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Cashier. Toronto, October 23, 1891.

J. L. BRODIE, Cashier.

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SACKVILLE, N.S., has the electric light. THE order of the New York State superintendent of public works is to the effect that the State canals are to be closed at midnight, November 30th, if not closed before by ice.

It has been decided by the department of fisheries to restock the Shediac, N.B., oyster beds, and enquiries are being made as to the probable cost of 200 or a thousand barrels for that purpose, to be planted in the spring.

SHIPMENTS to Bermuda by the recent steamer, "Taymouth Castle," include the following: Stephen Ayer (Sackville), 1 case harness; John Sealey, 1,000 onion crates, 20 brls. potatoes, 12 brls. turnips; R. C. Tait (Shediac), 11,000 onion crates, 2,234 brls. potatoes, 35 brls. turnips.

THE annual meeting of the Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly Railway was held at Waterloo, P.Q., on the 11th instant. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year :-Hon. G. G. Stevens, J. W. Hobart, A. H. Moore, E. C. Smith, H. L. Robinson, George T. Childs, J. G. Cowie, D. D. Ranlett, I. B. Futvoye.

AT last new boats have been definitely ordered for the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. They are to be of the most modern character, first class in every respect, and will ply



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daily between Kingston and Montreal. The contract to build these two twin screw-steamers has been awarded to Roach & Co., New York. It is claimed that they will be the finest steam. ers afloat on fresh water.

THE beet sugar factory at Farnham, Que., is at work, and a good deal of sugar has been made and sold. The beets have yielded fairly, and the farmers who have raised them are, with very few exceptions, satisfied, and find the cultivation remunerative. The correspondent of the St. John's News says that the resident superintendent, Baron Seillier, has just gone to New York on business connected with the factory. "There is some idea of running the factory throughout the year, using it as a refinery in the summer."

JOHN WANAMAKER, the Philadelphia merchant, says that during the ten days previous to Christmas his sales hovered about \$100,000 a day, so that the grand total for the ten days was only a few dollars under a million. He adds, "I spend \$5,000 a week in advertising, and I pay a skilful man-a former editor, and a good one-\$1,000 a month to do it for me. I make money by it. Advertising is the leverage with which this store has been raised up. I do not see how any large and successful business can be done without liberal advertising."



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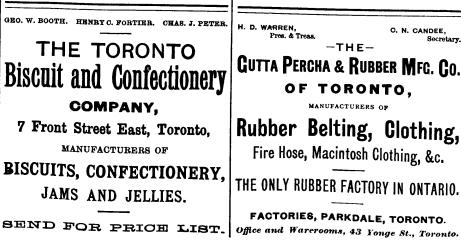
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COMMEBCIAL travellers, who sometimes go to bed, should note this :- The following simple contrivance for testing the condition of bed sheets may be useful. Get a piece of smooth gelatine of the thickness of ordinary note paper, and cut it into the shape of a star with half a dozen points, and about three inches in diameter. Lay it flat on the sheets - which should not have been warmed in any way immediately before-and if it remain flat these may be safely slept in. But if the points of the star rise up a quarter of an inch or more, the use of the sheets may be interesting to the local undertaker.

"THIS town rivals Boston for beans, and the people here know beans when they see them." Thus writes a Ridgetown man. Now Ridgetown is the centre of an Ontario bean growing district, and the shipment of beans thence to the United States amounts to about 200,000 bushels annually. Cochrane & Wilson export about 40,000 bushels annually; Thomas Steele exports 35,000 bushels; Cochrane & Rushton 35,000 bushels; J. Elliott, 25,000 bushels; Patterson & O'Keefe, about 40,000 bushels; Tye & Stringer, [about 15,000 bushels; These firms at the present time are shipping ten carloads per week mostly to the New England States, as the Western markets are being supplied by the Michigan growers.



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THE St. Clair tunnel is to be opened by the Grand Trunk for passenger business on December 7th.

THE Bank of British Columbia has taken possession of its handsome new block in Vancouver, and is transacting business there.

MESSRS. Thomas Lawry & Son propose to make a large extension of their premises in East Hamilton, and will do all their summer packing there.

THE McClary Manufacturing Company have let tenders for an addition to their stove department in London, Ont., and also to convert the Cousins House, recently purchased, into a head office and show room.

EUSEBE DORION, a small storekeeper at Metapedia, has assigned. He has been in business for some years, but never made any headway. His liabilities are small.---- A demand of assignment has been made on Octave Naud, a storekeeper of Grand Piles, Que.

A MEETING of the creditors of John Chester, general store keeper at Widder, is called for to-day. In the meantime an assignment has been made. Some years ago John succeeded Adam Duffers, selling his farm in order to do so. We fear that he has neither farm nor solid capital to-day.

THE remaining assets of the Exchange Bank of Canada were sold at auction on Monday last in Montreal. They made a total of upwards of \$1,000,000 nominal value, but realized only about \$4,700. The largest individual claim was that against Thomas Craig. It was for \$259,000, and sold to Jas. Baxter for \$25.

A PRODUCE dealer in Sherbrooke named Leopold Clapin has assigned. He was formerly a bank teller, and went into business with very limited capital. He has attempted too much, and now finds himself with liabilities of \$5,000 to \$6,000, and assets \$3,000 to \$4,000. He is trying to get a settlement, but nothing is decided on as yet.

NUMEROUS instances go to prove that speculative building in Toronto has been entirely overdone. The failure of two builders is announced in our columns this week; and Bryce Bros., extensively engaged in housebuilding here, have in the meantime found it necessary to suspend all operations in that line. They have paid off their employees, and now, with the executive assistance of Mr. H. H. Williams, they are endeavoring to put their affairs into better shape before resuming business. It is thought that they will arrange, if they have not already done so, to meet their liabilities as they become due.

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Cunningham & DeFourier's Heinrich's German Family Gelatine



THE Toronto firm of Grant & Co., dealers in hats, caps, etc., are in trouble. For some time complaints have been made about unsatisfactory payments, and now the favorable consideration of creditors is sought. Although he does not owe the trade much in this city, Mr. Grant's liabilities will probably reach \$12,000. He was under heavy expense and was probably overstocked. It is likely that an arrangement will be made that will enable him to continue business.

ABOUT five years ago, Isaac Cooper sold his men's furnishing business here to Chittenden & Cornish. This firm failed about eighteen months ago. Then A. McRoberts got possession of the stock and sold it to Macdonald & Chittenden. For some time there have been disputes between these parties about certain payments, and in the interest of the general creditors an assignment has been made. A surplus of \$5,000 is estimated on liabilities of \$7,000. Apparently the firm is quite solvent.

A FRIEND in Walkerville, who had read in a recent MONETARY that Port Arthur expects to have the first street cars in Canada warmed by electricity, asks us to note the following: "Our system of electric cars from this place to Sandwich already has this mode of heating, which, so far as I can judge, is a great success. The road altogether is the best equipped I have ever seen, and I was lately in St. Paul and Minneapolis, which perhaps are the headquarters of electric railways in the United States. The cars here are not only heated, but also lighted by electricity."

A speculative builder in Toronto named Charles McClelland, has, it appears, failed several times. Of late the business has been carried on in the name of his wife, Mary. Now she has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson, with liabilities of \$50,000 and nominal assets of \$35,000.----Another building firm in trouble in this city is that of C. Spencer & Son. Some years ago A. Spencer failed, and he, too, being fortunate in having a good wife, the business has since been continued by her and a son. Now they have assigned. As yet the assets and liabilities are not known.

Ar a meeting of the creditors of Corbeau Bros., a statement was presented showing assets of \$6,350, composed of stock in the Sault Ste. Marie and Penetanguishene stores. Their liabilities are \$5,360. — In April last John Cowan, general storekeeper at South River, assigned with liabilities and assets of about \$4,000 each. Until lately his payments have been well maintained. Now he is quite ill,

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and his wife has written to creditors that they have closed their store and have decided to liquidate. Too much credit, which is the bane of doing business, especially in the backwoods, is the real cause of difficulty in this case.

STANISLAS ROBITAILLE, wholesale dealer in wines, etc., Montreal, has assigned. Liabilities, \$11,719. He obtained a settlement in July last at 30 cents on the dollar.---P.N. Gauvreau, Montreal, a printer by trade, and who started a small shoe store in Montreal last year, has assigned, and effected a settlement at 20 per cent. cash on liabilities of \$2,598.-A. S. Daoust, grocer, Montreal, has assigned with liabilities of \$3,000.---Alex. Lapierre, a small grocer in Montreal, is reported away, and his store is closed.---Henriette Mousseau, milliner, Montreal, assigned in September, 1890, owing \$2,692. Estate was bought in for her. She now assigns again with liabilities of \$2.570.

THE Belleville furniture firm of G.S. Tickell & Sons are offering a compromise of 75 per cent., payments spread over a year. It is doubtful if it will be accepted. The senior of this firm, although an industrious man, failed some years ago. It appears impossible for all who are in this business to succeed.--J. H. Marsh, founder, etc., at Dutton, has got into trouble and assigned. So has A. Foster, builder, Township of Willoughby. The sheriff is now looking after his estate.——In 1889, William Ablitt, Toronto, left the employ of the Granger Company and began business as a grocer, claiming to be worth considerable money, principally in real estate. Now he has quite recently assigned.

In the year 1886, F. E. Brown & Co. succeeded G. Davis in the jewellery business in Toronto. Brown was then supposed to be doing in the meanwhile fairly well, but this was evidently a mistake. He has made an assignment.——In Walkerton a cigar maker named E. Runstadtler, who has been working under chattel mortgages for some time, has assigned. -Jno. Villers did a successful general business in Barrie for some years, but not satisfied he took Greeley's advice and went west, settling in Medicine Hat, Assa. This he found was a mistake, and he returned to his old haunts a sadder and wiser man. As he had but little if any money left, his recent assignment was not entirely unexpected.

ROBERT SNOW, who has been five or six years in the grocery business in the western part of Toronto, has become involved and made an assignment. He owes about \$3,000 with



assets about half this sum. With this poor showing it is probable that the creditors will decide it best to wind up the business.-Mr. Henry Barber has effected a compromise at 65 per cent. for John White, general store--A meeting of the keeper, at Heathcote .-creditors of Singer Bros., dry goods dealers here, whose failure we noted last week, was held a few days ago, and a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by creditors, who claim that they have been systematically deceived by misrepresentation. Up to the day of their suspension a good surplus was claimed, when in fact a deficiency of nearly \$4,000 on liabilities of \$15,578 existed.

A C. P. RAILWAY conductor enjoying the distinguished cognomen of Albert Edward Joseph Percival, either got tired of the rail or the company tired of him. However, about a year ago he leased the Grand Union Hotel in Winnipeg for five years, commencing at \$3,000 first year. It is stated that he spent \$1,300 in improving the building, and put into it more than \$4,000 worth of furniture. It is also said that when he leased the house he was worth over \$7,000. In view of this would it not seem strange that he should give G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, etc., a chattel mortgage for \$1,999 as early as June last? In October a second mortgage for \$800 was given somebody to secure an account for beer, etc. No less than five writs have been issued during the past two months. Finally the sheriff took possession, and the place was to have been sold out this week.

WE learn from Montreal that John Hanigan, of Malmaison, Que., who has been quite an extensive jobber in lumber, baying the cut of a number of small mills through the Eastern Townships and Eastern Ontario for shipment to the American market, is in financial embarrassment, and proposing a compromise with his creditors. His habilities are quite extensive, and will probably foot up close on \$50,000. Mr. Hanigan has always enjoyed an excellent reputation for probity and square dealing, and has much sympathy expressed for him in his troubles. He was one of the chief promoters of the Rapid Manufacturing Co., of Bedford, which concern suspended a year ago, and was subsequently burned out, entailing an almost total loss to the shareholders. He was also a heavy endorser for J. Crothers, president of the company, which went into insolvency last spring, and to these losses his present unfortunate position is due.

ing Company is rapidly becoming an immense

concern. To it has just been added the business of the Patterson-Wisner Co., in Woodstock and Brantford. The amalgamated company can now to a very large extent control this branch of industry. So far as we are aware, the only important establishment of its kind in Canada that is not included in this amalgamation, is at Smith's Falls. It is too well known by those interested that the manufacture of agricultural implements has suffered severely during the last few years, and some important changes were necessary to put it on a paying basis. Now with reduced expenditure in the selling, and indeed in all the departments, the Massey-Harris Co. ought to be able to produce a still better implement at the old price and make a handsome profit. We shall be glad to hear that the company has been able to accomplish both these objects. The officers (are: H. A. Massey, prest.; J. K. Osborne, vice-prest.; L. M. Jones, gen. mgr.; W.E.H. Massey, asst. mgr.; J. W. Shenstone, sec'y; C. D. Massey, treas. The capital, \$5,000,000, with \$3,500,000 paid up.

For many years the firm of Solomon Wigle & Son and its predecessors have done business as storekeepers at Leamington, in the County of Essex. The Wigles are a numerous and an influential family, while the popularity of the members of this firm is evidenced by the fact that first the father and then the son was sent to Parliament. They were shrewd men, too; made money as farmers and also as merchants, though proverbially slow pay, and were understood to be comfortably off. How then comes it that we hear of their assignment last week to Henry Barber & Co.? Not for lack of assets, surely, for the firm owns lots of land. has lots of book accounts, keeps fifty or sixty horses, we are told, has a large stock of goods on hand, and could get money from neighboring farmers quite freely, if needed. But outstanding debts will not pay notes, nor will merchandise creditors, as a rule, take land for what is due them, nor will goods on retailers' shelves answer. What they want is cash, and this, it seems, has been a scarce commodity with Mr. Lewis Wigle of late, although he can show a large surplus over his liabilities. The complaint is made against him that he has of late left his business too much to clerks. How much of a surplus the firm really has is is hard to say, but the liabilities are large.

WE gather from the remarks of the Master in Ordinary that it is not proposed to make any order for the further payment of Mr.

fused to continue as liquidator at the rate of payment he was then receiving, and only yielded upon the distinct agreement that he should be granted a further sum. The refusal of this now he describes as a clear breach of faith, and he will therefore appeal to a Superior Court Judge. It is proper that good work should be adequately paid, but the undeniably good work done by Mr. Lye would be very wretchedly paid at \$2,000 a year. Yet this is what he says he has had, \$8,000 for four years' work, not one-half what we presume he could make as an insurance appraiser. The aggregate assets amounted to some \$2,000,000, and 67 per cent. of them have been collected, we are told, at a total cost of \$46,000, less than 7 per cent. of the sum paid over to creditors. If any one does not think this cheap, he does If any one does not think this cheap, he does not know the planning, the negotiation, the endless legal proceedings, the personal coaxing and dunning, the enormous amount of detail inseparable from such a prolonged job as the winding up of a bank. And then look at the results obtained. Let Mr. Lye be reasonably paid; he has done his onerous and responsible work well work well.

### STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 18th, 1891.							
STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1890.	
Montreal cash.	226	2251	9				
Montreal xd	2201		2 (xd)	225	220		
Ontario xd			= (AU)	115	109	218	
People's	99	974	262	98	97	112	
Molsons	1624			165	160	98	
Toronto xd	Tong	1043	100	100	222	••••••	
Toronto cash	1037	1037	44	•••••	222	215	
J. Cartier xd				103	1011		
Merchants zd.	1501			151	101		
Commerce xd.	132	132	3	1324	149	142	
Union	152	1.52	0	1951	132	126	
Mon. Teleg	1201	114	2219		861	•••••	
Diah & Ont	1201	114	2219	1191	119	94	
Rich. & Ont			•••••	53	501		
Street Ry.	• • • • • •		•••••	· 1821	175	168	
do. new stock			• • • • • •	182	173		
Gas,	200	200	3	203	200	197	
do. new stock			• • • • • •		180		
C. Pacific	87	861	662	87	667	70	
C. P. land b'ds					107		
N. W. Land	79	79	100	79	78	70	
Bell Tele.	•••••			1471	146		
Montreal 4%	99	99	10,00				
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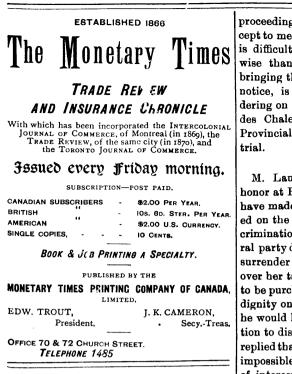
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## TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1891

### THE SITUATION.

Telegrams from Washington lead us to expect that before the end of the year a day will be fixed for the commencement of negotiations for reciprocity with Canada. In the first instance, Canada will be expected to furnish a project for the consideration of the American negotiators. It sught to be possible to agree upon a treaty which would be of mutual benefit. The adoption by Canada of the American tariff and the inclusion in the treaty of all the productions of both countries, are out of the question. On the other hand, we expect the schedule to contain something besides raw products.

An unusual step has been taken by the Mercier Cabinet in setting on foot criminal proceedings against certain journals for publishing articles which it is alleged tend to bring the Government into disrepute and to overthrow it. Under these general terms there is of course a specific complaint. The charge was that Whelan, the contractor for the Quebec court house, had given large sums for corrupt purposes. As is usual in such cases, the charge was stated in different terms at different times, the mildest formula being that over \$100,000 had been given for political purposes. This is the statement of the contractor himself, when he was apparently minimizing the charge against the Government, going to the extent of relieving one of its members from an accusation of what looked like personal corruption. Charges in connection with this contract are not now published for the first time; they were made long ago, and have been repeated in various forms. But until now, no prosecutions for libel have been heard of. There was a time when the American Government had the right to punish by expulsion foreigners guilty of doing acts calculated to bring the Government into contempt, but that day has long passed. The British common law,

proceedings, is seldom or never invoked ex. | light the match that is to start the conflacept to meet cases of organized rebellion. It is difficult to regard the proceeding otherwise than as bluff; the time chosen for bringing the proceedings, it will not escape notice, is when the Commission is pondering on the evidence taken in the Baie des Chaleurs investigation, in which the Provincial administration was virtually on

M. Laurier, at a banquet given in his honor at Boston, by French-Canadians who have made the Republic their home, touched on the questions of reciprocity and discrimination. He intimated that the Liberal party did not intend that Canada should surrender to the United States control over her tariff: "If the boon asked for were to be purchased by the slightest sacrifice of dignity on the part of Canada, as a nation, he would have none of it." To the objection to discriminating against England he replied that "under present conditions it was impossible that there should be an identity of interests between the two countries-Identity of interests is one thing, discrimination is another. Would discrimination against the manufactures of England be in the interest of Canada? That is the question which a proposal to discriminate raises. Many English manufactures, not all of them, are better than American; most of them are cheaper. Would it be sound policy to bind ourselves to take the dearer and poorer goods, and to debar oure selves the benefit of buying the cheaper and the better? Discrimination is generally presented in a false light: the objection to it does not rest on grounds of loyalty or national preference: it is an economic question pure and simple, and as such it is for the Discriminationists to show that it would be in the interest of Canada.

There is a second case before the Supreme Court of the United States in which the right of the Republic to jurisdiction beyond three miles from the coast is called in question. The owner of the "Sylvia Handy," resident of San Francisco, is plaintiff. The seals, for capturing which his vessel was seized, were taken beyond the three-mile limit: no doubt can be raised on this point, as has been in the case of the "Sayward." A treaty with a foreign power becomes the supreme law of the Republic, when the nation is a party to it. The Russo-American treaty, ceding Alaska to the United States, purports to divide Behring Sea between the two contracting countries. Can any arrangement between two countries deprive all the rest of the world of the right to catch seals in Behring Sea? Will the Supreme Court give an answer to this question ?

Again rumors of coming war in Europe are rife. Somebody vouches for the fact that the belief reigns in official quarters in Germany that war cannot be postponed after next spring. This belief is founded on the massing of Russian troops on the frontiers of Austria, Germany and Rouma-

gration. Emperor William has recalled Count Von Waldersee to the head of the army, being at last convinced that he cannot afford to do without the services of a man in whom the army has the highest confidence, and who is looked upon as the natural successor of Von Moltke. If we may believe Russian, or rather anti-Russian reports, the Czar is beginning to feel the want of troops in the districts where famine and discontent prevail, while the great bulk of the army is menacingly massed on foreign frontiers. The report comes that sixty to one hundred arrests have been made in connection with a political conspiracy at Moscow, looking to some sort of representative regime, and that German colonists who had settled on the Volga are abandoning their properties with the intention of seeking new homes in some other country. If Russia be unable to commence war, political speculators are beginning to say, the Triple Alliance will do so rather than wait the convenience of Russia and France, both of which powers make no secret of their intention and their preparation to begin war when they get ready. No one pretends that there will be war before spring, and before then many things now unforeseen may happen.

A flurry was caused on the Vienna Exchange a few days ago, by a war scare, for which some make the German Emperor responsible. Good securities were wildly sacrificed, but the madness did not last long, and within twenty-four hours the sellers regretted their precipitate action. The Austrian Prime Minister does not believe that there is any immediate danger of war, and this opinion is shared by Lord Salisbury. According to Sir Charles Dilke, who may be quoted as an expert, the French army has now reached a degree of efficiency which exceeds that of every other European army, the generals being strategists of the first order. The cavalry is the weak point in the force, though that branch is by no means contemptible. It is not certain that the Socialists of Paris could be trusted to keep the peace at home, if France were engaged in a foreign war.

Berlin has been startled by the failure of two private banks, by which royal and aristocratic personages have lost large sums in deposits. One of these banking firms, composed of father and son, rather than face the exposure of fraud, resolved to commit suicide, and one died at once, and the other had a bullet in his brain. The perturbation at the Prussian capital has had little if any effect on other European bourses. There has been a similar failure in Hamburg, and both members of the firm have been arrested.

Another private bank failure in Berlin. making the third within a fortnight, has led to Herr Mass, the head of the firm, surrendering himself to the police. The charge is embezzlement, but this could scarcely apply to deposits on which interest was paid. The banker would have the nia, and a protest against which may be right to use the money which he rented, under which the Mercier Government takes made by the Triple Alliance, which may and money that may be used by a banker

may be lost. The embezzlement probably applies to stocks : it appears that customers were in the habit of depositing stocks, on the understanding that the identical stock need not be returned, but that the return of an equivalent stock, presumably of the same issue, would suffice to quit the obligation. After business had been done in this loose way, it is not surprising that the time came when there was no equivalent to return: this was the moment of collapse, confession, the surrender of the banker to the police. None of the three Berlin private banks that have failed were first rate concerns: they only held the second or third rank. These concerns, to attract business, offered high rates of interest: the bait took, and among those who snatched at it were some big fish in the social pond. If they had stopped to consider whether the rate of interest for which they stipulated could be earned, they might still be in possession of what they have lost. But the whole world is not, never has been, and is never likely to be, wise and prudent.

Lord Carrington, who has recently had experience as Governor of New South Wales, has made a violent attack on the Colonial office, which, though it greatly overshoots the mark, is said to have made a commotion in England. He is credited or discredited with the declaration that the colonies are being treated "as stupidly and ignorantly as in the time of Lord North,"and that they are in danger of revolting universally, and causing the disruption of the British Empire. This is news to Canada, the largest and the most developed of all the colonies. So far as Canada is concerned, this angry outburst has no application. Looking at the situation from this point of view, it would seem that, if Lord Carrington be not demented, he has lashed himself into a political fury over nothing. If he had confined himself to the colony or colonies of which he has some knowledge, we should have been obliged to believe that there was something wrong there ; but when he speaks wildly and untruly of colonies of which he knows nothing, it is impossible not to look in amazement at his temerity and want of accuracy. If this outburst be a bid for the governorship of India, it might be understood, but, otherwise, it would surely be fatal to the hope that inspired it. M. Laurier, leader of the Canadian Opposition, said at Boston, the other day, and said truly : " England's treatment of her colonies in the present day is wise and liberal."

# THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Some particulars were given by the president of the Grand Trunk Railway at its half yearly meeting in London at the close of October, which show the extent of its traffic and illustrate the policy of its directorate. Dealing with the decrease in traffic, 172,000 tons in all, compared with the previous year, only 20,000 of this was through business : the rest was local. Nine-tenths of the local lost appears to have been ice-carriage, which, in the winter of[1889-1890, was unusual, the lack of local Readers of the daily press will have

supplies of ice in the Eastern and Middle States being abnormal. Besides the 138,000 reduction in ice carriage, the road carried 12,000 tons less lumber, 25,000 tons less square timber, 50,000 tons less sundries; but carried on the other hand more coal, more bricks, more lime, and more cordwood.

Sir Henry Tyler calls attention to the circumstance that there was a decrease of 56,000,000 ton miles in the east bound traffis, while there was an increase in the westbound traffic of 13,000,000 ton miles, which he adds, "bears out what I have told you, that there was so little comparatively to be exported from the United States and Canada."

On the subject of running expenses the president went into statistics which show the different conditions of train service now and a few years ago. The gross earnings of the road in 1883, for example, were 61 pence per train mile, but the rate diminished gradually until in 1891 it is only 49 pence per train mile. In the same period the working expenses were reduced from 44 pence (1883) to 36 pence (1891), so that they have very nearly, but not quite, kept pace with the reduced gross earnings, and at the same time use larger engines: larger cars are used which carry heavier loads than formerly. Sir Henry Tyler is very emphatic on the subject of the Canadian duty on coal, and no wonder. To a corporation which uses as much coal as the Grand Trunk the difference between free coal and the present duty is enormous in the course of a year. Fuel costs his road, he says, just twice as much as some of the American roads, and the extra outlay for coal by reason of that duty is placed at half a million dollars a year. Can any one wonder if the Grand Trunk advocates reciprocity with the States, when such a step would not only increase the freight traffic of the road, but would decrease its expenses enormously?

Two hundred miles of the double track between Montreal and Toronto is to be completed by the end of this year. It is laid with seventy-nine-pound rails, is thoroughly ballasted, and the gradients and curves much improved. Another important statement is that "there are fewer engines [and cars] under repair on the line than ever there were before. . . We have something like fifty more engines available for traffic, and two thousand more cars, these being the additions we have made to stock in comparison with last year." To the extensive railway works at Point St. Charles is being added a rollingmill, which will be finished this winter. That rolling-mill is expected to pay for itself in about a year and a half, because "we shall then be able to use up our old rails and scrap iron and make them into good bars and billets, instead of buying inferior ones at a dear rate. That is a consequence of the protective duty which has been placed on these articles in Canada." Then the works at Hamilton save the company \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year by making their own car wheels, while they effect a further saving by turning out bolts and nuts for the company.

noticed that for some weeks, if not months, a commercial and legal wrangle has been going on between the Canadian Express Company and a new opponent named the Ontario Express Company, the latter company claiming from the Grand Trunk the right of express carriage on its trains as well as the Canadian. The courts upheld the attitude of the railway company in refusing to the new competitor the same rights as the old established company, so Parliament was appealed to, and passed a bill compelling the Grand Trunk to admit the Ontario Express upon its trains. Two opposing concerns of the sort on one line is more than the railway can stand, however, and the Grand Trunk gives notice that on and after January 1st next it will do its own express business. But this may not be carried out. The extent of the Canadian Express Company's business may be gathered from the statement of Sir Henry Tyler that £64,000 sterling, or nearly \$320,000 a year, was received by his rail. way from that company, whose gross receipts are supposed to be double this sum.

After mentioning the election of new directors, the president, in referring to Mr. Duncan McIntyre as having been much pleased with the condition of the road, said, "he will do us very good service in Canada," which is not at all unlikely. He will do both the road and the public a service if he will bring about a more prompt and modern method of service on some of the subsidiary lines. Of course Sir Henry made reference to the Canadian Pacific, though not till about the close of his speech. He defended, as justifiable, the hard things he said about the company in the past, but "it is wise in us now to accept the inevitable." Further than this, he proposes frankly to keep up rates for the benefit of both companies. What does this mean? If it mean that they will refuse hereafter to cut through rates from American points to the sea-board, nobody will object; but if it portend a swelling of charges on local business, which, it has been contended for years, is neglected, while both attention and resources are concentrated on through traffic, public resentment will be aroused, and not without reason. There is no mistaking the language of Sir Henry on this point, however. After declaring that "we are on the best of terms personally with one another," he adds : "We are thoroughly agreed that we will, so far as those two companies are concerned, maintain rates, and that we will get all we can out of the Canadian public."

## BANKING REVIEW.

The figures of the Canadian bank state. ment for Oct. last will be found in condensed form below, and are compared with those of the previous month. The statement bears date Ottawa, 17th November.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT. LIABILITIES

Capital authorized Capital paid up Reserve Funds	Oct. 1891. \$75,258,665 61,025,204 23,194,784	Sept., 1891. \$75,258,665 60,993,290 23,182,546
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## THE MONETARY TIMES.

