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COLMAN, the great mustard man, says that his fortune has not been made out of mustard eaten, but out of mustard wasted.

PROFESSOR AGASSIZ when requested to deliver a course of lectures, and tempted by a liberal offer of remuneration, replied: "I cannot afford to waste my time in making money."

THE creditors of James Manson, St. John, N. B., have decided to dispose, by tender, of the insolvent's stock of dry goods and millinery en bloc or separately.

ALEXANDER GIBSON turned the steam on in his new cotton mill at Marysville, N.B., on the 15th. There are in the mill, we are told, 12,000 spindles and 272 looms. It is to be hoped he will find something to keep them employed.

THE dry goods firm of J. & J. F. Scott. at Chatham, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by James Scott as sole proprietor, under the style and firm of Jac. Scott & Co.

THE net earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the months of September, October, and November, 1884, amounted to \$805,651, the monthly net totals being September, \$243,273; Ostober, \$317,166; November, \$245,212

NEWFOUNDLAND has a nail factory, employing eighteen hands, at St. John's, and a rolling mill, employing fifteen. Most of the machinery for the latter was bought last year in Pittsburg; one boiler and engine in St. John, N.B.

It is intended to ask for the incorporation of the Truro Bank, at Truro, N. S. Notices of annual meetings are given by the Bank of Nova Scotia, 18th February, and by the Manitoba South western Colonization railway, 4th Feb.

In Saturday's Canada Gazette notice is given of application to Parliament for incorporation of the Commercial Guarantee and Investment Company of Toronto; an outline of whose purpose may be found in the Monetary Times of December last.

THE members of the Toronto Stock Exchange, together with a number of bankers and others. enjoyed a champagne lunch after the morning board on this day week, kindly provided by Mr. Hammond (Osler & Hammond) recently mar-

THE United States House Committee has completed the river and harbor bill. It appropriates \$11,399,000, the estimates called for \$34,507,000. Among the New York appropriations are the following:—Buffalo harbor, \$75,-000; Charlotte harbor, \$30,000; Great Sodus bay, \$10,000; Little Sodus bay, \$10,000; Oswego, \$5,000; Rouse's Point and Ogdensburg

On Saturday last the manager of the Hamilton rolling mills company sent for the committee of men on strike and informed them that he would take the strikers back and carry out the agreement made last November, provided they would withdraw from the union. The men declined.

The amount of wheat in sight on sea and land Jan. 15, 1885, was 63,829,988 bushels against 63,366,972 bushels last week—an increase of 463,016 bushels. The amount of corn in sight on sea and land at the same time was 8,084,117 bushels, against 7,274,497 bushels last week—an increase of 809,620 bushels.

GEO. WILSON, a general storekeeper of Almonte, has assigned to J. McD. Hains of Montreal. Mr. Wilson was formerly a successful merchant of Arnprior, but took the Manitoba fever and went west, where he was not successful, and returning began business in Almonte with the result as above.

A BY-LAW to grant a bonus of \$36,000 to the Brockville, Westport, and Sault Ste. Marie Railway was submitted to the people of Brockville last week, and carried by a vote of 531 to 100. The townships of Rear Yonge and Escott voted a bonus to the same railway, by a large majority.

C. Desmarteau & Co., of Montreal, jobbing grocers in a small way, have assigned, owing \$4,000 to \$5,000. They were unsuccessful before only a short time ago.——F. W. Howard, a Montreal commission merchant, has assigned, with liabilities of about \$8,000 and assets very much less. Several Ontario fruit packers, &c., are interested for goods shipped on consignment.

THE revenue has been defrauded, at Montreal, by dishonest Customs brokers, who have absconded. An enquiry into these frauds is being made by the local officers. \$40,000 or \$50,000 is mentioned as the probable extent of the loss. The brokers, to complete the frauds, resorted to forgery, putting in different invoices from those which they received. Innocent parties may suffer through the seizure of goods on which the brokers paid short duty.

MR. WILLIAM CARRIER, of the Public Works Department, who died at Ottawa on the 12th instant, was a native of Wiltshire, England, and had taken an active part in the Chartist movement in that country forty odd years ago. The deceased gentleman had been city editor of the Ottawa Times and helped to launch the Free Press in 1870. He was well-known in connection with journalism and public affairs and had many friends.

Bow Park Farm, the property of the Canada West Farm Stock Association, was sold on the 16th inst. The real estate, consisting of 895 acres, was purchased by Mr. J. T. Gray for Thos. Nelson, Edinburgh, Scotland, for \$71,000. The Shorthorn herd of 25 males and 115 females was purchased by the same gentleman at \$95,500. The horses, grade cattle, steers and farm implements, fall wheat and other produce were also purchased by Mr. Gray for \$14,680.

PROCLAMATION is made in the Ontario Gazette "That from and after the fifteenth day of February now next, all that part of the Provisional Judicial District of Thunder Bay lying west of a line drawn due north and south through the most easterly part of Hunter's Island shall for the purposes (except registry purposes) mentioned in the revised statute respecting the territorial district of Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Thunder Bay, be detached from the said Provisional District and shall form a separate territorial district by the name of the District of Rainy River."

In the suit of the Exchange Bank vs. Burland, Mr. Justice Papineau rendered judgment maintaining the claims of the Bank and creditors to the effect that shareholders of the Bank cannot pay the calls on their double liability by checks on their deposits. The defendant was condemned to pay the sum of \$3,500. This decision is so reasonable, that it seems almost incredible that it should be appealed.

A FIRM of bankers in New York well and prominently known for years, John J. Cisco & Son, failed last week, with liabilities of from two to three million dollars. The list of depositors includes many wealthy and fashionable people. The firm has also been the New York correspondent of a good many country banks. The accepted reason for the firm's assignment now is that the daughters of the late John J. Cisco, co-heirs with their brother, insist upon having the estate liquidated and withdrawing their funds from the concern.

The Hamilton Homestead Loan and Savivgs society held its annual meeting last week. The president, Mr. J. H. Stone, occupied the chair. The annual report showed that the year's operations had aggregated about \$24,000, all the money paid in having been loaned to members building on property. The payments were made with such promptness that of dues, fines and interest only about \$300 are in arrears, all of which is secured. The old board was re-elected composed of Messrs. J. H. Stone, C. Armstrong, A. A. Anderson, A. Paine, William McDonald, W. J. Kerr and A. T. Freed.

REFERRING to the subject we touched upon last week, Canadian cotton manufacture, the Montreal Star of Friday last states that a combination of cotton manufacturers, which includes all the mills producing unbleached cottons, has been formed after several meetings of representatives of all the factories. The advance will be from 15 to 17½ per cent. above the lowest point reached during the depression. The combination will also attend to the limitation of production. The journal named understands that Mr. A. F. Gault has been elected president of the association, and Mr. David Morrice, secretary.

COLBORNE street in this city is steadily filling up with offices, warerooms, and factories. The vacant lot near the head of Scott street has just been covered by Messrs. Murray & Co. with a neat brick building 75 feet by 27. Mr. S. Davison, one of our best-known manufacturers' agents, had the shrewdness to select the first flat of the new building for his office and wareroom, and a very well arranged and lighted flat it is. Here are kept in stock the products of Messrs. Dunbar, McMaster & Co. in linen threads, shoe threads, and other products of their Gilford works; samples of hosiery from Messrs. S. Lennard & Sons, Dundas, the Strathroy Knitting Co., the Craven Cotton Mill, and Holmedale Woollen Mills of Brantford, whose latest production, a union flannel, appears to be one of the best modern examples of "good value." Mr. A. J. Robertson has premises on the next

The Carnival number of the Montreal Star is a credit to that paper and to Danada. The wonder is how so deserving a production, in respect of literary excellence and artistic merit can be produced here for the trifling sum at which it is sold. Numbers of copies, we are sure, will be bought for mailing to the States and the old countries. Its engravings contrasting old Montreal with new, possess great interest, the ice-palace picture is really worthy of a frame, while the illustrations of features of the carnival next week are such as to incite any one to go and witness them. John Reade, George Murray, W. G. Beers are among the writers; Henri Julien, R. Harris and J. W. Bengough among

the artists. The page illustration by the latter, representing the visit of Canadian and American politicians to the Montreal Carnival, and their adventures in that city, is alone worth the fifteen cents charged for the whole publication.

ELZEAB PAGEAU, of Quebec, after a two years' experience in the dry goods has failed, owing \$5,000.—Gagne & frere, carriage makers at Sherrington, Que., have assigned owing about \$1,500.—J. I. Thibaudeau, a Montreal tailor, has assigned. He owes about \$4,000.—N. S. Valiquet, of Montreal, dealing in groceries and crockery, has failed with liabilities of \$4,000.—Jos. Pieau, general store keeper, Batiscan, has called a meeting of creditors. He obtained an extension in 1883, and owes now from \$3,000 to 4,000, on which he will have to get a compromise if he is to continue business.—Charest & Co., of Montreal, furniture dealers, are asking an extension.

ATTENTION is being paid of late to the sub ject of the proper disposal of foecal matter in cities and towns. We observe that Mr. Alan Macdougall, C. E., in the course of his lecture before the Sanitary Association, entitled " Sewers and Sewage," stated that the dry earth system is the oldest sanitary system which we could trace. "The numerous privies and outhouses in towns and cities are a frightful source of disease. After they have been in use for a number of years the soakage will extend to an area sufficiently large to reach the wells in town lots. The dry earth system of closets is the best system of dry sewage and will not endanger the public health." He produced a working model of "Heap's Patent" Dry Earth Closets, as erected on the Toronto Exhibition Grounds, last September, by Mr. Wm. Heap of Owen Sound. He had inspected these closets and found them to answer admirably, and he understood that a number were now in use in Toronto. Dr. Canniff also strongly advocated the dry earth closet system from a sanitary stand-

ABOUT three or four times Wm. Lightfoot, a printer, doing a small business in this city, has failed .-- J. W. Howe, a clothier at Trenton, bought a very large stock about a year ago, and in order to work it off rapidly opened a store in Madoc, which appears to have lost money. He also lost trade in Trenton by opening this branch, and has been obliged to assign .-After two years' trial, Mr. J. W. Falls has ascertained that he cannot make any money by storekeeping at Trudell and has accordingly made an assignment.--- John McGrattan has been in business at Wingham for more than eight years, as a dealer in tinware, and probably he has never been any happier or better off than if working on a salary. His estate is in the hands of an assignee.——The Reid & Barr Manf. Co., Hamilton has not been successful of late and it has been decided that the business shall be wound up. The concern appears to show a deficiency of about \$6,000.--A waggon maker at Janetville, Isaac Whitlock, is reported as having taken his departure, leaving quite a number of debts unpaid. It is further said that he increased his cash by the issue of bad paper. —Thomas Freeman, general storekeeper, Fort William, is in trouble, and a grocer in Toronto, who held a chattel mortgage for \$2,000 has taken possession of his premises.——A Goderich grocer, John McTaggart, doing business in a small way for about a year past, has assigned. —The book and stationery stock of J. A. Burns, at London, has been sold by the sheriff. -A shoe-dealer in Peterboro named A. McConnel, has failed .--- Edward Jennings, & saloon keeper in this city, has "skipped out," it is stated. Creditors will not likely get any.

P. LAGARDE, a grocer in Montreal, has failed with the very respectable figure of \$15,000 of an indebtedness. Mr. Lagarde has scattered his favors "promiskus like" as, it is said, there are some 60 creditors interested.

THE offer of the Messrs. Tiffin, of Montreal that they should pay 40 cents on the dollar, and which offer was reported as accepted, has, it appears, fallen through, owing to opposition from a leading creditor. It is stated the stock book debts, &c., have been disposed off at 871 cents on the dollar.

A GENERAL storekeeping firm in Nepewa, Davidson & Hamilton, did a large business there, but it appears to have been unprofitable, and they have assigned.—The sheriff is in possession of the general store firm of Parker & Dickson, at Oak Lake. Just a year ago they got an extension of time, but this has not enabled them to succeed. The result is as above stated.

