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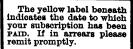
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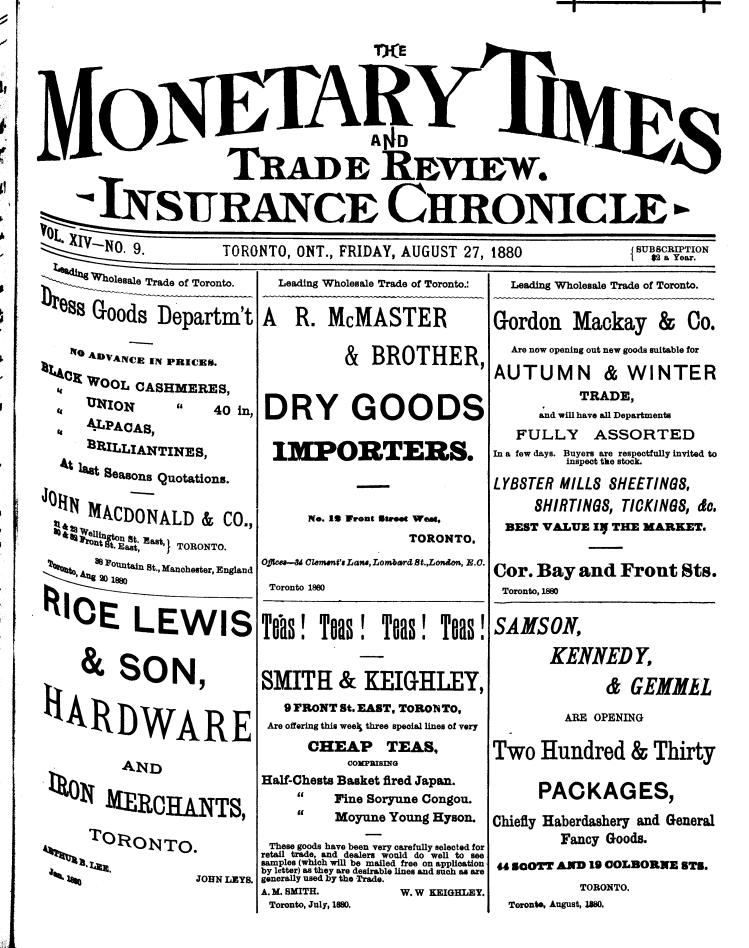
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Mercantile Summary,

THE total amount of grain received at the Northern Railway elevator at Collingwood this season up to close of July, has been 2,466,285 bushels.

MESSES. Boyd Caldwell & Son sold a raft of square timber recently at Quebec, at an advance of fifty per cent. upon last year's prices, says the Almonte Gazette.

OVER 100 reapers have been sent from Toronto to Ireland by the Toronto Reaper & Mower Company. The first one was introduced by Mr. Glover Harrison, of the China Hall.

AT Lindsay, Mr. C. L. Baker, who has had a very chequered career, failing some few years ago, after a number of prosperous years, has sold out and is going to the United States to try his fortunes.

WITHIN the ten weeks ending the 1st instant. there were delivered at the Teeswater Creamery 1,250,000 pounds of milk, and at the Walkerton Creamery 1,270,000 pounds. Out of this were made 965 packages of butter and 60,000 pounds of cheese.

IT is estimated that on January 1st, 1880, there were 30,000,000 sheep in New South Wales, Australia, an increase of 5,000,000 over the previous year. During the past year 140,-500 000 pounds of wool were forwarded thence for shipment.

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It is stated that the fish merchants of London England, are considering a proposition to be made to Canadian fishermen, by which salmon shall be shipped in bulk instead of in tins, as a much better price can be obtained for the fish in its unbroken shape.

MONTREAL harbor presents a scene of more than ordinary activity; some sixty-five seagoing vessels, besides the usual complement of river craft, lie at the wharves busy discharging or loading. At the same date last year there were forty-seven vessels in port, showing a gratifying increase of eighteen.

MR. W. A. FOWLER, a grocer at Corsley, commenced business in the early part of this year with a small capital and fair prospects of succes, but these have been suddenly brought to a close. He is now charged with obtaining goods under false pretences.

DAVID JERMYN, formerly in business in Denfield, went from there to Woodham about six months ago, but in the new quarters he still continued to be unsuccessful, several judgments being obtained against him by business creditors His property is to be sold by the sheriff this week.

A CABLE from London states that it has been decided to run a line of steamers in connection with the Erie and other American railways to carry merchandise which reaches New York from Chicago and other western towns, to all parts in the north-west of England via West Hartlepool

MR. W. J. WARD, late manager of Mr. Fawcett's banking house in Arkona, has, in conjunction with his late employer, opened an office in New Hamburgh, for the conduct of a general banking business. The firm style is W. J. Ward & Co.

THE leading items of export from Amherst, N. S., during the fiscal year 1880, were :

Wrought stone, 2,300 tons,	value	\$ 9,500	I
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Coals, 1,150 tons,	··	3,000	Ł
Grindstone,	"	5,000	0
Spars,	•••••••••	3,000	8
Timber,	·· ····	2,000	0

The electric lamps put up in Montreal harbor by the Brush Electric Light Co., having successfully stood the long continued tests to which they have been subjected, have finally been taken over by the Harbor Commissioners. They have ordered besides five additional double lampse making in all twenty-one lights which will b, | cut, for the year ended 30th June last :---available for illuminating purposes.

WE noticed in a recent issue, the fact that \$200,000 of the new Montreal five per cent bonds had been allotted to the Bank of British North America, at 13 per cent premium. Since then smaller sums have been placed at three per cent. premium, and a few days ago the last \$20,000 of the amount required was disposed of at four per cent. premium. Montreal may congratulate herself upon her excellent civic credit.

WM. Somerville & Co., storekeepers, of Kinburn, Ont., were burnt out about two weeks ago, and were only insured for \$1000. It appears that some of the creditors have been trying to

their own claims, hearing of which, a more fairminded creditor has taken proceedings to attach the policy for the general benefit, basing his action upon an alleged admission of insolvency by the firm.

BUSINESS in Chatham would not appear to be prosperous just now. No less than four firms are anxious to sell out. Among these are Wm. Ball, tinsmith, who has been pretty successful, although latterly he has not been making much money; D. McNaughton, mills, also, has grown tired of that business after having made some property. The other two are furniture dealer and brewer respectively, both doing business in a small way.

WE have to record the death of E. L. Chandler Esq M. P. of Brome Corners. Que, whose name has always been associated with all schemes for the development of the section in which he lived. Mr. Chandler engaged early in mercantile pursuits, in which he acquired a competence, and was one of the first promoters of the South Eastern Counties R. R. with which he remained indentified up to the time of his death. He was very generally respected and esteemed.

A GALT grocer, Mr. Sault, formerly a clerk in that town, commenced business in the autumn of 1878. His capital was small, keen competition and with his prospects were never bright. Upon getting behind with his payments, he evidently saw nothing but failure before him. Then he endeavored to make the best of the circumstances, regardless of the interest of his In order to realize all he could, he creditors. sold his book debts, getting \$1,000 in cash, and with this sum he left for foreign climes.

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Rolling Mill Co. was held this week in Hamilton. The directors elected are :-- Mr. R. Brown, President, Mr. S. A. Fuller, vice-president, Mr. A. M. Wilcox, treasurer; Mr. C. S. Wilcox, Secretary, and Messrs, P M. Hitchcock and C. E. Doolittle, the latter formerly representing Messrs. Cleveland Brown & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, will have charge of the sales' department. Mr. Albert Fuller remains as bookkeeper and cashier. Mr. Doolittle is elected managing director of the American Nail Works Company, a branch of the Rolling Mill.

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THE County of Leeds has lost one of its oldest settlers, and most estimable and successful business men, in the person of Coleman Lewis Esq., of Addison. While driving home last Friday evening, he was seized with an apoplectic fit and died in a few minutes. Mr. Lewis was one get control of the insurance policy to protect of the first settlers in the Township of Elizabeth-

town, and his business career of over for years was marked by no commercial disaster.

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On Wednesday last a deputation of member of the Industrial and Arts Association with upon the Finance Minister at the Queen's Even here, and urged upon him the importance of extending the south-eastern portion of the southbition grounds to the bank of the lake, with will include the site occupied by the rife To this proposition Sir Leonard Tilley expret himself favorably disposed, provided suitable grounds for military practice could be else at obtained. The deputation named High Parks an excellent place for the purpose.

THE Grange Co-operative Company have cided, it is reported, to close up their busin in Napanee and place the compamy in light tion It appears that no money could be out of the grangers, in that locality, and of the comment of the company's operations in grain were profitable The the profitable. The Napanee Beaver states that the company here a company have determined to do a whole business in Toronto, "it being the centre commerce for the province, and an excelled distributing point." After the adverse or ence this company has had, it seems folly for its come here and endeavour to compete with the ness men, who have not only large capital, p long experience in trade.

" THE Universal Knitting Machine Comp of Ontario, Limited," is the name of a comp recently formed to manufacture underclouble by the help of a new knitting machine, art p The first a nual meeting of the company was held here which great things are expected. the 19th instant. The by laws as and were adopted, and the meeting then proceed to ballot for directors who were chosen low, to hold office till the general annual meters to be held on the 1st Tuesday in Febru 1882 : Messrs. D. McIntosh, President; Reford, Vice President; F. C. Innes, H. E. H. A. J. Close. Wm. P. A. J. Close, Wm. Reford, D. McIntosh, Reesor, Robt. George; Mr. W. B. Close pointed Secretary T pointed Secretary-Treasurer.

THERE seems to be a "boom" in joint muse companies in New Brunswick, three company having received latter having received letters of incorporation, good & the last few weeks. The "Gladstone Book Shoe Co." has been Shoe Co." has been incorporated for the ning of leather and manufacture of b_{0}^{0} b_{1}^{0} shoes, at Fredericter shoes, at Fredericton, with a capital of gift, in \$5 shares in \$5 shares. The "Hibbard Antimony composed of St. John and Boston copies, N. B. proposes to work mines at Prince William, you with a capital of \$50,000 in \$5 shares, by lastly, the "Poquiock Mining Company

THE sixth annual meeting of the sharebook of the Anglo-French Steamship Co., al 1968 in Halifax on the 17th inst. The annual ref. shows a net profit of the year's business deter 741.62, which enables the company is first dividend to the its first dividend to the holders of original state. They announce a divident

ants reflect much credit on the management. During the last two years the whole of the preterential stock (or borrowed money) amounting With interest, to \$11,665.27, has been repaid. The contract for carrying the French mails has been renewed for three years. The old Board Were re al. Provident; Were re-elected, viz :-H. H. Fuller, President; W. P. West, Vice do., and F. D. Corbett, George Mitchen and Mitchen Witchell and J. P. Frecker of Halifax, and Mm. Prima, Dupont and Cardin of St. Pierre. Mr. Geo. S. Campbell was re-appointed Secretary. The trade of Halifax and Sydney with the French islands St. Pierre and Miquelon, has been Breatly developed by this line.

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The oil and paint trade in Montreal has been tetter and paint trade in Montreal has been pretty well represented by Messrs. McArthur & Son, S. H. May & Co., R. C. Jamieson, and others. Now an important addition to this is and color this is made in the large paint and color factors what eity by tactory recently established in that city by Messers, Lewis, Berger & Sons, (limited) of London & Sheffield, England. This house, stahlist, Sheffield, England. stablished for over a century, is represented in Canada by Mr. Wm. Johnson, a gentleman of arge ave the present the trade, who, finding that the present tariff operated adversely to the firms busines. erect in the Dominion, induced inc... Buccessent in Montreal, which are now in Buccessful operation. They supply the Caua-dian transformer to the supply the Cauadian trade with white lead, paints and colors. The works with white lead, paints and comments and and a cover an area of nearly two acres, and are furnished with the most approved

Tax German railway carriages are at last being modified so as to approach in some degree to the American. A writer about the Dusseldorf Exhibition says : In the first and secondelass carriages, ordinarily there is no connection whatever between the compartments in the ^{ca}riage; the conductor passes along the steps on the outside. These new cars, while retainin, the compartments and entrance along the edes, have doors from one compartment to the other, allowing the passengers, if so disposed, to Communicate, and the collector to walk through These new the car instead of on the outside. These new cars are all provided with the air brake, an in-Tention which is slowly being adopted through on which is slowly being adopted through and in The feight cars, as exhibited and in use on the various roads, have a very different general appearance from American, and the a dissimination of the cars are also a dissimilar construction. from one half to two-thirds of the length of our platform one half to two-thirds of the length of the perishplatform cars, and are seldom roofed, the perishable goods being covered with tarpaulins for pro-

Palogs of lumber in the American markets the strengthened by the prospect of a brisk fall demand. At Albany, the feeling is firmer, although the receipts are very considerable. Those by canal at that point from the opening of navi

Bation up to 23rd instant were:

1880 \cdots $159,794,200$ These figures 1,700	Shingles, M. 5,715	Timber, cubic ft.
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ception being 10 inch Canada pine boards which are scarce. The Chicago receipts of lumber have been, since 1st January 815,447,000 feet, against 764,581,700 a year ago; the shipments thence so far have been 429,696,000, against 411,688,000 feet in 1879. Spruce is ruling low this season, and hemlock in light supply.