Notes in circulation	37,182,768
Dominion and Pro-	
vincial Govern-	
ment deposits	4,944,828
Public deposits on	
demand	58,498,022
Public deposits after	00,100,000
notice	88,503,782
Bank loans or de-	00,000,101
posits from other	179,996
banks secured	179,990
Bank loans or depo-	
sits from other	
banks unsecured.	2,673,535
Due other banks in	
Canada in daily	
balances	276,425
Due other banks in	
foreign countries	127,898
Due other banks in	11,000
Great Britain	1,951,954
Other liabilities	180,376

<b>58,498,022</b>	59,606,365
88,503,782	86,018,695
179,996	213,573
2,673,535	2,384,272
276,425	198,387
127,898	112,725
$1,951,954 \\ 180.376$	1,867,964 243,783

5,539,843

Total liabilities.. \$194,519,488 \$190,268,743

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Specie	<b>\$</b> 6,240,126	\$ 6,392,616
Dominion notes	10,461,550	10,747,553
Deposits to secure	10,101,000	
note circulation.	843,075	843,075
Notes and cheques	010,010	
of other banks.	6,932,279	7,109,471
Due from other	0,000,000	.,, .
banks in Canada		
in daily exchinges	668,161	939,752
Deposits made with		,.
other banks	3,048,777	2,210,349
Due from other		, ,
banks in foreign		
countries	18,923,915	18,257,462
Due from other		
banks in Great		
Britain	5,600,484	4,082,051
Dominion Govern-		
ment debentures		
or stock	2,577,791	2,594,788
Other securities	10,027,484	10,001,811
Call loans on bonds		
and stocks	12,639,259	12,341,950
	<b>\$</b> 77,962,90 <b>1</b>	<b>\$</b> 75,5 <b>20,87</b> 8
Loans to Dominion	500 150	000 550
& Prov. Govts	536,153	923,570
Current Loans and	100 000 007	105 000 404
discounts	188,660,305	185,902,494
Loans to other banks	000 579	268,073
secured	208,573 2,580,808	2,758,901
Overdue debts	2,580,808	1,093,303
Real estate	1,104,047	1,090,000
Mortgages on real	789,729	832,117
estate sold	4,412,258	4,395,926
Bank premises Other assets	1,599,940	1,695,692
Other assets	1,000,010	1,000,002
Total assets	\$277,854,911	\$273.391.148
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Average amount of		
specie held during		
the month	6,348,297	6,388,731

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37,595,775 34,392,611

10,663,256

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10,580,522

5,646,176

The bank statement of the present month reflects a highly satisfactory condition of affairs generally. The position is one of great promise, and there is every prospect of a good winter's trade and an addition to the business and wealth of the country. The circulation of the banks went out heavily during the month of October, as we expected it would, and a comparison of the circulating movement during the three months of expansion with the same period last year is satisfactory in a high degree. As was stated last month, the rush of exports to the United States during Septem ber, 1890, was unprecedented, with a corresponding activity of the circulation movement, and high prices were realized for all these exports. It was supposed that when the full effect of the McKinley Tariff was felt a large diminution in our exports to the States must take place, together with lender of money, and sometimes in the at banks individually, for some of them do

34,083,051 a greatly restricted range of price, and as a consequence largely diminished returns to the farmer. That the exports of agricultural products to the States have diminished is beyond doubt, and it is a fact that the price realized for barley this year is nearly ten cents a bushel under the average. But the predictions of those who were convinced that other markets would be opened and that the farmer would not alternately suffer, have been strikingly verified. Nothing can be a more certain index of the amount of money received by the farming population during the fall for their produce than the expansion of circulation. We gave some figures bearing on this subject last month, but the following are still more conclusive:

EXPANSION OF CIRCULATION FROM 31ST JULY TO 31ST OCTOBER.

July. October Increase 1890.... \$31,168,000 \$36,841,000 \$5,673.000 1891.... 30.580.000 37.182.000 6.602.000 These figures demonstrate that in spite

of the diminished prices for barley this year, and the curtailment of exports to our neighbors, the returns to the farmer as whole have been larger than in 1890.

It will be interesting to compare this expansion for the same three months for some years back:

EXPA	NSION	OF	CIRCUL	ATION	FROM	JULY	то	
OCTOBER.								
1885	was		6 <b>8,000</b>	1889	was	\$4,890		
<b>188</b> 6	"		<b>39,000</b>	1890	"	5,670		
1887	" "	6,1	67,000	1891	"	6,602	,000	
1888	"	6,0	05,000					

It thus appears that the expansion of the present year is the largest the country has known for seven years back, and probably the largest ever known.

We have treated this as having a direct bearing upon the agricultural question, with good reason. It is well known that the two largest sources of circulation are agriculture and lumbering. Next after these come the fisheries, the railways, mines, wages, &c. But these last do not expand and contract in the manner that disbursements on account of agriculture and lumbering do. They remain fairly steady during every month of the year. There was no increase therefore from these sources. It is well known that there are no great disbursements in connection with lumbering between July and October, all which leads to the conclusion that this sum of \$6,600,000 has been distributed to our farming population, and that they have received more for what they had to sell than they ever did before. Yet the reports from all parts of the country indicate that only a small portion of the wheat crop has been marketed. Farmers have been excited by the reports current as to short crops in Europe, and have conceived the idea that if they wait for a time they may realize a dollar a bushel. We cannot say certainly that they will not, nor have we any opinion that they will. But one thing we are very sure of : all experience shows that farmers very rarely make anything by keeping back their grain—for even if they finally sell at a higher price, they have to pay in the meantime interest on borrowed money in some shape, sometimes directly to the

shape of additional cost for goods, or interest on an account rendered. These things are very apt to be overlooked when a farmer makes his calculations. The increased price of his produce strikes him, while the increased interest is forgotten. But the farmer is by no means sure of an increase by holding. He often has the experience of holding his grain, and getting a lower price for it in the end, besides paying interest into the bargain. Indeed, there is an even chance that this will be the result, for which reason, as we have said, it is always the wiser policy for the farmer to sell early and pay his debts.

All the reports from Manitoba indicate that the total amount of the crop will be larger than previous estimates. There has not been any great movement as, yet compared with the total volume; but even at this early stage there is a talk of the resources of the railways being taxed for the supply of cars. That there will be a very busy winter's movement in beyond question. But how much of the crop will prove to be untouched by frost, is not at present accurately known. We repeat, however. the observation we made some time ago, that a certain amount of frost must always be looked for in Manitoba just as a certain quantity of damp must always be looked for in England. A large part of the wheat that is touched by frost is perfectly suitable for milling purposes, consequently it is simply a question of a difference of value between one grade of wheat and another. There is undoubtedly a degree of frost which destroys the milling quality of the grain altogether, just as there is a certain degree of damp. But the proportion of this spoiled grain is not sufficient to affect the general result unfavorably.

In reference to the export of Manitoba wheat, it would be desirable for a prevalent misunderstanding to be corrected. When the people of Manitoba speak of the export of wheat they invariably refer to the amount exported for Manitoba or the North. West. Now when people in England read these estimates of amount available for export, and compare that with the amount received in Great Britain, finding an enormous difference, they are ready to judge that there has been a wild and exaggerated style of estimate indulged in. The truth is that other parts of the Dominion absorb a good deal of what is exported from Manitoba, and that for two very good reasons: There are many considerable regions of the Dominion on which wheat is scarcely grown at all; and even in Ontario the dry, hard Manitoba wheat is in great request to mix with the softer varieties grown there.

When therefore the export from Mani toba is mentioned, it should be borne in mind that the expression really means the number of bushels that are sent out of the North-West, not the amount sent out of the Dominion.

Turning once more to the Banking Return, we are glad to notice a still further increase both in deposits and in available resources, the latter of which bear a very good proportion as a whole to the total liabilities of the banks. This proportion, however, is not maintained when we look

undoubtedly run upon much smaller lines in this important particular than is consistent with prudence. We do not care to give names. Those who choose to examine the Banking Returns can see for themselves. It would be a pity, in a time like the present, if any bank became at all embarrassed through eagerness to do business and unreasonable extension.

ABSTRACT OF BANK RETURNS. 20th Cant

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	\$	\$	\$	\$	- ,
Capital paid up.	. 34,50	1 17,06	3 9,42		s P
Circulation	.16,820	8) 11,17	0 6,08	5 34 083	11
Deposits	. 76,28.	1  56,69	2 20,79	153,763	
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CANADA ABROAD.

In previous issues, dealing with the recent Report of the High Commissioner for Canada in Great Britain, we have mentioned various recommendations made by that official, more particularly with regard to exports hence to the Old Country. There are, however, in the pamphlet a number of references to immigration which deserve attention. While Canada wants immigrants, she does not want them badly enough to take any helpless cripple or brainless fool that certain wiseacres abroad think good enough to be foisted on the long suffering inhabitants of "the colonies."

It is agreeable to observe that Mr. Grahame, the Glasgow agent, has his eyes open to the folly of sending out unsuitable persons. He has "had calls from great numbers who have been accustomed to sedentary occupations," but such persons "had neither means to pay their trip nor friends to go to," so we infer he rightly dissuaded them from going at all. Every one of the Canadian immigration agents in Britain makes allusion to the competition for British emigrants indulged in by Australia, the United States, and the Argentine Republic, and to the methods used to hinder intending emigrants who had chosen Canada from acting upon their preference. Argentine, for instance, offers to pay the whole of one's passage money if he will only book himself for Buenos Ayres. He can repay the advance by instalments.

of American steamship lines, in order to influence intending emigrants away from us. Still, for all this, the uniform testimony of the government agents is that appearances point to a larger number of British people emigrating to Canada in 1892 than in any recent years. We shall assuredly receive an increase of desirable settlers as a result of the recent visit of the British farm delegates, but not for a year or two, possibly four or five years.

Sir Charles Tupper devotes some pages to a discussion of the general falling off in emigration from the British Islands. It was, according to Board of Trade returns, 28 per cent. less to the Cape and Natal, 25 per cent. less to Australia, 20 per cent. less to Canada, 10 per cent. less to the States in 1890 than in 1889. He defends the Dominion emigration agents from the charge that they neglect their work, and gives some reasons why a better result is not reached from their efforts. The Canadian railway companies and steamship companies, says the Commissioner, "have been pressing me for the last few years to let them have a much larger supply of our immigration] literature than they have And yet, it seems, been receiving." the amount at our disposal has not been ufficient to enable the demand for pamphets, maps, posters, &c., to be complied with n every case." What a confession for a high official to be compelled to make! Here re agents of American steamship and railvays canvassing in every town of England, reland, Scotland, for emigrants to the reat Republic, belittling Canada, lying bout her, doubtless displaying maps, which, as on this side of the ocean, misrepresent her-and yet the Government of Canada cannot afford to its agents the printed means to negative these damaging reports. Here is the Argentine Republic paying out thousands of pounds in passages for immigrants to her shores-while Canadian agents are, according to Sir Charles Tupper, refused the few hundreds pounds cost of additional circulars and maps. Was it negligence or was it parsimony on the part of our Government that left our agents thus handicapped ? Mr. Down, the Bristol agent, regrets that his district is "underworked," because of the inadequately small sum allowed him for distributing pamphlets and maps. If economy be alleged to account for this state of things, we must pronounce it unwise economy. While every other man you meet admits that the crying want of this great country is more people, the administrators of the country, it would seem, grudge the natural means to get them here. It used to be the case that the Canadian Government advertised in the newspapers of Great Britain the whereabouts of the Canadian officers there, terms of free grants, rates of wages, But, "owing to reduced sums voted åc. by Parliament for immigration," this sensible and desirable process of spreading information had to be given up. Sir Charles, with his usual force, doubtless pressed the people at Ottawa to make him an allowance for advertising. This was done: he inserted announcements in some hundreds of newspapers throughout the United King-Lies are told, too, about Canada, by agents dom, with a result that was immediate and

"very marked." We quite agree with the Commissioner that in order to attract attention to the country and to get emigrants to settle upon the land, money must be spent continuously and systematically. It ought not to be left for any representative of Canada abroad to complain, as is done on page 5, that the efforts of agents have been "paralysed" from the lack of funds with which to do what the Americans call missionary work of immigration. Even if we grant that he is using characteristic hyperbole when he declares that "the different provinces of Canada have been more written about in the last tep years than any other country in the world, and this is still the case." Sir Charles shows plainly enough the need of a more liberal immigration policy. And assuredly one feature of this policy should be to advertise in Old Country newspapers. By doing this, the pamphlet assures us, applications for information are enormously increased and the prospect of healthful immigration greatly stimulated.

## "BOYCOTTING " IN BUSINESS CIRCLES.

The boycott is a form of procedure which commends itself to a certain order of minds, for it seems to afford the sort of rough pressure that A thinks needful to force B into the right path. But it is an unchristian and withal dangerous plan to adopt at wholesale. Yet a suggestion for its use comes from moral Boston. It is proposed by the Massachusetts Board of Trade to boycott firms which fail dishonestly. The scheme provides that no compromise shall be made with any financially embarrassed person or firm who cannot satisfy threefourths of the creditors that their failure was caused by circumstances beyond their control. But it goes further, and provides that no further business be done with any firms who have been refused such compromise. The matter has been placed in the hands of a committee to make other recommendations.

Commenting upon this scheme of the grave and cultured Bostonians, the New York Shipping List deems it hardly neces. sary that such a course of action be advised, because merchants are not supposed to do business in such a shiftless manner as to give credit to a firm under suspicion; neither will they refuse to sell goods on a cash basis. That journal considers that the so-called "boycott" should be for individual action, as circumstances alter cases. "The matter of compromising debts is for meetings of creditors to decide, as no general rule can be adopted that will give satisfaction in the settlement of bankrupt claims." Doubtless it would be a blessing if many of the well-known firms or individual dealers who have deranged trade for years by underselling, and who have compromised time and again, should be got rid of. It is right to refuse to compromise with such people; assuredly it is right to refuse to credit them. But we cannot say they should be forced out of business by a universal boycott.

### THE CENSUS OF TORONTO.

A ray of light has been let in upon the late Canadian census. Toronto, doubting the accuracy of the Dominion enumerators, bas taken a census of her own citizens. The result is to show that while the Dominion count was only 181,220, the number now obtained is 188,914. Which statement is the true one? The guarantees for the accuracy of the civic census are of the two the best. The population was all counted simultaneously, on a particular night, whereas the Dominion enumerators were weeks at their work, during which time there might be considerable shiftings of population. But there is no. thing in difference between the two numbers to justify the belief that either is far wrong. The progressive increase of the population of this city is about sufficient to account for the disparity. If there be a city in which the population is about stationary, a recount might be useful as a check on the Dominion census; or, allow. ance for an ascertained ratio of increase being made, the test might be useful. Victoria, B. C., has made a recount. and the numbers greatly exceed those of the Dominion census. The Toronto municipal count, allowing it to be correct, proves nothing against the accuracy of the last decennial census; on the contrary, it affords pretty good evidence that the Dominion enumerators could not have been far out in this city. The population of Toronto is increasing at the rate of about ten thousand a year, and there are enough vacant houses built in advance to shelter the increase of the next two years.

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

The biennial session of the Supreme Court of this Order (called I.O.F. in brief), was held at Detroit early in September, presided over by Dr. Oronhyatekha, who was re elected Supreme Chief Ranger for another two years' term. Among the several commendable statements laid before the body by the Supreme Treasurer, T. G. Davey, was one showing the amount of money paid for death claims arising in each subordinate court, separately, during the two years. The first column of this statement embraces the sixty three oldest courts, numbered from one to seventy four, some having disbanded. These sixty three courts had 3,817 members two years ago, and have now 4,661, giving an average membership for the period of 4,239. The losses paid in respect of this number of members amounted to \$107,000, or \$25 per member. As all the first members who joined the Order had to do so in one or another of the first seventy-four courts, and that many courts were formed previously to 1882, it follows that they contain nearly all the members who are now somewhat more than five to eight years away from the medical examiner's hands. As these courts have been increasing in membership, it also follows that they have a good sprinkling of recently-admitted members as well. If this were not so, the heavy mortality

still more prominently shown by the figures members we are about to present. not doub

Passing over the second and third columns, as printed in the September number of the Independent Forester, let us take up the fourth and fifth columns, because in these will be found all the newest courts which have been two full years in existence, and withhold a few old members (who have transferred their membership to them from older courts). We put the fourth and fifth columns together, embracing an average of 5.182 members, because even then only \$70,000 in death losses is found to be charged up against them. The sixth column also might be added, making a total of 210 courts, and then only a total of \$98,000 of death losses has occurred in them all, as against the first 63 courts with their \$107,000 of loss. But let us put the figures in tabular form and see how they look, and note their lesson.