In the lower provinces some changes are noticeable in mercantile circles. The Moncton Universal Knitting Co. has gone into liquidation. Their statement shows assets of \$15,000 and liabilities of \$2,000 in excess of that sum. Henry Daigh, blacksmith, at Richibucto, N.B., has assigned.—In Bridgetown, N.S., a hotelkeeper named J. R. Buckler, is reported away. -Ephraim Newell, general storekeeper, Cape Island, is also reported to have left the country.

THE estate of the insolvent east-end Montreal dry goods dealer, J. B. Labelle, has been sold to Mr. A. Robert, at 60 cents on the dollar for the stock, and 25 cents on the book debts. Mr. Labelle's liabilities are \$57,000, with assets of \$45,000 nominal.—H. G. Champeau, in business as a grocer at Montreal only a short time, is in difficulties and likely to assign. After paying rents and other privileged claims it is stated there will be little left for general creditors.

MESSES. W. H. Bleasdell & Co., of this city, importers of fancy goods, send us a letter respecting which they say, truly, "The enclosed, received yesterday, speaks for itself. It is certainly a refreshing and novel experience to get a letter of this kind. We send it to you believing it will be as welcome to your readers as to us." The letter was from Messrs. Dickenson & Cranston, of Woodstock, thanking the house for having, after the loss by fire suffered by that firm, offered to compromise with them at 663 cents in the dollar, but announcing that, as they (D. & C.) found themselves able to pay 100 cents in the dollar, they proposed doing so to every one and that in cash, adding: "We are glad to be able to do so."

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THE Great North Western Telegraph Company has fitted its offices in this city with the Edison Electric Light, and the trial made a few days ago confirmed the experience of the Globe Printing and Publishing Co. as to the satisfactory character of the illumination given. The current is created by a 200-light dynamo, situated in the Globe office, and is transmitted over copper wires one third of an inch diameter, and sufficient to supply 86 lights, mostly of 16-candle power, in addition to those in use by the Globe Company. In the operating room are some 20 lamps, in the secretary's offices, 15 in those of the General Manager and his assistant, 10 in the receiving room and Treasurer's apartments, 15 besides lamps of 10-candle or 16-candle power distributed over the building from the batteryroom to cellar and in the adjoining building devoted to the press service. There is no doubt in the minds of the staff as to the superiority of the mi'd, steady light furnished by this method: while its trifling consumption of oxygen is a marked advantage to the health of employees working long hours in rooms numerously occupied.

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THE INCREASING PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

Sir Loonard Tilley, in the course of a speech at the double birthday celebration of Sir John Macdonald, in Montreal, admitted that the Federal Governments of Canada collects within a cent or two per head of population as much as the United States government collects. But he pleaded the mitigating circumstance that about one-third of this amount is paid over to the local governments; whereas in the United States the support of the State Government has to be separately provided for, and it costs an amount equal to forty cents in each \$100 of real and personal estate in the Union. This is a difference which, in estimating the relative extent of public burthens in the two countries, is generally kept out of sight. But the fact that the Dominion pays to the provinces nearly one third of all the revenue it collects, requires serious consideration from another point of view. This payment, which tends to increase, is likely to be felt as seriously burthensome in the future. Suppose something should occur to make it necessary for the Dominion to expend on federal objects all the revenue it collects, it is evident that in that event, the necessity of collecting an additional amount for the sup-Post of the local governments would produce serious embarrassment. All the odium of levying an excessive rate of taxation would fall on the general government, and the provinces which were spending their several quotas of the total amount might even join in the cry against the Federal Government. This is what is even now happening to some extent. The provinces which draw large subsidies from the Dominion Treasury feel themselves at full liberty to denounce the taxes out of which these subsidies are paid. The rate of Federal taxation, it is true, is at Present, considerably higher than is made necessary by the obligation of paying the subsidies; but if it were not a fraction higher than this necessity occasions, the same criticism would be heard.

The subsidies have been augmented, in the case of some of the Provinces, over and over again. The tendency is for the Provinces to shirk their obligations to provide for their pecuniary necessities and to throw the burden of their maintenance on the general Government. It was the same way

with the debt of Ontario and Quebec at the time of confederation. The Federal treasury is looked upon as a never failing source of supply on which every Province may draw without limit. There is no disposition on the part of the Provinces to make any honest attempt to raise the necessary revenue for themselves. If they pass revenue laws, as likely as not these laws are such as they have no constitutional power to pass. If this course of depleting the Dominion treasury by the P. ovinces be persisted in, there will come a day, when the Dominion will itself require relief; and when that happens, some sacrifice may be required of Provinces. The Federal Government of Canada may require as the Federal Government of the United Staes was found to require, the wholeof the Customs' and Excise duties. These duties, under the old confederation, the several states had retained; but when they were required for the necessary purposes of the general government they were maganimously surrendered. Could this great act of patriotism find a parallel in Canada, if the occasion called for it? And if we keep on in the present course a call for it will one day be inevitable. Here we have reversed the order of things by which the American union attained its greatness. Here the disintegrating forces of intense localism are enthroned as patriotism; a part is made of more acc unt than the whole; the several parts pull different ways, and the central unity is decried by universal consent.

We are heterodox enough to believe that the grant of subsides to the Provinces was a mistake. The Provinces should have been made responsible for the raising of their own revenue. They would then have hal to bear the odium of levying the taxes which they expend. But in that case, a wider scope in the raising of revenue would have had to be granted to them; it would have been neither reasonable nor possible to c nfine them to direct taxes, which are not always very easily distinguishable from indirect taxes. That there will be any change so long as the present financial system can be made to bear the increasing strain put upon it, is not probable. Nothing but stern necessity will bring about a change, and when it does come it will find the Provinces, which have been nurtured under a coddling system, unprepared to meet it. A lucky accident has prevented the full extent of the financial pressure being felt by the Dominion. Sir Leonard Tilley says we have been able, since 1879, to add the enormous sum of \$55, 0 0,000 to the public debt without increasing the amount of the annual interest payable. Interest has been falling and the credit of the Dominion rising; and let us ask-what, but for this lucky accident, would have been the financial outlook of the Dominion to-day?

—That British visitors to Canada have been impressed with the excellence of Canadian aggicultural implements, is evident from the fact that Col. Wheatley has proposed to the English Farmers Club to send a deputation to the Dominion to examine our machinery and report upon the capabilities of such appliances and their cost. Lord Londesborough seconds the motion, and offers, in conjunction with Mr. T. B. Lambert, to contribute towards the expense of the trip.

BANKING REVIEW.

The figures of the December bank statement will be found in condensed form below, and are compared with those for the same month of the previous year:

n	and are compared	with	those	for	the	same
ŧ	month of the previ	ious ye	ar:			
r	·	IABILIT	TPa			
8			, 1884.	n	0.0	1883
y	Capital authorized	871	,896,66	6 8	69.39	96,666
f	Capital paid up	61	605,520			51 733
n	Reserved Funds	18	,339,129	9	17,48	57,718
,	Notes in Circulation	31	935,938		22.56	20 4:4
1	Dominion & Provin-		,000,000	•	00,00	39,454
t	cial Gov't deposits	7,	349,33	5	10,20	1,739
f	Deposits held to secure Government					
f	contracts and for					
- 1	Insurance Co's		575,118	3	98	8,967
-	Public deposits on					-,
1	demand Public deposits after	42,	904,831		11,59	4,648
1	notice		405,039) !	52.01	5,098
1	Bank loans or de-	- ,	-,	•	,0_	0,000
;	posits from other					
٠	banks secured Bank loans or de-		310,295	•	1	4,000
1	posits from other					
ij	banks unsecured	1,	113,220)	1,18	3,283
1	Due other banks in Canada		074 #04			
1	Due other banks in	1,0	074,531		1,25	4,325
١	Foreign Countries		60,104		15	5,141
1	Due other banks in					
1	Great Britain Other liabilities		3 39,653			0,171
l			306, 97 7			8,906
1	Total liabilities	\$ 135,8	374,937	\$ 14	5,812	2,744
١		ASSETS.	•			
I	Specie	\$ 7.4	169,757	8	7.22	5,552
Н	Dominion notes		07,629			6,840
ľ	Notes and cheques of		00.000			
L	other banks Due from other b'nks	6,1	00,270		7,288	3,367
ı	in Canada	2,3	31,317		3.307	7,283
P	Due from other binks				-,	,
h	in for'gn countries Due from other b'nks	12,4	11,218	1	8,060),156
Г	in Great Britain	5.1	18,914		4,225	918
١,	·	<u> </u>				
ľ	Immediately available assets	8 44 4	20 105		1 004	
1	Dominion governm't	# II,1	39,105	W 0	1,204	,111
ı	debent. or stock	1,4	05,436		900	,722
'	Public sec'rit's other than Canadian	1 6	10 000			
1	Loans to Dominion	1,0	12,986	•	1,325	,044
ı	& Prov. Gov	2,3	98,331	2	3,521	,189
'	loaus on stocks,	11.0	00.0-0	•		
ı	bonds or deben Loans to municipal	11,9	29,656	1(), 4 13	,155
١.	corporations	1,3	31,803	1	1,259	.9.)4
١	Loans to other cor-					
1	porations Loags to or deposits	19,8	78,352	18	5,254	,866
١	made in other					
١,	banks secured	4	93,894		334	,101
۱ ٔ	coans to or deposits					

banks unsecured .. 247,614 2 35.508 Discounts current ... 122,109,496 133,378,550 Overdue paper nusecured 3,222,865 2,100,756 Other overdue debts unsecured ... 122 677 175,524 Notes and debts overdue secured . . 3.091.569 2,120,018 Real estate 1.219.422 1,096,893 Mortgages on real estate sold 834,860 848,013 Bank premises.... 3,188,745 3,061,835 Other assets 2,291,199 1,881,452 Total assets.... #215,787,512 #228,193,650 Average amount of specie held during

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The Banking Return for the 31st December brings us to the end of a somewhat mem rable year, not for Canada only but for other civilized countries. The year has been distinguished slike for contraction and expansion. The expansion has been in the products of na are and industry; the con-

traction has been in their exchangeable value. There never was as much of what the world requires for food, clothing, and habitation as there is in the world at present. Granaries are full of wheat, mills are full of flour, warehouses are crammed to repletion with sugar and other necessaries and luxuries of life. There is a superabundance of cottons and woollens, a superabundance of timber and iron, a superabundance of fuel. Yet with this immense expaniion and increase in the things that we all want, there has been, during the year just past, steady and continuous decline in the volume of the money transactions which are based upon them. The value of almost everything as expressed in money has seriously fallen. The steady and continuous contraction in the monetary value of railroads and other means of communication has resulted in one of the severest revulsions that the financial centre of this continent has ever known.

The various railroads, telegraph companies and steamboat lines of this con inent are just as useful, and for that reason, are of as much real value as ever they were. It is their value in a monetary sense that has shrunk so enormously; and this shrinkage has brought a most serious train of disasters along with it.

So far as Canada is concerned, the contraction that has been going on in the midst of expansion is reflected in the figures of our banking return. The note circulation of the banks, which largely means the amount of currency in the pockets and tills of the people, has declined from \$33,500,000 to \$31,900,000. The deposits, which represent the amount of money lent to the banks by the people, have fallen from \$107,800,-000 to \$100,230,000. Similarly the loans and discounts of the banks, representing the volume of capital employed in carrying on trade, have fallen from \$168,800,000 to \$162,000,000. And the net available resources of the banks, have fallen from \$39,100,000 to \$35,600,000. Yet after all the condition of Canada compares well with that of either Great Britain or the United States. In spite of the reduction in the output of some manufacturing industries, the closing of mills in some cases, and the shortening of time in others, there has been no considerable distress among our manufacturing operatives. In this respect there is a striking contrast between the condition of things in Canada and Great Britain. The grievous cry of distress that is going up from great manufacturing centres there, is something with which we have been generally unfamiliar since the inauguration of free trade. It recalls the exciting days that preceded the Corn Law agitation, and it proves that no fiscal policy whatever is able, at all times and under all circumstances, to ensure work for the operative and profit for the manufacturer.

In Canada there have not been during the year any failures of importance amongst our manufacturers and manufacturing companies. Embarrassment and financial difficulty there have undoubtedly been, and these has not entirely passed away. But there has been confidence in the future of such enterprises not understand their business." the capitalists whose means are invested in ed ways which have been the result of the

manufactures, and this confidence appears to be reasonably well founded. "Necessity' has again proved the "mother of invention." Our manufacturers have been compelled to cast about them and to diversify their products, and there are already signs that with the ability to produce a diversity of products, profitable markets of consumption will be found.