HYPOCRISY is so firmly planted in the heart of what the St. Thomas Times calls a "theological and literary thief" lately arrested there, that when a constable collars him with stolen goods in his postession, he falls upon his knees and asks heaven to forgive his enemies, among others the constable who erringly arrested him when he was obtaining funds with which to do good. This man, Thomas Dougherty, had been stealing books and presenting them to people ; perhaps he will say that he thus did evil that good might come. Some 44 books were found in his house that had never been paid for, likewise some pocket books, pencils, &c. And yet this is a person who has been a member of several religious sects, and preached in various churches, ending by rejoining the Roman Catholic church which he had once abandoned. As a temperance lecturer, too, and a sort of general homilist on morals, he was quite well known. We are glad to be able to add that Dougherty was placed in the lock-up, where he will have an opportunity of applying some of his rules of morality to himself.

THE New England Transportation Company in advertising its "splendidly equipped steamers," should have more regard for the truth as well as for the comfort of passengers, if it wishes to cultivate trade. We have a suggestion on two, particularly applicable to the owners or managers of the steamer "Canada." We know it is not always possible for vessels to get freighted in time to leave Chicago at the hour stated, but when the boat does not start until midnight or later some means ought to be devised to secure to passengers the state room they stipulate for when purchasing tickets. Owing to a lack of system this is not done. The same room is sometimos sold by agents to different parties. Last week, when the steamer "Canada" was leaving Chicago, no less than three passengers demanded the key of the same room when they arrived on board. This was not only confusing but annoying. Then the culinary department is susceptible of great improvement. The cook should have some holidays. Let him remain in thicago long enough to take a few lessons from some of the experts in that city, and then there will be less grumb. ling from the passengers ; the gentlemanly officers of the boat, too will have less annoyance from those entrusted to their care. The state rooms are good and passengers could not fail to enjoy them if they were more neatly kept, but the stewardess has already more than she can do. The fact is that efficiency is, in the case of a number of the employees, sacrificed to cheapness and the grave and dangerous mistake is made of getting a cheap person to do the work of an ex-perienced one. These remarks do not in any bigan and the enquiry is good. Stocks of way apply to the Northern Queen which formed she part of this line, we are credibly informed she is "splendidly equipped" as advertised.



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THE MONETARY TIMES AND TRADE REVIEW-INSURANCE CHRONICLE.



THE DEFICIT.

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The deficit in the Dominion finances for the year ending June 30, 1880, is in exact former, \$1,693,123.47. The statement that 1,300,000 customs and excise was received and excise was a large solution of the 1879.80 and entered in anticipation of the but the second entered in anticipation of the deficit; but the deficit itself is not the less an ugly thet. But the explanation refers to a state of things which is partly extraordinary and Partly not 80. Every year duties are paid on goods that do not go into consumption till the next year, and some, if only a small Quantity of those actually released would have been taken out of bond before the beginning of the fiscal year 1879-80, if there had been no change in the tariff. Unless allowance has been made for this, there is room for some error in the souther th in the estimate that \$1,300,000 was received in anticipation of the new tariff and in contoghence of its being impending. That a that was made to get off by paying the old duties, instead of being obliged to pay the higher. higher new duties, is matter of notoriety.

Btill, as we have said, the deficit remains. And it is a deficit for the year which the hew tariff was intended to cover, and did cover. It is of course true that the anticipation of the deficit of the von abnormally lessened the deficit of the year 1878-9. If all the facts, as they have ∞ have occured, were forseen, then the Minister of Finance was making his arrangements for a deficit. But this does not seem to have been the case, for he thought he had taken neasures that would give him all the revenue required that would give him all the revolution of the tariff had been raised high and yet, if the tariff had been raised high enough to produce all the revenue re-Quired, over and above the extraordinary the one is that was foreseen, it would have been open to two grave objections : it would have have year with another, have produced too much extravagence. This is on the supposition that we are used with the inevitable temptation. that we are still, on the whole, well within the limits of

ence of the United State seems to show that it would be possible to realize more revenue from higher customs and excise duties.

What the Minister of Finance really required, under the exceptional circumstances, was some temporary aid that would have filled the gap of the deficit which anticipation of revenue would produce, for a single year. For this he failed to provide ; that is his mistake.

A more important question than any that connects itself with the actual deficit, is whether the tariff, with the amendments of last session, will, in conjunction with other sources of income, produce a revenue equal to the expenditure. This, of course, partly depends on other circumstances. If the burthen of the Pacific Railway can be got rid of. it may be possible to make both ends meet. The ministers who are now in England negotiating for the transfer of the work, or a part of it as the fact may be, to a private company, are to start on the return voyage on the second of next month. A conclusion of some kind must have been within reach before it was possible to fix a day for the return. Should the tariff as it now stands, prove sufficient for revenue purposes, the occurrence of a single deficit under its operation, in the circumstances described, will be a matter of comparatively minor importance.

DIVISION COURT EXTENSION.

When it was proposed, during the last session of the Ontario Local Legislature, to confer a more extended jurisdiction upon the Division courts of this province, considerable opposition to the change was manifested by different classes of the community. True, the most energetic protests came from interested quarters. The officials of the higher courts, who were to be shorn of a large proportion of their emoluments by the suggested changes, and the members of the legal profession whose fees were to be reduced, could scarcely be expected to view with favor the contemplated innovation. Quite apart, however, from those who had a direct pecuniary interest in the continuance of the law as it was, there were many who entertained grave doubts of the wisdom of widening the sphere of tribunals which had not always merited public confidence. Abuses-some of them serious ones-had undoubtedly existed in the administration of justice in what have been called the "people's courts ;" but these had grown out of misconduct on the part of officials and a want of proper supervision over them, rather than from any defect in the system.

the merits of the policy inaugurated. Granted that the time since the enactment of the measure is short, and that difficulties and defects now unforeseen may yet come to light, it must be admitted that our experience of the new law, brief as it is, favors a more intelligent judgment than could have been expected six months ago. The result thus far appears to be generally satisfactory. The inconveniences complained of as having followed the change, are worthy of mention. One complaint made of the change takes this shape :--- Under the former regime, a merchant in Hamilton or Toronto who held a note against a retailer, say in Goderich, for \$175, upon which default was made, could sue the claim in the city. But now, if a defence is entered, he has to go to the Division Court in Goderich to prove his claim. This, it is contended, entails trouble and loss of time, which would have been saved under the law as it previously existed. Granting that wholesale dealers find this troublesome. still the great reduction in the expense of collecting debts affected by it has been a boon to creditor and debtor alike. The expense in contested cases was formerly out of all proportion to the interests involved. Cases were constantly occurring in the County Courts where, over claims of a little more than one hundred dollars, the costs of both parties before a decision was obtained amounted to one hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars. An appeal nearly doubled this expense. A system under which it not unfrequently happened that it cost three or four hundred dollars to decide the question of a man's liability to pay one hundred, appeared to call for some amendment.

One disadvantage of the former law was that creditors were in many instances prevented from taking action where they entertained doubts of being able to collect their debts by a consideration of the expense needful to be incurred, and which would fall upon themselves in the event of failure to collect. We have known many cases where debtors entirely escaped payment of claims because their creditors did not care to incur the risk that making the attempt to collect must have necessitated. Since the enactment of the new law we have known cases where claims between one and two hundred dollars in amount have been sued and recovered, where if proceedings had to be taken in the County Court the plaintiffs would have hesitated to sue at all. This consideration of itself is, we think, sufficient to warrant the change which has been made.

The most serious objection to the change the limits of a revenue tariff; and the experi-things, and are now better able to judge of the Government which has attempted to probably was the incompetence, or worse,

meet it by providing more effective supervision over these officers, and making them amenable to the Executive instead of to the County judges. Past experience has abundantly shown that some such change was necessary. In a few counties, the duties cast on the judges by the former law were faithfully performed; in many more it was unfortunately otherwise. Apathy, indolence, favoritism and an erroneous application of the merciful rules devised by the English law for the protection of persons charged with crime, have each played their part in producing a laxity which practically left a mass of petty abuses, and some not petty unredressed. In some Counties also, the fact that judges were overworked, caused what were regarded as their least important duties to be neglected.

The new system of supervision may not be found all that its promoters predict, but under party government any abuse of the power just assumed by the Executive is likely to meet prompt exposure. And after all, the constant submission of such matters to popular scrutiny is the best guarantee against abuse of power. So far, however, as this part of the change is concerned, it will require a long time to demonstrate its success or failure, and much will depend on the wisdom of our rulers.

It is scarcely likely that the relative jurisdictions of County and Division courts will be allowed to remain long in even this amended shape. Formerly the Division Courts had jurisdiction over debts up to one hundred dollars, and over claims for damages not exceeding forty dollars. The extended jurisdiction covers debts ascertained by the signature of the defendant up to two hundred dollars, and claims for damages up to sixty dollars. The next step will probably be to include open accounts, as well as ascertained debts of between one and two hundred dollars. Ultimately the effect will, probably, be the entire abolition of the County Courts, which could not but result in a great saving of expense to both suitors and the public at large. Nor need there be any fear that the interests of justice will suffer permanently at the hands of the officers of the lower courts. The very fact of more important business than heretofore being entrusted to them will turn attention to every phase of their operation, and compel all necessary amendments. The judges of both courts in the great ma-• jority of counties, is one and the same person, and cases of sufficient importance may have the consideration of a jury in one court as well as the other, with the advantage in favor of Division courts of a smaller number of jurors with a proportionate decrease of expense to the country.

AN AMERICAN SHIPPING CONVEN-TION.

The collapse of American shipping, which was coincident with the civil war, was not quite so great as appearances indicate. Many American ships hoisted foreign flags, but the sale which was supposed to accompany the change of flag was often fictitious; the nominal purchaser being a confidential agent of the seller and the latter securing himself by a mortgage for the full value of the vessel. The transfer purchased a neutral's immunity, while it forfeited the benefits of the coasting trade. Once the vessel was denationalized, it could never recover its former status. The fact that these vessels are owned by Americans gives them no advantage: they have only the rights of foreign ships.

A "National Convention" is to meet at Boston, early in October, to consider means for the revival of American shipping. In this connection, the qualifying word "national " has an ominous look. It seems to point to the perpetuation of the obsolete navigation laws, which are a great hindrance to American shipping. If American shipping is to hold its own, on the great highways of the ocean, the narrow fetters with which it is bound must be cast off. Liberty to purchase vessels where they can be had cheapest must be obtained; all the burthens which now fall on shipping must be lightened, if they cannot be removed altogether; where harbor dues are unnecessarily high, they must be lowered ; consular charges, so far as they have grown into an abuse, must be removed ; the raw materials which enter into the construction of ships must not be subjected to high duties.

It is simply impossible that American shipping can prosper under the burthen with which it is loaded. When the ships of all nations were of wood, and the United States had the reputation of building the best and the fastest sailers, the navigation laws could not do much mischief. But when iron superseded wooden ships, to a great extent, the conditions were at once changed, the tables were turned. For some reasons the Americans have not been able to compete with other countries in the building of iron vessels. They have scarcely made the attempt. Some allege the dearer labor of the States to be the cause ; but this will hardly do, for the argument, if good, would carry us a great deal farther. But whatever the reason, the fact remains : the Americans are not builders of iron ships. And wooden vessels compete at a disadvantage with those of iron. It has come to pass that other fitted for their work than that of the States. on which he had made a loan would not be

The best and cheapest tools, other think being equal, do their work most economically and it is no wonder that the American b himself beaten on the ocean. He may an exclusive tariff, give a monopoly to trade carried on at home; but on the world' highways he cannot guard himself against competition. What he could do would be to get the bard to get the best tools, on the best terms, and the work he has to do, and when he debut himself this privilege he voluntarily renout ces success.

In is very doubtful whether the view the the forthcoming convention will take of a situation will be one that will help the interview in whose name it will speak. The ship built ers will of average ers will of course try to pack the convention They treat their customers as their nature enemics. The ship owners, as a body, not ally lean in favor of liberty, so far as the structure of liberty and the struction and the right of purchase go. dis only join the monopolists, when the contract of the trade contract. trade comes in question. It is very $P_{1,et}^{OB}$ that an effort with that an effort will be made to bracket the two monopolies two monopolies together, and not only b tinue the present injurious restrictions, to supplement them with other retrograde por visions Them visions. There are people who argue that the house national Government ought to give a nutri to every ton of shipping built in the country but there is little reason to expect that I gress would sanction such a proposal schemes of this kind have no chance of the schemes of this kind have no chance in the scheme the sc cess, it is not likely that the deliberation will the convention will produce any group sult; for the advent sult; for the advocates of free ships are most certain to be most certain to be outnumbered. The time tion of a Bureau of Commerce at Washingt may very likely be recommended, A from commercial marine is not to be raised troff its present desperate condition by a strong of administration of administration. The way out of the birds sent difficulty is plain enough, but the bird ness of self-interest may fail to see it.

Though it is scarcely possible to eregen ate the desperate state of the comment marine of the States, there are some the found who are found who are equal to the task. persons aver that if ships were to be here in the nothing. American nothing, Americans could not work then a profit. And make the second sec a profit. And yet these people admit the all things consider all things considered, an American can find things at as low a ship at as low a cost as an European. impossible to believe, what is here implied that all the more that all the merchant ships of the world of running at a local

Some minor defects the convention of and a solution of an a solution of a the means of curing. The existence of procentral point of registration, such as a track at Washington would afford, might sa ve bet ble to persons who want to find out whether a vessel is mortgaged; and it would the mortgage the mortgagee an assurance that the of b

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sold, unknown to him, at some distant port. Some consular abuses may be put an end to, and Port charges may be reduced. Should the anthe convention gain only these ends, its existence will not have been in vain.