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Co'-			Losses	Loss per		
umn.	Courts.	bers.	Paid.	Member.		
1	63	4,239	\$107,000	<b>\$25 0</b> 0		
4&5	140	5,182	<b>70,</b> 0 <b>00</b>	13 50		
6	70	2,628	28,000	10 65		
4,5&6	210	7,810	98 <b>,00</b> 0	10 07		

There is a most remarkable difference between the first and last lines, as to the cost per member. The death losses arising among the older members are thus shown to be about two and a half times greater than what they are among those who have only been a few years in the Order. And this in direct contradiction of the Supreme Chief Ranger's oft repeated assurance that the losses would not grow heavier as the membership grew older. And if there was any little increase, there would, on the other hand, he asserted, be great gain from lapsing, and from interest on the funds. Well, the above figures prove that the lapsing has been of the young and desirable class, and that the older and impaired lives are left in the society, and that the deaths among the latter are more than double the average. It costs \$25 per member to pay the losses for two years upon them, diluted as they are with many young and healthy members. If the average age of the members at joining was 30, and the average certificate was \$1,200, then the 4,239 members paid in only \$88,000 during the two years towards the \$107,000 drawn out. That gives a shortage on them of \$19,000 for the new-comers to make good. But notwithstanding this heavy drain by the older courts, which, as we pointed out some time ago, was preventing for a time any increase in the surplus, the large addition of new members now puts the funds on the increase again. The following shows the membership and the funds in July each vear since 1882 :---

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Year to July.	Member- ship.	Surplus Funds.	Per memi
1883	1,737	<b>\$</b> 7.582	<b>\$</b> 4
1884		19,815	* 8
1885		28,036	9
1886	4,628	44,220	ğ
1887		71,384	10
1888		99,755	10
1889		160,110	11
1890		223,546	10
1891	29,617	337,527	11

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courts have been increasing in membership, it also follows that they have a good sprinkling of recently-admitted members as well. If this were not so, the heavy mortality arising among the older members would be 1887 to 1891, in the four latest years, this

membership quadrupled, but the funds did not double up by any means. They only grew \$1.10 per member, reaching \$11.40, where they should have grown by \$14.35, and should now stand at \$24.65. As \$4.30 is to \$10.30, so is \$10 to \$24.65. To be rated as equally successful now with what the Order was in the first period, it ought to be laying aside money equally rapidly. To increase the membership alone means an increase of liability; and if the quality of the membership is not deteriorating by the addition of four more years to the age of the older members, then the product per member, in the shape of increased surplus, should be as good now as it was in the earlier years. Take it by two year periods and note what a difference-what a falling off in proportionate results :

Years.	Increase, per				
1883 to 1885	\$4	90	114		
1885 to 1887	1	10	12		
1887 to 1889		90	9		
1889 to 1891		20	2		

The Order is only ten years old, and its accumulation of funds, per member, has practically ceased already. The gross fund will, of course, continue to grow for a time on account of the large influx of new mem. bers; but, as we have shown, the per capita growth is fast "petering out" at present, and is in imminent danger of vanishing entirely. Whether this is owing wholly to the increasing age of old members and the dropping out of healthy lives, or whether La Grippe is to be charged with a large part of it, we would not like to say. The mortality of the regular companies was not greatly, if even perceptibly, increased by the latter element. Certain it is that many good lives have been withdrawn during the last two years. The Supreme Secretary's report shows the membership two years ago to have been 14,286, and that during the two years 4,746 have been suspended or have withdrawn, and 253 have died. Also that 19,607 new members have been received. As 4,766 is one third of 14,286, it appears as if one out of every three had withdrawn. It is not the sickly members, nor those too old to get in again, who thus withdraw, or who lightly allow themselves to be suspended for non-payment of the monthly rates.

With \$34,887,000 of liability outstanding, there was only the trifle of \$337,507 of funds on hand to July 1st, 1891, which is equal to less than \$10 toward each \$1,000 to be paid out. The sharp contrast this makes with the solid standing of some of the youngest of the regular companies, is seen from the following statement :---

Insurance Means to pay
Name of Company. to be paid. with, per \$1,000.
Confederation Life. \$19,190,958 \$172 00
Sun Life 16,760,000 147 00
Ontario Mutual 13,710,800 124 00
North American 10,076,554 103 00
I. O. Foresters 34,887,000 9 67
If a man had two boxes placed before
him, each capable of holding \$1,000, and a
certain number of men, say five or ten,
were putting money into one box which
already had about \$200 in it, and an equal
number had been putting such small sums
into the other one for years that less than
\$10 was in the bottom of it towards the
\$1,000, which box would he expect to see
filled first? And if he was going to join
one order or the other, would he proba-

bly select the one whose box lacked \$990 of being full, and for four or five years had made no increase to speak of towards the \$1,000? or would he not give preferment to the one rapidly filling up, and only lacking \$800 of meeting its full gross liability? In the one, all the money he pays is consumed, and not a dime can be had back if he fails to make a single monthly payment. In the other he is obliged to pay but once in a whole year, and failing to pay after three years, his wife is entitled to receive at his death generally more than all he has paid in.

Something seems to have checked the growth of the Order of Foresters this year, and frantic efforts are now being made to increase the influx of new members, by the offer of prizes, &c. In 1890 the growth was greater in one month than this year in three months. Here are the figures for last year and for this year :---

Membership, Sept. 1st, 1890..22,681 "Aug. 1st, 1890..21,218

Increase in one month..... 1,463 Membership, Sept. 1st, 1891..... 30,075 June 1st, 1891..... 28,894

Three months' increase only..... 1,181

It is not long since the Order was extended to Michigan, and though the recent biennial session of the Supreme Court was held at Detroit, there has come a disastrous split in that State. The malcontents, under a Rev. Mr. Beemer and Mr. Jas. F. Downer, of Port Huron, have formed a new society called the American Foresters. They are taking over the Independents as members at ten per cent. reduction in their monthly rates, and without re examination. So there is to be war to the knife, and no doubt many courts will be pitted against each other in the same towns in the States -the Americ in versus the Canadian court. We shall now have not only, as heretofore, A. O. F., and C. O. F., and I. O. F., and I.O. O. F., but Am. O. F., or perhaps the new Order will sail under the more distinctive capital heading of simple A. F. In any case the multiplication of O. F.'s is becoming somewhat confusing, and the prospect of Dr. Oronhyatekha's Order having a free run in the States, as an escape from the competition of the Canadian Order of Foresters at home, is not just now so bright as it was.

# CROWN LANDS NOT TAXABLE.

A judgment has been delivered by the Supreme Court of Canada, the judges being unanimous, to the effect that lands vested in the Crown in Ontario are not subject to taxation, and that where they have been assessed and sold for taxes, the sales are void. The exemption of Crown lands was, in this case, under a Dominion statute of 1870, and the question arose whether the Act was ultra vires of the Dominion Parliament; in the other courts, the judges had been divided, but here they unanimously pronounce for the validity of the Act. "Property and civil rights" belong to the jurisdiction of the Province ; but land may be an asset in bankruptcy, and legislation on bankruptcy comes

within the sphere of Dominion authority. On this ground the exceptional right of Dominion legislation, in the particular case, is made to rest.

# DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

JOHNSON v. LINDSAY & Co.-In an action to recover damages for injury caused by the negligence of the defendant's servant, the defence of common employment is applicable unless the injured person and the servant whose negligence caused the injury were not only engaged in a common employment, but were in the service of a common master. Builders contracted to build a block of houses under a specification prepared by the owner's architect, certain fire-proof portions of the houses to be executed by the respondents, who were iron-founders. The respondents contracted with the architect to do their portion of the work, and had no contract with the builders, and were not under their direction or control. While the respondents were carrying out their contract workmen employed by them in raising concrete to the upper storey of the building negligently let the bucket fall on the appellant, who was working in the lower storey in the employment of the builders. In respect of the injury thus caused, the appellant brought an action against the respondents. Held that since the relation of master and servant did not exist between the respondents and the appellant, the doctrine of collaborateur did not apply, and the action was maintainable.

INSURANCE, MARINE.-By a policy of marine insurance the underwriters insured the ship "Niobe," from Clyde (in tow) to Cardiff and Penarth, while there, and thence to Singapore, and while in port, for thirty days after arrival; and agreed " if the ship hereby insured shall come into collision with any other ship or vessel, and the insured shall, in consequence thereof, become liable to pay, and shall pay, to the persons interested in such other ship or vessel any sum or sums of money," etc., to pay the assured a certain proportion of the sum so paid. While the "Niobe" was being towed to Cardiff her tug came into collision with and sank another vessel, whose owners recovered damages both from the "Niobe" and the tug. In an action by the owners of the "Niobe" upon the policy against one of the underwriters for payment of the portion of the sum paid by such owners on account of the collision, the underwriter pleaded that under the policy he was only liable for damage arising from collision with the "Niobe." Held that the collision of the tug with the damaged vessel must be taken to have been a collision with the "Niobe" with another vessel within the meaning of the policy, and that the underwriters were liable.

DAVIS V. NATIONAL FIRE AND MARINE .--- Where payment of a risk is resisted by insurers on the ground of misrepresentation, the onus is on them to prove very clearly that such misrepresentation has been made. While an open policy was granted on goods shipped from Melbourne to London per one set of specified steamers to Sydney, and thence to London per another set, covering risk while in a specified factory at Sydney, "declarations to be made within forty-eight hours after departure of steamer from Sydney." Held, that according to the true construction of this contract two declarations must be made by the insured, one as incident to every contract of an open policy for the purpose of identifying the shipments at an anxiety almost feverish. What the general

Melbourne, to which the policy was to attach, and necessary by law to make the policy operate; the other, under the express terms of the above contract, giving particulars relating to such goods as had been already brought within the policy by a previous declaration act for that purpose, and had since been actually shipped for London. Semble : Though there is no positive law in New South Wales requiring contracts of marine insurance to be in writing, yet the general authority given to the agent of an insurance company must be to make contracts in the ordinary way, and that is by writing.

# SILVER MINING ON THE KOOTENAY.

Just north of where the thinnest part of the wedge-shaped State of Idaho, crowded in between Montana on the one side and Washington on the other, touches the Canadian boundary, has lately been discovered great riches in lead and silver.

Kootenay Lake, in the southern part of British Columbia, isan expansion of the Kootenay River, which rises in British Columbia, flows southward into northern Montana and Idaho, then back into Canada, and into Kootenay Lake. Close to this lake were found by Dr. G. M. Dawson, in 1888, rich specimens of silver in lead, called by miners galena. And in his report for 1889, published as part of the Canadian Geological Survey papers, he has given an interesting account of his investigations there.

In the Coeur d'Alene mountains of Idaho and Washington is what is known as the Clphaur d'Alene mining district, known to be rich in silver and other metals. But extraordinary richness is attributed to the Kootenay district in British Columbia, which has attracted numbers of American miners, and, what is more, is to-day the scene of investment by not a few American capitalists. Between the Gold Range and the Purcell Range of mountains, due west from Fort McLeod and due south from the Kicking Horse Pass, lies this new Eldorado, as some enthusiastic American miner has called it. Two years ago there were two mining "camps" known as Nelson and "Hot Springs," and in 1890 "Trail Creek" was discovered, but the two former are the best known and most developed camps. Nelson has the already famous "Silver King" mine, characterized by a very large deposit of high grade ore. Near Nelson, also, there are some very promising gold properties, quartz one of which has been fairly well developed already.

We have seen a number of gentlemen who have visited this district, and they agree in describing its mineral richness as extreme. One of them, a Canadian, writes that people of mining experience, by discovery or purchase, have acquired mining properties which, as " prospects," he thinks are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and which as developed mines will yield many millions within a few years. But it is certainly true that within two years railroads have pushed in, steamboats been built, saw-mills erected, live towns sprung up, and the building of a large smelter and refining works (for the treatment of ores on the spot) has been begun. We are informed that various claims have been exploited now to a depth of from 50 to 100, and even to 200 feet. "The latest reported development work was that of the 'Skyline,' at 200 feet. This being one of the most important mines of the camp, its working was looked upon somewhat as a test case, and the result was awaited with

result has been is best expressed by the fact of the building of the smelter referred to. The vein of the 'Skyline' not only was found, but it was well defined, and twelve feet of rich ore." It is to be hoped that the Americans will not carry off all the profit to be derived from such rich workings as these.

## MORE ENDOWMENT SCHEMES.

We have seen the eloquent yellow literature of the United Endowment League, which calls itself a ritualistic benevolent society, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts. And we have seen the portraits of its chief officers. The League is "designed to unite fraternally all acceptable persons of good health, character, and morals." To go into particulars its programme is : To give "all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them, by holding periodical meetings for business purposes and for mental and physical recreation. To encourage one another in business, to assist one another in obtaining employment, and to promote benevolence and charity by providing for the payment of an endowment certificate." Exactly, you may promote benevolence and all that, but you must pony up. You may, if you like, "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," but you must not neglect paying up your certificates.

The reader is told by the League's pamph let that "its ritual inculcates the highest sentiments." He is further assured, in most attractive language and small type, that "it exercises a watchful and sympathetic care and control over its members." Let us hope that the Rev. Mr. Parsons does not get hold of its circulars, for he might include it in the condemnation into which he sweeps even the Free Masons and the Odd Fellows.

The rate of assessments in the League, as amended and adopted September 27th, 1889, applies variously to members from age 15 to age 60. The sum of 45 cents per assessment is collected from members aged 25 who want a \$100 certificate payable in five years' time, and \$2.25 per month from those who want \$500; the man or woman of 60 paying respectively \$1.41 and \$7.05 for the same sums. Curiously enough, it is provided that " all members over 45 years of age, certificate paid in three years.' Here surely is a lightning-quick inducement. But nowhere is there a definite statement how often these assessments are made. Only on the second page of the folded pamphlet is it stated that "the rates of the League are sufficiently high to assure the payment of every claim in full for many years by calling less than one assessment a month."

We observe, further, that "subordinate lodges are authorized to establish sick or disability benefits, and that matter is left to their own discretion with the amplest power.' Of course all these blessings and privileges have to be paid for-the officers look out for that. "The fee for membership shall be \$2 for initiation, and registration \$1: total, \$3; which must accompany each application. Medical examiner's fee \$1.50, and if professionally approved you will then pay \$2, which includes certificate fee and degrees," and " present yourself for obligation," whatever this may mean.

There is an Hon. and also a Rev. gentleman among the Supreme Grand officers of this American concern, and from the biographies of the whole group, we learn that there is more distinguished ability lying round loose among them than any non-reader of their lives would the beneficial influence of the Association. A agent writes us, imported and sold for seeding

imagine. A young friend of ours asks, "Would you go into it if you were me ?" and our reply is, No, we would not. We would much rather put our money in a bank, or buy Christmas boxes with it.

### FIRE INSURANCE PARLIAMENT.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Associa tion has just held its eighth annual meeting, which began on Tuesday, 17th inst., in the Association Rooms, St. John Street, Montreal. It was the best attended annual meeting in the history of the Association, we are told. The following gentlemen were present: From Toronto, Messrs. Blackburn, of the City of London; Dixon, of the Norwich Union: Banks, of the British America; Sims, of the Lanca shire; Camp, of the Phenix of Brooklyn; Kenny and Foster, of the Western; McCallum, St. Catharines, of the Hartford : Hughes, of the Ætna ; Sims, of the Mercantile, and Killer, of the Waterloo Mutual. The Montreal companies were fully represented by their resident agents. From the United States came Messrs. Chase, of the Hartford ; King, of the Ætna, and two gentlemen from New York, connected with the Guardian Assurance Company. These were cordially welcomed by the president.