The number of mercantile failures during the year has been large. The figures have not reached the alarming proportions of 1878 and 1879. But they have been sufficiently heavy to inflict serious losses upon the mercantile community and upon the banks.

The increase of failures has brought again to the front the question which is apt to slumber in times of prosperity, viz: the pressing need for a measure to compet equitable dealing with the estates of insolvents. Many cases of flagrant injustice to creditors have transpired during the year; English creditors especially have good reason to complain bitterly in this respect. They have often been shamefully treated. The passing of a general bankruptcy measure with provisions for the discharge of insolvents seem to be an impossibility. Even if it were possible, it is almost certain that it would do more harm than good. To discharge a man by force of law, who at a particular time cannot, or will not, pay his debts, has been found in practice to be so demoralizing that the country has preferred the entire absence of an insolvency law as the lesser of two evils. But there is really no reason whatever why a law should not be passed to compel a debtor, who cannot pay his debts in full, to pay all his creditors alike.

The most striking event in Banking circles during the year was the heavy run on the Federal Bank with its consequences. The assistance rendered by other institutions saved the bank from an absolute collapse. But though it has survived, it has inflicted serious injury upon its stockholders, by the heavy losses that led to the run. Its business as at present is little more than salvage from a wreck, for in every department there has been enormous shrinkage. The management is wholly new, -a fact which inspires the confidence that is felt for the future. This Bank from the time of its inception to the time of its collapse, was managed on what are call "most enterprising" principles. It was bound to do the largest business in proportion to its capital of any Bank in the counity. It constantly gave a higher rate for deposits than its neighbors. By this means it attracted an abnormally large amount. But at the same time the Bauk made loans at a lower rate than its neighbors. To put its operations into mercantile phrase, it bought money dearer, and sold it cheaper than the rest of its competitors in the same line of business. When the gentleman who was the leading spirit of the Bank was sometimes reminded of this, and asked how he could make money when conducting his business so differently from other Banks, he was in the habit of remarking "that they were managed by old fogies, who did The end, on the part of financial institutions and of however, justified once more the old-fashion-

experience, wisdom, and foresight of generations. A man can no more conduct a business safely, when setting these principles at defiance, than he can turn two and two into five. The end of this enterprising style of banking was this: A capital of three millions, with a rest of a million and a half more will require to be cut down to less than fifteen hundred thousand in order to reach a solid basis. In other words, the enterprise of the authorities of this bank under its old management has led to the loss of its whole capital.

When depositors heard of the impending troubles of the Federal Bank they were seriously frightened. They began to think that an additional rate of interest of one or two per cent. per annum was no compensation for the risk of their money in an unsafe place. of what has befallen depositors in the Exchange Bank, Montreal, flitted before their eyes, and they were glad indeed to find safe depositories for their money in banks that were neither "enterprising" nor aggressive. Such banks had earned a good reputation for taking the best possible care of their customers' money, and could be depended upon to repay it when wanted. The discount customers of the bank, and the mercantile firms which depended on it for accommodation to carry on business, were fortunately enabled, as a rule, to open accounts at other banks. Had the breakdown occurred at a time of monetary stringency, they could not easily have done this. Many of them in that case would have been ruined. They would thus have learned that it is not only depositors, but mercantile customers requiring discounts, that have good reason to look out for a safe bank to do business with.

The Exchange Bank, Montreal has been pursuing a slow and dragging course of liquidation during the whole of the year. This bank also paid higher rates for deposits than its neighbors. Its depositors are about to learn a lasting lesson of caution by suffering a severe loss. The bank has now redeemed the whole of its circulation, or thereabouts. This is so far good. But the unfortunate depositors, it is reported, will lose more than half their claims, thus proving that their bargain for a higher rate of interest was a very bad one. The account stands thus. Profit by higher rate, one to two per cent. yearly. Loss by the failure of the bank fifty to sixty per cent. of the whole. After the experience of the last year we should think depositors will be cautious. They may rest assured that they will consult their own safety by adopting the following rule: Never to deposit money in a bank that pays a higher rate of interest than its neighbors.

ABSTRACT OF BANK RETURNS.

31st Dece	MBER, 1	.883.	[In the	usands.
Description.	in Que-	Banks in On- tario.	Mari-	Total.
	8	8	8	8
Capital paid up	36,292	18,433	6.727	61,452
Circulation	. 16.854	12,572	4,163	33,589
Deposits	. 156.692	40.327	10.788	107.807
Loans & discounts.	. 86,810	63,411	18,670	168,891
Cash and foreign balances (Net).	a l	1		_

Description.	in Que-	Banks in On- tario.		Total
	\$	8	8	8
apital paid up	36,305	18.918	6.383	61.60
irculation	16,892	11.320	3.724	31.93
eposits	52.588	37.322	10.325	100.23
oans & Discounts.	85,008	60 939	16 770	169 01

DRY GOODS IMPORTS AT TORONTO.

Continuing the method of tabulation which we began two years ago, founded upon the monthly statements of imports issued by the Board of Trade of this city, and summarising the figures of the past year we reach totals which will prove of interest, especially to our readers connected with the dry goods trade. The items we have grouped together, as covering what are termed "dry goods," are those of cotton goods, woollen goods, hats, caps, and bonnets, fancy goods and silk wares. The total value of imports of these at Toronto during last year was \$5 378,892 as compared with \$6,583,322 in the year preceding, a decrease of a million and a quarter in cost; though taking into account the decline in values of merchandise, there does not appear to have been any great decrease in the quantity of goods purchased. We append the figures for the several items in each mon h of the two years and also the total imports for each

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month:	•	
	Jan. '84.	I
Cotton goods		Jan. 83.
Feren goods	115,954	331,655
Fancy goods	3 :,092	93.456
Hats and bonnets	16,428	37.075
Silk goo is	44,022	81,999
Woolien go ds	166,607	208,012
Dry goods, Jan'y	\$375,103	\$ 752,197
~ :	Feb. '84.	Fab. '83.
Cotton goods	239,990	384.762
TALLCY GOODS	122,365	137,777
11918 and bonnets	41,120	56,981
DUR GOODS	136,394	163,344
Woollen godd	289,610	001 001
	200,010	284,301
Dry goods Feb'y	\$819,489	\$1027,165
Cata	Mar. '84.	Mar. '83.
Cotton goods	156 828	284,205
	55,225	78,155
	40,976	42,245
	85,041	101,131
Woollen goods	205 047	
Booms	200 041	242,447
Dry goods, Mar	\$540,147	\$ 748,183
0	Apr. '84.	Apr. '83.
Cotton goods	94,135	161.613
Fancy goods Hats and homest	40,825	42,330
Hats and bonnets	38,190	46,296
Silk goods	28,813	
Woollen goods	98.812	23.809
	90,012	145,859
Dry goods—April	\$301,475	\$419,907
Cotton	May '84.	May '83.
Cotton goods	76,647	91,665
Fancy goods	35,092	35,804
Hats and bonnets	21,170	28,678
Silk goods	33,480	28,508
Woollen goods		
D=-	81,848	64,951
Dry goods—May	\$248,237	\$249.606
Cotton goods	June '84.	June '83.
Fancy Goods	70,222	79,661
Qata on 3	18,355	37.344
DILK GOOD	11,363	12,095
Silk goods	21,695	21,047
Woollen goods	115 485	87,696
Dry good		
Dry goods—June	\$238,030	\$237,845

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	July '84.	July '83.	I
Cotton goods	\$217,389	\$276,565	ı
Fancy goods	56,571	65,430	l
Hats and bonnets	8,740	8,189	ı
Silk goods	90,593	64,098	ł
Woollen goods	350,866	310,427	ı
Boomp	330,800	310,427	l
Dry goods, July	\$724,159	\$724,7 09	l
a	Au z. '84.	Aug. '83.	l
Cotton goods	193,074	233,264	l
Fancy goods	102,134	124,015	L
Hats and bonnets	24,668	16,176	1
Silk goods	131,711	126,832	Ł
Woollen goods	470,384	487,086	
			ŀ
Dry goods, Aug	\$921,071	\$987,373	ľ
a.u. 1	Sep. '84.	Sep. '83.	Г
Cotton goods	128,999	139,865	h
Fancy goods	52,567	48 , 46 5	١.
Hats and bonnets	28,476	32.719	ľ
Siik goods	72,888	65,689	h
Woollen goods	283,600	252,017	h
Dry goods, Sept	\$ 566,530	\$538,755	ı
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Oct. '84.	Oct. '83.	١,
Cotton Goods	72,540	78,427	١,
Fancy goods			1
Hats and bonnets	26,531	37,897	ı
Gills goods	13,351	13,126	١.
Silk goods	30,999	35,503	ľ
Woollen goods	161,90 6	124,272	١
Dry goods, Oct	\$305,325	\$284,225	1
_	Nov. '84.	Nov. '83.	٩
Cotton goods	59.038	63,075	t
Fancy goods	2 0, 235	18,611	1
Hats and bonnets	5,001	5,323	
Silk goods	28,431	27,559	(
Woollen goods	63,955	56,293	8
Dry goods, Nov	\$176,660	\$170,861	t
	Dec. '84.	Dec. '83.	
Cotton goods	56,160	\$56,936	
Fanoy goods	17,527	13,586]
Hats and caps	15,000	17,204	i
Silk goods	19,670	15.816	1
Woollen goods	54,209	38,956	8
			6
Dry gords, Dec	\$162,566	\$142,4 98	t
	1884	1883.	,
Total for year \$5	,378,892	6 583,322	1

Taking the first six months of each of these years and those of 1882 we find a steady decrease in the aggregate of dry goods imported, thus:

First	six months.				Value.
1882	Imports of	dry	goods		\$3,932,878
1883	- "	•	"		3,437,501
1884	Imports of		"	•••	2,522,581

But it is interesting to observe that while the decline from the half year 1882 to 1883 was about 12½ per cent. that between 1883 and last year was morethan 26 per cent. Comparing the principal items, namely, cottons and woollens, imported in the same halfyearly period, we find them to have been :-

			Cottons.	Woollens
Six	months,	1882	\$1,674,527	\$1,104,212
	do	1883	1,333,561	1,033,266
	do	1884	753,776	957,409

For the full calendar year, however, while cottons show a much decreased export in 1884 (\$1,480,976 against \$2,181,693) woollens imports develop a slight increase, being \$2,342,329 in value where in the previous year they were \$2,302,317. The monthly figures which go to make up the total imports of dry goods for the two years are given

WOIGH		
Dry Goods.	1884.	1883.
January	\$375,103	5 752.197
February	819,489	1,027,165
March	540,147	748.183
April	301,475	419.907
May	248,237	249.606
June	238.030	237.843
July	724,159	724,709
August	921 071	987,373
September	566.530	538.755
Uctober	305,325	284,225
November	176 660	170,861
December	162,566	442,498
Total	\$5,878,892	\$6,588,822

LUMBER.

The position of affairs in the United States during the winter has in part accounted for the quietness in this line of Canadian trade. Not, perhaps, so much the peculiar commercial conditions (though even these were not favorable) as the uncertainty felt by business men as to the policy of the new government of that country. Added to this has been the depressed condition of the real estate market over there. The recent indications, however, of returning activity in manufacturing in the States-one hundred thousand persons, who were out of employment for some weeks or months, are said to have returned to work in factory, mill or furnace since 1st January-are significant, and cannot but have their effect upon the lumber market.

A lack of snow early in the winter has been unfavorable for operations in the Canadian woods, and it is thought that higher prices must come about in spring. Hence some are disposed rather to buy now than wait until the opening of navigation, only to pay higher prices. We hear of considerable sales, at Ottawa, of pine lumber—one to two inch sidings and stock boards—lately made for the American market.