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THE COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

In the recent negotiations between England and Spain for a commercial treaty. Spain demanded for her wines the same treatment that France or any other favored Dation might receive. In return, she was Willing to grant to England the treatment accorded to the most favored nation. The feature hust favored nation clause is a feature of uearly all commercial treaties. Under it Canada, if she were included, would almost certainly have to put the wines footing. of F_{rance} and Spain on the same footing. Spain, not having had a commercial treaty With England, was excluded from this privilege by the tariffs of 1877. As she had felt the disadvantages of differential duties, she The naturally anxious to be placed on the most c host favored nation footing. These hostilities were mutual, for while England discriminated against Spain, Spain in turn discriminated against England.

Spain, in these negotiations, asked that ^{one} shilling sterling be the duty on all wines of lat the sterling be the duty on all wines of 151 to 211 degrees of Gay-Luccac's hydro-Meter. The reason for this demand is that the 1_{-} the largest part of the English importations from Spain consist of sherries of stendard. trom 18 to 211 degrees of that standard. Mr. Gladstone, on his part, proposed to modify and the reducing \mathbf{h}_{odify} the alcoholic scale by reducing strength the duties on wines of the strength (Cov-ussac), between 15 on wines of the succession of the suc $b_{be}^{cween 15 and 25}$ degrees (Gay-Gay-a gallon duty above one shilling a gallon to be 1d. for each degree on all Five Wines above 251 degrees Gay-Lussac. Five degrees above 251 degrees Gay-Lussac. Gav.I. Sykes are equal to three degrees Gay-Lussac. England also required as an equivalent for the concession she proposed to Make, that Spain should reduce the duties on free inc. her iron and her woolen fabrics. The an-Nouncement was afterwards made to Parliahent that the British Government would postpone the British Government duties the question of reducing the wine The French wine trade, as represented by

the Beaune Chamber of Commerce, favors a single new tingle uniform tax on all wines up to the strength of 26° Sykes' hydrometer, because it wonld it would embrace all French table wines and prevent to Prevent the complications that arise out of dif-ferent and for the complications that arise out of different rates of duty. This would of course wit the complications that arise out of the boots of the second wit the growers of and dealers in high-priced withes : it with her wines frowers of and dealers in high-pine strong wine would also suit Spain with her trong wines; it would also suit Spain with on the constitution would bear unequally

-Letters received at Quebec from Paris announce the success of the new Credit Foncier. The \$5,000,000 (about) will be issued as soon as it is possible to find investments for it. The operations of the company will not be confined to the Province of Quebec, and it is possible that Ontario will be one of the principal fields of exploitation.

MANITOBA.

WINNIPEG, August, 1880. The wide stretching prairies and rolling plains that constitute this rising Province, and spread far away beyond its borders to the great North-West, are at present only dotted with settlements here and there. It is so unlike all the rest of Canada that no one who has not seen a prairie region can form anything like an idea of its appearance, and of the condition of its growth and development. The prairie regions of the Province are great seas of luxuriant grass, in which tens of thousands of cattle might find rich pasturage, and yet scarcely be seen in the vast expanse. There are only a few heads here and there, and their fat, sleek condition testifies to the richness of the fare on which they feed. For the most part, they are fairly bred animals, and, on the whole, superior-even now in the very infancy of things,-to many of the cattle found in other parts of the Dominion. Traversing these prairies is almost like sailing out into the wide ocean. A traveller may proceed, hour after hour, on the well beaten track, until not a vestige of woods, or houses, or barns is to be discerned. Nothing then is visible but the wide plain, stretching out its immense expanse in every direction, covered with deep, rich, swelling grass and flowers, and bounded by a horizon that stands out level and sharp against the sky, exactly like that of the sea. Not that solitude reigns in these plains. Once it did, and that not many years ago. Now, however, the waggons of the settlers are almost sure to be seen, drawn by oxen, slowly making their way across the plain. The waggon is piled up with household goods, or store purchases, and wife and children are pretty sure to be found snugly ensconced inside. Days may elapse before they reach their destination, yet the journey will cost them a mere nothing. They carry supplies of provisions, and, as often as required. they camp out on the plain, turning their oxen loose to enjoy the pasture. These prairies are susceptible of cultivation over nearly every acre of their extent, as is proved clearly enough by the fine crops raised, -with the very minimum of labor-by the settlers who have chosen them for their home. Formerly, these regions were considered valueless. So they were reported, with rare exceptions, by those who knew most about them, the officers of the Hudson Bay Comon the consumers of cheap wines. The is one main regions of the United States were once pany. Probably an undue measure of blame

looked on in exactly the same light. Accustomed, as they were, to the wooded regions of the older states, they imagined that when the end of these was reached, everything of value in their great territory was exhausted. The prairie was for the trapper and the hunter, not for the farmer and the trader. It no more entered into the mind of a citizen of the United States seventy years ago, that a city like Chicago would one day be found on the shores of Lake Michigan, than it did in that of a Hudson Bay officer of that day, that a town like Winnipeg would ever be found on the banks of the Red River. We made similar mistakes about certain portions of our own country. The oak plains on the shores of Rice Lake, between Cobourg and Peterborough, were despised as valueless by the older settlers. So were similar tracts of land near Brantford. Yet time has proved their mistake Some of the finest farms in Canada are now to be found in these very plains. So, in reporting the great prairies of the North-West to be valueless, the Hudson Bay officers were only falling into the mistake that others had done in similar circumstances. The time for these mistaken ideas, however, is now passed. By the very practical process of settling on the prairie, turning up its soil, cropping it, and reaping from twenty to thirty bushels an acre of wheat, (sometimes thirty or forty, in fact,) and forty to sixty bushels of oats, we have demonstrated the real value of the great tracts of country that have fallen into our hands. Such crops are to be seen today, ready for reaping. Vegetables, too, are most prolific, and potatoes obtain a luxuriance of development, and richness of flavor almost unique.

I repeat, there can be no doubt about the productiveness of the land, nor that we have millions upon millions of acres of it, all as good as that which is now producing the crops I speak of. Much of what is now cultivated does not produce such crops as these. The very richness of the soil and the ease with which it is broken up and worked have begotten habits of ease and carelessness, especially with the half-breed farmers along the banks of the rivers. These formerly gave a tone to the whole agriculture of the North-West, and the style of farming was very slow, old-fashioned, and unprofitable. Of late years, however, better things have begun to prevail; and the difference in results may plainly be discerned, when a farm, under proper cultivation, is carrying a wheat crop of thirty-five bushels to the acre, while another, with precisely the same soil, and closely along side it, has barely This may be seen to-day, at no great fifteen. distance from Winnipeg.

It should be remembered, too, that nearly all the land in the North-West is either pure open prairie, or is covered with such a light growth of bush as to be practically the same.

The settler opening up new land here has not the long, weary labor that awaits him in clearing The consumers of cheap wines. The It should be remembered, however, that the ploughing, which turns over the bout is successful to adopt. the forest in other districts. The soil is ready

back after a rotting of roots. Then the seed may be cast in. A settler, in fact, may be as far advanced here, after two years of labor, as he would be in a forest region after toiling for fifteen.

The bearing of this on the growth of the country is obvious. It is a fundamental consideration, never to be lost sight of in calculating the probabilities of the future. A prairie country, under proper conditions of settlement, ought to grow far faster than a forest country.

There are, however, truth to say, some drawbacks. First of these is the entire want of railway communication into the interior. It is something totally inexplicable, on any principle of business and common sense, that, with the millions of money spent on the Canada Pacific Railway, not a single mile has yet been constructed to open up the producing regions of this country. The farmers of a fine region only sixty miles west of Winnipeg, are actually nearly three days' journey from the city. From Winnipeg to St Paul, by railway, is a comfortable journey of about twenty-four hours, yet, while here, I have witnessed the arrival of a man from the same distance of our own interior, who had been nineteen days on the road, and that with good horses and fine weather.

It is obvious to any man taking a practical view of the question, that as fast as we spend money on the outlet to Lake Superior we ought, and at the very same time, to be opening up the interior, so that when the outlet aforesaid is completed, the road may have sufficient to do. Another drawback is the quantity of land that has passed into the hands of speculators. This is remediable, and is being remedied already. And another still, universally complained of by men of all parties, is the want of a practical and progressive land policy. In this matter we ought not to be too proud to take a leaf out of the book of our friends on the other side of the line.

VIATOR.

STOCKS, &c., IN MONTREAL. From Our Own Correspondent.

General business has continued good in this city since last report, giving rise to greatly increased confidence and an active spirit of speculation. Ship owners are in high feather, having found a steady, not to say eager demand, for all tonnage brought to this port, at good paying rates, while owners of barges and inland craft of all kinds are credited with making money "hand over fist," according to the amount of capital invested. Shippers are pressed with business fairly beyond their resources, and are glad if they can succeed in keeping pace with the times by working extra hours. The labor market has been depleted, and delays in shipments have taken place in consequence of the difficulty in procuring hands.

The Stock Exchange, fully alive to this prosperous condition of affairs, has constantly attracted speculators, prices moving upward day after day with only insignificant reactions.

cent. within the past thirty days, and from ten to thirty per cent. within sixty days, would surely seem sufficient to represent any possible change in the state of the business of the country; but the bulls of the day, as is ever the case towards the climax of a protracted upward movement, are quite unmindful of the normal condition of the market, and insist, that having entered upon a new era of prosperity, prices based upon great depression and dull times, are no criterion of present values. Old co servative heads, however, are not losing sight of the following facts, but bring them more and more prominently into notice whenever the situation is discussed. Sixty days ago Bank of Montreal was selling at 137, thirty days ago at 140, while today the price is 153; Bank of Ontario was sixty days ago 76; thirty days ago 831, and is to-day $88\frac{1}{2}$; so with the following named shares at the same respective dates. Merchants Bank, 921, 981 and 105; Canadian Bank of Commerce, 119, 122 and 132 Montreal Telegraph, 98, 110 and 126; City Passenger Railway, 96, 106 and 125; City Gas Company 124, 129 and 148; Richelieu Navigation Company, 41, 42 and 62.

The general causes bringing about these extraordinary advances already alluded to and describ. ed more at length in a prior letter, are well understood. It is an interesting question, whether or not their full effect has yet been felt. Street talk says no. The market is full of bulls ; everybody is a bull. The people who sell out are bulls, and may be constantly found "going in" again at higher prices than their sales, the expected re-action not having appeared. The chronic bears, the people who never can see anything but loss and disaster ahead, are bulls now-a-days, having been converted by the strength of the current, and, as is always the case with a reformed bear, are now amongst the wildest and noisiest in prophesying higher prices still.

Your correspondent to day met a speculative capitalist, who a fortnight ago was shaking his head ominously, and presaging all sorts of evil when sober second thought should supervene on the Stock Exchange. Naturally expecting to find so sturdy a bear, yet more set in his opinions, was not a little surprised to be ininformed "Richelieu's the thing-the bulls have overlooked it ! Hasn't begun to go up yet." Upon remonstrating that the advance was fully 20 per cent. within the past thirty days, the reply came quickly enough " That's nothing ; transportation property always suffers most in hard times and benefits most in good times-earnings are something enormous,-unprecedented-10 per cent. already clear for the year." This talk from a chronic bear, and one whose opinion has a fair title to be quoted, fairly describes the prevailing temper of the market-

In the meantime stocks are accumulating in broker's hands, long standing investors are gradually unloading, according to the best opinions your correspondent can gather, and their holdings are picked up by operators for a turn. Two brokers figure prominently as the leading An advance ranging from five to twenty per buyers on change, but their operations are com-

monly supposed to be chiefly on account local and western speculative customers, the than in prosecution of a clique or concerted ball movement. Indeed, throughout the adress the market has been singularly free from perings and rumors of cabals, pools and on binations to force prices.

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The re-action of one to two per cent. the highest point which has taken place to de is accompanied by a decidedly weak tone, int. this gives rise as yet to no noticeable antication There is always the danger in a market he from bears, that when the tide turns the turns will be sudden and heavy, but just now end body expects to "get out" before that dir comes. There is so much talk of an extraordiation arv fall business. ary fall business that few or none are willing the question but it. question, but that every indication of health activity and improving values, will be kept of until then, and then present holders will guide unload upon the public who will necessary come into the market to invest their extra pr fits for the season. So "the street" reasons and plausibly enough; but the conservative ment thinks it sees between now and then, testing time as to it testing time as to the stability of prices not point in the likely to recent likely to result in grave disappointment holders, and possibly a genuine stamped p sell. It is not dispute sell. It is not disputed, however, by any of that the advance is in the main legitimate and

Montreal, Tuesday, August 24th, 1880.

THE BITER BITTEN.