Other representatives were; Atlas and National, M. Henshaw; Agricultural of Watertown, Thos. Flynn and C. R. G. Johnson; British America, J. Molesworth and J. Banks; Caledonian, James W. Taylor; Citizens, E. P. Heaton; Commercial Union, W. B. Evans; Eastern, J. H. Ewart ; Guardian, Mr. Rellon, of England, Mr. Bowes, of New York, Mr. Robert Simms and G. A. Roberts; Imperial, E. D. Lacy; Lancashire, J. P. Bamford, L. L. & Globe, G. F. C. Smith ; London Assurance, E. A Lilly; Manchester, James Boomer, J. W. Molson; N. B. & M., Thos. Davidson; Northern, R. W. Tyre; Phœnix of Hartford, Gerald E. Hart; Phœnix of London, R. McD. Paterson; Royal, W. Tatley; Scottish Union, W. Kavanagh, W. A. Medland; Union, T. L. Morrisey : Queen, J. B. Meakam, North American, J. Casson.

In the absence of Mr. Duncan-Clark, prest. of the association, who wrote to the secretary, explaining his unavoidable absence, the vicepresident, Mr. A. T. Paterson, was called to the chair, and proved himself an excellent presiding officer. He expressed his gratification at the large representation of companies at their eighth annual meeting, which he hoped would be a harmonious one. He referred in feeling and appropriate terms to the peath since last meeting of Mr. Denholm, of the Gaardian, Mr. Henderson, of the Hartford, and Mr. Blight, of the Lancashire companies. He also referred to the death, in England, of Mr. Rintoul, a gentleman who, tho' not at the time of his death a member of the association, was well known and greatly esteemed by all who knew him.

A resolution was unanimously adopted expressing regret at the absence through illness of the president, Mr. Duncan Clark, and expressing the hope that his health would soon be restored. The whole of Tuesday and the forencon of Wednesday was taken up discussing the subjects on the agenda by either disposing of them or referring them to appropriate committees, of which there were four appointed, designated Committees A, B, C, and D. These committees were to report on Thursday, as it was intended the meeting should close late on that day.

There appeared to be but one opinion as to

larger number of places were reported as having improved their fire appliances during 1890 than during any previous year. The system of classifying cities, towns and villages in accordance with their fire appliances has been the cause of the improvement by so many places of their systems of fire protection in order to get better rates of insurance.

Reports were read from the secretaries of the Association, inspectors of risks and inspectors of electric lighting, all of which were either adopted or referred to committees. The development of the electric system of illumination within the past year is something wonderful. It is worthy of note that the inspection of electric plant is done by inspectors who are paid by the Association, and contracts for the wiring are usually made declaring the work subject to the approval of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

People in the west of the Dominion are ant to consider Prince Edward Island as exporting mainly potatoes and cats. It will be a surprise to many, therefore, to learn, as we do from a memorandum kindly supplied by the Charlottetown Collector of Customs, Mr. Currie, that the items of eggs, canned lobsters and pickled mackerel each exceeded oats and potatoes in value exported from Queen's and King's Counties in 1890. Quantities and values are as under. We are without the figures from Prince's County, at the north end of the Island, which includes the port of Summerside.

Memo of goods exported (foreign) from Queen's and King's Counties, P. E. Island, from 1st January to 31st December, 1890 :--

	Quantity.	Value.
Eggs, doz	1,050,438	\$136,734
Potatoes, bush	4 0,125	99,639
Oats, "	83,307	35,785
Mackerel-pickled, brls.	10,710	130,449
Lobsters-canned, lbs	1,862,883	183,429
Total value		\$586,036

The trip across the Gulf of St. Lawrence from Point DuChene, New Brunswick, to Summerside, Prince Edward Island, is an exceedingly pleasant one in fine weather, and as a rule is free from storms. The steamers, built especially for this service, are strong and seaworthy, and carry, besides passengers, large cargoes of general merchandise in speed and comfort, and give good satisfaction. Summerside, especially during the summer months, is a very pleasant and prettily situated town, and has long been known for its fish, ovster and lobster fishing. These fisheries are still productive, but perhaps not quite so much so as in former years. A considerable foreign export trade is done, which nearly equals the two counties of Queen and King, given above.

The capital city of the island, Charlottetown, some sixty miles down the coast, has many attractions. Besides the pretty coast scenery peculiar to the province, there are beautiful drives and walks on the southern part of the city. The public buildings, and private dwelings, too, compare very favorably with any city of its size in the Dominion.

The soil of the island is rich and fertileperhaps a little deficient in nitrogenous compounds, but is yearly becoming of more value by the improved methods of farming that are being introduced. The area of wheat sown this year in the island generally was, we were told, larger than in any previous year; one firm alone, that of Geo. Carter & Co., so our

purposes over 5,000 bushels of this grain. A good yield and sample has been the result. The season's yield of oats, for which the island has been long noted, has been all that could be wished. Potatoes, owing to the wet weather, have not turned out as well as last year, but still there is a large surplus being shipped to the West Indies and elsewhere.

Mr.T. G. Oliver, our representative, who has just visited the Maritime Provinces, tells us that some 2,000,000 dozen of eggs, netting the handsome sum of \$309,000, have been cold and shipped from Prince Edward Island this year, mostly to the English market. "The Liverpool market continues to advance, and the last reported prices by cable are 9s. to 9s. 3d. per 120. There is a possibility that the prices will go still higher, as there is now a brisk demand in the United States, on account of the shortage there. I might add the shipments are made in large cases of 120 dozen, as well as in cases of 30 dozen each, and the latter are said to be giving good satisfaction. What shippers need to note is that straw free from must, clean and sweet, should only be used in packing for the English and American markets. Messrs. Auld Bros., who are perhaps the largest shippers here, report favorably of the result of their sales in the English market, though from a conversation I had with them, they would, on account of the risk, etc., prefer to have the American market." It is to be noted that in addition to the foreign export trade for potatoes, there are six factories which use up many thousands of bushels in the manufacturing of starch. The custom house return of exports gives an idea of the general export trade of this Island.

## TAKEN IN BY A STRANGER.

The shoddy goods peddler is a personage who ought to be well enough known by this time to be avoided by people who want good value for their purchases. Still, the disposition of people to jump at a fair seeming "bargain," no matter by whom presented, is as great as ever. Proof of this is afforded by a story which a correspondent tells below. It is noticeable that the shoddy peddler in this instance got pretty well into the "back townships," for the complaint comes from a station on the Northern Pacific Junction Road, pretty well up towards Lake Nipissing :

## GREAT DOINGS IN OUR TOWNSHIP.

"Last spring a commercial gentleman from Toronto, by name Barney McCoy, went through our township away up in Muskokahe was selling for a firm named Crisparkle & Co. Mr. McCoy was one of the pleasantest gentlemen you ever met; he could tell a good story, nurse the babies, tell the women how to preserve fruit. Then, too, having a large family of his own, he knew all about measles, colic and fevers; he could tell us how to cure horses and cattle; he was an authority on ringbone, spavins, or foot and mouth disease. In fact there was nothing in heaven, or on earth, or in the waters under the earth, that he didn't know all about. He knew too much for me. He sold me a bed spread for a dollar which was worth two and a half-he then sold me thirty five dollars worth of cloth that a tailor refused to make up. The tailor told me afterwards that it was a heap of blamed shoddy and was not worth making up. Mr. McCoy then drove over to Bowser's and told Mrs. Bowser a touching story about a shipwreck on the banks of Newfoundland, and declared that he was selling the goods that were

same bait as he caught me, viz., a quilt worth and American cities. It afforded him much two and a half for a dollar. Then he took their note for forty dollars for goods not worth a third the money. To make a long story short, he caught nearly everybody in the township, both on the town line and in the 'back fifties.' He got away with two thousand dollars worth of notes, and all we have to show for them is a good quilt each, a few yards of factory cotton, and lots of Yorkshire shoddy cloth that is not worth making up.

"The arrangement was that if we did not approve of the goods, after a week or so we could return them to the express office and get our notes back. But there was nobody at the express office that would listen to our story. Another thing that Mr. McCoy promised us was that if we could not meet the notes when they came due in October, the firm would renew them antil next spring. It is now discovered—I myself have seen the notices of the numerous sheriffs' sales-that over twenty poor settlers are sued on these notes. Some of them have had their crops and cattle seized by the sheriff to pay the notes they signed for the so called great Toronto house, represented by the everlasting smart Barney McCoy ! Remember that Barney is made a defendant to the dozens of suits he was served in Toronto, so that we are all "in the spap" together. merely write these few lines to warn the people against such frauds as Irish shoddy peddlers. Some of the poor people around here are put to sad straits by this abominable swindle. Mr. McCoy told the people that the local storekeepers were swindling us and making fortunes out of the hard-working farmers. Now we know who has robbed us. The local dealers are good enough for the people of this township, and if ever Mr. Barney McCoy comes round here kissing the babies and giving us advice about things in general, he can depend on getting a warm reception."

## A COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE IN ST. JOHN.

We learn that there has been opened in St. John a suite of rooms to be known as the Commercial Exchange. This, which was felt a necessity, is described by Mayor Peters to be intended for commercial men. The Exchange should not be considered antagonistic to the Board of Trade, as it is designed more for transaction of private business, while the Board of Trade afforded members of the business community opportunity to meet together, exchange views on public questions affecting trade, etc.

The rooms have been provided, we understand, by the Messrs. Pugsley, of St. John, and are situated on the corner of Canterbury and Princess streets. They are finished in ash, heated by steam, and lighted by electricity. It seems that chairs and desks are to be provided for all the members, and each member will have a private drawer. The stock and produce quotations will be posted in the room, and a reading room is talked of. Meanwhile such conveniences as bank-cheques and telegraph blanks are provided.

A hundred and fifty gentlemen at least were present last week on the occasion of the reopening. Mr. G. R. Pagsley asked the members present to appoint a committee to prepare by-laws and rules for the government of the Exchange. It was the intention to have stock and produce quotations posted up, and to have many newspapers on file. In short, this new venture was to be a place where stocks and bonds can be bought and sold, and in all

pleasure to hand the rooms over to the Exchange. The members would not be called upon to pay a single cent for maintenance outside of their regular subscriptions-all expenses would be borne by himself and his brother.

Mayor Peters being called to the chair, asked that the subscribers to the Exchange nominate a committee to draft by-laws, etc. They, therefore, appointed, on motion, Samuel Hayward, W. J. Davidson and G. R. Pugsley such committee. Various toasts were proposed at the festive board which was afterwards spread. That of the Board of Trade was responded to by President Robertson, who spoke at some length on trade matters.

# OTTAWA BOARD OF TRADE.

For some four or five years the Ottawa Board of Trade has been a dormant organization. But it occurred to Mr. J. M. Garland, the last elected president, that some steps should be taken to have it resuscitated. So he called a meeting the other evening of merchants and others interested, and the result was a gathering of between thirty and forty gentlemen. Mr. Garland was moved to the chair. He was able to tell those assembled that Messrs. Mutchmore & Gordon had kindly offered to allow their offices to be used at night, free of rent, and Mr. N. S. Garland had agreed to act as secretary gratis till such time as the Board is able to recompense him. Mr. N. S. Garland was thereupon elected secretary pro tem. Mr. Gill, manager of the Bank of Commerce, thought that a committee should be appointed to wait on the lumbermen, the greatest interest in the city, and seek their co-operation. A lumbermen's section could be formed, also a mining section. Mr. Garland acquiesced heartily in the idea of sections. There could be a lumbermen's section, a forwarders' section, grocers' section, dry goods section, etc.

It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Thomas Macfarlane, that the Board proceed to re-organization, those present signing the roll, the membership fee being \$5 per annum. This was carried unanimously. Messers. A. McLean, Hon. E. H. Bronson, R. Gill, J. M. Garland, D. O'Connor, S. D. Cheney, S. P. Franchot, and F. H. Crysler were appointed a committee to wait on the lumbermen.

#### COMMERCIAL TRAVEL DOMINION LERS' ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association was held on Saturday night last, 14th inst., at their headquarters, St. James street, Montreal, Mr. Fred Hughes, president, in the chair. The attendance of members was large. After some preliminary business, the meeting proceeded to the consideration of officers for the ensuing year. The following are the nominations:

President-Fred Hugnes, Ora P. Patten.

Vice-president-R. C. Simpson, David Watson, F. S. Cote.

Treasurer -- Fred Birks (elected by acclamation).

Directors (five to be elected)-James L. Gardner, W. D. McLaren, Robert Stokes, H. Lachance, John E. Wright, A. N. Brodeur, Alf. Elliott, James Cranston (Brockville), George Forbes, Chas. Gurd, J. A. McCarville, J. W. Palmer.

The question of voting papers was brought up and a heated discussion ensued, respecting the adoption of Mr. C. K. Adams' new patent respects it would be a commercial exchange ballot papers. Finally Mr. Hughes called wrecked. He caught the Bowsers with the similar to those to be found in all large English upon Mr. Wadsworth to describe the new

form, and after his explanation it was finally decided to adopt Mr. Adams' patent, and pay him his price (\$150) for the privilege of using it.

The annual meeting of the Association was called for the 19th, and it was resolved to close the ballot for officers at 5 p.m. on the day previous. On a discussion of the matter of the annual dinner, it was resolved that no dinner should be held this year. To provide something in its place, Mr. Birks made a motion for the appointment of a committee to make arrangements for a series of four social enter. tainments to be held on the first Thursday of December, January, February and March respectively, the expenses to be incurred not exceeding \$50 for each entertainment, to be defrayed out of the association's funds. This was carried, but not without objection. Col. Patten did not like the idea, and said so in his most vigorous Americo-Saxon. He made a protest against the motion and moved for its reconsideration. He was astonished, he said, at the inconsistency of the action of the members present. "They had rejected the idea of holding a dinner, which the entire association would attend, on account of the risk of losing perhaps \$100, and immediately afterwards they adopted a resolution, which if acted upon would require an expenditure of a much larger sum, and then only a section of the members would reap the advantage." The result was that the motion was reconsidered, and it was decided that none of the association's money should be used in the entertainments. The motion thus altered was adopted.

## SHOE AND LEATHER ITEMS.

A distinct novelty this season will be the use of russet leather for winter wear, says our Chicago *Review*. A russet oil grain is the name the dealers call it. The idea comes from England, where shoes of this material have been worn for some time. It is expected that this shoe will be used by the upper ten for wet weather.

The cowhide boot, forty years ago, was neither a thing of beauty nor a joy forever. It was plain even to ugliness, and a constant source of discomfort as long as it lasted. It was always so short, writes a correspondent to a Boston journal, that it tortured the toes, or so long and so roomy in the instep that the heel was perpetually rubbing up and down, like the modern elevator. When new its symmetry was like that of a stovepipe elbow, but after a few wettings it became as wrinkled as a calf's neck. The boy of that period almost invariably removed his boots at night in a thoroughly soaked condition; in spite of a reputation for being waterproof, they took in water like a sponge-and as they were sure to dry in the most inconvenient shape, or rather shapelessness, it was a work of patience for their owner, with a clothes-pin inserted in each strop, to force his feet into them again the next morning.

Our Montreal market correspondent tells us that representatives of two leather houses in Great Britain have been in that city soliciting consignments of Canadian leather to Old Country markets, but that in spite of this the shipments abroad are light and sole is very steady in price.

