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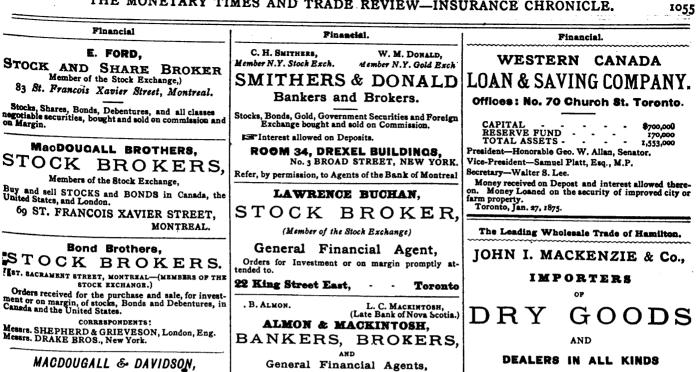
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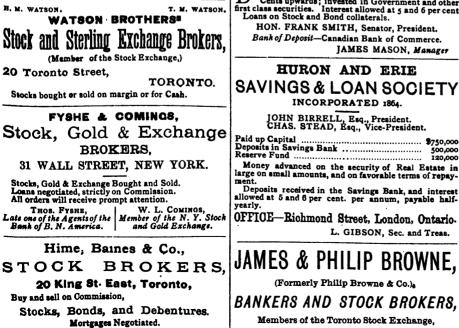
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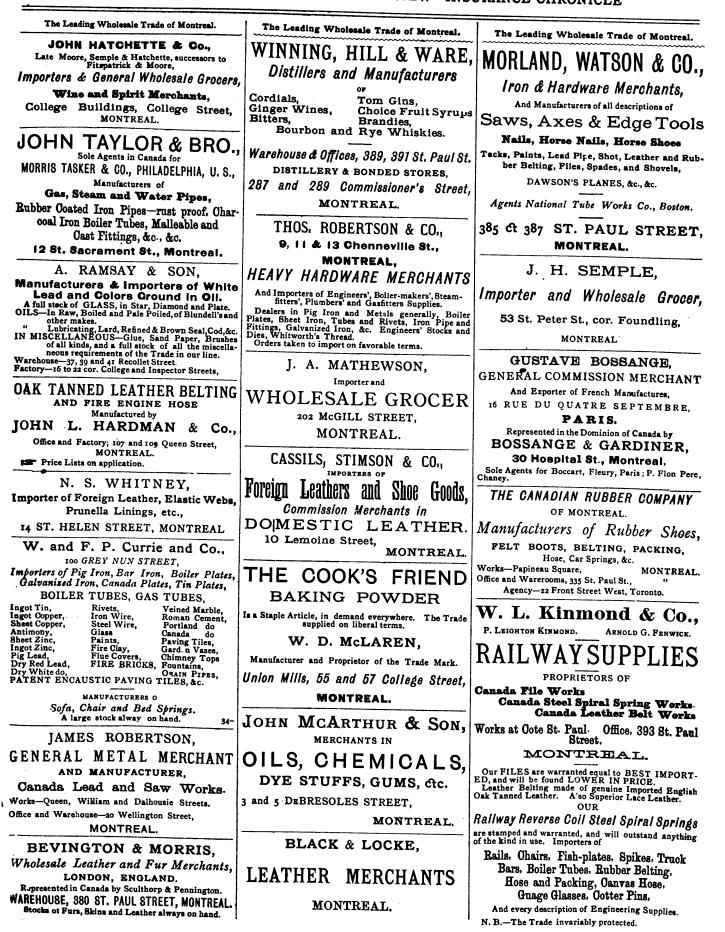
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Mr. FORBES has introduced a Bill to amend the present Act relating to the inspection of fish, &c., throughout the Dominion. "The Inspection of all pickled fish cured for market or exportation, and of all fish oils, codfish tongue, or codfish sounds, cured for such purpose and contained in any such packages as are hereinafter mentioned, may be had by the owners thereof, in every Province of the Dominion, at any place where an Inspector is appointed by law." The former Act is to be repealed.