"An' you like a ready knave," says an English play of the seventeenth century, "here is about there is about there is about the seve one of most improved convenience; he will the you moreover to were you moreover, to your heart's content. The set believe me not believe me not, try him." A knave who are pears to have which it pears to have suited well the description the for given in The Colony, was the subject of the be lowing sketch lowing sketch. How he plotted and how poppospered up to a set of the set of t prospered up to a certain point; how, or was finally outwitted was finally outwitted and checkmated forms interesting social interesting recital. If some other ill-conditioned it was schemer proposes to try similar dodges, is the well for him to fort well for him to first consider his ways, me may also find the long suffering of our per-

Less than three years ago, Mr. D. Tait open shoe store on Ver a shoe store on Yonge Street in this profession to be fessing to be a cockney late from the page Coast and to have Coast and to have some capital. That, independent to have some capital. he had, for he paid cash on several purchase Little hy little Little by little, in spite of an evasive eye of mean exterior. mean exterior, he worked into the books of a number of shoe number of shoe manufacturers, paying ared w 30 days, then at 60 30 days, then at 60. At last he managed buy some bill buy some bills at four m nths, and by month he had so ingeniously arranged, by mean of postponing some of postponing some payments and getting that for extended, that for a number of weeks he had population of the balls of moment due bills of moment due. Meantime he had open a second shop and a second shop and had begun to sell good at the sell good what he could get; taking for example, **3**.00. for boots, the wholesale price of which was so it. This proceeding on This proceeding came to the ears of house is

terested, who set a watch upon his further actions. One day during the present month, Mr. Tait was missing from his shop, and from his $d_{wall:}$ dwelling, and Mrs. Tait, upon being enquired of, gave no satisfaction as to his whereabouts. Further, upon being asked by various creditors for money, she boldly declared that there were ho bills due, that they owed no body, and "if they had money they intended to keep it." Some days passed, during which it was learned that at at a state of the state of th that she was in communication with her husband who had left the country, presumably with a lot of money. In spite of her defiant attitude, sharp with and worssible to Wits and sharp tongue, it was found possible to Set her arrested and sent to gaol, but she was bailed : bailed in only \$200. The next proceeding was to have her "shadowed" and to prevent her setting to her absconding husband. A man was instructed to follow her from Gaspe to Winnipeg or from Maine to California if necessary, and follow her he did. One bright day Mrs. Tait let town upon a train—having, however, taken the shrewd precaution to procure a telegram to be sent to Vork and be sent to her address here, dated New York and had in to proceed to that city. Her double had, however, meantime found out, by means that none but le diable boiteux could discover, that the missing Tait was in Buffalo; and unnown to the wife accompanied her on the train and watched her and her husband put up at a hotel; hotel in that city on a Saturday. Tait having expressed the intention to leave for Ireland on Monday I lawyer ac-Monday, the services of a London lawyer acenstomed to dealing with fraudulent debtors, Were secured, and he came from London on the Sunday train; a Buffalo legal firm was also retained. So the schemer, instead of being on his way for the breezy sea, and pecunious treedom, was on Monday evening safely landed in Burgel in Buffalo gaol, where, or in other gaols, he will languish just as long as it is possible to keep him, and until his ill-gotten booty is disgorged. It is the formation T, and until his ill-gotten booty is used in the found that this rascal owes a Hamilton various thm \$1,250, a Montreal house \$600, various Toronto houses from \$400 to \$800 each, and that his a second \$600. that his entire indebtedness approaches \$6,000. The assets left behind will hardly pay one-tenth of this and the behind will hardly pay one-tenth of this, and it is presumed he must have some \$3,000 or \$4,000 with him. The intention of the pair the pair appears to have been to make for Castle Street, Dublin, which was the address to which they has they had made remittances shortly before. Probably, like Commodore Trunnion, they the Commodore Trunnion, the transfed to be sure in port in a very few days, Last moored in a most blessed riding," and having "happily concluded the voyage, they would bring m. bring up in the latitude of (a Dublin) heaven." Their plans were so well and so cunningly laid, that nothing but the most lynx-eyed vigilance, and the most rapid steps could have overtaken Messrs. King them. The prosecuting creditors, Messrs. King & Brown the prosecuting creditors and energy in de Brown, have shown resolution and energy in exasperating dealing with the case, which was an exasperating one, and to be the case of th one, and to use the words of the latter gentlenan: "If any other shoe dealer wants to try the to expect the these thieves, he may know what to expect, for so far as law or justice, force or finesse can be written to so far as law or justice, force or in either country, finese can be used against him in either country, so far he shell the shall be pursued and punished."

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. M., Stayner.-For our opinion of this class of companies, see the MONETARY TIMES of September 19th and 26th last in particular, and various issues since.

SUBSCRIBER.-We do not think the policy can be transferred without the consent of the wife, which is needfu! to collect the money,

Woodsman, Pembroke.-We have already given.them, all we believe but one. But we will reweat them, so far as at present known :- The Ontario Provincial Exhibition will be held in Hamilton from the 20th Sept. to 2nd October, the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, September 6th to 18th; the Dominion Exhibition in Montreal 14th to 24th September; the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition at Kentville, opens on the 24th; and the Halifax Exhibition on the 17th. The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition opens at St. John on October 5th, and that of Prince Edward Island does not take place till the 12th and 13th October at Charlottetown.

THE MONTREAL EXHIBITION,-It is very gratifying to the public-spirited gentlemen who are exerting themselves to make the approaching Montreal Exhibition one that shall be worthy that metropolitan city, to find their efforts meeting with encouraging response both in money and in enthusiasm. Indeed, as we learn from the Secretary, there are applications from exhibitors for space to double the extent which can be granted. The "Citizens' Fund," which is being collected to provide outside attractions for visitors during the period of the Exhibition (14th to 24th September), now reaches to \$8,365, not including \$1,000 generously subscribed by the Press of the city. The canvassers, among whom are some of the most prominent business men, have not yet completed their rounds, and it is expected that at least \$10,000 will be contributed towards the object in view. It ought to be an easy matter to raise that sum in Montreal for so important a purpose. has \mathbf{been} agreed that \$1,500 be donated from this fund to the Exhibition Committee for the erection of a suitable building to be designated " The Montreal Citizens' Manitoba Exhibition Building" as a memento of the zeal and energy of the citizens of Montreal and their good will to the prairie province. It is intended to display not only machinery in motion, but various processes of manufacture on the Fair grounds. The outside attractions arranged to be offered in Montreal during the ten days of the Exhibition include musical festivals, instrumental and vocal; electric light exhibitions; a lacrosse tournament; balloon ascensions; torpedo explosions, fire-works, and the illumination of Mount Royal. These sights can hardly fail to attract a great concourse of visitors to the city. We are glad to observe that a special committee was appointed to canvass the French-Canadian citizens for subscriptions. Some such step appeared needful, for that class of residents is very inadequately represented on the list. The dividend.

success of our Toronto Industrial Exhibition, remarkable and almost unexpected as it was, was only rendered possible by the liberal contributions of our citizens, added to the hard work and shrewd administration of the management.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS LICENSES.—The right of the authorities in Quebec and Lower Province cities, to impose taxes upon travelling salesmen from other cities by compelling them to pay for a license to sell their wares is now being tested. A case is before the courts in the City of Quebec, in which a commercial traveller was fined \$40.00 and compelled to take out a license which cost him \$60.00 more. Action is taken to recover these sums from the civic authorities; and in case it be decided against him, the matter will be appealed to the Supreme Court. The Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association are bringing before the October session of the same court, a test case which originated in Fredericton. There are other cases of like character which will be carried to this tribunal by the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, which has resolved to resort to an appeal to Parliament next session should these decisions be adverse, to decide whether such conclusions are not contrary to the Act of Confederation. Meantime, leading counsel have been retained in the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick, to present the cases first described before the highest legal tribunal.

-Building in Hamilton is by no means inactive. The extensive range of new stone buildings for the Hamilton Provident Loan Co., approaches completion, and will be one of the handsomest in Canada. The pity is that the side front is on so narrow a street. Messrs. Brown, Routh & Co., have just removed into a commodious building erected for them as a groceries warehouse, in rear of their old stand, corner James St, and the Gore. It is roomy, light, and modern in its appointments. On the site of their old brown brick warehouse, where the senior of this firm has been for close upon twenty years, the Canada Life new building is to be built. The contract for masonry has just been let, we understand, at \$69,000, which will give an idea of the worthy style of the structure. Killey & Co., the engine builders are pushing forward the machinery for the new cotton mill, (other than the cotton machinery proper, which is imported) the building for which is almost finished. Add to this that work has been begun on the new opera house, and that the Mechanics Hall auditorium is being remodelled.

-In a leading article on the decline in the rate of interest, an unfortunate misprint destroyed the sense of a paragraph. We were made to say :-- " The rise in the price of bank stocks, in Canada, means that the purchasers are willing to give a larger sum than formerly for the chance of getting the current rates of discount." The word printed last weck discount, should read

-The Nova Scotia iron has been tested in the Western States, and has given marked satisfaction. We learn that the agent of the Steel Company of Canada, at Londonderry, N.S., sold, during the "boom" in prices, a quantity in Chicago and other cities, for the use of car wheel works and machine shops, the prices prevailing in the American markets during the periods indicated, permitting our iron to' enter and pay the heavy duty. So highly were its purchasers pleased with the quality of the iron that they would willingly contract for quantities of it if the price could now be placed at a figure to admit of its importation into the States.

-The figures relating to the shipments of live stock from Montreal for May, June and July, have just been published, and show that over 70,000 head of all kinds have left that port this season. The proportions are as follows, cattle 21,627 head. sheep 48,353, swine 576 head. These figures show an increase over last year, of nearly 100 per cent., in the shipments of cattle, about 35 per cent, in those of sheep, while there has been a falling off in the shipments of swine.

-The shareholders of the Mechanics Bank have been favored with another dividend of 15 per cent, making in all so far recovered for the creditors 35 per cent. The Syndicate offered only 221c for the estate, so when the final dividend is declared, the creditors will have realized more than double their offer.

-We received only last evening, through the courtesy of the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance, advance sheets of his report for 1879. We trust to be able to notice its contents at an early day.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO .--- Wyoming, 22nd .-- Smith's furniture store, Rawlings' harness shop. and Robinson's factory, consumed by fire. Smith's loss, \$1550 on building, insured \$500, stocks mostly saved. — Toronto, 22nd. – Park's Vinegar works and the grain sheds of Wm. Leak destroyed. Park's loss about \$10,000, insured \$2,500 in Quebec & Scot. Amicable. Leak loses \$5000, insured in L. & L. & Globe, \$2,000.--Peterboro' 23rd.-A.Hunter's barn and outbuildings burned, loss about \$4000; insured in Canada Fire & Marine \$1,500 ---- Midland, 24th --- Brick dwelling and sheds of G. Clew burned, loss \$3,000, insured in Watertown \$1,000, Mr. Rose's house also destroyed. Not insured.-Princeton, Ont., 19th.-Lightning struck and destroyed E Martin's barn and season's hay and grain. Loss, 000 feet of lumber were burned in Rathbun's yard to-day, loss about \$5,000, partially covered in English and Canadian Companies.-----Colebroke, 19th.-P. Huffman's barn, with 1,300 bushels barley, stack of hay, a fanning mill, and one waggon consumed by fire, Loss \$1,200. In sured in Watertown Agricultural Ins. Co., \$1000. -Hollin, 15th.--A severe wind storm unroofed Wm. Well's barn.—Petrolia, 19th.—The barn and season's crop of grain and hay belonging to William Ingraham were destroyed by lightning. -Ennismore, 31st .- D. Castellos barn and contents destroyed, fully insured in the Royal, the yield of silver.

of England.---Port Hope, Aug. 25.--A small dwelling owned and occupied by Thos. Wilson completely destroyed by fire. Loss about \$100, no insurance.

Quebec, Aug. 24th -N. Germain's tannery burned, also private residence, and 15,000 bundles tanbark. Loss probably \$30,000, insured \$6,000 in Quebec, and \$1,000 in the Dominion.---Longueuil, Three barns, filled with harvest belonging to Henri Dagineau completely destroyed, loss about \$1,500, not insured. Hochelaga, 19th.-Benoit's grocery store damaged to the extent of \$800, insured in Western, \$1,500.--St Henri, 19th.-Madame Lagenesse's house, and Jos. Pinsonault's cabinet shop damaged by fire, loss \$400, insured \$300.——Longueuil, 19th.—Trudeau's barn, and four dwelling houses burned, loss \$3000, not insured. – Woodstock, N. B., 19th. – Mrs. Connell's outhouses and barns burned, insured in Ætna, loss \$300.--Drummondville, Que., 19th. Barns of Leon Riche, of L'Avenir destroyed by lightning, loss, \$2,000, insured in Eastern Townships Mutual for \$500 ---- Cookshire, 16th.--Store of G. A. Goodwin and contents destroyed by fire. Insurance \$2000, in Sherbrooke and Stanstead Mutual, and \$1,700 in Royal,-Halifax, N S., 20th.-John Nowlan's barn burned with contents, loss \$400.

MINING INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.

We find in the Boston Economist the report of an interesting address by Mr. Gibson, a San Francisco banker, at the Saratoga Bankers Convention. It is an instructive condensation

The discovery of gold in California, and later in Australia, energized and stimulated the industries and commerce of the entire world and inaugurated an era of unprecedented human activity. The bankers and merchants of San Francisco were first to feel the influence of this stream of precious metals which entered the channels of trade through the Golden Gate. Whilst in New England the products of the forge and loom go into warehouses, whilst in the agricultural regions the products of the farm go into granaries, on the Pacific Coast the mining product goes directly into bank and mint vaults.

Thus the relations between banking and mining, in California, for both geographical and economical reasons, became intimate and profitable. Gold and silver, though possessing functions entirely different from the baser metals, have as positive utility as irom, copper or lead, and a much more universal demand. It has been contemptuously said of mining for gold and silver, that its annual yield is not equal in value to the potato, which, though a statistical fact, does not justify the deduction that the mining industry is subordinate to potato raising. The character and uses of a commonity, rather than its money valuation, determines its dignity and importance. Though the hay crop is 100 per cent larger than the cotton crop, at its maximum, hay is utterly insignificant when compared with cotton in its influence on public policy and fiscal affairs.

