying to extricate "myself I made use of the Company's "funds."

THE ADVOCATES for the reneal of the late Insolvent law included merchants who said, "only repeal the Act and we will then refuse to give a discharge to delinquent debtors;" but in numerous cases since the repeal the creditors have been only too happy to give a discharge, on the insolvent's yielding up his estate, and why? Because their only alternative, under the present law, is to sue, or (in the Province of Quebec) to seize before judgment, which latter provision is not available in Ontario. Meanwhile the insolvent and his family lives on the estate, and, if fraudulently disposed, utilizes the delay by getting suits entered or judgments obtained against him by relatives, which alone often more than cover the assets. until there is nothing left for distribution. The latest illustration we have of the want of some legal provision, whereby creditors may share equally in the assets, is the case of J. C. Hurst, of Brampton, Ont., whose settlement at 60c. on the dollar, at 2, 4 and 6 months, was announced in our last issue. Mr. Hurst was formerly in partnership with a Mr. Ferguson, of Stratford, Ont., in dry goods; on dissolution of the firm, Hurst removed to Toronto, where he bought a house in his wife's name, paying on account \$2,000. With the balance of his surplus of \$4,-000, he started a dry goods store in the Queen City; his stock becoming damaged by the alleged want of repairs he disputed with his landlord, against whom he entered a suit for \$1,200 damages, and removed the stock to Brampton, where he waged war with the established merchants by his somewhat new methods of obtaining custom, and the latter put into operation the transient traders' by-law of the town to compel Mr. Hurst to pay a license. This was shortly after New Year's. In January last he took stock and found on balancing a deficit of some \$400 ; instead of calling a meeting of creditors then, he made a special effort, and has since nearly paid off an overdue account of about \$1,000 in Toronto, depending, he says, upon recovering his claim from the landlord and future business to meet his other notes when they became due. It will be seen that the remainder of the creditors residing in Toronto and Montreal, were forced to accept his offer or risk getting anything at all. Liabilities about \$10,000, and estimated assets. including balance of damaged stock and book-debts, 39,500.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTABIO.

London, March 4.—Residence of David Weir, 2nd concession of ~Nissouri, destroyed with contents. No insurance. Bethany, 4.—A blacksmith shop, carriage shop and dwelling house owned by Robt. Fallis, and occupied by R. Bradburn, totally destroyed. Loss on building \$900, on stock \$1,000; partially insured. Amprior, 4.—The dry-house of B. V. Stafford destroyed, together with a quantity of spruce lumber. No insurance. Campbellford, 4.— Stables adjoining Kehoe's Hotel destroyed. Brighton, 6.—The old Sanford Hotel owned by J. E. Proctor, and occupied by A. Empey, totally destroyed with contents. Total loss \$5,000; furniture insured for \$1,000 in the Canada Fire and Marine Co. Caledonia, 8.—

Ball's saw and plaster mill totally destroyed. Insured in the Canada Fire and Marine for \$1,000. Consecon, 9.-A destructive fire oc-cured here in which the following persons are losers :-John Byers, general merchant, loss about \$5,000, insured in the Royal for \$4,000; J. G. German, grocer, loss \$1,000, no insurance; J. A. Johnson, postmaster and commission merchant, loss about \$200, no insurance; A. Crouter, tinsmith, loss small, no insurance; James Jacques, loss S1,200, insured for S730; several tenant houses belonging to S. Green-shields & Co., of Montreal, insurance not known; John Middleton, loss S1,000, insured. Newmarket, 9 .- The Lundy Flour Mills reuted Neumarket, 9.—The Lundy Flour Mills reated by P. Kitto destroyed. Stock insured in the Western for \$1,000. London, 11.—The treating house of the Victoria Oil works destroyed, together with 700 harrels of Oil. Loss about \$12,000; partially insured. *Clinton*, 11.—The following are the losses and insurance by the late fire:—Stevenson's building insured in the Queen's for \$000 and in the Chizens' for \$200. Value of building about \$1,200. Stevens stock mostly sard: insured in the uppenfs for \$100. mostly saved ; insured in the Queen's for \$400 and in the Citizeus' for \$800. Strathy's building insured in the Dominion for S800, valued at \$1,200. John McGarva's building was insured in the Queen's for S500, value S900. His stock was insured for \$300 in the Sovereign. Coats' building and stock insured for \$3,500 in the Imperial and \$3,500 in the Phœnix. The stock was mostly all saved. Strathy's building on Huron street, loss about \$800; no insurance. Wright's stock insured in the Western for \$2,000, Canada Fire and Marine \$1,600, and in the Citizens' for \$1,000; value \$9,000. C. W. Graham, furniture and sewing machine depot, mostly saved; no insurance. Belleville, 11.-Bailding owned by Jas. Nosworthy, and conand the second s worthy, on building, S6,000; insured for S3,000 in the Royal. Sheriff Taylor, on building, \$2,500; fully insured in the Queen's. Dominion Government, on the arms and accoutrements of No. 1 Company, and the testers in the Inland Revenue office, S2,000; Mr. Thomas, butcher, Revenue office, \$2,000; Mr. Thomas, butcher, \$200. Mr. Wiudeat, portrait painter, \$200. Mr. J. H. Ford, photographer, \$100. Total, \$11,300. Manilla, 12.—Barn and outbuildings of H. Clendinning destroyed. Loss \$2,000; insured for \$1,200. Clifton, 14.—Building owned by M. M. Buckley and occupied by H. F. G. Pett, baker; A. Sinclair, tailor; and J. E. Moye, barber, destroyed. Loss about \$2,500; partially insured. Mono Mills, March 16.—Messrs. Lind-say & Blackley's dry words store, owned by Mr. say & Blackley's dry goods store, owned by Mr. MacKinnon of Caledon, completely destroyed, together with the entire stock valued at \$6,500. The storehouses adjoining and L. Wilson's shoe store were also consumed Lindsay & Blackley are insured in the Royal Canadian for \$2,000 and in the Sovereign for \$2,000. L. Wilson, loss \$600; insured for \$250. Goderich, 17.-Cathcart's printing office damaged. Insured for \$400 in the Union. The building is fully insured in the Canada Fire and Marine Co. Brooklin, 18.-J. B. Bickell's mill destroyed. Loss about 18.—J. B. Bickell's mill destroyed. Loss about \$2,000; insurance not known. Carleton Place, 18.—Dwelling of Wm. Rodger destroyed. Loss about \$600; insured for \$400. Millon, 21. - Barns and sheds of John McGregor, of Nelson, destroyed. No insurance. *Peterbolo*, 22.-A block of tenement houses owned by Win. Graham destroyed. Loss S1,200; no inst rance. Senforth, 22 .- A flax storehouse, owned by John Beautie, destroyed with a quantity of flax. Loss about \$1,500; fully insured.