It is said of the Queen of Italy that she gathers in what shoes and gloves she can that have been worn by sovereigns of the past and present. Already she is the proud possessor of the shoes of Marie Antoinette, of Mary

Stuart, the Empress Josephine, Queen Anne, and the Empress of Russia.

A fashionable shoemaker gravely announces that the woman really in the best style, as far as shoes are concerned, will have on those made of green calfskin, laced with brown. The *Shoe and Leather Review* says it would be rather curious to see the woman who would dare try such a combination.

A Boston authority says that shoes have superseded boots for dressy occasions, the toes very pointed, the heels very high, coming well up on the instep, and invariably brogued, whether made in black patent leather, brown Russian leather, or colored calf, showing stockings open-worked and embroidered.

A company with a capital of 100,000 france is to be established for the manufacture, at Besancon, France, of incombustible shoes.

# INSURANCE NOTES.

We hear from Capelton, Que., that the widow of one Joseph Allard of that village has been paid by the Sun Life & Accident Company \$1,000 under an accident policy which the deceased had taken out only five days before the occurrence of the accident which killed him.

Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley, of the marine department, has resigned and accepted the position of superintendent of agencies for the Sun Life Insurance Company in the district of Eastern Ontario. The New York Bulletin understands that Mr. C. Colom will act as the general agent of the Sun Life in Costa Rica, Central America, where the company has begun business.

It is well said, with respect to life insurance, by the *Insurance Age*, that while it cannot perform miracles, yet much that it does appears miraculous. "Life insurance cannot bring the dead to life, but it can give comfort and ease to those left behind. It cannot directly create a great fortune, but by bearing its fruit in the nick of time it may conserve one, or form the nucleus for another. It cannot cure an organic disease, but it can give peace of mind to the sufferer."

Travellers who are timid about sleeping in tall hotels may dismiss their fears. They are now provided for. The Chicago Journal of Commerce tells of the travellers' pocket fire. escape, which is a new device, and consists of a metallic tape made of aluminum and steel, which obviates all danger of its being destroyed by fire. The tape runs on a reel which is fastened to a web belt passing around the body under the arms. By means of a wood screw the tape is fastened to any object in a room or building. There is an automatic brake attachment which keeps any required tension on the reel so that it is an impossibility to descend too rapidly. The device weighs but three pounds, is compact, and especially adapted to the use of travellers.

A middle-aged scoundrel named King was arrested in Brooklyn the other day, charged with defrauding the New York Life Insurance Company. King collected \$2,000 which should have gone to the holder of the policy. He pleaded not guilty and was held for requisition papers from Governor Russell. The *Record* says: A few months ago a friend of King was in the last stages of consumption. He desired to take out a policy of \$2,000 in the New York Life Insurance Company. Of course he could not pass the physical examination. He therefore made arrangements with King to impersonate him. The policy was procured in this

way. Soon after the man died and his widow collected the amount.

It is strange that men, otherwise shrewd and prudent, forget the risk of illness and accident that may lay them in the grave, and neglect to provide for their families by insuring their lives. A case in point is the recent death of Mr. Edward Burgess, the distinguished naval architect, who designed the yachts "Puritan" and "Mayflower," and many other vessels. He left no insurance, and a subscription list has been started among those who knew him best and whose yachts are his productions. A few wealthy friends have responded liberally, but how much better it would have been had the designer carried a [proper amount of life insurance.

The loss to shipping by the September and October hurricanes is estimated by the marine underwriters to have been over \$20,000,000, and ninety souls are known to have perished in them. Five first-class transatlantic steamers, six barks, two brigs, and at least twenty schooners, are ascertained to have foundered and become total losses. Many of the American coasters were abandoned off the Jersey coast and went down with their cargoes. And more lately still, in a November storm, five barks, cleared from Philadelphia and New York, are missing, and are believed to have gone down. Truly the dangers of the sea are on the increase.

One of the American humorous journals has the following: Insurance Magnate—"I think you had better cancel some of our big risks at Tenderville." Policy Clerk—"What is the trouble." Insurance Magnate—"A blank just came in with the question, 'What protection have you from fire?' Answered: 'It rains sometimes.'"

The year 1891 will be remembered as a disastrons one for ocean marine underwriters. And, indeed, the statement is made by no less an authority than *Lloyd's Register*, which keeps a record of the disasters, that in both sail and steam craft each month's loss increases over the previous month and each year over the year before it. Either the character of the vessels must be bettered in construction or an increase in the premiums for risks made.

# FURS.

The following tabulated statement shows comparative values during the last four years in the British market:

Alaska S	eals.							
1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.					
Middlings 88/	82/	nil.	127/					
Middlings & smalls.118/4	86/7	151/8	137/6					
Smalls	99/5	163/6	145/2					
Large pups 89/1	0 86/8	156/11	138/4					
Middling pups 75/4	73/2	143/9	127/9					
Small pups 63/1	0 51/4	130/4	114/10					
Ex. small pups nil	. 51/8	104/	83/					
Copper Isla d Seals.								
1888.	1989.	1893.	1891.					
Middlings	•	89/5	nil.					
Middlings & smalls		94/	100/					
Smalls		102/3	103/					
Large pups	60/6		93/4					
Middling pups		94/8	84/					
Small pups		84/6	75/4					
Ex. small pups	53/3	70/6	59/2					
No Copper Island seals	s were s	old in O	ctober,					
1888. North-Wes	t Coast.							
1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.					

North	-West	Coast.		
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Middlings		45/		63/6
Middlings & smalls.		<b>4</b> 9/	81/6	69/
Smalls		46/6	76/5	76/
Large pups		47/6	77/	76/
Middling pups		<b>51</b> /	88/4	77/
Small pups		57/	84/6	76/
Ex. small paps		33/	70/6	<b>59</b> /2

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# STATEMENT OF BANKS acting under Dominion Gov't charter, for the month ending 31st October 1801

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	Grand Total	6,840,126 1	0,481,550	843,075	6,932,279	12,639,259	208,573	8,648,777		5,980 18,923,915	27 5,600,494	<b>2</b> ,577,791			125,429 188,660,305	

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#### Returns furnished by the Banks to the DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

### MONTREAL CLEARING-HOUSE.

Clearings and Balances for week ending 12th Nov., 1891, were as under :

			Dimi	DITIES.				- 1	Nov., 1891, were as under :
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured.	Deposits, by other Canadian banks, pay- able on de- mand or at fixed date.	to other banks in	Balances due to agen- cies of the bank, or to other banks or agencies in foreign countries.	Balances due to agen- cies of bank, or to other banks or agencies in United Kingdom.	Liabilities not included under fore- going heads.	Total liabilities.	Directors liabilities.		Clearings.           Nov.         6
	269,438	1,310 2,363 5,472 21,490 13,567	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	709,695 167 		$\begin{array}{c} 9,352,689\\ 18,690,517\\ 9,497,548\\ 5,590,736\\ 4,980,464\\ 8,502,341\\ 2,609,076\\ 5,402,413\\ 4,042,566\\ 1,411,242 \end{array}$	70,913 364,119 463,000 315,400 149,758 113,139 151,353 25,904 43,441 22,676	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<ul> <li>" 12 Gen'al holiday</li> <li>Total\$10,955,512</li> <li>Cor. week 1890\$12,653,278</li> <li>Cor. week 1889 11,333,520</li> <li>Clearings and balances for weel</li> <li>November, 1891.</li> </ul>
25,000	. 146,590 . 684,989 . 31,373 . 12 <b>5</b> ,836	. 644 1,952 3,978 16,801 45,026 3,370 11,373 . 840	33,176 1,381 14,409 245	91,274	405 9,485 1,877 956 7,071 17,944 3,463	$\begin{array}{c} 32,601,337\\ 10,057,907\\ 4,553,347\\ 2,482,453\\ 1,219,578\\ 2,481,176\\ 9,628,099\\ 14,365,565\\ 2,771,632\\ 6,264,620\\ 4,976,214\\ 135,662\\ 797,466\\ 3,488,048 \end{array}$	859,000 262,746 133,213 96,538 94,158 77,500 850,590 131,000 9,000 320,557 12,768 61,835 203,797	11 19 18 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 94	Date.         Clearings.           Nov. 13
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90,000		5,882			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		45,148		"         17         1,588,873           "         18         1,267,987           "         10         1.915 40
		785			3,216	95,032	36,943	38	<sup>3</sup> Total \$7,828,560
179,996	2,673,353	276,425	127,898	1,951,954	180,376	194,519,184	6,106,141		
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LIABILITIES.

#### ASSETS.

Gov-	Loans to Provin- cial Gov- ern- ments.	1	Real Estate the pro- perty of the bank (other than bank prem- ises.)	Mort- gages on real estate sold by the Bank.	Bank pre- mises.	Other assets not in- cluded under the fore- going heads.	Total Assets.	Average amount of specie held during the month.	Average amount of Do- minion Notes held during the month.	Greatest amount of Notes in circu- lation at any time during the month.	
	81,567 	24,257 111,412 116,600 79,838 33,221 24,165 878 38,793 16,376 19,624	6,182 12,153 17,109 97,006 17,000 67,085 6,686 24,541	179,800 42,630 98,530 1,172 656 8,310	120,000 663,235 208,843 163,969 90,000 190,086 19,411 163,992 53,100	76,392 4 299 1,157 29,458 8,560 18,040 48,312 5,997	$13,295,148\\25,940,189\\12,660,660\\7,573,196\\6,622,888\\11,562,678\\3,500,155\\7,401,917\\6,715,723\\1,872,545$	347,043 492,000 292,000 159,800 139,346 903,074 69,000 159,353 190,527 31,337	944,580 950,000 417,000 293,200 918,791 629,258 138,000 305,528 123,216 96,963	$\begin{array}{c} 1,877,400\\ 3,047,000\\ 1,289,662\\ 1,111,100\\ 861,520\\ 1,471,754\\ 575,000\\ 1,164,332\\ 936,149\\ 354,52 \end{array}$	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	163,877	40,051 77,742 86.078 164,778 209,557 56,361 121,347 90,893	39,700 18,397 84,861 102,607 36,198 68,505 44,747 226,912 53,101 13,246 23,721 2,450 25,272 19,817	54,791 	600,000 226,234 66,740 82,415 20,670 190,000 499,373 133,886 162,161 186,000 	448,344 31,006 6,733 265,695 330,323 17,802 7,014 83,676 45,032 22,395 70,631 5,839 876 6,978	51,797,458 12,494,600 6,251,110 3,191,640 1,735,960 3,444,325 13,166,641 23,056,042 4,057,698 9,443,060 6,433,004 406,628 1,169,814 5,655,161	2,088,000 359,427 49,675 48,877 16,203 67,007 185,784 358,001 79,670 33,139 1,900 13,373 118,940	1,924,000 814,085 218,932 133,921 24,140 99,903 531,601 637,000 125,000 440,639 107,681 6,000 17,676 91,309	5,397,602 1,310,846 819 073 483,120 452,745 681,436 1,924,323 3,354,000 819,766 737,270 1,195,090 55,320 302,469 885,195	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
	10,667	18,670           36,649           8,302           27,682           5,259           15,158           29,916           12,575	4,062 7,201 10,000		30.000	8,038 10,778 1,390 12,000 200 	9,617,645 6,239,744 9,142,304 9,009, 9331,915 1,023,553 507,879 705,663 8,242,744 606,006	270 153 132 185 33,406 25,111 22,150 16,298 3,981 12,325 113,422	358,181 353,681 83,244 98,752 48,504 21,122 4,512 13,459 234,349	1,300,600 1,096,494 480,373 361,195 496,845 96,040 67,417 96,119 455,485	25 26 27 28 29 30 31 39 39
······		. 2,068 7,873 . 63,518 . 1,580 . 1,483	15,488 2,000 19,583 18,245	7,350 <b>5</b> 30	6,000 12,000 9,139 111,778 658 4,412,2 <b>5</b> 8	8,200	587,119 2,037,188 7,158,999 148,347	8,479 10,000 19,525 226,129 659 6,348,297	18,971 18,000 5,750 194,837 5,598	123,448 107,712 480,975 1,291,937 42,496 87,595,775	34 35 36 37 38
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J. M. COURTNEY, Deputy Minister of Finance.

#### \$1,212,878 Total .....\$10,955,512 \$1,558,468 Cor. week 1890 .....\$12,653,278 Cor. week 1889 ..... 11,333,520 1,634,051 Clearings and balances for week ending 19th November, 1891. Clearings. Balances. Date. Nov. 13...... \$ 2,301,861 \$ 133,959 195,903 326,723 14..... 2,563,088 14...... 2,005,088 16...... 1,922,680 17...... 2,928,202 18...... 2,277,045 19 1,920,020 .. " 574,044 188 248 " 19..... 1,239,033 388,210 Total ......\$14,231,909 \$1,807,087 Cor. week, 1890 ..... \$11,371,767 Cor. week, 1889 ..... 11,098,018 \$1.443.751 1,328,034 TORONTO CLEARING-HOUSE. Clearings and Balances of this clearing-house (of which the Bank of Toronto is not a member) for the week ended 19th Nov., 1891, are as under :---

ł	T T	tal	\$7,828,560	\$893,291
	"	19	1,215,849	133,335
		18	1, <b>267</b> ,987	117,837
	"	17	1,588,873	149,548
	"	16	985,634	123,679
	"	14	1,356,356	<b>202</b> ,255
	Nov.	13	Clearings. \$1,413,861	Balances. \$166,634

#### HALIFAX CLEARING HOUSE.

Bank clearings for week ending Nov. 14th, 1891, were as follows:

Monday,	Nov.	9	\$154,802	52
Tuesday,	**	10		
Wednesday	**	11	. 190,166	72
Friday,	**	18	. 292,612	62
Saturday,	**	14	. 250,797	49
Tots for	: week		\$1,134,361	83

-Without attempting to define what quantity constitutes a car load of grain, the committee of the Montreal Corn Exchange makes the following recommendation: "Disputes sometimes arising respecting what quantity of grain is understood by a car load, the commit\_ tee recommends that members, in making contracts for car loads, specify the aggregate quantity, and that within ten per cent. of such quantity (more or less) shall be delivered thereunto." This precaution is intended to cure an evil complained of to the effect that sharp dealers, according as the market favors them, will load the cars lightly or heavily, or get large or small cars from the railway companies, as the case may be, and the purchaser has to accept the quantity sent by the sharp dealer, as there was no stipulation as to how much the car load should contain. It is added that most of the culprits in such cases were western men.

-In the nine first months of 1890, a total of 12,769,000 pounds of raisins was imported into the United States. Up to the like period this year only 2,836,000 pounds had been landed So much, says the Commercial Bulletin, for the large quantity and superior quality of Cali fornia fruit this season. The prune exhibit is equally striking, only 5,869,000 having been imported in the nine months this year, against 35,639,000 pounds last year.

Bala nces \$230,237 165,003

244,578

233,895

339,165

-A meeting of the Ingersoll Board of Trade was recently held at which the gentlemen whose names follow were elected officers: President, Stephen Noxon; first vice-president, Dr. McKay, M. P. P.; second vice-president, H. Richardson; secretary, W. H. Jones; treasurer, W. B. Nelles; council, Messrs. Sumner, Frezell, Mitchell, Enright, J. S. Smith, Ellis, O. E. Robinson, Gurnett, Bellamy, Podmore and C. L. Wilson.