For the first decade after its discovery, the gold product came almost exclusively from the autiferous sands of its rivers, where, as has well been said. it was "not mined but literally gathered." This golden harvest of surface deposits, ripened by atmospheric erosion and exposure, was ready for the gleaners who poured into California from every quarter of the globe. The richest "diggings were thus exhausted, and the miners traced this gold to its home, in the deeplying placers and quartz ledges, to mine which required capital and machinery. This fact, coupled with the discovery of silver in Nevada, diminished the ranks of gold seekers in Califor pia, reduced its annual product and increased

Mining did not become a systematic industination until about 1860; but since that time capit and inventive genuis have been continuous applied to the since that time continuous applied to the problem of scientific development The mines of California are chiefly gold anarts comprise the two classes of hydraulic and quart mines. The hydraulic mines. The hydraulic mines are located on the channels of another mines are located on the channels of another mines are located which channels of ancient and "dead" rivers which flowed from the portion flowed from the northwest to the southeast, The almost longitudinal. almost longitudinally across the State. gold in these mines comes in scales or "nuggets and is usually disseminated throughout the the tire mass of gravel, though much richer at the bottom than on ton bottom than on top. Mountain streams, my waters are at a higher altitude than the grav deposits, are tapped by ditches and woods flumes, some of which and which flumes, some of which are fifty miles in length The water is conducted in a fifty miles in length The water is conducted through these canal the gravel banks, against which it is directed under high hydroxylic under high hydraulic pressure, through in pipes and nozzles not making the pipes and nozzles not unlike exaggerated the This water shatters and breaks down all banks, liberater gravel banks, liberates the gold from its gravel matrix, and it is cound its gravel its matrix, and it is caught by quicksilver and own specific gravity own specific gravity as it flows down sluice are or stone-lined ditable or stone-lined ditches with the *d*. bris. This de bris, or "tailings." is carried in suspension of the rush of water into adjacent rivers, or canons and thence in part to the and thence in part to the sea. As a sufference operation it is for operation it is free from the hazard of inight quartz mining, and though it is not so brilling gravel deposits produce two thirds of the or fornia gold, and as there fornia gold, and as they cannot be speedily at hausted, they tought hausted, they, together with the gold quarts hausted, they, together with the gold quarts ledges of the State, constitute one of its rich and enduring resources

The Comstock Lode, of Nevada, first attract public attention to its magnitude and wealth twenty years ago Its downline in and be twenty years ago Its development is all and be been conducted upon the most gigantic scale and under the most scientific under the most scientific method ever known in mining. Numerous person is in the bar mining. Numerous perpendicular shafts have been sunk to a double of been sunk to a depth of over half a mile; sur nel has been driven for nel has been driven four miles into the mountain; powerful evaluation tain; powerful explosives and drills have been employed to excavate the employed to excavate the ore; colossal engine have been huilt with have been built, with a capacity of hoisting pairs 2,000 feet in sixty seconds; and expensive stand mills erected to ranidly and the precious mills erected to rapidly extract the preside in mills erected to rapidly extract the preside in metal, forty-five ner and the preside in the metal, forty-five per cent. of which, in value, gold.

The Comstock has alone produced \$300,000, , and the triumph gold. 00', and the triumphs of its engineering a characteristic example of the audacity and energy of American enterprise. The richest ore chambers in the ore chambers in that great fissure have been at tributed like plume. tributed like plums in a pudding, but at present the immense the immense operations in progress are either monthly expense of about \$1,000 000 The origo in barren ground or low grade ore. this fact has aided Keering and and the state of the stat this fact has aided Kearneyism in produced that general business depression which undouble edly exists on the Pasifett edly exists on the Pacific to-day. The Comstand mines have absorbed on the constant of the con mines have absorbed an immense amount speculative excit. speculative capital, largely attracted to them the unexampled wealth of the Consolidate speculative capital, largely attracted to them it the unexampled wealth of the Consolidated Virginia and California, which, inside agains years: produced \$115,000,000. The dagains vision of a great bonance was a lass incoulated vision of a great bonanza more or less incoulses all classes with the more or less in site all classes with the mania for gambling in side shares, to the neglect of the safe and profitable but less glittering opport but less glittering opportunities in the gold field of California.

arrested for a time at least, and mining, mide by past experience, is likely to be conducted hereafter more as a mining (which bereafter more as a profitable industry (what under favorable conditions, it certainly is) what as the lottery which derive the second second second second the second sec as the lottery which desperate speculators T make it. Mining make it. Mining is dual in its nature. Its meteoric career of several prominent mines its trates its speenleting down on the history of trates its speculative dangers, as the history many California hydraulic and quartz mines some of which have some of which have paid an hundred consect

tive dividends, exhibits its conservative side. Distinction has exhibits its conservative side. Distinction between "Wild Cats" and developed properties should be as carefully observed in honor and fire-proof mining as between tinder-boxes and fire-proof buildings. The buildings in the business of insurance. availings in the business of insurance. The statics and cupidity of the public encourage the miner to cupidity of the public encourage the states of the sta which with the public encourage and the public which, with the difficulty of learning the exact about the most serifacts about properties, constitute the most serious about properties, constitute the most series ous drawbacks to mining This can only be special training overcome by those informed by special training and occupation, and not by In mean training and occupation, and in the second training an amusement.

In producing such commodities as wheat, pig iron, coke, which have fluctuated in price from 60 to 1 50 60 to 1.50 per cwt., consideration must thus be bad to their ready for the had to their market value, when ready for the consumer, as well as volume of production, whilst in minimer. in mining the relatively staple value and unlimi-ted demand to relatively staple value and unlimited demand for its product make it solely a quesand of production. Failure in all industries and professions is unhappily the rule, and doubt Professions is unhappily the rule, and dotted ess mining is not an exception; but it is not beset with a price of the pric beset with more peril than is agriculture by harvest the storm and drought, from seed time until harvest the storm and drought, from seed time until harvest the store store the store store the store harvest, storm and drought, from seed time and eminently of farming is regarded as preeminently safe.

THE NEW TAY BRIDGE.

The North British Railway Company have duly Borth British Railway Company max. Tay Bridged the plans for the re-building of the shine, here the whole bridge, from shore to bright so that over bre, has been reduced in height, so that over the middle of the fairway, where the high girders tell, the height of the fairway, where the high growthere have a solution of the girders above high water will be reduced ton, so the height of the girders above high-wave from, sordinary spring tides, will be reduced most polytions of the bridge still remaining are to be altered in width but the thirteen wide hot bo hot ions of the bridge still remaining the be altered in width, but the thirteen wide spans of 245 feet, which were in the centre of about one before it fell, are to be narrowed to About one half the width by the introduction of diffional with the width by the introduction of the 245-feet spans, dditional piers. The first five 245-feet spane, would all piers. The first five 245-feet spanning from the south end of the present gap. are to be divided into ten spans of 109 feet each. water to be divided into ten spans of 109 feet each water will be at the height of 57 feet above low will leave the opening tides. The added piers to be divided into ten spans of 109 feet each will leave the opening tides. feet, then the openings varying from 100 to 109 the feat the openings varying from 100 to 10 eight onen: fight openings 109 feet in width, and gradually milling in heist 109 feet in width, and gradually the spane of the bridge still The gin height from 54 feet 9 inches to 45 feet. The gin height from 54 feet 9 inches to 45 feet. In widing as of the portion of the bridge still in width, but the north end are not to be altered with the falling medient of the line toward the whith, but the girders are to be lowered to borth shore gradient of the line toward the large bow-string borth shore, the height of the large bow-string finder being the height of the large bow-string sind shore, the height of the large bow-sums sindlar being reduced to about 26 feet, and the bindlar girder duced to about 18 sing reduced to about 26 feet, and the feet. The new piers to be erected in the middle sufficient to carry a double line of rails should the tiver will be of such a width as will be bat be deemed to carry a double line of rails should the deemed to carry The plans that be deemed hereafter necessary. The plans Are be deemed hereafter necessary. The plans are, of course, subject to any improvements or by the Board of Trade As the result of the reby the Board of Trade. As the result of the recontinguiry into the causes of the fall of the bridge, power will be asked to enable the bridge pay to stop traffic from crossing the bridge then the source reasonable when the severe weather may cause reasonable apprehension of danger.

INTEGRITY IN BUSINESS.

No merchant, however persistent and shrewd e may be in this persistent operations, can he may be in his commercial operations, can integrity. Integrity is the link that holds the Reat financial work is the link that holds the the short of the second tonnded. When business men lose faith in one another, mercantile interest are immediately

great laboring world complains of poverty, of hunger and hard times. The great rush and struggle to win immediate wealth bankrupts many a reputation, and ingloriously ends many a brilliant business career. When men undertake and promise to perform certain impossible things; when they engage to pay certain amounts, when due, well knowing at the time that they cannot meet their obligations at maturity; when they borrow money without any serious intention of repaying it, they are not only taking a course that will eventually result in disaster and distress to themselves, but they are bringing discredit and dishonor upon the whole trade or branch of industry they represent. They are shaking the commercial confidence and trust of the business community with which they are associated. A merchant cannot too much appreciate the value of business integrity and honor. They give him social as well as business standing. They give weight to his counsel and respectability to his name .--Greeers' Criterion.

GRAIN CARGOES ON BRITISH SHIPS.

The British Board of Trade, has been gathering statistics of the losses upon grain cargoes, and it has discovered that from January 1, 1873 to May 16, 1880, 274 ships with grain cargoes (including steamers and sailing vessels), and of a total tonnage of 147,453 tons, were reported foundered or missing of the 274 there were 50 steamships, and 224 sailing vessels. From January 1, 1875, to May 16, 1880, the number of ships lost was 199, of which 46 carried grain in bulk, 28 grain in bags, 41 employed a combination of both methods that is, in bulk and in bags, and of 75 no information concerning the stowage of their cargoe could be obtained. The figures show the great danger of vessels carrying grain in bulk and the lesser danger of carrying it in bags.

The select committee of Parliament to inquire into the matter of merchant shipping, with special reference to grain cargoes, have made their first report, which contains seven recommendations which are of interest to American shipping merchants. Summarised, they insist upon the shipowner, master and agent using all precautions against the shifting of the cargo, and that, in case of injury, the onus of proving that this has been done shall rest with the abovementioned parties. Special precautions are provided for British ships carrying one-third grain across the Atlantic or the Bay of Biscay, and they read as follows: "No grain shall be carried in bulk between the main and upper decks, or in the 'tween decks of vessels with only two decks, except such as may be necessary for feeding the cargoes in the holds, and is carried in properly constructed feeders Where grain is carried in bulk, and proper provision for filling by feeders is not made, not less than one fourth of the quantity carried in the hold or in such compartments shall be in bags. The grain in bags shall be supported on stable platforms laid upon the bulk grain. Where grain is carried in the hold or 'tween decks, whether in bags or bulk, the hold or 'tween decks shall be divided by a longitudinal bulkhead, or sufficient shifting boards extending from deck to deck, or from deck to the keelson, and properly secured. Where shifting boards are used with bulk grain, they must be fitted grain tight, with proper fittings between the beams. In loading the cargo the grain shall be properly trimmed and secured (The exemptions from these regulations are ships Workled, When business men lose faith in one by the Board)." The rest of the duties of the strength industries become paralyzed, and the British Consuls at the loading ports. To say

the least, it is generally thought here that if Mr. Plimsoll himself had constituted the committee, he could not have run amuck more effectual y with existing shipping arrangements. and there are whispers as to the influence exer cised on the committee in a kind of left-handed way by that gentleman through Sir William Harcourt, to whom he gave up his seat for Derby. When the bill comes before the House there will be a renewal of the struggle, and, by the way, it is stated that Mr. Plimsoll will endeavor to return to Parliament, this time at the invitation of the Liverpool Liberals.—Am. Ship.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Transac'ns in Week.	Buyers.	sellers	Average Price, like Date 1879.
Montieal	1493	154	1147	151	153	129
Ontario Consolidated	87. <u>‡</u>	89 1	1391	874	873	57 10
Peoples	815	875	177		87	41
Molsons	- 98	- 98 į	144		199	641
Toronto	136	137°	85	135	$137\frac{1}{3}$	110
Jac. Cartier	90	92	325		90	58
Merchants	$103\overline{4}$	105	2050	1044	105	74
Commerce	130i	$132\frac{1}{3}$	2269	1301	1303	
Union Hamilton				85	87	
Exchange	523	53	170	· · · · · · ·		•••••••
Mon. Tel.	$124^{0.22}$	127	5307	501	53	••••
Dom. Tel.	121	75	30	$126\frac{1}{2}$	$126\frac{3}{4}$	90
Rich.& O.Nav	57	62	2750	59 1		
City Pass	1193	125	1295	$121\frac{1}{1}$	60	42
Gas	1434	149	1853	142	123	813
R.C. Ins. Co		110	10.00	50	1481	118
Eastern T'ps	··· 105	108	84	- 00	00	••••
Sterling Ex.		100	01		••••••	•••••
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Corresponding week last year 4.323

-OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

Petrolia, August 24, 1880.

Crude market quiet, but very steady and well sustained. Business continues to be done within the limits, \$1.55 to 1.60. It is not probable there will be much change until October, and the change then will depend upon the American market. It will not relax this season and any change will likely be upward. Refined. - Quotation has been advanced, we hear, by the leading firm to 19c. per Imperial gallon in London; a good deal of trouble is caused by the stringent application of the provisions of the Petroleum Act as regards fire test of the refined article. As the Globe remarked a short time ago, the reports of lamp explosions ceased when the Act was passed. The law might safely be modified a little. The oil that has been put on the market last two months is 807° gravity but 115° fire test, and that suits the public and the trade well enough.