QUEBEC.

Melbourne, March 17.-The Melbourne house destroyed.

NOVA ECOTIA.

Studholm, March 5.—Joseph Hernbrook's barn destroyed with contents, including 12 head of cattle. Loss \$1,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Woodstock, March 9 .- R. Piper's blacksmith

shop destroyed. Loss S600; insured for S300 in the North British and Mercantile. St. John, 11.—MeBean's board and shingle mill at Me-Callum Brook destroyed. St. John, 19.—Residence of Joseph Armstrong, at Green Head, destroyed. Insured for \$2,000.

Correspondnee.

BEET SUGAR.,

To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE :

DEAR SIR,—Having passed lately through Coaticook, where the works of the Pioneer Beet Sugar Company are situated, I thought I would stop over one day and examine, as far as I could, the position and prospects of the Company, having been induced to take a few shares in the concern.

I found the location selected very favorable in many respects, having superior advantages in water power and shipping facilities. I am told the country around is the heest in the province, which appears probable from its having been selected as a field of operation by such leading agriculturists as Hon. M. H. Cochrane, J. C. Gibb, Esq., Henry Judah, &c., &c.

I have read the arguments *pro* and *con* as to the success, or want of success, likely to attend the establishment of the industry in Canada, laving also had an opportunity of inspecting the works of the Portland Company, and it appears to me the elements of success are four mmber: 1, A good supply of beets; 2, A reliable manager for the factory, or one who is versed in the very latest methods of manufacturing ; 3. The newest and most approved machinery ready to go into operation at the pro-per time; and 4. Efficient general management. Upon the first point this Company have made themselves secure; they have under reliable contract nearly 2000 acres, which, with the exception of large cultivators like Hon. Mr. Gochrane, J. C. Gibb, and a few others, are distributed from Montreal to the province line in small lots, averaging 14 acres to each farmer. I notice that from four to six hundred acres are to be raised on the Island of Montreal, and as nearly all the subscribers are market gardeners there will be no doubt of their success with the crop. The farmers of the Eastern Townships are most of them accustomed to raising root crops, and there appears no reason why they should not also succeed with the sugar beet, the culture of which is very similar.

very judicious move on the part of the A directors, in order to initiate the farmers into the cheapest and best modes of cultivating the crop, is the bringing over of a number of German beet farmers, who will work in the factory in the winter, and will instruct Canadian far-mers how to best cultivate these crops in summer, by raising beets on land owned by the Company, and by working for short periods in the fields of those farmers desiring their assistance. The Company is thus making provision for raising its own beets, in case the farmers should not raise them in sufficient quantities in the future. The engagement of a good and efficient superintendent seems to leave nothing to be desired in this matter, judging from the tes-timonials regarding him, which were kindly shown me by the Secretary of the Company, and this very important point is apparently already decided in favor of the Company.

In the matter of machinery, I have been assured the latest and most improved has been ordered from a large firm in Breshau, MM. Yon Ruffer & Co., who employ over 600 hands, and are known to be one of the best and most reliable firms in Europe. They sent over their own engineer to make the plans of the buildings and machinery on the spot, and nothing seems to have been overlooked in placing machinery or buildings for convenience in working the factory. A commendable feature is that the whole product is to be made into sugar by a new process called "substitution," and the distillery department, as first projected, abandoned. The beet pulp, I am told, which has been fully tested, and its value proved during the past winter, by shipments from the Portland factory, has all been sold in advance at remunerative prices. The conditions appearing very favorable to success, I can see no reason why an enterprise which is so staple in Europe should not become equally so in Canada, especially in view of the fact that the excellent quality of Canadian beets was conclusively proved hast fall by shipments of several hundted tons to the Portland factory from the immediate neighborhood of the Company's work. Trusting the interesting nature of the subject

Trusting the interesting nature of the subject may excuse the length of my communication, I remain.

Your obedient servant, A SHAREHOLDER. MONTREAL, March 22, 1881.

Financial and Commercial.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 24th March, 1831.

Just as there is an occasional lull in a rising stock market, so are there quiet periods in improved trade movements, from natural causes. The wholesale trade of this city is now passing through one of these periods, and in some departments business is somewhat sluggish, owing to a combination of causes; amony the principal of these are the breaking up of country roads, whereby business in many distric s is partially suspended, and the postponeme: heavy purchases until the opening of nav tion, when the lower, summer rates of transportation will rule. This will come to pass in the course of a few weeks, when a decided impulse is expected to be witnessed in those branches of business now lacking buoyancy and activity. In the aggregate a fair volume of business, and one showing a slight improvement over the previous week, has been transacted. Dry goods are less active, and payments not in all cases satisfactory, but the trade have enjoyed a splendid first-half of the season, and have reason to believe that the latter days of the spring business will not be worse than the first; March is not usually an active month. In certain lines of hardware there has been a better movement, and the spirit of re-action is becoming more apparent. The demand for leather is gradually improving, and boot and shoe manufacturers were never more busy. The breadstuffs market, in sympathy with those the world over, is quiet, but there is a slight prospect of an early return to its normal condition ; freights for future shipment are in demand. Dairy produce is, of course, dull at this season, but a good jobbing trade continues to be done in provisions, at fairly steady prices. Groceries are moderately active, without change of values, but most other branches are quiet and nominal. There have been some slight fluctuations in oils. Canadian (1880) hops have sold in small lots during the week at 19c to 22c, as to quality, but the demand is quité light.