It m y be remembered that when the British Association was insession last autumn in Montreal, the suggestion was made that a series of observations upon the influence of tides upon the navigation of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence was a matter well worthy the attention of the parliament and people of Canada. No small proportion of the wrecks which have taken place in the Gulf are believed to have been caused by tidal influences, inducing currents which have taken vessels off their course, unknown to their commanders. observations upon the coast of Britain have resulted in immensely enhancing the safety of navigation thereabout, and it is a matter of decided importance that the dangers of navigating our great water-way shall be removed, in so far as science and experience can determine them. We observe with interest that the Montreal Board of Trade has communicated with a deputation appointed by the British Association in the premises, and the matter is to be brought before parliament at the coming session. The gentlemen named by the Association are :- Professors Johnson and Bovey of McGill College, Montreal, Professor McGregor of Nova Scotia, Professor Cherriman of Ottawa, and Mr. Chas. Carpmael, Director of the Meteorological Survey at Toronto. We trust to see a grant made by the House for so deserving an object.

-The consideration for which the Pacific Railway Company undertakes to continue the road from Port Moody to Coal Harbor and English Bay is a grant of land by the local government in the vicinity, comprising about 6,000 acres. road had not originally stopped short at Port Moody, these lands along with others would have been previously granted to the company by the Dominion Government. The extension of the road is to be completed, \$5,878,892 \$6,588,822 and workshops and other works are to be

provided in time for the opening of the through traffic in the early part of the summer of 1886. This agreement, made in November last, is now before the Legislature of British Columbia for ratification.

-The joint use or ownership by the Grand Trunk and the Canada Pacific railway companies of the North Shore Railway does not seem likely soon to be brought about. It appears that before the transfer of the North Shore railway by the Quebec Government to the Grand Trunk Co. the Canadian Pacific Company obtained the right of sending through passenger and freight traffic over the road, and that the agreement was made binding on the assigns of the government. Still there does not appear to be any prospect of the two companies working together in the joint use of the line. The Canadian Pacific will scarcely feel itself safe without a line over this section entirely under its contral.

NOVA SCOTIAN COAL TRADE.

The collieries of Nova Scotia give employment to some four thousand men and seven hundred and fifty boys, and, it is stated, at least onetwentieth of the population of that province are entirely dependent upon it for livelihood. The annual review of the Trades Journal says that while returns, up to the 12th instant, are not complete, it is tolerably certain that the shipments of last year are within 25,000 tons of being the largest ever made. And this although the shipping season was unusually late of opening-on account of ice in the gulf. "There is evidence that the markets secured Nova Scotia by the national policy are to be retained. The coal trade of the province is bound to go on increasing until it towers above all others.'

The largest colliery in the province is that at Spring Hill. But perhaps it would be more proper to say that Spring Hill Mines is made up of four collieries. Their shipments for 1884 reached 221,000 tons, or any increase of 44,000 tons over 1883. The next largest shipments are from the mines of the Halifax company, which for 1884 were in round numbers 182,000 against 149,000 tons for 1883, showing a handsome increase of 33,000 tons. The shipments from the Drummond colliery show a heavy falling off last year, they were 114,391 tons against 137,000 for 1883. The sales of the Acadia colliery reached a total of 107,589, an increase of say, 1000 tons over 1883. The Vale shipped 69,865 tons against (as per inspector's report) 68,843 for 1883, a small increase. Owing to the trouble over the affairs of the Steel Company of Canada, the shipments from Chignecto colliery are very trifling. Good work has however been done at the Minudie mines and at the Joggins. Below, in tabulated form are shipments from

the several collieries for 188	4 and 1883.	
Mines.	1884.	1883.
Spring Hill	221,000	177,000
Albion	181.000	148,781
Intercolonial	114,391	137 567
Acadia	107,589	100,614
Vale	69,68	68,843
Joggins, Minudie and small collieries	42,000	44,000
Sydney mines	128,000	131.000
Reserve	83,000	104,000
Gowrie	32,000	70,000
International	79,850	96,997
Caledonia	65,289	51,557
Little Glace Bay	32,503	72,677
Lingan	20,50 0	12,918
Block house	20,090	51 791
Victoria	10,000	150
Ontario	7,000	19,000
Old Bridgeport	3.000	

The following is a summary of shipments from the province in two years by counties:—

County.	1884.	1883.
Pietou	473,372	461,809
Cumberiand	263,000	222,347
Total	736,372	684,156
Increase	52,216	
Cape Breton	540,000	612,214
Decrease in Cape Breton	72,000	
Totals (in round numbers)1	,276,372	1,297,000
Total decrease	20.628	

The total production of the collieries of Nova Scotia would thus reach 1,500,000 tons. There were 25,000 tons of coke made at the Albion mines last year, principally for the Steel company of Canada.

INSURANCE NOTES.

A number of incendiary fires have taken place lately at Port Burwell. A fire was discovered the other day in the barn of Mr. E. B. Edison, but it was smothered before doing much damage. As fresh tracks were traced in the snow from the house of Thomas Spelman to the barn and back again, and as Spelman had served a term of seven years in the penitentiary for burning the warehouse of Mr. George Suffel, it was decided to arrest him. So a constable pursued and caught him. The shoes which fitted the tracks were proved to be Spelman's on the evidence of his son, and Squire Chute committed the accused for trial at St. Thomas. If he is the guilty party, it is a pity that he could not be incarcerated for the rest of his natural

The report of the Montreal Water Department shows the water pressure at the different fire stations throughout that city. At No. 10 station St. Catharine St. west, the pressure is, as will be seen, only 30 lbs. to the square inch, which would be altogether insufficient in case of a fire

No. 1	station	72	No. 8 station	72
No. 2	"	55	No. 9 "	68
No. 3	**	75	No. 10 "	30
No. 4	"	75	No. 11 "	66
No. 5	"	48	No. 12 "	65
No. 6	**	60		66
No. 7	"	52		

The average daily consumption of water in Montreal was, for the first three months of last year, 9,860,000 gallons, next three, 10,500,000 gallons; highest, July, 11,895,000 gallons, slowly declining to 10,301,871 in December. Daily average for the year, 10,637,037, which is an increase on previous year of 134,863 gallons.

—It is shown by a statement of the Government savings banks of Canada for November, that the deposits of the people at the end of that month had reached \$16,525,402. The deposits during the month were \$526,893, and the withdrawals \$514,373. The circulation of the Government issue of notes at the end of December amounted to \$16,399,194, an increase of \$240,500 over the circulation at the end of the previous month.

Shares in the Royal Canadian Insurance Co. to the number of nearly three thousand, forfeited for non-payment of calls, were offered at auction in Montreal a week ago, and attracted a number of capitalists. The offerings comprised 2,841 shares, which had to be sold in detail, making nearly 300 lots. The prices realized were from \$10 to \$15 per share and 2 per cent. extra for duty and commission, making a total of nearly \$30,000. The purchasers of the stock are liable for 35 per cent. unpaid calls. Mr. W. Smith was the largest purchaser, Messrs. G. B. Burland and Jamieson being among the others.

The Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, in a recent speech said: "A class of co-operative life insurance societies has recently sprung up, in which we have no confidence ourselves and in which

the public should have little confidence, for no cheapness can make up for the false principles upon which these associations are generally founded and conducted." Sensible words and true. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie is a man who weighs his utterances. and who really does know some. thing about life insurance.

HARDWOODS.

Later years have witnessed a decided change and expansion in the demand for hardwoods. Not only are woods coming into market for decorative purposes which ten or twenty years ago were unknown or despised, but the uses for well-known hardwoods have multiplied, and the prices of some have gone so high that substitutes have been sought, and often found. In our enquiries this week about the hardwood market in this city we have gleaned the following notes and prices : Birch is in fair request, and will be more wanted year by year. For No. 1 and 2 we quote \$22.00 to \$25.00 per 1000 feet, board measure. Maple, steady at \$16.00 to \$18.00. Cherry, firm at \$50.00 to \$55.00. White ash, \$30 00. Black ash, \$18.00 to \$20.00. Soft elm, the market is hard to define, sales are being made as low as \$12.00 to \$15.00; for rock elm probably \$18.00 is a fair quotation. Oak, red or grey, is in moderate supply and brings \$18.00 to \$20.00; white, say \$80.00 for No. 1 and 2. Cotton wood, or Balm of Gilead, \$13.00 to \$15.00. Walnut is scarce, and good is worth on the spot from \$85.00 to \$90.00 for inch, Nos. 1 and 2.

—Those who profess to believe in the necessity for more banks in Canada, as well as those who are tempted, by interested parties, to subscribe stock in new banking enterprises, may find in the following paragraph food for thought as to the various risks which people run who become bank stockholders. The eleventh annual report, of the Pictou Bank has just been issued, and printed on the back of it, under the signature of the president, appears the following:—

PICTOU, Dec. 31, 1884.—The directors, in presenting their eleventh annual report, regret to state that in consequence of losses sustained through the misconduct of the late manager, Thomas Watson, who skillfully concealed from them large advances made to one John Logan, a tanner, they have been obliged to write off \$99,000 and pass the February dividend.

R. P. GBANT, President.

Turning the page, we find Profit and Loss account debited with \$99,000 --- that is, the whole of the reserve, which it had been for years accumulating; the whole net profits of the year 1884; the \$7,500 intended for dividend, and the sum usually alloted for directors' services are written off. Nine thousand dollars a year, for eleven years, gone at a swoop. The manager, a decent man, with a British Bank training, after years of plodding during which the bank had grown, allows himself to be weakly drawn into imprudent advances which he conceals, and the result is a heavy loss. Fortunately the bank has its customers and depositors in a good district and has good shareholders, there are 230 of them in all. It has assets of \$177,885 immediately available, total assets of over a million, while its liabilities to the public are \$830,-000, of which 193,615 is circulation and \$587,-291 deposits. So, while the Logan affair is not so serious a one for the bank as was locally reported at the time, it is, from a banker's point of view, a severe blow to have your reserve swept away and the work of years undone.

—The Manitoba Board of Underwriters held annual meeting on the 7th inst. Hon. Gilbert McMicken was re-elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. Robt. Strang remains secretary unother year.

CANADA LANDED CREDIT Co .- In the face of a light demand for money in Ontario and slthough doing only a very limited business in Manitoba, this company has earned several thousand dollars more profit last year than in 1883, and places \$6,526 to contingent fund in addition to increasing the reserve fund to \$135,000. This pleasing result may be in some degree attributable to the more favorable rates at which the company is borrowing; for while it is true that less of its loans in Canada were paid off during 1884 than in the previous year, it is also true that its new loans were much less. The amount of debenture money which the company paid off during the year was \$414,086; the renewals and new borrowings amounted to \$372,318. The president refers, in his address to the action of many among the farming community, who either run in debt in preference to selling their grain at current prices, or, being already borrowers, ask the indulgence of the loan companies until markets rise, rather than sell at once and pay their dues. We can quite believe the statement that this company "stands in excellent favor and credit" on the other side of the Atlantic, as it certainly does on this side.

BRITISH MORTGAGE LOAN Co.—The report of this company makes pointed reference to the feeling of depression amongst the farming community, many borrowers having been made el wer than usual in meeting their payments, by "a bad crop one year, followed by low prices the next." It may be expected, indeed, that the same reason will apply to the operations of a number of our loan societies. Nevertheless, the figures submitted show that this company has done a satisfactory year's business, the new loans made being almost double those of the previous year. The report is a very sensible one; and the conclusion of the directors, that loans on improved farm property are preferable to advances, even at higher rates, on other classes of security, is sound.

-Imports at Montreal during December included dutiable goods to the value of \$1,061,966 and free goods \$299,456, and the total was \$1,763.917, as compared with \$2,440,532 in the same month of 1883. Compared with the same month last year the decrease in dutiable goods is \$668,912, and in free goods \$119,388, while there is an increase of \$111,685 in coin and bullion. The principal falling off was in cottons which stand at only \$115,601, against \$568,808, in 1883; in woollens, of which the value is \$118,369, against imports of \$171,732 in 1883. Cu the other hand, iron and steel shows an increase, being valued at \$138,263, against \$126,859 in 1888.

-At the annual meeting of the Board of Fire Underwriters, at St. John, Mr. G. E. Fairweather was re-elected president and made a lengthy address on fire insurance. The rate committee, Messrs. R. W. W. Frink, W. H. White and J. E. Whittaker was re-elected, the secretary, Mr. Peter Clinch, being an ex-officio member.