-A railway employe asked for a pass to visit his family. "You are in the employ of the railway?" asked the gentleman applied to "Yes." "You receive your pay regularly?" "Yes." "Well, now, suppose you were working for a farmer instead of a railway, would you expect your employer to hitch up his team every Saturday night, and carry you home?" This seemed a poser, but it wasn't, for the man said promptly, "no, I wouldn't expect that; but if the farmer had his team hitched up, and was going my way, I should call him a contemptible fellow if he would not let me ride." Employee came out three minutes afterward Mr. with a pass good for three months over the road.

THE BOOK-KEEPER.

The book-keeper's place, as a member in commercial circles, is one of strictest confidence and trust. He is not sworn to non-divulgence, but is in honor bound to hold inviolate all facts and circumstances which may come to his knowledge by reason of professional position. He is not required to give bond for the faithful and proper discharge of his duty as an accountant, yet his reputation is continually at stake in every ordinary performance of his work. He is the accepted confidential assistant to the business manager, and it not unfrequently devolves upon him to perform much of such management himself. By virtue of his position he is expected to be in possession of important matters pertaining to the business, and is presumed as well to keep all such information strictly to himself. Although not a word passes upon this subject, at the time of his engagement, yet his position implies all that could be embodied in the strongest bond. His acceptance of the trust carries with it all the strictest regulations of a confident employee.

The divulgence of business plans, however honorable and legitimate they may be, will often work defeat to what might have been successful undertakings. Too much caution cannot be exercised by either manager or assistant in keeping from the world matters pertaining strictly to mercantile enterprise. Business circumstances of a purely private nature are things the public are not entitled to understand. It is to be regretted that so much imprudence is manifested among Americans, as a class, in the habit of sowing broadcast private business matters, as if to advertise ability or shrewdness in speculative ingenuity. More discreet circumspection in this direction would be conducive of better business qualifications and results.

The book-keeper, or clerk, who would hope to secure the most favorable reputation, which will enroll his name among the foremost of his profession, must fully understand his situation, and zealously guard his acts as his custodian of specially delicate and highly important trusts and responsibilities. He dare not ignore these conditions of his position, and to prove faithless by injudicious divulgences is to prove utterly incapable and unworthy the nobility of his calling. —Book-keeper.

FRENCH TRADE RETURNS.

Subjoined is the value of the foreign trade of France during the first six months of 1880, and 1879. The increase of exports from 1878 to 1879 was about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and of imports, over 14 per cent.

Imports.
1880 1879
Francs. Francs.
Articles of food 967,138,000 823,702,000
Raw materials 1,107,135,000 1,090,841,000
Manufactures 212,755,000 211,167,000
Other articles 115,875,000 105,315,000
2,402,903,000 $2.231,025,000$
EXPORTS.
Manufactures 884,588,000 827,101,000
Raw materials &
articles of food 661,044,000 670,524,000
Other articles 90,136,000 79,501,000
$1,635,768,000 \ldots 1,577,126,000$
$\pounds 65,430,720$ $\pounds 63,085,040$

-Messrs. MacDougall & Dussault, of Three Rivers, have decided to work the iron mines of Shawinegan. Several hundred men will be employed.

TEAS IN BRITAIN .- The circular of Messrs. Reinach's, Nephew & Co., dated London, 4th instant, says : " Arrivals have been very heavy within the past week, and, further, three or four steamers are known to be close at hand; already over 10,000 packages New Season's Teas are advertised for sale without reserve during this week, and we may anticipate a continuance of large unreserved public auctions during August, when prices ought to soon come to a safe level. For good to fine medium teas this point may perhaps be reached sooner than many anticipate. Already prices for many of these grades are by no means high, especial y considering the better quality of this year's crop; and after all the recollection of last year's rebound (which proved itself fairly justified for all better grades) is still too fresh in the minds of many to allow good first-crop teas to sink to an undue low range. As regards grades below good medium down to commonest, it is more difficult to speak. At present they are fully 10 per cent. above last year, and although shipments from China compare favorably with the previous seasons, still the stocks in the ports, especially Foochow, are unusually large. On the question, as to what effect the slow settlements and heavy unsold stocks in Chinese ports will have on the quantity of second and third crops coming forwardopinions are much divided. Freight and exchange are going up and are now considerably above last year, and the laying-down cost will certainly be thus much enhanced. The quantity of green tea on offer is very small, and with a good export demand prices all round are decidedly higher-commonest and finest grades are especially scarce. The figures of stocks and estimated supply show a decided improvement in the position of the article, and merit special attention. They show this year 117,050,000 lbs. against 119,700,000 in 1879, and 139,146,000 in 1878.

INDIA RUBBER .- At the present time, no other raw material, with the exception, perhaps, of cotton leather and iron, is moulded into so many different shapes, and utilized for so many different purposes as rubber. The consumption of rubber goods has increased so rapidly of late years, that new manufactories have started up in all American seaboard cities, and old ones have been compelled to largely increase their facilities. Manual labor has, to a great extent, been superseded by machinery, and this has not only reduced the cost of production, but also im-proved the quality and style of the goods. The progress lately made by American manufacturers has placed them at the head of this branch of production, and their goods are now sought for in preference to those made in France and England in all the markets of the world. During the last year there has been a large export demand for rubber boots and shoes, cloths, cloth-ing, wool-lined goods, druggists' sundries, etc., and these have been shipped in large quantities to Norway, Sweden, Germany, Australia and South America. The consumption of raw materials has increased about 20 per cent. during last year, and of products in about the same proportion. There has lately been a general readjustment of prices based upon the present cost of production ; and although these are now lower than last winter and spring, they are still some 15 to 20 per cent higher than the average of last year's prices, which were the lowest for many years .- Shipping List.

-A Chicago paper says: "An operator furnishes the following synopsis of the expenses in sending a bushel of wheat from this city to Liverpool: Storage here, 1_{c} ; freight to Buffalo, 6c.; marine insurance, $\frac{1}{2}c$; Buffalo charges, §c.; canal freight, 6c ; expenses in New York, 1c.; ocean freight, 8c.; ocean insurance, 1c ; total, $24\frac{1}{2}c$. The English quotation of 10s. per cental is equal to \$1.44 per bushel, leaving \$1.19 $\frac{1}{2}$ per bushel as the present value here, based on present quotations in England.

CONSULAR INVOICE OF IMPORTED GOODS. Washington dispatch of recent date, says: appears from reports of consular officers Canada that shipments of general merchandise made from the Design of general merchandise made from the Dominion to the United States, are often divided are often divided into small lots, in order the bring each lot under the bring each lot under the value of \$100, for the purpose of securing the entry of the same at our customs house with enstoms house without the production of nor sular invoices sular invoices. The Treasury Department not enjoins customs of the treasury Department not enjoins customs officials, where entry of nerchandise valued at less than \$100 is presented to make due exemination to make due examination in order to ascertain whether the failure is whether the failure to produce the consular from voice was unintentional or otherwise, free from the objections space from the objections and the objections are objectively and the objective obj merchandise is not clearly entitled to the print leges of entry without consular invoices, bond will be taken for the the objections specified in the statutes. bond will be taken for the production of such in-voices in the usual manner. voices in the usual manner. Shipments of small quantities of butter quantities of butter, eggs, and garden produce and other like articles brought to the United States by partice lines brought to the dor. States by parties living along the border, border b tofore considered as not being subject to ob requirements of coursel requirements of consular invoices, and no biget in the second sec jection is prescribed to the continuance of the rule.

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THE PORK "CORNER."—The Armours of Chicago are the Col. Sellers of to day, and they have about realized the dream of that impeonion prophet. This firm owns nearly all the pork the United States, and for weeks past they have the United States, and for weeks past they have the deliveries. In conjunction with some future deliveries. In conjunction with some entire supply at killing points. According have well informed authority, these speculators purchased the pork to be delivered in Ang all the deliver it. By the clever arrange pase already alluded to the delivery must take through the Armours. There are men in Chicago through the Armours. There are men in Chicago and everywhere who sell pork to be delivered and everywhere who sell pork to be deliver man who has bought it, or else make recomman who has bought it, or else make recombarrels of pork. It is not believed there are about 150,000 in the whole of the States. The Armours they cannot do it, ease Armours can make them pay what they pay are difference between the price asked and what difference between the price asked and what have sold it at.

-An example of the extortions to which foreign vessels visiting the ports of Quobes Montreal may be subjected, has recently best made public, and emphatically calls for some made public, and emphatically calls for some suffer through the unfavorable impressive carried away by those thus imposed upon. of a facts as reported are these: The captain of a facts as reported are these: The captain of a facts as reported are these: The captain of a facts as reported are these: The captain of a facts as reported are these in the source of the Austrian vessel, inward bound, having met Austrian vessel, inward bound, having one and that he would be charged the regular was that he naturally presumed to be an eacont ingly engaged the tug. On the way not requested to sign an agreement to pay aroused, he declined, and upon his arone and formed his owner's agents, who at request that the account for towage should be default to them. When the bill was rendered to them. When the bill was rendered whole freightage of the vessel. have protested against this most reasons that a court of law, unless a fair component matter in a court of law, unless a fair component mise be effected.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Wholesale trade is considered to be fair for the season, although a very decided improve-Ment is looked for later on. There has been a Bood deal of excitement in Groceries, and a large Quantity of Teas have been changing hands, while a start the while refined Sugars have again advanced, the manufacturers being hard pressed to fill orders. Bardware is very firm and likely to continue so, bet ... but the demand has not been heavy. Nailmakers have reduced the price of cut nails 25c al round, which leaves very little profit to the manufacturer. Dry goods have been fairly setimation and the setimation of the setimation of the set active, and the trade so far has been satisfactory. Flour is quiet and prices favor buyers, but there is hear is hardly any movement to report in grain. Retail trade is generally active owing to the Rege number of visitors in the city. The reather continues very hot and oppressive.

Asars. Pots. Receipts this week have been mail, and mostly all were taken up for ship-ment: price of \$4.60 to 4.65. **nent**; prices have kept steady at \$4.60 to 4.65. Pearls, Prices have kept steady at \$4.60 to 4.00. the nominal price being \$5.10. The stocks at \$26 bris. bris.

Boots AND SHOES. - A large number of dealers tom the country have been in the city, but they have been in the country have been and orders on the country have been in the city, our seem to require stock at present and orders hand and any market keeps firm on hand are not heavy. The market keeps firm and are not heavy. The market keeps quote: quotations are well maintained. We **uote:** uotations are well maintained. We **cowhie** Mens split boots \$1.9 to 2.25; ditto to 3.75; ditto kip do 2.50 to 3.25; ditto calf ditto 3.50 1.90 to 2.25; Boys buff congress 1.50 to 1.75; ditto work, cans 85c to \$1.00; Womens split bal-1.15; Childs buff & pebble for to 1.00; ditto buff & pebble 1.00; ditto at bals 55 to 600. Childs Buff and enamel blit bis Childs buff & pebble 60c to 1.00; une cacks 4.50 to 60c; Childs Buff and enamel Cacks 4.50 to 6.50 per dozen.

Carrie - Most of the cattle which have come Cartie - Most of the cattle which have come heat to England, and the demand from butchers have local communition has been light. For bocal consumption has been light. For utipping stock from 4 to 5½c was paid, and the to 3½c, according to 34c, according the stock from 21 to 34c, according the stock from 22 to 34c, according the stock from 24 to 34c, according t (using cattle from 21 to 31c, according to market is from at \$5.75 to 6.25 per 100 lbs. 3.60 a head.

The Allan steamer, "Buenos Ayrean" which sole from Montreal for Glasgow last week, the largest forge of borned cattle this

took out the largest cargo of horned cattle this on having on board 550 head. Dat Goops. - Business has been rather better of Dat works and business has been rather better of the Dast work business has been rather better better

tor the past week, and a considerable number of the past week, and a considerable number of the considerable of the considerab the are considered satisfactory. Now that har-the operation of the satisfactory about over, a Vest oconsidered satisfactory. Now that have full fortations in the west are about over, a looked for. and proposts are very good for a looked for, and prospects are very good for a The business being done from now till the end

d Beptember. The retail trade of the city is inst now fill the city of a state of the city is A September. The retail trade of the City -Baugs AND Chlections are pretty good. AND to heavy chemicals but transactions this bauge and the serve chemicals but transactions the Quity for heavy chemicals, but transactions this to report in values creat in Shellac which has to report in values, except in Shellac which has a short for the state of the state

Powder, 1.75 to 2.00; Alum, 1.75 to 1.85; Copperas, 90c. to 1.00; Sulphur, 2.90 to 3.00; Roll Sulphur, 1.95 to 2.10; Epsom Salts, 1.35; Sal Soda, 1.10 to 1.20; Saltpetre, per keg, 8 90 to 9.00; Sulphate of Copper, 5.50 to 6.00; Whiting, 45 to 50c.; Quinine, Howard's, 4.00; Morphia, \$3.50 to 4.00; Opium, 8.50 to 9.00; Castor Oil, 10 and 11c. in lots of ten cases : Shellac, 50 to 55c.

FURS .-- There is no news by mail this week from the London market, and the local trade quite stagnant, nothing will be doing here before the beginning or middle of September.

FISH.-Stocks of fish are still small, the only kind on hand is Dry Cod. Sales are reported from \$4.50 to 5.00; Salmon is scarce and firm at $17\frac{1}{2}$, 16¹/₂, and 15¹/₂; the enquiry is good.