The demand for money seems to be sufficient to justify the banks in raising the rates of interest on call loans to 5 per ct.; time loans, 5 to 6 per ct. Commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 7 per cent., as to name and date. Sterling exchange rules dull at S_2 premium for round amounts, and S_3 do. over counter. There is no business doing either in drafts, which are quoted at # to # premium. The local share market has continued inactive, and values for the majority of stocks easier and declining; among the causes are the weakness in New York and the stringency in money, together with the sale of 1.000 shares Montreal by a large holder, which has removed a considerable part of the purchasing power. Jacques Cartier Bank has advanced 4 per cent. for the week, and it is said has netted a handsome sum by selling 500 shares at 110, on the strength of the rumor that its mine was about to be sold for some \$300,000. The market closes weaker. with an average decline of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on all prominent stocks, and Montreal Bank fell 13 per cent. to-day. Sales to-day :-

Morning Board—50 Montreal at $183\frac{1}{2}$; 50 do at 183 $\frac{1}{2}$; 24 do at 183; 45 do at 182 $\frac{1}{2}$; 80 Ontario at 181; 25 do at 100 $\frac{1}{2}$; 120 Merchants at 118 $\frac{1}{2}$; 80 Eastern Townships at 116; 150 Commerce at 141 $\frac{1}{2}$; 25 Montreal Telegraph at 127; 25 do at 126 $\frac{1}{2}$; 100 do at 126 $\frac{1}{2}$; 100 Dominion Telegraph at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$; 50 Richelieu at 62; 450 do at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$; 25 City Passenger at 117 $\frac{1}{2}$; 125 City Gas at 155 $\frac{1}{2}$; 50 Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. at 105.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots have been large, and, with unfavorable news from Liverpool, the market is quiet at \$3.92½ to \$4.00 for first sort, and weak at the close. Seconds and Thirds scarce, none coming forward. Pearls continue neglected and nominal. Receipts since lat January 2505 brls Pots, 175 brls Pearls. Deliveries, 1230 brls Pots, 48 brls Pearls. Stock in store at six o'clock on Wednesday evening 1363 brls Pots and 148 brls Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A few more buyers, chiefly Western men, have been in the market, but it is rather early for direct purchases, and business still consists chiefly in filling orders taken by travellers. Shipments by leading houses, averaging S2,000 worth of goods duily, will continue up till the 1st May. Manufacturers are already beginning to turn their attention to the production of heavy, staple goods for the Fall trade. Remittances fair, not expected to be as good as in January and February.

Day Goops .- For the time of year business is fairly good. An active trade is not usually expected in March, for during that month country merchants are only receiving and assorting their purchases made through travellers; but this year the Spring trade opened earlier and with prospects that led importers to expect a continued good demand. The special passenger rates on the Grand Trunk have not induced the amount of business expected, and there is a barely perceptible feeling of disappointment manifested by some of our merchants. All report the arrival of a few customers, but in some houses their purchases were quite light; others are kept tolerably busy on such orders. In any case it is difficult to induce many country merchants to leave home at this time of year, but doubtless the unfavor-able weather and bad roads have had something to do with the falling-off in business during the past fortnight. Stocks are full and well assorted, although recent importations have been sorted, although recent importations have been late in arriving, having been delayed by snow and unfavorable weather in New York, as well as by the rough ocean passage. It is quite early yet, and with more favorable weather a continued brisk Spring trade will likely be done. Remittances generally reported fair, but some few complaints are made of slow payments.

DRUGS AND CHEMIOALS.—There is nothing of importance to report. Business continues exceedingly flat, buyers holding off for easier prices in England. Latest advices announce a continuation of the dullness reported last week. Manufacturers are doing little beyond filling orders booked before the strike; there is an entire absence of new orders.

DAIRY PRODUCE.-The situation of the local butter and cheese markets remains about statu quo. Round lots of butter are unsaleable, and the best parcels of Fall Stock are being picked up by jobbers, so that what remains, and that is considerable, will more than probably have to be sold at grease prices, if disposed of at all. New milk butter generally finds cus-tomers in the local trade at 23c, but 22c is re-ported to be the best figure obtainable for other kinds. Choice Morrisburg, however, has cold within the week at 23c for a small ĺot. The condition of the New York and Boston markets is stated by parties recently returned from a visit to those cities as being worse than represented by the press reports; the latest report of New York market announces no new features, the situation is wholly nominal, and the prospect for sale apparently quite as distant as ever. Exporters continue indifferent, and holders do not profess to know what their goods are worth; of the 1,800 packages reported cleared last week, it is learned that less than 200 were actually butter. Cheese contin-ues quiet at 13c to 14c for factory, and 12c for dairy ; sales are few, and comprise only small lots to jobbers. Liverpool market is reported quiet at 69s per cwt. In New York the pre-vailing demand is slow, and the market is with-out radient change. When buyers are compelled to handle fine and fancy lots they must submit to extreme rates. Some 10,000 boxes Vanadian cheese, it is said, will be shipped from New York this week per the "Germanic."

FREIGHTS.—Offers at 4s. 6d. on heavy grain to London, and of 4s. to Glasgow, for future shipments from this port have been refused within the week, 6d more being asked to both points. No transactions, therefore, have occurred. Rates quoted from Montreal to Liverpol via Portland are:—For Heavy Grain, 6s. per qr. of 480 lbs; Flour, 3s 9d per brl. Ashes--Pots, 35s; Pearls, 42s 6d. Butter and Cheese, 45s per gress tou.