The Central Canada Loan and Savings Company has declared a dividend for the current six months at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

The forty-first dividend of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society has just been declared. It is at the rate of three and a half per cent. for the six months.

-Notice is given of the declaration of dividend by the Western Canada Loan & Savings Company for the half-year ended with December next, at the usual rate of 10 per cent per annum.

-The half-yearly dividend of the Toronto Savings and Loan Co. is declared at the annual rate of six per cent.

# Correspondence.

#### BANKRUPT STOCKS.

Editor MONETARY TIMES :

Editor MONETARY TIMES: SIR,—Every one who has had experience in commercial affairs in Canada will agree with your correspondent, "Cut it off," when he claims that, in this important matter of the disposal of bankrupt stocks, "prevention is better than cure." And the very forcible terms in which he points out that long credits are the chief cause of the evil, will also be readily endorsed. Whether his views on other points referred to in his letter are equally correct may be questioned. Mr. Edi-tor, in this matter of long credits "there's a good deal of human nature," and while whole-sale and retail merchants will vie with each other in demanding that the terms on which they are compelled (by sheer competition) to sell shall be SHORTENED—the very same men will continue to BUY on the very LONGEST terms that they can, by hook or by crook, extort. that they can, by hook or by crook, extort. Quotations are obtained from opposing houses -samples are compared—threads are counted —prices are beaten down—and then, when the lowest point is reached, the struggle begins afresh for extra dating. And the order is booked by the long credit house. Well, then, who is to blame?

blame? Your correspondent says that "our banking institutions" and the "English merchants" are the "biggest sinners," and he deals a little more lightly with the Canadian merchants, who, he says, merely lack "pluck and back-bone." This may be true, but it is somewhat general in application, and I desire to get at something exact and particular. Take the dry goods trade, and I say it is impossible either for Canadian banker or Canadian mereither for Canadian banker or Canadian merchant to shorten the terms of credit, no matter how much either or both may desire to do so. It is not a matter of pluck or "backbone" at all—it is a matter of competition pure and simple. Canadian dry goods houses compete with English houses, and they are absolutely

with English houses, and they are absolutely compelled to give the same terms, or better terms, or lose the very cream of the trade. If "Cut it off" can convert the English "sinner" and show him the error of his ways, long credits may cease, but until this is done Canadian merchants have no option in the matter, and so bankrupt stocks will still be thrown upon the market, and the question has still to be answered—how can they best be disposed of? Montreal Nor 16 1901

Montreal, Nov. 16, 1891.

—"What would you do if you were in my shoes, Jephson ?" asked Hobbs. "Black 'em," replied Jephson.—*Somerville Journal*.

## TIME BRINGS ITS JUSTIFICATION.

The disgraceful feature of the Maverick Na tional Bank and the arrest of President Potter and Director Dana recall vividly the time when they were directors in and heads of the finance committee of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, and John E. DeWitt assumed the presidency of the company for the purpose of saving it to the policy holders. Questionable loans and dubious financial transactions were among the first difficulties that confronted President DeWitt in his arduous position, and resident Dewitt in his arduous position, and he was threatened with a personal warfare if he attempted to interfere with the loans Potter and Dana had made or were making. What this threat meant he subsequently realized to the fallest extent, but with the courage of his convictions, and studying only the interests of the policy-holders, he dared to be honest and do what he knew was right. It was need to be do what he knew was right. It was well known at the time that a more lucrative position awaited him if he would resign, but having enlisted under the banner of the policy-holders, he fought manfully for their interests. The he fought manfully for their interests. The result was the retirement of Potter and Dana from the board of directors, and the removal of the company's headquarters to Portland. It is doubtful whether, if the company had re-mained in Boston, even Mr. DeWitt, who was virtually its savior, could have succeeded in putting it on its feet financially, and even though it had maintained its existence until the present time it probably would have gone though it had maintained its existence until the present time it probably would have gone down in the crash of the Maverick. We also recall the personal local prejudice which was built up against Mr. DeWitt on account of the honest, manly course he pursued in fight-ing for the policy-holders, and how persistently he was followed even after the removal of the company's headquarters to Portland. We thought then and we think now, that the warthought then, and we think now, that the war-fare of the Massachusetts Department against the Union Mutual Life was instigated by these men. Truly the old adage about ohickens coming home to roost has been verified in this case. Potter and Dana are in disgrace, with a crimi-Fotter and Dana are in disgrace, with a crimi-nal prosecution, and the possibility of punish-ment staring them in the face, while the Union Mutual is thoroughly solvent and in a most flourishing condition. The result is a complete vindication of the course pursued by Mr. De-Witt, to whom the policy holders of the Union Mutual owe a debt of gratitude they never will be able to pay.—Standard.

# LOGS CUT WITH A KNIFE.

NEW MACHINE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF SAW MILLS. There was exhibited at Greenpoint, Long Island, a machine which is expected to revo-lationize the lumber business. This machine outs lumber without any waste, and there is no sawdust whatever. In cutting lumber with a saw there is a great loss which goes into sawaw there is a great loss which goes into saw dust. The new invention, which is called the Bradley Draw Cutting Machine, is designed to cut thin boards and planks, and will cut in different thicknesses varying from one thirty-second of an inch to an inch. The inventor is Thomas S. Crane, and he and Dr. E. Bradley, who is the principal owner have been at work who is the principal owner, have been at work on it for five years. The saving in lumber that this machine will effect will be very great. Mr. Lewis said that in small lumber, one-quarter and one half an inch in thickness, onequarter of the log is lost in sawdust; then another eighth is lost in planing, and the lum. another eights is lost in planing, and the lum-berman in preparing his lumber for use loses three-eighths of the log. This new invention will save all that. Yesterday the machine cut cherry, ash, birch and maple, in thicknesses from a sixteenth to a half inch. The machine is intended to be placed in the words and to is intended to be placed in the woods and to cut the trees as soon as they are felled. Green wood is cut more easily than seasoned wood. but logs were cut up yesterday that had lain in the yard ten years. The forty tons. -New York Times. The machine weighs

## SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

Irate business man at telephone (after seve ral vain attempts to make himself understood). -6, 5, 9. Can't you hear that, girl? Telephone girl (softly).--You're speaking too near the telephone.

I. B. M. (yelling)—No I ain't neither. I'm a mile away from it ! Telephone girl (softly).—Ah, then,you're too far away. Come near. 659 did you say? There you are, chappie !

# A WATCH FOR A NICKEL.

Farmer Closefist.—I see you advertise nickel watches. Are they worth much? Jeweller.-I can sell you one of the best for \$100.

Farmer Closefist (restoring a 5-cent piece to his pocket)—Great Scott!—Jewelers' Weekly.

-A "new arrival" entered one of the city banks shortly before the close of business yes-terday and accosted the teller by asking him in a very decided English accent, if he would In a very decided English accent, if he would be so good as to change some Bank of England £5 notes. An answer was given in the affir-mative, and after the exchange had been made the "new arrival" put the question, "Are the notes of these small banks [*i.e.* the Canadian bills] good throughout the Territories?"— Winning Free Press Winnipeg Free Press.

DIDN'T KNOW .- A Chicago reporter, who had been sent cut to interview a number of people on the death of James R. Lowell, called by mistake at the office of a real estate man whose name corresponded with the one on his list. "Is this Mr. Dobbs ?"

" Yes.'

"I have come to get your opinion of James Russell Lowell- to ask your views as to how he stands in-

"I don't know how he stands. Go to Dun's Agency."—Arkansaw Traveler.

It is reported from Hamilton that Capt Hugh Fairgrieve will this winter build, at that city, a steel steamer for traffic in general freight between Montreal and Lake Superior ports.

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-The Law Society moved last week to strike the name of Charles E. Pegley, Q.C., of Chat-ham, from the rolls on the ground of fraud and non-professional conduct. The motion was made on the affidavit of William Gillian, of Chatham, a client of Pegley since 1879. In his affidavit he deposes that he loaned Pegley \$1,000 in 1882 and agreed to take a first mort-gage on Pegley's residence as security. Pegley, he says, drew him out what purported to be a first mortgage, registered, but it turned out that there was already a mortgage against the same property. --The Law Society moved last week to strike same property.

# Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 18th Nov., 1891. ASHES.—The situation in potash and pearl-ash is just about as last week reported; first quality pots are quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.70; seconds, \$3.90 to \$4.00. Pearls very dull. Advices from England report that continental pearls, made from the refuse from the beet sugar factories, are to be had very cheaply.

DEGS AND CHEMICALS.—Changes are few. Caustic soda is easier in England; quinine very flat, if anything weaker; opium rather gaining in strength; soda ash reported firmer; madder and turmeric are in light supply, and disposed to firmness. We quote :—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 45 to 47c.; do, powder, 46 to 48c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caus-tic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.50 to 5.00; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 45c.; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.55 to 1.70; gum arabic, sorts, 40 to 60c.; white, 75c. to 90c.; carbolic acid, 35 to 50c.; iodide potassium, \$3.75 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75; iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil ber-gamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; oranges, \$4.00 to 4.50; oil peppermint, \$4,00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20ec.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 65 to 70c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 30 to 35c. Day Goons.—The weather, though more wet and broken, is hardly cold enough to suit the DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Changes are few Caustic soda is easier in England; quinine

 $D_{\rm BY}$  Goods.—The weather, though more wet and broken, is hardly cold enough to suit the views of retail dry goods men in city and counviews of retail dry goods men in city and coun-try, but at the same time business is rather better, and some wholesale men report a little improvement in sorting orders. We are pleased to hear that country collections have taken quite a turn for the better since the beginning of the month, from which fact it may be inferred that the bountiful harvest has begun to move. City nerments are very good may be inferred that the bountill harves has begun to move. City payments are very good, and failures generally speaking are few. In values of textiles we can learn of no changes; steadiness marks the situation. Some scarcity is reported of cotton bags, the heavy crops creating an unusually large demand. Buyers for mb learle buyers are on the way home from for wholesale houses are on the way home from Europe in a good many cases.

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FISH.—With small supplies of most kinds nere is continued firmness. Green cod is there is continued firmness.

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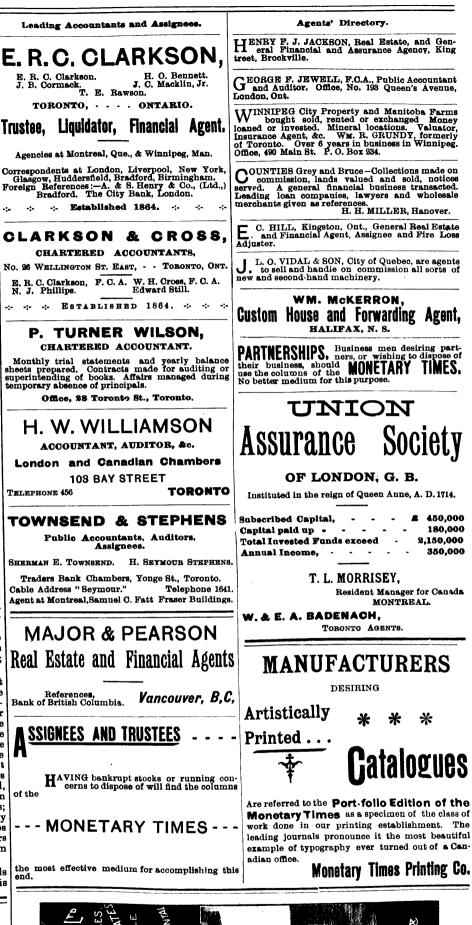
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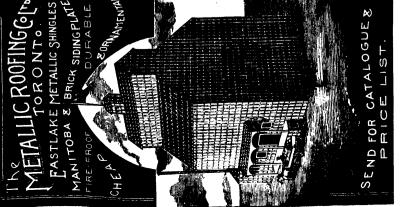
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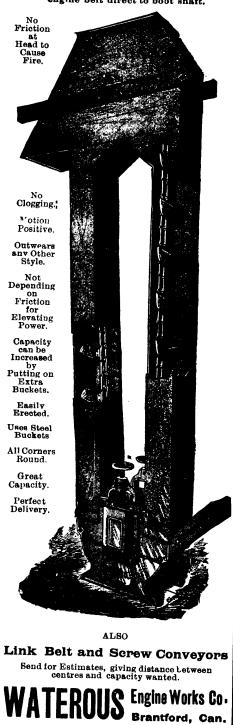


worth \$5.50 to 5.75 for No. 1; no higher grades are available; dry cod, \$5 to 5.25; Labrador herring, \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 1 N. S. salmon, \$15 to 16; B.C. ditto, \$12 to 12.50; sea trout, \$9; C. B. herrings, \$6; finnan haddies, 7½ to 8c; boneless cod, 6 to 6½c. in 14 lb. boxes; boneless fish, 4 to 5c; oysters are advancing; \$3.50 for ordinary run of Malpeques; \$4.25 to 4.50 for hand-picked.

4.50 for nana-picked. FURS.—Circular advices are to hand from the large London handlers of raw furs, with the following anticipations regarding probable values at the January and March sales. Muskrat expected to rule lower, also coon and red fox; marten and lynx expected ito hold their own, also skunk and mink, provided the American demand for these furs continues. Sea otter, fancy foxes, fisher and beaver are likely to rule weaker. We quote:— Beaver, \$4.25 to 4.75 per lb.; bear, \$8 to 10; ditto cub, \$2 to 4; fisher, \$2.50 to 5; red fox, 75c. to \$1; cross ditto, \$1.50 to 3; lynx, \$1.50 to

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2.50; marten, 60 to 75c.; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; muskrat, 10 to 12c.; otter, \$8 to 12: raccoon, 40 to 60c.; skunk, 20, 40, and 60c.

MONTREAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE. Nov. 16, 1891. Bush. Nov. 2, 1891. Bush. Wheat ..... 208,633 347,469 Corn..... 350 300 Oats ..... 136,361 127,129 113,751 412.818Barley ..... 161,394 134,846 Total..... 720,593 1,136,313 Flour, brls..... 28,388 40,409

GROCERTES.—The long-wanted rain set in last Wednesday, and has probably helped country trade somewhat, as letters from various quarters report the farmers more disposed to come out and trade, now that they cannot work so much at home. Otherwise the week presents few features of note. Teas are reported in rather better request by some houses, and values of them continue steady. The bulk of the Magor teas are held by the banks under advances, and have not been put on the market. In any event the disposal of them is not likely to create much disturbance in values of new teas, as the goods held are all a year old. The New York market is firm and some consignments of Japan dust held here have been lately reshipped there, as better prices can be realized. Sugars are unchanged at 4½c. per pound for granulated, and 3 7-16c. to 4½c. Syrups in fair request, a very fine bright article selling at 42c., as against 72c. some months ago, and considerably affecting the consumption of molasses at 38c. Valencia raisins are firm, desirable sorts selling at 5¼ to 5½c. per pound. Some stocks are available at lower figures, but the quality is poor. Currants we supposed. Rice \$3.70 at mill for standard A. & B. Patna, \$4.50 to 5.00. Canned goods, etc., as last quoted.

HIDES.—The demand from tanners is light; values easier in the West, but dry hides firm at the advance noted. Dealers still pay 5c. per lb. for No. 1 green hides; sheepskins bring 70 to 75c. each.