FREIGHTS .- Rates this week are again lower, and tonnage is plentiful. Engagements by steamers and iron clippers to London, Liverpool and Glasgow for heavy grain at 4/9 to 5/- and for Oats at 4/- to 4/6. Steamers and small clippers for all U. K. and direct ports on the continent are getting from 5/6 to 6/- for heavy grain.

FLOUR.-Receipts for the past week 18,803 bls. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date, 365,953 brls. being a decrease of 99,536 brls. on the receipts for the same period of 1879. Shipments for the past week 23,088 bris. Total shipments for from 1st January to date 337,063 bris., being a decrease of 56,633 bris. as compared with the Total shipments same period of 1879. The market has still a downward tendency but low prices do not seem to tempt buyers, as beyond a moderate demand for local wants there has been very little business reported. The market closes rather firmer with an improved demand. We quote Superior Extra \$5.30 to 5.35; Extra Superfine, 5.25 to 0.00; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, 5.45 to 5.50; Superfine, 5.10 to 5.15; Strong Bakers' Flour, 6.60 to 6.50; Fine, 4.40 to 4.50; Middlings, 4.10 to 4.20; Pollards, 3.60 to 3.80; Upper Canada Bags, 2.70 to 2.75; Oatmeal, 4.40 to 0.00; Cornmeal, 2.70 to 2.75.

GRAIN --- Wheat .-- Receipts for the past week 691,256 bushels, total receipts from 1st January to date 5,216,924 bush. being a decrease of 414,-237 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1879. Shipments for the week 707,154 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 4,790,-397 bush. showing an increase of 42,923 bush. on the shipments for the same period of last year. The wheat market continues very dull the English demand having been rather slow. Canada spring wheat is nominal at \$1.20 to 1.25. Sales of No. 2 Toledo Red were reported early in the week at $\$1.07\frac{1}{2}$, present price is \$1.06 to 1.07. Maize is very dull, and holders are asking 52 to 53c. to arrive, Nothing doing in peas. Oats are 33 to 34c., and Rye 75c. for future delivery.

GROCERIES.—Considerable excitement prevails in the grocery trade and a pretty large speculative business has been done with a rising market. In Teas there is a good demand for medium and good medium Japans. The range for Japans continues from 25 to 60c for common to choicest kinds; Young Hysons are worth from 35 to 65c; Oolongs, 20 to 60c; Twankey, 30 to 32c; Congou, 25 to 70c; Souchongs, 35 to 60c. Coffee.-Market dull, and sales are generally small; stocks in the country are low, and a better demand is shortly looked for. Prices as a rule favor buyers. We quote, Old Government Java, 27 to 30c; Maracaibo, 20 to 22c; Laguayra, 20 to 22c; Rio, 16 to 20c; Mocha, 29 to 33c. Sugar.-There has been a further advance in refinery prices, and with the active demand which exists, the daily make in the refineries is quickly cleared out. We now quote:

lots offering, Barbadoes 471 to 50c; sales are reported at our inside quotation. Trinidad 40 to 42½c; Porto Rico 40 to 42½c. The Canada Refining Coy's., price for syrups is 33 to 4c per lbs. Rice. - Sales of round lots have been made at our inside quotation viz, \$3.85, and smaller parcels have been placed from \$4.00 to 4.20. parcels have been placed from which speece speeces.—The market is very firm; Black pepper 1¹ to 10¹/₂c with upward tendency. White pepper 16 to 18c; Cloves 37 to 45c; Cassia 10¹/₂ to 13c; Nutmegs 60 to 90c; Africain ginger 6 to 7c; Jamaica ginger 17 to 20c. Fruit.-There has been considerable excitement in this branch of the business in consequence of reports from Europe that currants have been damaged by rains, and Sultana raisins and Figs by heat. We quote Sultanas 8 to 81c with large sales said to be rather over our quotations : Valencias to arrive have been placed to a considerable amount at 8½c. We do not make any other changes, as dealers are waiting the arrival of the new crops.

HIDES.—Market steady and fairly active at the recent advance. We continue to quote, \$11, \$10, and \$9, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Butchers' Hides. Lambskins, 85 to 90c.

HARDWARE .--- Business reported this week has been within small compass; but the reports from England and Scotland tend to keep prices here very firm. The demand there seems to improve, and merchants here seem confident of higher prices and are not disposed to press goods on the market. We have to report a reduction in the price of nails of about 25c which leaves but a small margin for the manufacturers. We quote Pig iron per ton, Coltness, \$21 to 22 00; Gart-sherrie, \$21.00 to 22.00; Summerlee, \$21.00 to 22.00; Eglinton, \$19.50 to 22.00; Summeriee, \$21.00 to 22.00; Eglinton, \$19.50 to 21.00; Carnbroe, \$20.-00 to 21.00; Bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staf-fordshire, \$2.00 to 2.25; best ditto \$2.35 to 2.50-Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 4.75; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.25 to 6.50; Canada plates per box-Glenmorgan and Budd \$3.75 to 4.00; Arrow \$4.00 to 4.25; Hatton \$3.50 to 3.75. Tin plates per box Charcoal IC., \$6.50 to 7.00 ditto, IX., \$8.50 to 9.00; ditto, DC., \$6.00 to 6.50; Coke-coal, \$5.50 to 6.00; Tinned Sheets No. 26, Char-IC., 12 to 13c; Galvanized Sheets, 28 best, \$7.50 to 8.00; Hoops and Bands, \$2.50 to 2.75; Sheets, best brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; Boiler Plate, \$3.50 to 4.00; Lead, Pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to 5.00; ditto, Sheet, \$5.25 to 5.50; ditto, Bar, \$5.50 to 6.25; ditto, Shot, \$6.25 to 6.50; Cast Steel,12 to 13c; Spring Steel, \$3.50 to 3.75; Sleigh Shoe Steel \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire Steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; Ingot Tin, 25 to 26c; Ingot Copper, 22 to 23c; Sheet Zinc, \$6 59 to 7.00; Spelter, \$6.00 to 6.50; Horse Shoes \$4.00 to 4.50; Iron Wire, per bdl., No. 6, \$2.25 to 2.50; Cut Nails, 10 dy. to 60 dy., \$3.10; 8 dy. and 9 dy., \$3.35; 6 dy. and 7 dy., \$3.60; 4 dy. and 5 dy., \$3.60; 3 dy., \$4.10; the above nails are the hot cut American pattern; 4 dy. and 5 dy. cold cut Canada pattern, \$3.85; 3 dy. ditto \$4.10; Pressed Spikes, \$3.50 to 4.00.

LEATHER.-The market has shown rather more activity during the past week, and holders have more confidence in the prospects for the future. A further stiffen-ing in the price of hides in the Ameripects for the future. markets has given an improved tone can to sole leather, and best stocks are firmly held. Large sales of Buffalo hides in New York at an advance will tend to strengthen the hands of holders of that description of sole leather here. In curried leathers the demand is principally for Light upper and buff. We quote, Hemlock Spanish Sole No. 1 B.A., 25 to 26c; ditto No. 2 B.A., 23 Advanced about 10c. We have little change of the second about 10c. We now quote: Bicarb Soda Soda, 14 to 15c; Arrow Root, 12 to 15c. : Arrow Root, 12 to 15c. : Cream Tartar Crystals, 32
Cut loaf, 11¹/₄; Granumera, 1. (11¹/₄); Granumera, 1 to 24c; No. 1 Ordinary, 25 to 26c; No. 2, ditto,23 to 24c; Buffalo Sole, No 1, 21 to 22c; ditto No. ings, 30 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 33c; Buffed the decline; transactions are small; 100 brls advanced to £75 per ton. Fig lead was gold in the former of the former of the state Cow, 13 to 16c per foot; Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c; Patent Cow, 15 to 16c; Pebbled Cow, 13 to 16c; Rough, 24 to 30c.

Oils.- There has been an active enquiry for cod oil in job lots at 46 to $47\frac{1}{2}$, and some 50 brls. lots changed hands yesterday at our outside figures. Se : 1 Oil is unchanged but the demand is slow, only some small sales of steam refined reported at 57¹/₂. Coal Oil, the consumptive reported at 57¹/₂. Coal Oil, the consumptive demand is improving and prices are very firm for car lots at 22 in store, broken lots 224; single brls. 23 to 24; Linsced Oil is easier, Raw being worth from $57\frac{1}{2}$ to 60; and Boiled, 61 to 63.

PROVISIONS.-Butter.--Receipts 4,284 pkgs. shipments 9,924 pkgs.; the market begins to show more signs of activity. Creameries is held at 26c, but shippers will not pay over 25c; Eastern Townships butter is also held at prices which prevents shippers from buying. Brockville and Morrisburg is dearer, being now sold at 18 to 22. For good lots of Western butter 18c is paid; *Cheese.*—Receipts 33,333 boxes; shipments 29,383 boxes. The advance in the English market has strengthened this market, but 111 to 113c is thought rather too high by speculators for shipment. Pork is very firm, and has advanced about 50c since this day week. We now quote mess at \$17.50 to 18. 0; Lard is also dearer at 111 to 12c. Hams are firm at 121 and Bacon 91 to 104c.

SALT.-Business is quict and stocks moderate. Coarse is selling at 54 to 57½c for elevens and tens.

WOOL .- There is no change in values, stocks of domestic wool are very light, the enquiry is good, and a ready market would be found if the stocks were only on hand.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Aug., 26th, 1880.

The business of the week at wholesale has been of a quiet character in several lines. In provisions, however, it was active, at higher prices. Opinions agree that the harvest is a good one, but in some districts considerable grain is still lying out, for lack, it is stated, of threshing machines enough to treat it.

The market for bank stock, which has continued for weeks to advance, received a check on Tuesday, and shares of several banks have declined since. Montreal, which was 153 on Monday, declined to 151 on Tuesday, and to 150¹/₂ yesterday. Commerce sold at 131¹/₂ on Monday, declining to 1304 on Wednesday. Toronto fell 14, being 1374 on Monday and 136 on Tuesday. Loan stocks are firm at last week's advance. Farmers sold on Tuesday at 1291. Dominion Savings at 119, Hamilton Provident firm at 120, Western Assurance sold on Tuesday at 188 and British America advanced to 140 on same day. CATTLE.—The local market has been well

supplied with beeves, which have brought \$3.00 to 4.00 per cental, firsts bringing \$3.75 to 4.00, and seconds \$3 to 3.50. Not many exportable have offered here. Buyers are ready to give 41 to 5c. per lb live weight for good animals, and hear of a purchase of a large lot of fine in the County of Middlesex, part of which were shipped by sea last week by Messrs. A. J. Thompson & Co. Enquiries are also made for sheep for export, and 44c. per lb. would be paid for selec-Firsts bring 4c. and seconds 3 to 31c. for tions small lots for the local trade. Lambs are dull at former prices, say \$4.00 for firsts and \$3 to 3.25 for seconds. Not many live hogs offer, what come forward command 43 to 5c. per lb.

FLOUR & MEAL.-Flour.-Stocks in store only 200 brls., against 225 brls., last week and 1,000 Superior extra sold on Tuesday at \$4 80, holders asking \$4.85 to day; Extra we quote \$4.70 to 4.75. Fancy, none offering, strong bakers in fair request in small parcels at \$5.20 to 5.25. Oatmeal -- Very little doing, car lots are now quoted \$4.00, with 4 25 for small parcels. Bran \$9 50 to 10.00 and firm.

GRAIN.-Wheat -Fall.-Stocks in store 3,800 bush. against 4,970 bush last week and 12,102 bush, on like date last year. The new grain comes in very slowly, and there is scarcely any stocks in city. Our quotations are for new, but sales were made at \$1.02 on Tuesday, the old would bring 5c, more if offered. Quotations are meantime almost nominal, all city parcels having been bought up. The Liverpool market shows a decline. New York is quiet, and Chicago weaker. Wheat-Spring.-Stocks in store, 2,021 bush. against 8,767 bush last week and 58,301 bush. on like date last year. There are no sales to report, a few cars are offering on the street, and the prices obtained yesterday were \$1.08 for new and \$1.22 for old. Old would be readily taken if offered, but country helders are not anxious to bring it forward. Liverpool quotation 9.which is 2d. lower than on 20th. Oats .- Stocks in store 1,000 bush. against 8,200 bush. last week and 2,200 bush. on like date last year. The market is not active, but steady, at quotations. Barley .- Stocks in store 1,951 bush. against 1,-451 bush, last week and 38,211 bush, on like date last year. Very little offered as yet, odd loads bring 50 to 60c. on street; a car of choice No. 2 was offered at 65 with 60c. bid. Peas. -Stocks in store 178 bush, against 178 bush. last week and 75 bush. on like date last year. The market is dull and nominal.

GROCERIES -- Business in this line is only moderately active, it is improved somewhat since the early part of the month, but more business may be expected in the next week or two. In some districts the crops are still lying out, owing to a deficiency of threshing machines, but country storekeepers are hopeful of good collections this autumn. Coffees are firmer, we quote Mocha 33 to 36c ; Java 27 to 33c ; Plantation Ceylon 28 to 31; Rio 19 to 21c. Dried fruits are firm and in small compass. Advices of 8th inst., as to currants, state that the rains in Cephalonia and the Morea rendered the prospect serious. On the 9th, matters were looking better, but the currant market has been hardened. Sugars are much stronger, the Cuban crop is reported twenty per cent. short, and raws may be expected to be higher in the Autumn: whites are all advanced 4c; We quote cut loaf 111 to 111c; granulated 103 to 11c. The market is very firm on teas, all medium and common grades have advanced during the past three weeks from 3 to 4c per pound, fines have not gone up so markedly, Japans, we quote Yokohama, common to good 32 to 40e ; ditto fine to choicest 44 to 60c; Nagasaki, common to good, 25 to 32c; ditto fine to choice 35 to 45c.