FURS.—The only skins coming to this market yet are rats and fox, which are bought at \$1.50 to \$1.60 for fox, and about 12c to 15c for rats. Advices from the London sales state: raccoon, best quality, selling at an advance, while thirds and fourths are lower. At Lampson & Co's sales red fox were 10 per cent. lower; western raccoons, 5 p.c. lower; Michigan do, 15 p.c. higher; Muskrats, 5 p.c. higher, and grey fox, 10 per cent. lower than at last sale.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—In bread stuffs an unexpectedly quiet week has been experienced in the leading markets of both Europe and America. At our last reference prices in England and Uhicago were steadly advancing, but the 'spurt' was of short duration; the present tendency towards lower prices came just in time to eatch the long operators, who had begun to place confidence in the upward turn. The English markets to-day are reported per cable steady, with a faft business at noninally unchanged quotations. The Western markets are weak and declining; values for No. 2. Spring wheat in Chicago fell 1c yesterday, and this morning the market was more settled at the opening, owing probably to the cold, damp weather there, but the general tone was weak. Mr. Jaz. R. Keene, who will be remembered as one of the boldest operators in the West, has expressed the opinion that stocks and securities generally in the money market are all too bigh and must decline; he says Europe has prospects of good crops, and should the expectation be realized, as it is fair to presume it may be, an export less in wheat alone of 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 bush will

inevitably result to the United States. Keene denies any alliance with any parties for a 'bull" campaign, and says that he is entirely out of stocks. In this market prices are con-siderably above a shipping basis, one estimate placing them is. 3d. too high, so that either a further advance in England or a decline here must occur before any considerable business can be done. The shipments of wheat from 1st January to the present date show an increase of 30,188 bushels over those for the like period of last year. The only business in grain reported during the week was in No. 2 Canada Red Winter, which has sold at \$1.25 to \$1.27 for May delivery. No. 2 Canada Spring or Red Winter wheat is worth \$1.27 and No. 2 White \$1.25, for milling purposes. For May delivery.—No. 2 Canada red winter wheat, \$1.25 to \$1.27; pease, 86e to 87c: oats. 36c to 37c. and rye, 95c to \$1. January to the present date show an increase 86c to 87c; oats, 36c to 37c, and rye, 95c to \$1. For car lots on spot last week's quotations un-changed. The *Flour* market is decidedly quieter, under a fair average demand to meet local wants. The advance noticed in our last report was checked by the altered tone of the English markets, and values since Monday last have ruled quiet and steady, with a less active demand. Strong bakers' may be said to be in good request, but it is very scarce. Total ship-ments from 1st January to date, 45,086 barrels, an increase of 17,614 barrels over those for the like period last year.

FISH.—Business has continued fair, though of course the demand is decreasing. Stocks, however, are extremely light, and values remain nominally as quoted last week. Labrador *Her*rings.—Small lots of No. 1 small to be had at about \$4.25; No. 1 Green Cod worth \$4 to \$4.25; No. 2, \$3. Solmon.—With the exception of a few barrels of California, which are held at \$15.50, there is none in the market. No. 2 Mackerel can be had in very small quantities at \$5. No Lake Trout left.

FRUITS.—Trade fair, for the time of year. Oranges meet with a fair jobbing demand, and still quoted at \$ per case, or \$2.75 to \$ per box; receipts light. Lemons in better request, at \$3.50 to \$4 per box, or \$5.50 to \$6 50 per case. Apples lower, in consequence of considerable receipts from the West, the fruit also being spotted, and in poor condition. Carloads of these have sold within the week at \$1.10, \$1.33, \$1.75 and \$2.20; while good stock, stored here during the winter bring \$2.25 to \$3, as to kind, but sold only in small lots. The week's shipments from this port comprise about 700 barrels. Cranberries dull, selling slowly at \$6 per barrel. Dried Apples in improved demand, at 5c to \$6; and exaporated apples are selling fairly well at 10c per lb.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—Supplies of low and ordinary qualities are large at prominent points, and for China and Japan Tens, Green and Black, prices keep low. Really choice Japans are not in excessive supply, nor are very fine drawing Teas of early life, and lower class than choice plentiful. Market may be noted as not very active, while the range of prices for Japans is not specially changed. Sugars.—Refined Yellows in demand on about the basis of last week's prices. Refined Whites are also nominally without special change. Some British Refined Yellows have been offering. Raw Sugar dull. Molasses fairly stendy, but not active for Barbadoes. Some other kinds rather easier. Syrups without change. Coffees.—Mocha scarce, 29c to 34c; Java of low quality dull, 21c to 23c; finest kinds, 24c to 29c; Jamaica 14<u>4</u>c to 18c. Rice dull, S3.85 to S4.30. Spices.—Market firmer, for Cassia Pepper keeps still well up. Fruits.—In Valentia Raisins there is continued firmness, 8<u>4</u>c to 91c. Malaga fruit dull. Something doing in Sultanas, at about 10c, in heavy 10t, held 10<u>4</u>c. Currants quiet. Nuts and Almonds dull.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The volume of business is increasing, from week to week, but some

of our merchants complain that reduced Grand Trunk freight rates, which have in past years come into force on the 1st April, are not to take effect this year before the 15th April or 1st May. Many of the larger purchases being made are for spring shipment, and, unless the Richelieu live of boats commence to run early, it is contended that business will continue to be seriously interfered with by the high freight rates. Orders per travellers for both shelf and heavy hardware are reported increasingly numerous, and prices generally rule steady and unchanged. For bar iron there is a fairly active demand, although business is almost confined to supplying the country demand; carlots con-tinue to move out at \$1.75 to \$1.80, and for smaller quantities firmer figures are asked. Canada plates continue dull, and prices indicate an easier tendency; while the demand for tin plates shows a slight improvement. A few jobbing sales of boiler plates have been made at our quotations. Nails in fair request at unchanged prices, the principal makers having agreed to deliver up till the 1st July at present rates. Copper and tin steady and unchanged. The pig iron market remains quiet, with values about steady—at least for small lots from the yard. Sales for forward delivery are generally made at easier figures, in sympathy with the tendency of nearly all foreign markets. Reported sales for the week include small lots for immediate consumption of Summerlee and Coltness at \$19.50 to \$20; and of Eglinton at \$18 to \$19. Latest cable advices quote Scotch Warrants at 49s.