The Guarantee Company of North America has declared a dividend, for the last six months of 1884, of three per cent. upon the paid up capital. The Accident Company of North America, under the same management, has also declared a dividend at a like rate.

The Quebec Fire Assurance Company has declared a dividend of five per cent. for last

meetings.

CANADA LANDED CREDIT COMPANY.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Canada Landed Credit Company was held at the company's office, Toronto street, in this city, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at noon, John L. Blaikie, Esq , president in the chair. There were also present Messrs. Edward Bull, M. D., were also present Messrs. Edward Bull, M. D., James Campbell, Thomas Leiley, John S. Playfair, John Y. Reid, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Wm. Alexander, C. C. Baines, Barlow Cumberland, James Graham, George Robinson, Alexander Smith, A. M. Smith, and James Webster, of Toronto; J. B. Osborne, of Beamsville: Hon. James Young, M.P.P., of Galt; and D. McGee, secretary, who read the following

BEPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in again meeting the Shareholders and submitting to them their Annual Report, along with the Balance Sheet of 31st December last, duly certified.

The profits of the past year have, it will be seen, enabled them to pay the usual dividerds at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, add \$5,000 to Reserve Fund, and place \$6,526.35 to Contingent Fund.

The Directons regret that they are unable to report any marked improvement in the demand for money, which continued light throughout the year. Rates of interest in Ontario are, however, rather steadier, 7 per cent. being now generally obtainable.

During the summer a considerable number of the properties mortgaged to the Company in Manitoba were inspected by the Company's General Agents there, and the Directors have every reason to be satisfied with the soundness of the securities held; interest on the Manitoba loans, notwithstanding the depression which has prevailed in that Province for the past two years, continues to be paid with a fair degree of promptitude.

As the debentures of the company, held in Great Britain, mature, they are either being re-newed, or new money obtained to take the place of such as are called up, at rates more favorable to the company than those formerly paid. A grodual reduction is thus being effected in the rate of interest paid by the company.

The amount at credit of sinking fund, being repayments on account of loans, the directors. for the simplification of the balance sheet, have in the present instance deducted this amount from loans, and will do so in future, instead of including it among the liabilities as has hitherto been done

The following are the results of the past year's transactions :

Profits. Net profits, after deducting the expenses of manrgement, \$13,587.11, and tax on dividends, \$812 38.. \$64,645 55 ppropriated as follows:

Dividend No. 46, 4 p. ct., paid 2nd July, 1884.. \$26,559 60 Dividend No. 47, 4 p ct., paid 2nd January, '85 26,559 60 Transferred to Reserve Fund Transferred to Conting't 5,000 00 6,526 35

\$64,645 55 Loans. Effected during the year\$196,257 00

Paid off during the year 209,074 52 Decrease \$12,817 52

Debentures. Borrowed during the year, new\$372,318 87 year 414,086 55

Decrease \$41,767 68

The officers of the company continue to discharge their respective duties to the satisfaction of the board

The following directors retire from office by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz John L. Blaikie, Esq.; Edward Bull, Esq., M.D., John Dunlop, Esq.; Thomas Lailey, Esq.; John S. Flayfair, Esq.; W. A. Parlane, Esq. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. BLAIRIB. President.

Toronto, 21st January, 1885.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1884.

Assets.	
Loans\$2,172,610	55
Less repaid to Sink-	

ing Fund..... 152,139 27 -\$2,020,471 28 Interest due and accrued...... 59.967 41 Canadian Bank of Commerce.... 11,566 54 Federal Bank of Canada 51,245 31 National Bank of Scotland 36,003 17 Cash ... 517 49 Property on Toronto Street..... 40,000.00 Office Furniture..... 206 00 Winnipeg Agency 2.134 64 Suspense

\$2,222,380 84

268 00

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	8663.990	00	
Reserve Fund	135 000	00	
Contingent Fund	5.555	02	
Debentures	1 384 030	18	
Debenture Interest, Reserved	4 745	44	
Dividends Unclaimed	2 491	60	
Dividend No. 47, payable 2nd Janu-	2,101	00	
ary, 1885	26,559	60	
Insurance	-0,000		

\$2,222,380 84

D. McGEE, Secretary.

Toronto, Jan. 13th, 1885. - We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Canada Landed Credit Company, and have found the above balance correct.

We have also examined the Securities in the Company's Strong Room, and found them in perfect order, as represented in the above state-

> GEO. P. DICKSON, Auditors. G. BANKS,

The President, in moving the adoption of the report said: "In moving that the report just read be adopted and printed for circulation among the shareholders, it will fortunately not be necessary to detain you by any lengthened remarks. The earnings of the company, it is gratifying to observe, have been sufficient to pay all expenses, two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, add \$5 000 to Reserve Fund, and carry \$6,526.36 to Contingent Fund. This is an increase over the earnings of last year of more than \$3,000—which in times such as have prevailed, is something to be thankful for. The demand for money has not been active, still a moderate amount of good business has been done. Prices for wheat, and indeed for nearly all kinds of farm produce, Prices for wheat, and have been very low for some time past, and many farmers have borrowed money and held their wheat, rather than sell at current prices; while some others have craved the indulgence of the company for some months. in the hope that after a little while they will get higher prices for what they have to sell.

Notwithstanding the depression that still prevails in Manitoba, payments, you will observe, are made with a fair degree of promptitude. I may state, however, that the company is doing a very limited amount of business there, and will pursue this policy until the future of that province is more fully assured.

The loans are now about \$13,000 less than a This decrease took place in the last year ago. month of the year, as it happened that two or three loans were then paid off, and as they had been somewhat unsatisfactory for some time we were not sorry to receive our money.

The debenture debt of the company has been reduced by the amount of \$41,76.768 during the year. The company, it is gratifying to be able to say, stands in excellent favor and credit, and obtains money on very satisfactory terms, with a tendency to lower rates as years roll on. With respect to the Sinking Fund referred to

in the last paragraph of the report, I may say that in the past this account has always appeared among the liabilities, but as it was sometimes asked, "What is this Sinking Fund?" it has on this occasion been deducted from the amount of loans, thus making it perfectly clear to every one.

The only other matter that occurs to me is to explain that a large proportion of the money appearing in the statement as in the banks on 31st December was paid out on the 1st January for dividends and debentures.

And I would fail in my duty jid I not further and I would have a say that the company is fortunate in having a most efficient and attentive staff of officers, whose vigilance in the discharge of their respective duties contributes not a little to its success.

The report was adopted, and the usual resolutions were moved and carried unanimously.

The scrutineers reported the unanimous reelection of the retiring directors, and at a subsequent meeting of the board J L. Blaikie, Esq., was re-elected president and John Macdonald, Esq., vice-president for the ensuing year.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

The Annual Meeting of this Company was held at the Company's Head Office, Toronto, on the 19th inst. The President occupied the chair. The meeting was a very large and influential one. The Annual Report, Revenue Account, and Balance Sheet were read, as follows:—

and Balance Sheet were read, as follows:—
In presenting the report of the business of the company for the year ending December 31st., 1884, and of its present financial standing, the Directors of the North American Life Adsurance Company are again enabled to congratulate the members of the institution upon its continued success and prosperity.

During the year, applications for \$2,037,550 have been received, upon which were issued 931 policies for \$1,905,800 and 6 policies were revived for \$22,500, making a total of 937 policies for \$1,898,800, being an increase of 37½ per cent. upon the business of the previous year. This large increase in the Company's business is specially gratifying, and speaks volumes for the popularity of the Company with the insuring public.

A very large addition has been made in every department, tending to increase the prosperity and high standing the company had already attained. Out of the revenue for the year, the large sum of \$84,688.35, or 54½ per cent has been added to the essets to increase the reserve and surplus. The Premium and Interest incomes have very largely increased, a noticeable feature in the latter being that it more than exceeded the death losses of the year.

From the outset, the directors have recog-

From the outset, the directors have recognized the importance of building up the Company on a solid foundation. This can be done only by holding a large and increasing reserve fund and surplus, so that when policies mature by death, endowment or termination of tontine period they will be enabled to fully meet the contracts held by policy-holders. A reference to the revenue account and balance sheet will fully demonstrate how very successful the Company has been in this respect.

The large amount held in reserve by the Company added to its Guarantee Fund, held by prominent gentlemen in all the older Provinces of the Dominion, furnishes a security to its policyholders unsurpassed in this country.

The very large number of Semi-Tontine Poli-

The very large number of Semi-Tontine Policies issued during the past year is evidence that this plan is specially acceptable to insurers, combining as it does the privilege of the paid-up surrender value given to the holders of ordinary policies, with all the options given to holders of its favorite Tontine Investment Policies.

No extra charge is made by this Company on the premiums on its Tontine or Semi-Tontine Policies, but the premiums are the same as on its like ordinary policies.

its like ordinary policies.

It is very gratifying to notice the great progress being made by our Home Companies. The Government reports show that the life insurance business of Canada is being very largely done by these companies. By the success of such home institutions the money which would otherwise have gone abroad is retained in Canada and thus used in building up and extending Canadian interests. The Directors consider this an important element tending to increase the prosperity of Canada and one that intending insurers should carefully consider when contemplating insuring.

insuring.

The Government reports also show that the entire and rapidly increasing resources of our Home Companies are invested in this country. On the other hand, of the reserve of \$7,200,756.45 required for the security of Canadian policy holders only \$1,708,051.18 is held by the United States companies in this country, and of this only \$88,051.11 is in Canadian securities. It is manifest also that the advantages and convenience to policy holders are largely in favor of dealing with well managed Home Companies.

Without disparaging any of our home competitors, it is interesting to notice that this Company has secured a much larger amount of income, new insurances, and business in force, and more especially laid by a much larger sum in reserve than any of them accomplished during the corresponding period of their history.

This result is largely due to the efforts of the Directors to place the great advantages which life insurance affords within the means of the largest number of persons possible. Whilst recognizing the importance of keet ing within the lines of safety, the Directors have from time to time endeavored to make their policy contract a very liberal one. Objectionable and technical clauses to be found in many policies have been omitted. The policy is also made indisputable after being three years in force. It is also made payable immediately after satisfactory proof of claim has been furnished, instead of compelling the beneficiary to wait 60 or 90 days for payment.

The Directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum to June 30th next, payable on July 2nd, be paid to the Guarantors as interest for the use of the Guarantee Fund, paid in cash by them. Of the dividend over six per cent. has been earned by the Guarantee Fund, which with the profits from non-participating policies, gives the policy-holders the benefit of the security of that Fund at a trifling cost.

The officient services of the Inspectors, Agents, Medical and Office staff again deserve special recognition.

In resigning the trust confided to them the Directors have every confidence that the same prudence and watchfulness which have placed the Company in its present satisfactory position,

will be maintained and perpetuated in the future.

The Directors all retire, but are eligible for re-election.

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,

President.

Toronto, Jan. 19th, 1885.

> \$347,933 63 Cr.

1884.				
Dec: 31.	By expenses	8	22,068	31
"	" Commissions and sal-			
	aries to agents		20,521	63
44	" Re-insurances		9,532	73
44	" Claims paid under		·	
	policies		8,991	01
**	" Surrendered policies.		1,054	83
44	" Annuities		212	00
66	" Interest on Guaran-			
	tee Fund at 8 per			
	cent. from dates of			

guarantors...... 8,260 30

"Balance as in 2nd 277,292 82

\$347,933 63

cash payments by

BALANCE SHEET.

1884. LIABILITIES.

Dec. 31. To Guarantee Fund.... \$60,0

I. To Guarantee Fund.... \$60,000 00

"Assur'ee
andennuity
funds.. \$200,000 00
Lees for

re-ins's
said reinsur'e
policy 20,150 00

"Contingent fund to provide for the collection of outstanding and deferred

7,500 00

29,825 04

\$277,292 82

117 78

premiums, and other
charges accruing on
year's business....
' "Amount paid in advance......
' "Surplus......