HARDWARE .- The feeling in metals in Britain is generally towards firmness, and the opinion prevails that prices are hardly likely to be lower. But although that is the case, dealers here are competing so keenly as to reduce quotations of some articles below what English markets warrant. Pig Iron is somewhat stiffer, there are accounts of strikes in Scotland, among the iron workers, and some furnaces, we understand, have been blown out. Carnbroe is quoted \$21 here, for the best price in Montreal is \$20.00, ex-ship. Nova Scotia we quote \$23 to 24. Hoops & Bands we quote lower, say \$2.65 to 2.75; ordinary bar \$2.15 to 2 25; iron wire, \$2.15 to 2.25 for No. 6, other numbers in proportion. Bessemer steel we continue to quote 5 to 6c; cast a trifle higher, say 111 to 131c; cold rolled steel for shafting is now in market in various sizes, at $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c; Ingot copper we quote 18 to 19c; the last quotabrls., on like date last year. Market quiet at tion being £72 per ton. Copper sheets have

this market on Thursday at 4½c, although it is quoted up to 617 100 We quote 44 to 5c; window ylass is steady, and in fair demand. Canada plates, as well as tin plate, continue to be firm, at former prices. Deliver-ies of fresh stocks are delayed by the English manufacturers, and the supply is limited. HIDES & SERVER demand.

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HIDES & SKINS.-Green hides are offering are the usual quantity for the season, and cured are taken about as fast as the season, and cured are taken about as fast as they offer at $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 10° m are spite of the complaints of tanners that they for high. Second 45 high. Seventy-five cents is still the price for perts and \$1.00 for lambskins.

LEATHER. - The disparity between the selling prices of leather, and the cost of hides continues, and some tanners are growing disgusted with the prospect, and threaten to prothe prospect, and threaten to shut down pro-duction, with a view to average duction, with a view to equalize prices. in opportion prominent sole tanners have this step in the ter de templation. Light slaughter sole is in better de mand than beau mand than heavy, and commands relatively better price. Stocks are not excessive, and there is a feeling that another month will so sole higher. *Unner is not* a sole higher. sole higher. Upper is very dull, splits moving slowly.

PROVISIONS .- Prices of hog products are in the ascendant, available stocks are remarkably light Sales have here Bacon at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{2}$ c. with no sellers at present under $7\frac{3}{2}$ c. some asking 8c. Long clear has sold freely at 85c. in round let freely at 83c. in round lots, and 9c. in a jobbied way. Holders com way. Holders seem very confident that in the innuediate future prices in the index of the innuediate future prices in the innue innue innuediate future prices in the innue innu inmediate future prices will still further advant to the Chicago basis, viz 104c. Best quality mess Pork is nominal through scarcity at \$17 18.00. Lard.-Scarce and 18.00. Lard.—Scarce and wanted at unchanged prices. There is more and wanted at unchanged prices. There is more enquiry for smoked and but canvassed are not but canvassed are neglected. Cheese is firm in this firm the second seco higher figures; the jobbing trade is supplied 12½c. though when present 123c. though when present stocks are exhausted prices must advance prices must advance. At Ingersoll yesterion sales were made at factories for 121 to 19 Cable quotations show advance of 4/- being are 62/- Butter is scarce and 62. Butter is scarce and wanted car loads are said to have changed by said to have changed hands at advanced prices. Euglish advices are Euglish advices are more favorable, the market there appears strong

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WOOL.--The market is in a peculiar the population of the second s is nearly lifeless and the improvement hope for does not come. American markets continue quiet, if not dull. Dealers here continue to profi 28e for *licece* but at that price it shows no profi to ship. *Pulled* super is bought at 30 to 32c, lot was bought at 31e here lost more but ad lot was bought at 31c here last week, but and dealer hesitates to new in the last week, but and ter was bought at 31c here last week, but for dealer hesitates to pay that price to-day, and has offered a lot of 10,000 lbs., at 31c, week lots have sold in this market during the at 32c. Cape wool offers at 19 to 20c here 18c bid. No transactions in a the solution



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S. HARTLEY WATSON & CO. MERCHANTS.	Epsom Salts Extract Logwood, bulk " boxes	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 10\frac{3}{4} & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 14 & 0 & 16 \end{array}$	Hoops-Coopers Band Boiler Plates	2 65 2 75	Superior Extra Extra	470 475
MED WATSON & CO.	Indigo, Madras Madder Opium	$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 95 & 1 & 05 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & 14 \end{array}$	Canada Plates: Hatton	3 50 3 75	Strong Bakers	0 00 00 0
DDIN Street, LIVEPPOOL THE	Oxalic Acid Potass Iodide	0 15 0 20	Swansea	3 75 4 00	Spring Wheat, extra Superfine Fine	4 05 4 60
Supply English and Foreign Goods, and Re- Salmon, Lobsters & Fruit, Provisions,	Quinine Soda Ash	4 00 0 00 1	1ron Wire:	9.05 9.90	Cornmeal, small lots	400 405
Salmon, Lobsters, & General Ameri- can & Canadian Produce.	Tartaric Acid Morphine	0.69 0.75	" 9 " " 12 " Window Glass: 25 and under	2 55 2 60 2 85 2 90	Grain: 1.o.c. Fall Wheat, No. 1 No. 2	
Vanadian Produce	Drimstone	0 021 0 03	26 x 40 do	1 95 2 00	" No. 3 Spring Wheat, No. 1 " No. 2	0 00 0 00 1 08 1 10
WM. BARBER & BROS. PAPERMAKERS	Groceries. Coffees : Java, & lb	0 27 0 33	41 x 50 do 51 x 60 do Steel: Cast	2 50 0 00	Oats	100 102
CARBER & BROS.	Rio Mocha Ceylon, native	0 33 0 36 0 23 0 25	Steel: Cast Bessemer do. In Plates: IC Coke.	5 50 5 75	Barley, No. 1 "No. 2	0 65 0 09
PAPERMAKERS,	" planta'tn Fish: Herring, scaled Salmon, salt water.	0.98 0.91	IC Charcoal	6 75 7 00 8 75 9 00 10 75 11 00	" No. 3 Extra. " No. 3 Peas	055000
RAPERMAKERS, News, Book	Dry Cod, # 112 lbs.	5 00 5 25	DC "	6 25 6 50	Rye Corn	0 59 0 80
, and Fine Panero	" London Lay. " Sultanas " Val'nti's, n'w " Musatol	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Hides & Skins & lb. Steers, 60 to 90 lbs	000010	Provisions. Butter, choice, P lb.	
J. R. BARBER.	" Muscatel Currants, new	$0\ 073\ 0\ 08$ $2\ 50\ 2\ 75$ $0\ 063\ 0\ 08$	Cows Cured and Inspected Calfskins, green	0 10 0 101	Dried Apples	0 12 0 00
BARBER BROS.	" old Molasses: Clayed,♥gal	0 043 0 06	Pelts	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Bacon, long clear	17 00 17 50
BARBER BROS. NOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS, BTREETSVILLE, - ONT., Noted and Contine	Syrups: Golden Amber	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Lambskins Tallow, rendered	1 00 0 00 /	" B'kfst smoked	0 101 0 11
TREETSVILLE, - ONT.,	" Pale Amber. Rice:	0 044 0 044	Wool. Fleece, # lb	0 00 0 28	Hams " Canvassed Lard	
TREETSVILLE, - ONT., Weeds and Coatings in Three-Quarters and Siz-Quarters.	Spices: Allspice Cassia, whole P lb	0 16 0 17	Pulled Super Extra Super	0 30 0 39 1	Hops	0 01 0 10
ROBT. BARBER,	Cloves Ginger, ground Jamaica, root	0.95 0.95	Leather. Spanish Sole, No. 1.	0.28 0.20	Salt, Etc. Liverpool coarse bg	0 85 0 90
	Nutmegs	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Do. No. 2 Slaughter, heavy	0 26 0 27	Stoved	085 100
BARBER & CO., AMUFACTURERS' AGENTS GANADIAN WOOLLENS, 7 JORDAN STREET, TORONTO.	Sugars: Porto Rico Cuba Canadi'n refined, low	0.08.0.00	Do. light Buffalo Harness	0 27 0 28 0 24 0 25	Wines, Liquors, &c. Ale: English, pts	1 60 1 90
7 JORDAN STREET, TORONTO. BOBT. BARBER, JP	Canadi'n refined, low to extra bright Standard Granulat'd, Bednath's Cut Lost	0 08 0 091	Upper, No. 1 heavy	0 37 0 39	" qts Brandy: Hen'es'y case 1 Martell's " 1	2 65 2 75 1 25 11 50 10 75 11 00
BARBER, JR.	Redpath's Cut Loaf. Teas :	0 102 0 11 0 11 0 11	Kip Skins, French "English	0 90 1 10	OtardDupuy&Co "	9 75 10 00
BARBER & ELLIS, Autoracturing Stationers-Ontario Envelope Factory, BORDAN STREES	Japan com. to good. Yokoha.com. to good	025045	" Veals Heml'k Calf (25 to 30)		Gin: De Kuypers, # gl	9 00 9 25 1 97 2 124
Stationers Ontario English	Nagasa, com to good	0 44 0 60	36 to 44 lbs French Calf	0 85 0 95	" Green cases	4 37 5 00 8 50 8 75
IS JORDAN STREET. TORONTO, JAMES BARBER J.	Congou & Souchong	0 35 0 45 0 33 0 70	Splits, large, P lb "small Enamelled Cow, P ft	0 29 0 31 0 25 0 26 0 17 0 10	Rum : Jamaica, 16 o.p.	000650 2472624
JAMES BADDES & GENERAL STATUS	" Med to choice	0 35 0 43	Pebble Grain	0 17 0 19	Бешегага,	Z 124 2 32 In Duty
		0 62 0 70 0 37 0 42	Buff Russets, light Gambier	0 00 0 45	Alcohol, 65 o.p. ¥ I.gl	
BARBER & BARBER, A PEIR STAINERS,	" med. to fine " fine to finest Hyson	0 62 0 85	Sumac Degras	005 006il	" 50 " "	0 65 2 25 0 35 1 15
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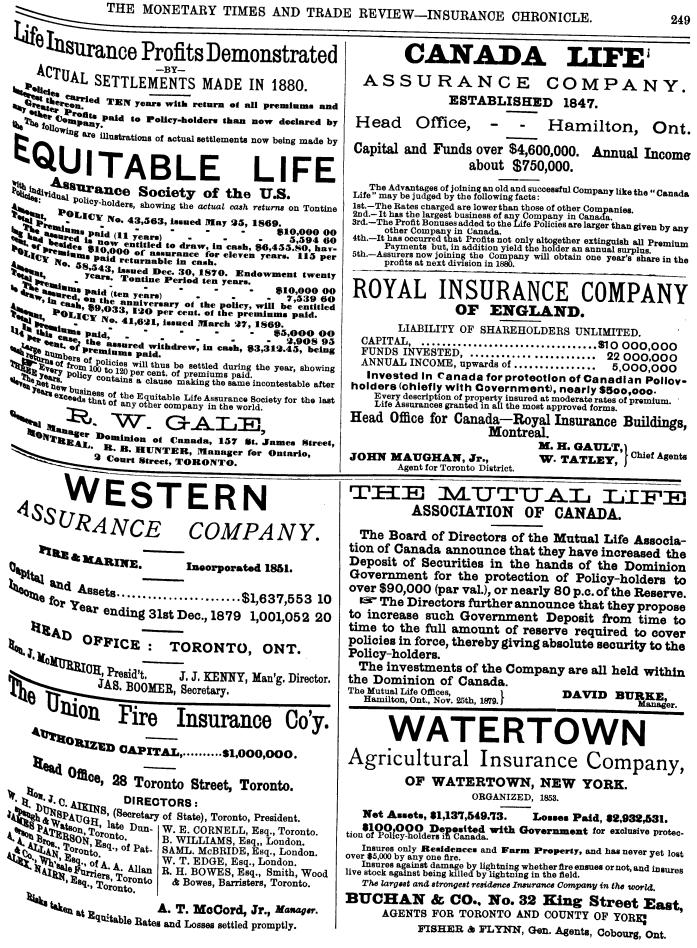


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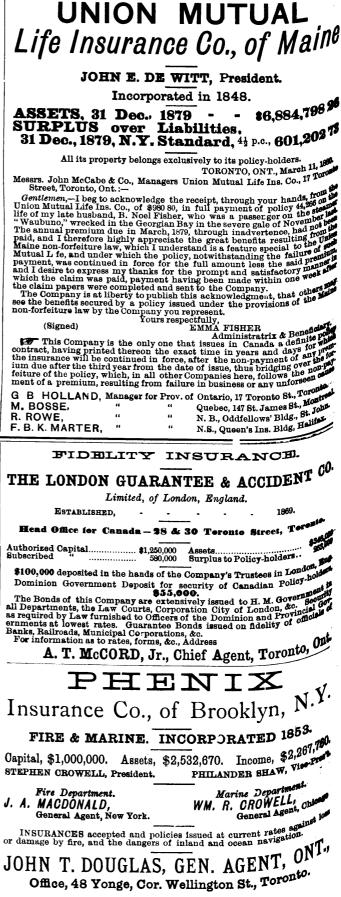


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