HIDES AND SEINS.—Market nominally unchanged. Good No. 1 hides, which are not to be had from local butchers, command full prices, consequently American hides, which in the Western States rule firm at the advance noted last week, meet with a ready sale here. Offerings of native hides rather small, but, considering their inferior quality, quite large enough for the demand. Owing, it is said to the refusal of a local dealer to consent to paying lower prices until after this month, the movement towards reduced rates in consequence of the undesirable quality, has not yet proved successful and \$9, \$8, and \$7, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, are the ruling figures still for butchers offerings. Sheepskins and calfskins steady, at the prices previously reported.

LEATHER .- A fair busines has been done for the week, nearly altogether in small lots, under an improved demand, more especially for Splits and Upper leather. Of the former, shipments continue to be made to England, prices realized there on late arrivals from this market having been satisfactory, and equal to expectations; sales aggregating several tons are also reported here at within the range of our quotations. Good stock has changed hands at 27c to 28c for heavy qualities. A lot of 1,500 sides of choice light $U_{\mu}per$ was sold on Tuesday at 42c. and another good sized lot at 40c; light and light medium Upper are selling well, while heavy Upper is dull. Manufacturers are beginning to look around more earnestly for black leathers, but, as before stated, generally confine their purchases to small lots, as there is no fear of a scarcity. Sole leather remains quiet and steady; no large sales. Buff and Pebble con-tinue in fair, not active, request. No changes to note in our price list.

Oils. -Stocks of Cod Oil are quite light, and accordingly prices are firmer, now quoted at 60 to 62c Imp. gal.; the firmer feeling is also in sympathy with New York market, where prices have fluctuated considerably within the week. A few sales of jubbing lots of Cod have been made here at full prices. Linved rules quiet and firm, at 584c wine gal., or 70c. Imperial; some recent sales were reported, however, at 574c, wine measure. In Steam refined seal there is not much business to report; buyers have been anxiou-ly awaiting news from the seat fish-rices, which is to hand; a despatch from St. John's, Newfoundland, yesterday states that two sealing steamships returned with 25,000 seals, worth 550,000, having been only three days in scenring the cargo. The result is said to be unprecedented. Prices here unchanged. *Naual Stores*—There has been a steady demand for *Turpentine*, at easier prices, which, in sympathy with the American markets, have declined somewhat within the week, now quoted at 75c to 75c Imp.; Market rather firmer at close. Other kinds unchanged.

PETROLEUM. – Rules firm at 20c f.o.b. at London for Refined. Grude, S1.60 f.o.b. at Petrolia. The Government having decided the gravity question for this year at least, the feeling is more settled amongst dealers; although the crude producers having advanced their price 10c per brl. prevents any decline at present in price of Refined. Ultimately there is no doubt but that the change in the law will reduce the cost to consumers at least 1c per gal. *Usal Ull.* –Imp. gals. f.o.b. (London), 20c; car lots, 232c to 25c; small lots, single brls., 252c

PROVISIONS .- The weak feeling which set in about the middle of last week in Chicago provision market has continued, and values for Mess Pork and Lard have suffered a heavy decline in the West, pork being fully 75c to 80c per brl. lower in Chicago than on last Thursday. On Tuesday there was a fall of 17kc per brl. on pork and of 20c per 100 lbs. on lard; yesterday a further decline of 20c to 221c for pork and of 25c for lard was recorded. See to-day's closing prices, under head of "American Markets," in another column. In this market a good trade has been done, but, in sympathy with the West, prices begin to show a weakening tendency, although they are not yet quotably lower. Canada mess pork sells in jobbing lots at \$19.50 to \$20, as to size of lot; stocks very light. American pork brings \$19 to \$19.50. Lard.—The supply of both Gauada to \$19.50. Lard.—The supply of both Gauada and Fairbanks is light; the former, in fact, is almost exhausted, and is held at 14c to 144c, while Fairbanks' brings 144c to 144c, in pails. *Hans* not yet in active demand; plain, sugar-cured worth 13c, and Cincinnatti convassed, 14c. Eggs rather easier yesterday, and sold at 17c to 18c; owing to bad country roads prices have encoded 19c within the week, but receipts have since increased. Shiwmants of Derserd have since increased. Shipments of Dressed Poultry, chiefly turkeys, have been quite recently made from this city to American marrecently made from this city to American mar-kets, the prices paid ranging from 9c to 12c per lb., as to quality. Maple Syrup is arriving in fair quantities, and selling at 70c to 90c per gal. and Sugar brings 8c to 10c per lb., demand fair. The maple sugar crop in this Province this season is said to be the largest on record; some farmers have made 2,000 lbs, each since the boriuning of Laut beginning of Lent.

SEEDS.—The market for *Clover* continues without much animation, and prices remain unchanged at \$5 to \$5.25 per bushel. *Timothy* is coming forward in fair quantities, and with an active demand prices are fully sustained; quoted at \$2.70 to \$2.80 per bushel.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—There is no feature to interest to note in connection with this branch. The demand is altogether of a light jobbing character, and holders are firm, especially for *Brandies* and gins, of which stocks are rather light; buyers, however, do not readily respond, and no quotable transactions have been reported. Prices unchanged.