LEATHER.—Sorting business with boot and shoe manufacturers continues very poor, and the demand from them for leather is likely to continue slack for some time yet, more especially as stock-taking will soon occupy the attention of a good many houses. Prices remain nominally as quoted. Stocks of leather here are on the moderate side, and



tanners for the most part have been buying hides but lightly. We quote :- Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A. 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No.2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, Chma, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No.2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 30c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Sootch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 21c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; gebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10] to 134c.: glove grain, 11 to 134c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade is very quiet and has no feature of interest. A few small lots of pig iron, balances of this season's importations, are now being removed to yard by importers, the foundries being fairly sup-plied; but there is no great quantity stored here, and should winter business be lively there will be no surplus. It is understood the Londondery Iron Company are now down plied; but there is no great quantity stored here, and should winter business be lively there will be no surplus. It is understood the Londonderry Iron Company are now devoting themselves almost entirely to the making of pig iron, having closed their bar mill and pud-dling furnaces. They should therefore have a larger quantity of pig iron for the trade. Tin plates and Canadas are in good supply, with no special demand, and tin, lead and copper are all easy. Scotch warrants have again declined to 47s We quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21 to 21.50; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.50 to 22.00; Eglinton, \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$21 to 22.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50 to 20.00; Shotts, \$21.50 i Middlesboro, none here; cast sorap railway chairs, &c., \$18.50 to 19; ma-chinery sorap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.50 to 22.00; Canada Plates —Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.70 to 2.75. Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.75 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates— Bradley charcoal, \$6 : charcoal I. C., \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; coke wasters, \$3.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 60; Morewood, 6½ to 6∯ c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½ c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.40 to 2.60 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.50 to 3.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sheet, \$6; American do. \$5.50; antimony, 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. Ot 8, \$2.60; per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chsin, ‡ inch, 5c.;

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The week has brought no changes of moment. Linseed oils still easy at 50c. per gal. for raw, and 62c. for boiled; turpentine, 55c.; castor oil in lighter request than usual, but rather firmer than during the summer, and from 9c. to 94c. per lb. is asked in a jobbing way; fish oils as last quoted. Leads and colors are unchanged in price. Glass is more firmly held, there being less disposition to shade figures as quoted. Prices are stiffer in Europe; the last vessel is in, and local stocks are on the light side. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 54c.; genuine red do., 44 to 44c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1: Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25. For 50box lots some concession would be made on these figures in most cases.

Wool.—The dulness in this line continues, and the transactions reported are few and unimportant. We quote: Cape, 14c to 164c. per lb.; Australian scoured, 38c. to 40c.; B. A. ditto, 34 to 38c.; north-west, 15c. to 17c.; pulled, unassorted, 22c. to 23c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

### TORONTO, November 19th, 1891.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Trade in this line continues below the average at this season of the year; the last few days' rain gave a spirt to rubber goods however. "Good winter wea-ther" is what is needed from the boot and shoe men's point of view, and until the advent of real winter weather, not much activity is

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expected. Spring samples are in the hands of travellers, and factories are fairly employed on these goods. Payments are slightly better.

DRUGS.---Money is coming satisfactorily to hand and trade is moderate. Foreign prices for balsam tolu, ergot, gamboge and jalap roots are firmer and advanced, with corresponding tendency here. Opium also is looking up. Essential oils, such as those of lemon, orange, are steady; cubebs are still easier in foreign markets, prices here sympathizing. The im-mediate outlook is not towards improvement.

DRY GOODS.—The business doing in dry goods last week being rather of a dull and sluggish nature, the revival during the last few days is more marked and appreciated. Buyers are in the city from all points of the compass, in Ontario province, and orders on the whole are of an encouraging nature. There is very active enquiry for ladies' and men's is very active enquiry for ladies' and men's underwear, ulsterings, mantle cloths and heavy makes of ladies' dress goods. Flannellettes are in active demand, the supply from the mills being scarcely equal to the demand. The cotton mills are talking of advancing the price of all domestic fabrics, the trade having already been advised of an advance for spring deliveries. All kinds of woollens are firm and steady. Payments are very good.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL .- The flour market is quiet and steady, local demand pretty fair, with occasional car load shipments for lower provinces. Some is also moving via New York and Boston for export. Brands Manitoba patent and strong baker's have advanced 5 to patent and strong paker's nave auvanced of to 10c. per barrel, now quoted the former \$5.40 to 5.50, the latter \$5 to 5.10. Other kinds of flour unchanged in price. Oatmeal is firm and unaltered, with an improving enquiry. Bran unaltered, with an improving enquiry. Bran is again increased in price and rather scarce, the mills not running strong. Quotations are from \$13 to 13.50 per ton for car load lots and small lots respectively.

GRAIN.—The local wheat market, though perceptibly weak, has kept pretty steady, quo-tations being unaltered, without much offer-ing, the farmers continuing to hold back. The demand, however, is not pressing. Manitoba hard is moving for export from Port Arthur via Buffalo and New York. An occasional car load is received here for the mills. Quota-tions are unchanged but rather easier tions are unchanged, but rather easier. The American markets are about one cent per bushel easier, but quiet. The English markets have been tending downwards for have been tending downwards for some days; cable to day advises firming up again. Barley offers in large quantities; the English demand for the present has ceased, and orders from



the States are less in volume. The situation is unsettled and the tendency downward, but a unsetted and the tendency downward, but quotations as yet unaltered. Oats now quoted one cent lower, at 34 to 35c., offering freely with restricted demand; the export demand for the present has ceased; what is going for-ward is on previous sales. Peas are reduced in price by one to two cents per bushel, now quoted at 63 to 64c.; all going forward has now to go by New York, Montreal being closed, which is given as the partial cause of the de-cline; besides, they are one halfpenny lower in the English market. Rye is firmer and in de-mand at the advance of two to three cents per bushel, now quoted at 91 to 92c.; the New York quotation is \$1.07. These prices are ab-normally high, and the present ruling prices are almost double usual figures. Corn is without movement of any kind to note, and prices are purely nominal. quotations as yet unaltered. Oats now quoted prices are purely nominal.

The stocks of grain in store in this city on Monday, 16th inst., as reported by the secre-tary of the Board of Trade, and the stocks here on the other dates mentioned, are as under :---

	Nov. 16,	Nov. 17,	Nov. 18,
	1891	1890.	1889.
G. Wheat, bush	1,000		
Fall " "	9,052	23,735	10,151
Spring" "	21,763	48,800	32,128
Hard " "	8,700		,
Barley, bush	88,693	45,004	246.731
Peas, "		605	2,445
Rye, "	290		4,789
Oats, "	1,950	1,100	

Total..... 133,518 119,245 307,231

Total....... 133,518 119,245 307,231 GROCERIES.—Importers in this line almost unanimously report current business dull, but no complaints are heard as to payments. The past fine weather is blamed for contracting the volume of trade, but with colder weather an immediate improvement is certain, and the outlook is considered good. The usual kinds of canned vegetables and fish are moving fairly well, at unchanged prices. Dried fruits are almost unaltered and rather dull on the whole, caused by our large crop of green fruits. A cable from Trieste yesterday about prunes advises prices a little firmer for the smaller sizes and a little easier for the larger sizes, the tendency this year being to lessen the sizes and a little easier for the larger sizes, the tendency this year being to lessen the difference in price between the four sizes, 1/9 at present being the difference between first and fourth, instead of 6/, at which it stood last year. A mail advice from Patras states cur-rants to be firmer, with chances of an advance. Coffees are dull and rather slow of sale. Syrups and molasses easier and the demand quite inactive. The sugar market is pretty strong, the beet root crop being reported short; prices in New York advanced 1.16c.; the demand here is steady and fair for granuthe demand here is steady and fair for granu-lated right along; prices are without change. Teas, fine Ceylons, are reported considerably higher ; in other kinds no change to note.

Higher; in other kinds ho change to note. HAY AND STRAW.—The wet weather during the first two days of the week kept supply of hay and straw back; to-day the demand is active, and best timothy hay is realizing \$14 to \$15 per ton; clover hay is selling at \$11 to \$13 per ton, and best sheaf straw is fetch-ing \$11.50. Pork quoted at \$5.75. Oats 35c. per hushel. per bushel.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is not materially changed, but values are still tendmaterially changed, but values are suit tenu-ing downwards. Green hides quoted from 44 to 5c. per pound. Cured are weaker, and car lots reported sold at 5c. Calfskins are very quiet and without change. Sheepskins have



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advanced 5c., and now stand at 85c. each for best skins. Tallow, owing to increased supply, is a little easier. Prices  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound lower, now quoted at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c. per pound for rendered.

LEATHER .--- The tone of the market is fairly healthy, stocks being in good shape. Manu-facturers are not buying largely, but their orders are continuous and count in the aggregate. At present there is no outside or export demand as far as we can hear.

 $\mathbf{L}_{\text{UMBER.}}$  Quotations are steady and without change. The active demand for the better grades of lumber shows no signs of abatement, and as the season is drawing to a close, the feeling improves that prices will be higher in the spring.

PROVISIONS.—The amount of business trans-actions is a fair average. Quotations all round may be said to be almost without change, prices, if anything, declining and tending downwards. The receipts of butter have been large, and consequently it is easier, 17c. per lb. being now top value for choice dairy in pails and tubs; rolls are also coming steadily to hand in increased volume; they are selling from 15 to 17c. per lb.; in common and medium butters there is little or nothing doing, prices named, 12 to 13c.; cheese is a shade firmer and in fair request at 10 to 10§c. per lb. Dried apples are very dull, dealers offering 4c. and selling out of store at 4§c. per lb. In hog products the tone of the market is easier, the colder weather increasing receipts, PROVISIONS .---The amount of business trans-In hog products the tone of the market is easier, the colder weather increasing receipts, and packers being only inclined to cut up for present requirements, regarding it as too early in the season to stock up and carry over for next summer. Market prices are for light and heavy to medium weights \$5 to 5.75 per 100 lbs.; mess pork is easier, long clear bacon sell-ing quietly; breakfast rolls, lard, &c., as per prices current; eggs are rather easier at 17c. per dozen for fresh; pickled eggs are selling at 14 to 15c.; honey is a little more active at un-changed prices. changed prices.

Wool.—Business is not improved in any degree, and prices are unsatisfactory. Sales of some 60,000 lbs. selected combing fleece have been made for the U.S. markets at 194c. per lb., at which figure dealers surely do not make any money, but must rather stand to lose a little. To show the extreme changes in the wool market, "twenty years ago," a dealer said, "I would have had no difficulty in getting 66c. per lb. for an inferior lot." dealer said, "I would have had no allocated in getting 66c. per lb. for an inferior lot." In pulled wools there is not much doing, the mills not offering to do anything beyond present wants. Prices quiet and steady.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Gillespie & Co.'s prices current dated Liverpool, Nov. 6th, 1891, say : Sugar.—Raw is in good demand at improv-ing prices. Refined is rather dearer. Rice is steady, but with little doing. Fruit.—Currants.—Ordinary Provincial in cases and half-cases offer at 18s. and 18s. 6d. to 19s. per cut neutroprival.

cases and hair-cases offer at 105, and 105, bd. to 195, per owt., nett, respectively. Valencia rai-sins: Ordinary quality scarce at 155, 6d. to 165, per owt., nett, but supplies will likely be more plentiful and prices lower a little later on. Sultanas rather easier at 228, to 238, per owt. nett

on. Sultanas rather easier at 22s. to 23s. per cwt., nett. Chemicals call for little comment, prices showing little or no change. Soda Crystals offer at 3s. 6d. per cwt., less 6 per cent., and Bicarb. at 6s. 9d. per cwt., less 31 per cent. Oils.—Castor oil easier at 2 13.16d. to 3 1-16d. to arrive and on spot respectively for good Seconds: first French, in barrels, 24d. per pound. Olive oil about steady at £36 10s. to £37 10s. per tun for Levant and £38 10s. to £39 10s. for Italian. Freights are now quoted via Portland or

Freights are now quoted, via Portland or Boston, as follows:

	Montreal,	Halifax, N. S.
Groceries.	20/- to 22/6	12/6 to 15/-
Chemicals.	.22/6 ** 25/-	15/
Oils	.22/6 " 32/6	22/6 to 27/6

TEA LETTER. — Messers. J. Lewenz & Hauser's Tea Letter, dated London, 6th Nov., notes that there has been a little improvement this week in better-class Black-leaf Congous, which in the absence of any forced sales by private con-tract have met with more competition at auction.

tion. The shipments from China to date are re-ported to have reached 54,000,000 lbs. (which probably include 2,000,000 lbs. for the conti-nent). From Calcutta the export to London

during October amounted to 18,000,000 lbs., as during October amounted to 18,000,000 lbs., as against 17,000,000 in October last year, and from Colombo, to 4,250,000 lbs., as against 3,250,000 last year. A Calcutta telegram in the *Times* of last Tuesday stated that owing to the absence of rain the season would probably close early and the yield prove much below previous estimates. Other telegrams givereduced estimates varying from 108,000,000 to 111,000,000 lbs.

1	1891.	1890.
~	lbs	lbs.
Congou	.25,504,000	30,440,000
Souchong	. 2,195,000	2,369,000
Scented tea	. 3.752.000	2,527,000
Green tea	. 2,862,000	1,739,000
Oolong & other sorts.	. 1,519,000	1,148,000
Total China	. 35,832,000	38,223,000
Indian	.31,534,000	26,057,000
Ceylon	. 15,839,000	8,611,000
Java	526,000	796,000

Grand total..... 83,731,000 73,687,000

In 1891, 3,000,000 lbs., and in 1890, 1,100,000 lbs., arrived to 31st October, but not yet in-cluded; of which 1,500,000 lbs. Indian, 900,000 lbs. Ceylon, and 600,000 lbs. Indian, 900,000 lbs. stock of green tea is thus over 1,000,000 lbs. heavier than last year, is made up of over a million pounds each of Gunpowder and Young Hyson, the rest Hyson and Imperial.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

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# COLLINGWOOD DEBENTURES.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of \$12,000 Debentures, Town of Collingwood, issued as follows: Firstly.-\$5,000 under authority of '47 Vic., Cap. 44 Ont. Stat., repayable as follows: \$3,000 on Decem-ber 1st, 1909; \$2,000 on December 1st, 1910. Secondly.-\$7,000 under 54 Vic., Cap. 65, Ont. Stat., repayable as follows: \$3,500 on December 1, 1912; \$3,500 on December 1, 1913. Whole to be inverted in determine to one of

Whole to be issued in debentures of \$1,060 each and two of \$1,500 each. Interest half yearly on ist June and December, and psyable at Canadian Pank of Commerce, Collingwood. Successful tenderst to psy at par here and cost of forwarding debentures.

Tenders received up to Nov mber 26th next. A. D. KNIGHT, Town Treasurer.

# Ю DEBENTURES. CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COTE ST. ANTOINE.

Sealed tenders for the purchase of from Fifty Thousand to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Debentures of the Town of Cote St. Antoine, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of May and 1st day of November, will be received at the office of the corporation, 154 Greene Avenue, Cote St. Antoine, up to noon of

## Friday, the 27th November, 1891

The debentures have a currency of forty-two years from the 1st day of November, 1830, and are for Five Hundred Dollars each. Envelopes to be marked "Tenders for Debentures." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. GREIG, DAVID ROLLAND, Chairman of Finance. Secy.-Treas.

Cote St. Antoine, 6th November, 1891.

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