1884. ASSETS.
Dec. 31. By Dom Gov'e deposit debentures 48,400

"	" Do. do. cash 6,440	54,840	00
44	" First mortgages on		
	real estate	78,950	00
"	" Loans on stocks,		
	nearly all on call	46,640	
"	" Reversions ,	7,500	47
6 6	" Preliminary expenses		
	(balance)	1,000	00
66	" Furniture	915	00
"	" Short date notes for		
	premiums	25,671	80
44	" Premiums on existing	•	
	policies in agente'		
	hands and in due		
	course of transmis-		
	sion	10.130	86
66	" Premiums on existing	20,200	••
	policies due subse-		
	quent to Dec. 31st,		
	1884	12,932	28
	(Reserve on this and	12,000	2.9
	preceding items in-		
	cluded in liabilities)		
	" Loans on policies	306	75
44	" Special deposit	875	
**	" Commuted commis-	010	00
	sions	7.500	ΛΛ
"	" Interest due, \$14.60;	7,000	00
	accrued. \$3,462.22	3.476	0.0
16		324	
	" Agents' balances " Cash in head and	524	11
• •		2 400	ο.
44	branch offices	3,406	
••	" Cash in banks	22 832	96
	-	9077 000	
		\$277,292	8Z

WILLIAM McCABE,
Managing Director and Actuary.

We have examined the books, documents and vouchers representing the foregoing revenue account, and also each of the securities for the property in the above balance sheet, and certify to their correctness.

Jan. 2, 1885.

JAMES CARLYLE, M.D., Auditors. W. G. CASSELS,

We concur in the foregoing certificate and have personally made an independent examination of said books, and also of each of the securities representing said property.

E. A. MEREDITH, LL.D., Auditing Committee WM. GORDON, of the Board.

The Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, M. P., president, in moving their adoption said:—

"Nothing could be more satisfactory than the Company's last year's business. This is largely due to the strong and influential names of those who are guarantors, to its energetic and careful management, to the zealous work of its agents and to the popular plans of the Company.

In proportion to our business, this Company's security to policy holders is more than equal to that of the best of the older companies and we consider it as absolutely good as that of any of them.

Recently a class of co-operative societies has sprung up in which we have no confidence ourselves, and in which the public should have little confidence, for no cheapness can make up for the false principles upon which these associations are generally founded and conducted.

From time to time our agents have complained of the unfair comparisons made by some of the olders companies as to the ratio of expenses to income. As the income of life companies includes both premiums and interest, I need not tell you that the comparisons so made are most fallacious and misleading. Prof. Cherriman, the Superintendent of Insurance, has repeatedly stated that "such percentages ought not to be taken as a proper gauge of the economy of management of a company," and although he has omitted such ratios from his recent reports, still these unfair statements are continued. Manifestly the expense of collecting interest and investing the funds of a life company, bears a very small proportion to securing new business and collecting premiums. We have investigated the cost of new business, which is, after all, one of the best tests of the economy of a company, and believe that ours is as economically conducted in that respect as any of our competitors.

I am sure it will be of great interest to all of you to learn the splendid progress our Company has made. When compared with the most progressive of our home companies, at the end of their fourth year, I find that in assets, premium income, volume of new insurances, amount at risk, and reserve held, we largely exceed any of them

Our position at the end of the fourth year is

superior to that of some of the best of them in their eleventh and twentieth years respectively, in amount of business and premium income. In 1867, being 20th year of our oldest home company, it had secured a total premium income of \$123,116.86, while that of this Comin its fourth year is considerably larger. Were it not for the depression in business that has existed during a large part of the year, no doubt we would have secured a much larger business. If with so many elements against us our business in the past year has been so satisfactory we may fairly look forward to a large increase during the coming year,—when we all hope, irrespective of party—that every cause of depression may be removed. But a young country like ours has a vast recuperative power, and notwithstanding business depression our farmers hold a large amount of wealth, and so while suffering depression to a large extent, ours is still a rich and noble country, and one that will afford abundant business for home companies properly conducted.

The last Government report shows that the liabilities of American companies to Canadian policy-holders amount to \$7,200,756.45, while their assets in this country amount to only \$1,708,051.18; and of such assets only \$88,051.18 are in Canadian securities. If any of our companies wish to do business in the United States, they must deposit with the State governments American securities; and the American companies coming here should be required to invest the reserves on their Canadian policies in Canadian securities. In justice, Canadian and foreign companies should be placed on an equal footing. This can be done without in the slightest degree, interfering with the freedom of control, which no legislation should infringe upon. I am quite sure my friend the Hon. Mr. Morris, Vice-President, agrees with me in this.

It again gives me pleasure to advert to the tact of our Managing Director, his method of giving instructions to agents and his arrangements made with them, and, altogether, his absolutely correct supervision of the office, is one of the great elements of our success. Nothing could exceed the ability, and the far-seeing business capacity of Mr. McCabe, as I have myself witnessed it day by day, and I venture to say that every one who has come into business connections with him in any way, especially in regard to the affairs of life insurance, would say that he is one above all other men in the right place.

Hon. A. Morris, M.P.P., in congratulating the Company upon the fine position it had already attained, said that his friend the President had entered so fully into the details that there was really very little for him to say. He observed with great satisfaction the evident growth of confidence throughout the Dominion in life insurance. Early difficulties and prejudices have been largely removed, and it is now recomized as a safe and easy manner of making provision for families. The Company's progress during the year has been due also to the growing fealing towards the support of Canadi .n institutions by Canadians. It is felt that it is better for them to deal with a company of their own, controlled by their own men, having their own funds invested in it, than to have to deal with a foreign corporation. The roots of this company are striking down deeply into the soil of the Dominion. In every Province of the Dominion, and even in Newfoundland, the Company has already established agencies with a satisfactory down of spaces. Notwith with a satisfactory degree of success. Notwithstanding the depression that has been alluded to, and which has been felt so severely in Manitoba and the North Wost Territories, he believed that the silver lining of the cloud is seen, and that the severest of that depression is based. past, from the rising country which is part of the heritage of the Dominion—a country of whose native wealth he felt competent to speak with the country of the head to add with the greatest confidence. He had to add his testimony to what has been said with regard to the efficiency of the Managing Director, Mr. to the efficiency of the Managing Director, Mr. McCabe, the great care and diligence exercised by the chief medical officer, and he was also gratified to acknowledge the great pleasure he epicyed from his co-operation with the vice-president, Mr. Blaikie, who had exercised constant and careful supervision over the company's affairs. He (Mr. M.) had had twelve years active experience as chairman of a life company active experience as chairman of a life company doing a large business in this country some years ago, and he had had opportunities of iudging of Mr. McCabe's capacity for the special line of business with which he is at present entrusted.

man for the place; he thoroughly understands the principles of life insurance, and it is a satisfaction to find that we have such an officer to guide and assist the Directors in the discharge of their duties. Then the secretary, Mr. Goldman, is most faithful in the discharge of his duties, and we have a staff of agents and medical men that must contribute to the success of such an institution as ours. He hoped next year's business would be as prosperous as that of this year. Our policy has been to conduct our business on strictly business principles, to avoid conflict with other companies, but to put our claims plainly before the people of the country, to rest upon the excellence of those claims, and to compete with other companies by fair and honorable means for the large business of our country that is developing so fast, and that bids so fair to be one of the powers on this continent.

John Morison, Esq, Governor of the British America Assurance Co., endorsed what had been said by the President as to the disadvantages of Canadian companies as compared with American, and thought the relations between the two countries on this subject should be reciprocal.

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The report was then unanimously adopted.

Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, on rising to move the thanks of the policy-holders and guarantors to the President, Vice-Presidents, Directors, and members of the Provincial and Local Boards, said that it afforded him much pleasure to see that he and his friend Mr. Morris were agreed in their views on this subject, and in the support of our home institutions. It appears from the statements submitted to-day that the Company is in a most excellent and hopeful condition. From the invariable accuracy which characterizes everything that falls from the President, he knew how perfectly we could rely upon every figure he gave us and every word he spcke. He had no doubt that Mr. Morris was equally accurate in his statements, and the Company being in that condition, uniting so much that is good in both political parties in its management, the recult has been very satisfactory. The success of the Company of course we all know is largely due to its excellent management. It is well, therefore, that we should pass this resolution which he moved most heartily.

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Rev. Dr. Nelles, Principal of Victoria Univer sity, in seconding the motion, said he had a great deal more faith in some of the gentlemen having charge of this Company than he would have in himself if he undertook to examine into a question founded on such exact and well-set-tled principles as that of life insurance; and when he saw the names of the President and the Hon. Mr. Morris and Attorney General Mowat, who represented such very opposite views some-times on public matters, but who are so heartily united in this, he felt convinced that what they all agreed upon must be sound. The President's own name in any matter that would require us to repose confidence in strict business integrity and business competency would be a tower of strength. He had also such thorough personal knowledge of the Managing Director that he did not hesitate to say that his name also being connected with the Company as manager had greatly influenced his mind in becoming a tentine policy holder in the company. He hoped in conclusion that the company would continue to enjoy the prosperity shown in the report read to-day.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

A by-law regulating the cash surrender and paid-up values as passed by the board was ap-

On the motion of Dr. Carlyle, seconded by Jas. Scott, Director of Dominion Bank, the thanks of the meeting were given to the other officers, inspectors and agents of the Co.

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On the motion of Wm. Alexander, Pres. of the National Investment Co., seconded by J. K. Kerr, Esq., Q. C., the same amount as last year was voted to the President and Vice-Presidents in recognition of their valuable services.

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Scrutineers were then appointed when the retiring Board was unanimously re-elected with the addition of J. K. Kerr, Esq., Q. C, to fill the vacancy therein.

The meeting then adjourned, whereupon the Board met and re-elected the officers of last year.

doing a large business in this country some years ago, and he had had opportunities of ludging of Mr. McCabe's capacity for the special line of business with which he is at present entrusted; and he would say that he is the right co., the silk manufacturers.

At the Montreal carnival, Mr. Prowse will dispense Chase & Sa born's coffee as well as Johnson's fluid beef in his daily "At home." Badges for committeemen were selected from samples furnished by Messrs. Belding, Paul & Co., the silk manufacturers.

BRITISH MORTGAGE LOAN COMPANY.

The shareholders of the British Mortgage Loan Company met in annual general meeting in their new office, Stratford, at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon last. The attendance, which was very good, included Messrs. Andrew Monteith, James Trow, M. P., James Corcoran, Thomas Ballantyne, M. P.P., S. S. Fuller, John Youngs, (Co. Oxford), J. W. Scott (Listowel), David Morton (Hamilton), George Innes (Brooksdale), John Parker (Ellice), John McMillan (North Easthope), Geo. G. McPherson, A. Fisher, Jr., (North Easthope), Hugh Moore (Dundas), Joseph Baxter, W. McGuigan, W. H. Whetstone (St. Marys,) Dennis Clifford (Downie).

On motion, Mr. J. W. Scott was appointed chairman, and Mr. Buckingham, the manager, secretary.

The manager read the following highly satisfactory annual report of the Company's operations during the past year, (being the sixth), with the statements appended thereto:—

REPORT.

By reference to the accompanying statements it will be seen that in spite of the depression which pervades all classes of the community, and particularly the agricultural interests, from which this company derives its chief support, the year's business has been exceedingly good. The failure of last season's crops caused in the early part of 1884 a considerable withdrawal of money on deposit; but since the summer and harvest, notwithstanding the prevalent low prices, the funds have been steadily flowing back, so that at the end of the year they were not far from the highest standard hitherto reached, and the receipts since then have brought them up to close upon a quarter of a million of dollars. Coincident with the temporary falling off in deposits, there was a slackness in the applications for loans. The monetary demand, however, has of late fully kept pace with the supply, enabling the directors to continue to make choice of good investments, and to keep the capital of the company profitably employed.

The results wrought out are the more gratifying, inasmuch as they have been attained after prevision has been made for the ascertained and anticipated losses on the operations of the company in previous years. Thanks to the esre which has always been exercised in selecting loans, the losses are found to be small in comparison with the volume of business done, and the length of time over which they have been spread, and it is a gratifying proof of the elasticity of our resources and the triviality of the entire bad debts, that in a single year—and that, too, a year of marked agricultural and commercial depression—these have been wiped out without at all entrenching upon the reserves, but rather permitting of their augmentation.

A bad crop one year, followed by low prices the next, has made many borrowers slower than usual in meeting payments. In the most of euch cases the directors have been able to grant indulgence, the margin on which the loans were negotiated justifying extensions of time on such arrears with safety to the company. It is the policy of the company to extend every consideration in emergencies, and thus to adapt its functions to the exigency of the occasion.