Wool.-The London sales have developed a somewhat firmer feeling there, under a more spirited demand; on Monday last 9,300 bales, -chiefly Port Phillip, Sydney, Adelaide and Cape, were disposed of at firm prices. On this continent, however, the markets remain quietand prices easy at about former quotations. In this market there is but little domestic wool, held now, and prices are steady, but firm at unchanged figures. Manufacturers are still holding off, and only buying for immediate requirements; a few small lots of Greasy Cape are reported sold at 18½ c, which is about the outside figure obtainable for a lot. Australian is quoted at 18½ c for pieces, and 27 to 27½ c for combing. Stocks light.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Chicago, March 24, 2.20 p.m.—Wheat, March, 100c; April, 100§c; May, 105§c. Corn, March, 38§c; April, 38§c; May, 42§c. Oats, April, 29§c; May, 34c. Pork, 2.05 p.m., March, \$14.-47§; April, \$14.88; May, \$14.95. Lard, 2.12 p.m., March, \$10.15; April, \$10.20; May, \$10.32§.

ENGLISH MARKETS .- By Cable.

Liverpool, 11.30 a.m., March 24, 1831.—Flour, 85 6d to 11s; Spring, 85 6d to 95 3d; Red Winter, 95 3d to 95 10d; White, 95 to 95 8d; Club, 95 6d to 10s. Corn, new, 55 5d; Old, 5s 6<u>1</u>d. Pork, 65s; Lard, 53s 6d; Bacon, 39s to 41s.

London, 11.30 a.m., March 24, 1881.—Consols, 100 3-16; Money, 100; Account Bonds, new 41s at 142; New 5s at 44; Er., 47]; Ill. C., 1381.

Beerbohm, March 24, 1881.—Floating cargoes Wheat firmly held, while Reds are very dull. Maize rather easier. Cargoos passage Wheat, Maize, inactive. Good cargoes Red Winter Wheat off coast, price was 488 6d, now 488 to 488 6d. Do., Cal., was 478 to 478 6d, now 478 6d. Do., Mixed American Maize, tale quale, was 278 6d to 288, now 278 6d. London fair average No. 2 Chicago Wheat, shipment present following month, was 458, now 448 6d. Liverpool Spot Wheat, Maize, steady. On passage U K. ports, call and direct ports, Wheat, 2,350,000 qrs. ; Maize, 440,000 qrs.

MARITIME MARKETS.

Halifax, N.S., March 24, 1881.

Markets have been rather steadier at a small advance during past week, and, owing to the spring-like state of weather, a fair trade has been done. The trade quote ordinary to good Superiors, 55.75 to 55.85; fair to good extras, 55.30 to 56.35; Strong Bakers', 55.05 to 56.00. Oatmeal, 55 to 55.05; K.D. commeal, 53.25 to 53.30; fresh ground, 53.18 to 53.20.

St. John, N.B., March 24, 1881.

There is no material change in Breadstuffs. The stiffening of the English market early in the week had no effect on prices here. There has been a fair trade, considering the season. Stocks are abundant. The quotations are : Extras, 55.60 to 55.75; Superiors, 55.75 to 56; Patents, 56.5 to 57; Cornmeal and Oatmeal unchanged, though there is a prospect of an increase in the latter, owing to advices of an advance on oats in Ontario. Molasses is firm. The stocks held are light. Sugar remains without change. Green apples command \$2 to \$2.50 per brl., according to quality. Beans continue firm at the advance last quoted.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS. (By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

TORONTO, March 24, 1881, o

The movement of general merchaudise since our last review has been quite large in seasonable goods. There are some branches, however, that have not been so highly fa vored as others. There are a number of country merchants in town, with a good number coming and going. Purchases of fancy goods and millinery have been large, these goods being the great induce. ment to attract country buyers here. The spring openings in these departments are over, and dealers, without exception, appear to be satisfied with results so far. In wholesale dry goods departments there is considerable activity, and warehouses have presented an animated appearance during the week. Stocks are being reduced rapidly, and there is seemingly a great scarcity of some descriptions of Canadian goods. Cottons are moving freely, and are firm in price. The demand for dress goods has been active, and woollens are also in request. Remittances are reported as satisfactory, with few renewals. The wholesale hardware market is stendy and the movement large. The keen competition has the tendency of keeping values down. Provisions are moderately active and produce quiet. The money market is without change. There is considerable capital offering for investment, but no great attractions. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. when of large amount, and the ordinary at 7. Call loans are steady at 41 to 5 per cent., the latter being the most common. Time loans rule at 5 to 51 per cent., and are in small demand. Sterling Exchange is a little casier at 10S1 to 10S1 for 60day bills across the counter and 108% between banks. Demand bills are 1091 to 1093. Gold drafts on New York are 1 premium to regular customers. The stock market has been less active and irregular during the past week. In one or two instances values are lower while in others they are higher than last Thursday. Sales in Banks for the past few days comprise Montreal at 186, Ontario at 1014, 1014, 102, and 1012, Commerce at 144, 1433, 1431 and 1431, Dominion at 165, Federal at 145, Standard at 106], and Consolidated at 20. Loan companies ruled firm, with a good demand, and miscellancous Shares were steady. Canada Permanent sold at 206, Building and Loan at 165, London and Canadian at 1514, Farmers Loan at 132, National Investment at 113, and Western Assurance at 220. There were no sales of telegraph: stocks.

Following are the closing bids to day as compared with those of last Thursday :

Banks.	Bid Mch. 17.	Bid Mch, 24.	Loan Cos.	Pid Mch. 17	Bid Meh 24
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BOOTS AND SHOES.—Dealers in this branch of business are now in the midst of their active season, and reports altogether indicate a good movement and satisfactory return. A number of store customers are in, but the bulk of orders are received from travellers in the north and west. Full staffs are employed in factorics.

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COAL.—A moderately active business is reported, but orders as yet are for small quantities, as a decline is looked for any day. Egg, stove, grate and chestnut sell at \$8; the best soft coal, \$7.50; second quality, \$7.

COAL OIL.—The demand is not active, but, when the season is considered, the trade has been good. There is a firmer feeling in the crude market; and, contrary to general expectations, the refined market has appeared firmer since the change was made in gravity. Prices range from 22% to 28c per Imperial gallon.

COUNTRY PRODUCE .- Apples .- This market has been quiet, and prices steady at \$1.50 to S1.75 per barrel, according to quality. Beans are quiet, with only a moderate demand and small stocks; country lots are worth about S1.25 per bushel, and hand-picked lots \$1.40. Country Cake Lard is firm at 12c. Eggs have ruled steady at 15c to 16c, under a good de-mand, and receipts have been fair. Hogs are quiet; no cars offering, and waggon receipts sufficient to supply the local demand; prices are quoted at \$7.75 to \$8. Hops are dull; a few choice sold at 18c, and inferior to good are worth 15c to 17c. Unions are firm at \$4 to \$4.25 a barrel. Foldloss are in good demand, and shipments are still being made to the States. No car loads offering on this market, but they would bring from 60c to 65c per bag. Poultry scarce, and firm at 11c per 1b. for turkeys, and. 7c for geese. Tultow quiet and firm at 61c to 65c; dealers are paying 31c for rough and 6c to 61c for rendered.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is little change in the condition of trade since our last, the demand being moderate and confined to orders for small parcels. Opium is still selling at \$8.50, Quinine is higher at \$3.50, and Tartarie Acid unchanged at 60c. Gr am of Tartar is quoted at 35c, Turpentie e at 37c, Linseed Oil at 79c to \$3c for raw and bolied respectively. Clycerine is firmer at 3²c to 35c; Camphor, 40c; Iodide of Potassium, \$3.25. The demand for heavy chemicals is quiet and prices unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour has been quict and firm, with business restricted on account of its being held at what are considered extreme figures. The market opened strong with holdders asking \$5.00 for superior extra, and \$4.90 for extra, with a sale of a choice lot of the former at that price on Friday, and extra sold the same day at \$4.824. The last few days, values are easier on account of the decline in the States' markets, and trade very dull. Superior extra is nominal at \$4.90 and extra at \$4.80. Market today closed with little more inquiry but no sales. The stock in store is 9,643 barrels against 10,-138 barrels last week, and 18,000 barrels the corresponding week of last year. Oatmeal is quiet and firm, with cars worth about \$4.20 and small lots \$4.30 to \$4.50. Cornmeal unchanged at \$3.00 in small quantities. Bran is quiet and steady, with cars at \$12.50 on track.

WHEAT.—While prices were going up in the West last week, the demand here was good and values firm, but within the last three days the market may be said to have been flat. On Saturday and Monday, transactions were made at \$1.20 for No.1 Spring, \$1.18 for No 2 Spring, and \$1.11 for No.2 Fall. On Tuesday cars of No. 1 offered freely at \$1.20 and No. 2 at \$1.18, with \$1.16 bid for the latter. The demand, however, was small, and little or no business done. Yesterday there was no change, and \$1.10 is the highest for No. 2 Fall. A car of No. 1 spring sold to-day at \$1.20, and No. 3 offered at \$1.13 with \$1.11 bid. The stock in store is 219,781 bushels against 214,609 bushels last week and 330,383 bushels the corresponding week of 1880.

COARSE GRAINS .- Barley .- The demand has been good during the week, and numerous sales have been made to outside brewers and maltsters as well as to local dealers. The latter part of last week ordinary No. 2 sold in car lots at 88c and 89c, and ten cars brought 90c. On Monday a round lot brought 90c, and four cars of extra No. 3, 84c. Car lots of No. 1 offered on Tuesday at 98c, and choice No. 2 at 93c, and a sale of 20,000 bushels of ordinary No. 2 was made at 96c. Yesterday the market was quiet, with cars offering at same prices. To-day's market closed firm with a car-lot of No. 1 offering at 98c, and a sale of several cars of extra No. 3 at 84c. The stock in store is 266,719 bushels against 305,605 bushels last week and 124,770 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Peas have ruled quiet and firm, with little offering. Six cars of No. 2 sold on Friday at 70c, which would be paid to-day for round lots, and No. 1 are worth 71c. The stock is now 89,866 bushels against 83,017 bushels heat work and 50.272 bushes the correspondence bushels last week and 59,327 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Outs have offered more freely, and under a tair demand have ruled firm at 38c on track, at which prices sales were made daily. Rye dull and firm, with 87c bid for a car on Tuesday. Corn is quiet and nominal at 58c on track.

FREGRIES.—Grand Trunk rates on flour are steady on the basis of 35c to Montreal and 60c to Halifax. Ocean rates by steamer from Portland show slight changes, and are as follows : Flour, 93c; Oatmeal, 99c per barrel; beef in barrels, 55d per 100 lbs.; boxed meats, 52d c; tallow and lard, 56d c; butter and cheese, 63c per 100 bs in large lots and 73c for small. apples, \$1.20 per barrel in lots over 130 barrels;