Experience has demonstrated the wisdom of adhesion to the principle on which we started out, of limiting the investments as much as possible to improved farm property, even though the attainable rates be somewhat less than in respect of advances made on other classes of security. We are confining ourselves with more than usual strictness to this kind of property.

On the advent of the new year, the company removed to the handsome and commodious premises on Market street, specially adapted for its accommodation, where, grateful for the successes of the past, the directors feel themselves warranted by the confidence which has been inspired in looking forward to a constantly increasing measure of future prosperity.

Andrew Montrith, President.

Stratford, Jan. 15, 1885.

Financial statement of the British Mortgage Loan Company of Ontario, for the year ended December 31st, 1884:—

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STATEMENT OF BANKS acting under charter, for the month ending 31st December, 1884, according to the

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J. M. COURTNEY, Deputy Minister of Finance.

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Deposits withdrawn	397,259	
Interest on deposits	8,498	
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Commissions on loans	37	
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WM. BUCKINGHAM, Manager.

We, the undersigned auditors, have carafu'ly examined the books and vouchers of the fully examined the books and vouchers of the British Mortgage Loan Company of Ontario for the year ended December 31st, 1884, and have found them correct. We have calculated the value of all the securities of the company to the 31st December, 1884, and we certify that the above balance sheet is a true exhibit of the affairs of the company.

WM. DAVIDSON, WM. ALEXANDER, Auditors.

Stratford, 14th January, 1885.

Reserve Fund

Balance to credit of profit and loss

overdraft, Bank of Montreal.....

account.

On motion of the president, seconded by Mr. Hugh Moore, the report of the directors, the financial statement, and the report of the auditors were unanimously adopted, after very favorable comment on the part of many shareholders. and a copy of the same was ordered to be sent

and a copy of the same was ordered to be seen to each stockholder.

On motion of Mr. Ballantyne, M P.P., seconded by Mr. Parker, Mr. Wm. Davidson and Mr. C.J. Macgregor, M.A., were appointed auditors

C.J. Macgregor, M.A., were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.
Moved by Mr. McGuigan, seconded by Mr. Baxter, that a poll be now opened for the election of twelve Directors, and that it be closed when one minute shall have elapsed without a vote being recorded, and that Mesers. A. Fisher, jr., and W. H. Whetstone be scrutingers.—

The scrutineers subsequently reported in writ-The scrutineers subsequently reported in writing that the former Directors had been re-elected, namely, Messrs. A. Monteith, James Trow, M.P., James Corcorau, Thomas Ballantyne, M.P.P., S. S. Fuller, J. W. Scott (Listowel), John Youngs (Youngsville), John McMillan (North Essthope), David Morton (Hamilton), John Parker (Eliice), George Innes (Brooksdale), Geo. G. McPherson. Geo. G. McPherson.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers of the company and the chairman.

A meeting of the Directors was afterwards held, when Mr. Monteith was re-elected President, and Mr. Trow, M.P., Vice-President.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 21st, 1885.

Since last writing we have been treated to a liberal allowance of snow, but unfortugately the blustering storm that accompanied it, prevented its remaining on the level and winter travel in the country is not the best, some spots being bare and others drifted. A good fall on the level bare and others drifted. A good fall on the level is needed to put things right. General trade, we regret to say, continues dult and flat, and payments have but little said in their favor. The stock market has again assumed a condition of inactivity, there being apparently little interest evinced by even regular concreter. Values are of inactivity, there being apparently little interest evinced by even regular operators. Vaines are a little off; Montreal 188½ to ¾; Merchants 110¾; Commerce 118½; Toronto 178; Peoples 55.

Money is easy at former rates.

Ashes.—The market is no stronger. We hear of sales of No. 1 Pots at \$3.37½, and \$3.35 to 3.40 is still the quotation, no seconds offering. In pearls no transactions reported, price still \$4.75 nominal. Stocks on 15th instant, 1,561 pots and 215 pearls.

Der Goods.—Wholesale business continues

DRY GOODS.—Wholesale business continues unsatisfactorily quiet, and reports from travel-

lers are not altogether of a cheerful character. One house, and a leading one, gives us figures showing that sales for this month to date just about half of corresponding period last year. Payments from the country are also complained of. There are no further definite developments as yet with regard to cottons.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Nothing fresh as re-DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Nothing fresh as regards prices, or calling for any alteration of quotations. Heavy chemicals are still in fair supply. Sal Soda, \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb. Soda, \$2.50 to 2 60; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to 1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs.; \$8.50 to 10.00; Borax, refined, 11 to 12½s; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 34c; do., pround, 36 to 36s; Tartarie Acid crystals, 52½ to 55e; do. powders 55 to 58c per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to 3.00 according to lot; Alum, \$1.85 to 2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground der, \$2.50 to 3.00 according to lot; Alum, \$1.85 to 2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to 3.00; Flowers Sulphur, sublim. per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25; Roil Sulphur, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to 3.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; German Quinine, about \$1.29 to 1.30; American do., \$1.30 to 1.35; Howard, \$1.30 to 1.40; Opium, \$4.35 to 4.50; Morphia, \$2.20 to 2.30; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33; White, 40 to 55c; Carbolic acid, 45 to 50c; lo dide Potassium. \$4.25 to 4.50 par lb. Lodina dide Potassium, \$4.25 to 4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to 5.50; Iodoform, \$7.50 to 8.00.

Fish.—There is no more doing than there was Fish.—There is no more doing than there was a week ago, but there are some signs of preparation for the ante-lenten demand. We quote, Labrador herrings, \$5.50; eastern shore, \$4.75 to 5; fat July, C.B., \$5.25; dry cod, Gaspe \$4.50; American cod, \$3.00 to \$3.25; green cod No. 1 being sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$4.75 to \$0; No. 2 about \$3 to 3.25; North Shore salmon, \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon, \$11; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Salt.—Business quiet, with prices a shade easier if anything. Elevens 57½ to 60c; twelves, very few to be had, 55 to 57½; factory filled, \$1.20 to 1.40; Eureka, \$2.40.

FLOUR.—Prices have a tendency to stiffien; buyers are holding off to some extent, but in the buyers are nothing on to some extent, but in the better grades the position decidedly favors holders. We quote, Superior Extra \$4.10 to \$4.15; Extra Superfine, \$3.95 to \$4.00; Fancy \$3.80; Spring Extra, \$3.70 to \$3.75; Superfine, \$3.40; to \$3.50; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.15 to \$3.25; Midlings, \$2.95 to

Wood.—Cape continues in very light supply and of Australian it is said there are hardly 25 bales in the market. Domestics are in better demand, and are rather firmer under better busi ness. We quote: 27 to 28 cents for A. supera; 22 to 24c. for B. do.; black, 20 to 28c.; unas-sorted, 20 to 22c.; Cape, 17 to 18c.; Australian, 19 to 28c.; as to quality.

Furs.--Raw furs keep coming in in fair quantity. Mink is if anything weaker, and the general average does not exceed 50c. Beaver is rather weaker, recent letter and cable advices from London indicating a probable falling off in prices at approaching sales. Some 120,000 will be offered at H. B. Co's. sale on the 26th inst., and Sampson's sale is on the same day. Skunk remains as before, an extra good lot of 100 skins that came in the other day, was graded as follows: 25 at \$1.00, 30 at 75c., 30 at 50c., and 15 at 25c. We quote the following fair average prices for prime fars, subject to the differences of to \$10.00; do., cub, \$4.00 to 6.00; Fisher, \$6.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$13.00; Cross do., \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, \$1.00; Lynx \$2.50 to \$3.50; Mink, average 50c; winter Muskrat, 10 to 12½c; Otter, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Raccoon, 50c. average; Skunk, 40 to 60c.

GROCERIES.—Trade shows some signs of livening up, and orders both from trav liers and by ing up, and orders both from trav liers and by letter, are coming in more freely. Payments in this line are fair. Sugars have developed considerable strength since our last, the St. Lawrence refinery is reported sold out, and stocks generally are limited, the quoted price for granulated is $6\frac{1}{2}$ s., yellows have advanced proportionately. Teas are more active, we hear of a sale of 250 packages of Japans on bank account at about 21s for shipment to New York count at about 21c. for shipment to New York, also of a sale of a similar lot at 20c., and 100 ½ chests of dust at 11½c. Prices are firm here and still good 2 cents below New York level, 14½c.
with stocks here none too plentiful for regular not ac
wants. In blacks and greens there is very little stock.

In coffees, Jamaica is weaker, a 50 to 75 bag lot selling the other day at 10½c., others very quiet. In fruits generally there is little doing; Valencias 9 to 9½c, a 1,500 box lot held by a bank was recently put on the market, and by a bank was recently put on the market, and filled any deficiency existing at the moment. Frunes are plenty and cheap. French selling at 4½c.; Turkish 5½c., in cases 6s. Canned good inactive and very little doing in them indeed. Black pepper is firmer, and would cost probably 18c. to lay down now.

LEATHER.—With some houses trade is reported fair, but trade as a whole is not so active as

ed fair, but trade as a whole is not so active as was anticipated when the shoe factories got to work after the holidays. Prices are still at last quotations, but are not likely to be positively fixed for a few weeks yet. We quote: Hemlock Spanish Sole B A. 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B.A. 21 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; 21 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 21c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 33 to 36.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 30c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 29 to 32c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; Imitation French Calfakins, 80 to 85c. Russet Sheenekin Linings 30 to 50c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is probably more doing in a general way, but there is no marked improvement to report, or sufficient doing to lend any firmness to prices. The home iron market is absolutely without change; here tinplates are very weak, but a good enquiry is reported at home. Late cables report ingot tin and copper firmer with considerable business, lead also stronger. General prices unchanged. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$19 to 19.50. Langloan, \$19.50; Coltness, \$19.50 to 20, and very scarce; Eglinton, \$17 to 17.50; Dalmellington, \$17.25 to 17.50; Calder, \$19.00 to 19.50; Hematite, \$20 to 22.50 according to braud; Siemens, \$19 to 19.50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75, Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Piates about \$2.90. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C. \$4.60 to 4.75 as to brand; do. I. X. \$6.00 to 0.00; Coke I. C., \$4 to 4.25; Galvanizad sheets, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24. 6\frac{1}{2}c., No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for tinplates are very weak, but a good enquiry is to 7c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24. 64c., No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands per 1(0 lbs., \$2.25; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to 2.75; Steel Boiler Plate \$2.25 to 0.00; heads, \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to 650; best cast Steel, 11½ to 12c.; firm; Spring, \$3.25 to 3.50, firm; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; Sleigh Shoe. \$2.25 to 2.50: Round Machinery Steel 3.50, 11m; Sleight Shoe, \$2.25 to 2.50; Round Machinery Steel, 32c. per lb. Ingot tin, 20 to 21c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 15 to 16c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Spelter, \$4.00 to 4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS .- From Britain there has been received advice of another advance in linseed oil of from 10 to 15/a ton, but in the absence of business here dealers cannot take advantage of the rise, and former quotations still hold. Seal oil is in light supply and is now pretty well in the hands of one concern, prices consequently are advanced, steam refined has been quoted at 65c. and latterly we hear 67½ has been asked for round lots, with the probability of going higher; pale vat and straw at proportionate figures, and very little to be had. Turpentine is also firmer in the South and New York, but local prices are still as before. and castor oil unchanged. Lead and colors remain at old figures, and we quote White Lead main at old figures, and we quote White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1 \$5,50 to \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to \$5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead, 6 to 6\frac{1}{2}c.; Red do. 5 to 5\frac{1}{2}c. These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris White, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50; Spruce Ochre, \$2 to \$3.00.

Provisions.—The butter market is feature-less; stocks are large here and planty in the

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is feature-less; stocks are large here and plenty in the country in the farmers' cellars, &c., while there is no export demand. We quote Creamery 21 to 23c. Townships 17 to 20c., Morrisburg 15 to 19c. Cheese, fancy fall makes, 12 to 12½c., other grades 8 to 11½c. as to quality. In pork there is little doing; Western mess is \$15.00 to \$15.25; Canada s.c. \$16.00 to \$16.25; dressed hogs, \$6.50 in car-lots; lard 9½ to 10½c.; hams 13 to 14½c. Eggs are in large supply, and business not active. We quote 22 to 23c. for choice fresh stock.

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TORONTO MARKETS.

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Toronto, Jan. 22nd, 1885.

The Stock Market started off strong and higher, but, on a rumor gaining currency that the forthcoming half-yearly dividend of 12 per cent on the Can. Pacific R. R. stock, guaranteed by the Government, would not be augmented by the additional 1 per cent. promised by the company during the progress of construction, prices eased off and part of the rise of the previous week was lost. Imperial and Ontario Banks have been exceptions, each advancing about 1 per cent. Buyers declined 1½ for Montreal, 1 for Toronto and ½ for Commerce. Federal sold down to 46½ but closed better at 47 to 48. British America Lawrence town to 45½ but closed better at 4/ to 45. British America Insurance has been rather weaker and Western Assurance stronger, the latter selling up 3 to 81. Transactions in Canada North West Lund have been made at somewhat reduced rates, the last sale being at 42/-. Loan Societies' stocks have been more active at about old rates, and the "bear" raid on London & Canadian has, at least for the present, quieted down. The market closed steady and dull, and there is a disposition to await a definite disposal of the report above alluded to of the report above alluded to.

DRUGS AND CHRMICALS—Remittances in this line have been satisfactory. Business is fairly active, in the way of assorting stocks, the disposi active, in the way of assorting stocks, the disposition being towards sparing buying. Quinine and iodine preparations are still firm; a sharp advance has taken place in bismuth and its preparations, the value of which is not definitely settled yet. Insect powder is beginning to be enquired for, has advanced at place of production and must go higher here. We quote camphor easier at 29c.; opium \$4.35; Quinine \$1.25.

CLOTHING.—Accounts given by several houses agree that the orders taken this month by tra-

agree that the orders taken this month by travellers are of very moderate extent, and that the policy of good retailers is generally that of extreme caution. One house reports the cash system as making steady progress, evidenced by the fact that the cash discounts of its customers for 1884 aggregate \$250 more than in the previous year. Retail stocks are not heavy, and the prevailing cold weather is having the effect of stimulating the sale of heavy goods in the country. Payments are very fair. tim

Dry Goods.—The present is not , and to expect many visitors to the warehouses ord sales

are mostly confined to small sorting as ders by letter. Travellers report retail sto in the country generally light, and in districts where snow has fallen retail trade is fairly brisk. There is a somewhat improved feeling in cottons, con-sequent upon the attitude of Canadian mills with respect to future operations, having in view the restriction of product. Grey domestics are still in over supply, but in other lines a more healthy tone is perceptible. It is too soon to say what may result from the efforts to reduce the make of knitted goods, but it is safe to pre-dict that the experience of the last twelve months in this department will not be forgotten. The prevailing "cold snap" is good for heavy Prevailing "cold snap" is good for heavy woollens trade and will help to reduce the stock of blankets and flannels.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Our quotations for flour are mostly nominal; a few odd cars of Superior Extra have brought \$3.65 per barrel, but millers are generally not selling, they are holding for \$4.00 and are likely to get it before long. Wheat having advanced 10 cents per bushel and flour only 15 cents per barrel in the same period, a rise in flour is to be looked for. Outside markets are are easy, however—a decline of 6d. Vesterday from London. Oatmeal dull and un-changed. Bran.—Scarce and has advanced;

offered to-day between dealers at \$11.50 per ton. GROCERIES — This is not a season to look for CROCERIES.—This is not a season to 100k for anything like activity, but there is as much doing as is usual at the present period. Teas maintain their price firmly, without any material change in quotations. The sugar market is advancing; the advance at the refineries is really so per normal or completed, and on vellows in ge per pound on granulated, and on yellows in proportion. Our prices current had gone to press before we could make the needed correc-Yellow, Can. Refined, 4½ to 6c; Extra granulated, 65 to 6½c; Standard do., 6½ to 6½c; off coming every day more and more scarce and although quotations are not altered an advance may be looked for any day in sound fruits: good may be looked for any day in sound fruits; good Valencias, for example, even if obtainable could not now be laid down at less than 10c per lb. There is, of course, plenty rain-damaged goods and these are being bought out.

-Wheat quiet and steady: although GRAIN. for round lots of spring 85c. would probably be paid, the actual movement is confined to lots of five to ten cars last week at 83 to 84c. for No. 1: 81 and 82c. for No. 2. The outside figures could be got to-day if any offered. Fall wheat, No. 2 is worth 84c. and possibly 85c., but in the face of yesterday's news of 6d. decline in Britain, any further advance can hardly be realized. Barley firm and looking higher, it is in fact scarce, for the stocks in store (127,000 bushels) are mostly held on maltsters' account, and market could be had for more at present quotations. There is five to ten cars last week at 83 to 84c. for No. 1: had for more at present quotations. There is no movement of rye. Oats are in demand at 31c. for best. Peas continue firm at our quotations, with small stocks on market.

STOCKS IN STORE.

The quantity of grain in store at the several wharves in Toronto, on the 19th day of January last, was as under, as also the stocks last week and last year :-

		J	an. 19, 1885.	Jan. 12, 1885.	Jan. 21. 1884.
Fall w	heat, bush		86,643	79.304	48,620
Spring	wheat, bush	11	19,093	94.350	60.077
Oats	• "		869	1,290	2,560
Barley	64	1	27,792	118 026	159,355
Peas	66		13,713	16,091	20,538
Rye	"		1,741	1,101	,
Corn	"	••	1,700	••••	••••

Total Grain....352,651 310,162 295,110

LUMBER.—The market is quiet, dealers are only sorting up for immediate use. Stock is being taken or else has been very recently taken and there is no movement. Prospects for next season are as get indefinite, and it is not easy to say what will be the effect on prices. There is no demand for bill-stuff as yet, but there are enquiries, and the indications are that there will be a fair amount of building done in the spring. The section of country that supplies Toronto has a light stock. Very little is held by millmen, goods having passed into the hands of dealers. Prices are maintained meantime.

HARDWARE.—For this season of the year trade is fairly good, the average size orders moderate. We have made no changes in quotations of pig iron, but note that Nova Scotia pig is in market at 20.00 for No. 1 and 19.50 for No. 2. Bars, hoops and bands are steady. Boiler plate in fair request. Window glass is in fair supply at unchanged prices.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A fair business is passing. Green hides maintain their price, 7½ to 8c., and cured meet with request at 8½c. Sheepskins are in good supply and not so much wanted: best still bring 90c. but some only 65 to 80c. Calfskins are wanted and not very many offering. Sales of cured are fairly active at our quotations. No change in price of tallow.

Provisions.—Matters are decidedly flat, the only movement being in lard and smoked meater. Offerings of dressed hage have increased materially and packers are indifferent about buying. They have been bidding 6.00 on spot for choice cars. Holders views, however, remain higher, farmers' offerings have been taken at from \$6.00 Some sales of common butter have to \$6.10. been made as 9 to 10c., but no large clearing could be effected even at these figures. The usual jobbing trade in cheese continues. Dried and evaporated apples and white beams and duli and nominal. Hops are flat.

BRITISH MARKETS.

London, Jan. 21 '85.

Beerbohm says:—London—Floating cargoes Wheat, nil; maize, rather easier. Cargoes passing—Wheat and maize, declined about 3d.
Mark Lane—Wheat and maize, rather easier; good cargoes red winter wheat, off coast, 35s. 6d., was 35s. 6d. to 36s.; good cargoes No 1
California wheat off coast, 36s. 6d., was 36s. 6d., to 37s.; No. 2 red winter wheat, shipment present and following month, 35s. 4d., was 35s. 6d.; do., prompt, 35s. 6d., was 35s. 9d.; No. 2 spring, prompt, 33s., was 33s. 6d.; mixed American maize, prompt, 23s. 3d., was 23s. 6d. English country markets, turn dearer; French, steady. Paris—Wheat and flour, firm.

Liverpool, Jan. 21, '85. London, Jan. 21 '85.

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Noon quotations shew breadstuffs steady and unchanged: Flour, 10s. to 11s. 6d.; spring wheat, 7s. 4d. to 7s. 6d.; red winter, 7s. 4d. to 7s. 9d.; corn, 5s. 1½d.; barley, 5s. 6d.; oats, 5s. 5d.; peas, 6s. 0d.; pork, 64s. 0d.; lard, 36s. 6d.; bacon. long clear, 32s. 9d.; short clear, 33s. 9d.; tallow, 33s. 9d.: cheese, 62s. 0d. Butter, U. S. finest, 107s. 6d.; good, 85s.

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It will be Admitted without dispute that this is a deplorable state of affairs, and should if possible be remedied at once, both in the interest of consumers and the trade. Nothing could be simpler than the means at command to reform this evil which affects every household in the Dominion. Let every consumer rebel against adulterated Coffee and insist that his grocer shall furnish him nothing but what is strictly pure. Let the retail grocer buy only such brands of Coffee, as are protected by positive guarantees of purity from such reliable roasters and packers as Chase & Sanborn, whose mills and principal offices are located in Boston, Mass., U. S. A., and who have a branch establishment recently located at 435 St. Paul St. Montreal, P. Q.

That this firm sells no Coffee which is not guaranteed to be entirely pure may be seen from a persual of three Documents from the office of the Public Analyst in Montreal, Dr. John Baker Edwards, Ph. D., D. C. L. F. C., Professor of Chemistry. These documents bear dates respectively of Nov. 21st, Nov 29th and Dec. 3rd, 1884. In the first, Dr. Edwards certifies that he has examined and tested, both analytically and practically, five samples of Coffee taken from as many different sealed cans ready for shipment and that he found them all "perfectly genuine ground Coffee ef ex-cellent quality and flavor." He further states that in consideration of the general and extensive adulteration of ground Coffee in Canada, which has seen exposed repeatedly in the reports of the Public Analysts, the existence of an establishment devoting its attention entirely to the supply of pure ground Coffees is a matter for a public congratulation. It is the belief of this enterprising firm, he adds, "that the public taste (which has being so long satiated by gross admixtures of chicory and roast d grain and peas) will be educated to appreciate the superior aroma and more refreshing effect of pure coffee when it is offered in variety of quality and flavor derived from differences of climate and soil, but with the uniform guarantee of genuine berries, skilful blending and perfect roasting under each of these several branches.

In his second report, dated Nov. 29th, Professor Edwards relates how he obtained five samples of Chase & Sanborn's coffees from several retail grocers in Montreal, and having tested them reports that he finds them all to be pure Coffee. The final report, Dec. 3rd sums up his conclusions as follows: He certifies that a thorough analytical examination of each of the twenty-one brands of ground Coffee offered in Messrs. Chase & Sanborn, Montreel list, proves them all to be genuine and well rossted Coffees of a variety of flavor and strength.

He adds these remarks. Several of these samples were taken from sealed tins consigned to wholesale grocers, several were secured unbeknown to Mesers. Chase & Sanborn at various retail stores, and others by their consent were taken from the stock in their warerooms. I am satisfied of the general superiority of these Coffees and of their genuine chara and if the consuming public were acquainted as I am wi'h the delicate and fragrant aroma which these am wi'h the delicate and fragrant aroma which these coffees possess, the use of chicory would be abandoned. In conclusion he names the most favorite brands of Standard Java. Java and Mocha, and other blendings posses sing superior quality according to their several growth, soil and varieties. With these facts thus set forth by an unquestioned authority, the conclusions to be naturally drawn from them scarcely need to be pointed out to an intelligent public. The evil is acknowledged and notorious, and the relief has been clearly stated.

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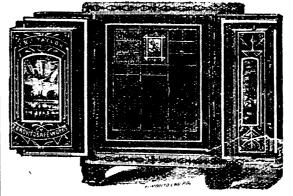
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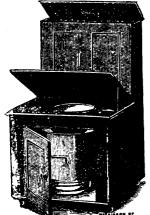
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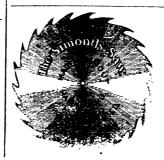
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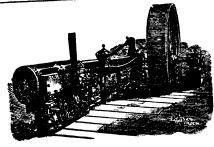
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