GROCERIES .- Dealers as a rule complain of a slow trade, and say that dry goods are monopolizing the attention of the country merchants at present. Bad roads also check the movement. There is no material change in prices, which however, continue firm all round. Fruits are scarce and very firm, with Sic refused for Valencias; Currants, 7c to 71c; Sultanas, 101c to 11c; London layers, large lots, \$2.75; Black basket, \$3.50; Blue Crown, \$4.75. Nuts unchanged at 10c to 101c for Walnuts, and 17c for Almonds. Fish are quiet, with no white or trout in the matket. No. 1 Labrador are firm at about \$7. Peppers quiet; white, 16c; black, firm at 12c, with stock small. Sugars stendy; low yellows 73c to Sic; bright do, Sic to 9c; granulated, 10c. Teas unchanged at 30c to 38c for 10c common Young Hyson, 40c to 50c for medium to good, and 60c to 65c for fine. Common Conto good, and 60c to 65c for fine. Common Con-gou, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c. Syrup steady; common, 58c; amber to choice amber, 62c to 78c per Imperial gallon. *Coffee* quiet; Government Java, 30c to 31c; Singapore, 20c to 23c; Rio, 18c to 20c; Jamaica, 22c to 24c; Rice steady at \$4.25. *Tobacco* unchanged at 37jc to 45c for 6s and 8s; 43c to 45c for bright navy 3s ; 36c to 45c for Solaces, and 80c to 90c for Virginia. Liquors firm ; Pure Jamaica Rum, 107 yirguna. Liquors inm.; Fure Jamaica Ruin, 16'0.p., \$2.75 to \$3; Demerara, \$2.45 to \$2.75. Gin-green cases, \$4.25 to \$4.50; red, \$8 to \$8.50. Wines,—port, \$1.50; fine, \$2.40 to \$5.40. Sherry, \$1.50; fine, \$3.60 to \$5.40. Champagne, per case, \$14 to \$26.50. Brandy in wood, Hennessy's, Olard's and Martell's, \$4.50 to \$5.10; second-class brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, ac-cording to acce inform brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, ac-cording to acce information brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, ac-cording to \$4.20 to \$2.20 to \$ \$5.10; second class brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, according to age; inferior brands, \$2.40 to \$3.30. Whiskey (add 5 per cent). Alcohol, per linperial gallon, \$2.53; pure spirits, 65c o.p., \$2.54; do, 50 o.p., \$2.25; do, 25 u.p., \$1.18; family proof whiskey, \$1.28; old Bourbon, \$1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, \$1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., \$1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, \$1.50; do, 5 years old, \$1.60; do 6 years old, \$1.70; 7 years old, \$1.80.

HARDWARE.—The demand continues good, and, judging from the stock going through packers' hands, the movement is large, and probably greater than at this season last year. As may be expected under the circumstances, there

is a hopeful feeling among the trade. The only drawback, apparently, is low prices in consequence of keen competition. Prices remain steady at our quotations of last week

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—There are few first-class hides offering, the bulk of them being grubby. Prices, however, are unchanged f.r good lots, at 9c. for cows and 92c for steers. No. 1 inspected sold at 93c. *Calfskins* are offering in moderate quantities and steady at 15c to 16c. *Sheepskins* are unchanged, with a moderate trade and large stocks. Prices paid to butchers for green range from \$1.25 to \$1.60 according to quality.

LEATHER.—There is a fair trade doing, but the demand is not as good as dealers would generally desire. Although prices are not quotably lower, there is an easiness which induces buyers to hold off, and orders are of a haud-to-mouth character. Stocks are reported as large

LIVE STOCK.—Cattle.—The receipts have not been sufficient to meet the demand, and prices this week are from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per 1b. higher. There were only 14 car loads offered since our last report, and, with the exception of a few loads, they were of inferior quality. Export cattle are worth 5c to $\frac{3}{6}$ per 1b.; twenty-five head, averaging about 1500 lbs., sold at \$70 each. There were a number of sules at $\frac{4}{6}$ for stock weighing from 1050 to 1100 lbs. A few loads also sold at \$38 to \$45 per head. Sheep are in good demand for export, but offerings are small; an exceptionally fine lot of 61, averaging 175 lbs., sold at 52 per lb. Ordinary to good sell at 5c to $\frac{5}{2}c$. The latter prices are also paid for lambs, but receipts are as yet small. Calces ure offering more freely, and are steady at \$5 to \$10 a head. Hogs are also in limited supply and firm, with a sale of sixteen head at 6c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Offerings continue liberal, and prices remain easy. Choice lots are scarce and firmer than other qualities, being worth about 20c. Large rolls are easy, with inferior to good qualities worth from 14c to 17c. Bucon remains firm, under a good demand; Cumberland cut is worth 9c to 9gc, and long clear from 9gc to 10c in lots. Ham is in limited demand and steady at 12c for smoked and 11c for pickled. Pork firm, with stock held in few hands; cars are worth \$18.50 and small lots \$19 to \$19.50. Lard has been in active demand and firm; large lots in tubs sell at 13c, and jobbing lots at 13gc to 14c. Cheese is firm, with sales small; choice qualities, 14gc, and ordinary 14c. Dried Apples are moving fairly well, and are steady at 43c to 43c for barrelled lots. Loose lots from country, 4c less.

SEEDS.—Clover.—A good jobbing trade is being done at \$4.65 to \$4.85 a bushel, and sheet lots are worth \$4.50 to \$4.60. No movement reported in car lots. Timolhy is in moderate demand and firm, with a sale of a car at \$2.75 per bushel. Flaz is firm at \$3 to \$3.25 per cental.

Woot.—The demand for fleece is inactive, and dealers do not feel disposed to pay more than 26c to 28c, according to quality. Supers are in fair demand from manufacturers, with sales at 29c and 30c. Eztra is firm at $3\frac{1}{2}c$ to 36c. There is a moderate movement in foreign.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—Return of traffic for week ending March 19th, 1881, and the corresponding week, 1880.—Passengers, Mails and Express, \$56,350; Freight and Live Stock, \$160,393. Total, \$216,743; Corresponding week 1880, \$201,257. Increase in 1881, \$15,486.



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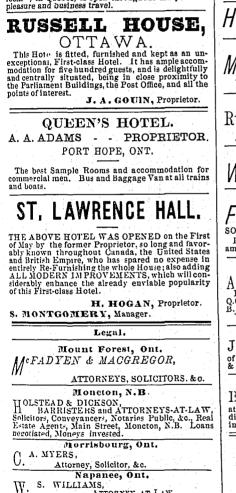


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