"THE way of the transgressor is hard" is an old proverb which can be realized by G. A. Smith and N. Davenport who absconded nearly two months ago from Guelph and Stratford respectively. After being under arrest at Ogdensburg for nearly a month, paid over to Mr. Fair, the assignee of their estate, the former \$11,000, the latter \$600, in addition to the \$4,000 previously extracted from him, of their ill-gotten treasures.

THE "SUPBRIOR" is the name of the new Build. ing Loan and Saving Society that London (Ont.) is to be blessed with. This, we believe, is the fifth or sixth institution of this class that the Forest City can boast of. The majority of the others have been successful, and we presume it is the intention of the promoters to make this Society what its name indicates—Superior to all others. THE LEGISLATURE of the State of Main, a few days ago, spent some time "hatching" over a bill to regulate the sale of Eggs by weight, and, after solemn deliberation, the bill was rejected. This we think was a mistake; however, the Legislature would have saved themselves a little ridicule, had they left this matter to be dealt with by the Produce Exchange.

THE IMPERIAL BANK has secured temporary premises in a central locality, and on Monday last opened an office for the transaction of a general banking business. Already \$620,000 of capital has been subscribed, about twenty-five per cent. of which has been paid up. The Imperial commences business under good auspices, and there is no good reason why it should not be a success.

AMONGST the local items of Montreal and Quebec respectively, we find the following in a Montreal paper: " It is stated that no less than thirty-three new dry goods stores are opening this Spring in Montreal." And this from Quebec: "The going into wholesale of a couple of large retail dry goods establishment, has thrown a lot of clerks out of employment, and now the most ambitious of the young men purpose opening a dry goods store for himself. The supply of goods in this line will much exceed the demand, and somebody must go to the wall." It is long since the supply of dry goods has exceeded the legitimate demand in Quebec and Montreal, as elsewhere; but the popular belief retailing dry goods as a money-making business does not seem to be shaken by any amount of adverse experience. We trust, however, that the above item about three-and-thirty more taking the dangerous plunge will prove to be incorrect, or at least exaggerated. If not, the amount of disappointment and loss to be endured by say thirty of them before this time next year is painful to anticipate.

IN A recent lecture delivered by Dr. Baker Edwards of Montreal, on the Adulteration of Food, some noticeable facts are brought out. After remarking the scope of recent English laws on this subject, and the experience of British and American analysts, he states that our Government commenced its legislation with the central authority of the Inland Revenue. It proposes to establish in a few central districts, well appointed laboratories, under the charge of the most experienced analysts the country can supply, aided by an efficient staff of assistants, and, through its own officers, to collect samples and report to Government the actual condition of the supplies of food, drink and drugs offered for sale. What course future legislation will take largely depends on the result obtained by the analysts of the department. Serious adulterations have been practised, it appears, in the articles of pepper and ground spices; the presence of copper has often been detected in green pickles, green peas, and other vegetables : confectionery is sometimes badly and fatally adulterated by colored pigments cortaining copper and arsenic. Coffee and chocolate are often admixed with foreign substances, but these are generally harmless ones. Tea, when highly coloured and of a cheap grade, is much more likely to be injurious.

LAST week we published a paragraph on the authority of a Montreal journal in which it was stated that the V. Hudon Cotton Manufacturing Company were about to issue debentures to the shareholders. The secretary of the Company writing us on this subject stated that no such proposition was made.

MESSES. GALLOWAY, BYRNE & WALLACE, retail dry goods dealers, Toronto, have found it necessary to call a meeting of creditors on Saturday next.

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Mr. N. B. POWTER, of Stratford, commenced business in the hat and fur trade with a small capital in 1871. During the latter part of the following year he obtained an extension of credit which appears to have afforded relief for the time, but this was not of long duration, for he again, during last summer, obtained a second extension, payable in six, twelve and eighteen months. With the assistance of branch stores in Ingersoll and Mitchell, he appears not to have succeeded, for a few days ago his affairs were placed in the hands of an assignee.

BORROWING AND LENDING MONEY was the subject of a recent Lecture, delivered by Mr. George Hague, Manager of the Bank of Toronto, before the students of the British American Commercial College. The Lecturer stated that there was three classes of borrowers. There are persons who borrow money without being engaged in business; these persons borrow from private lenders on varied kinds of security, and sometimes on no security at all; there are others who borrow upon good security on real estate. and on commercial paper from bill discounters, large capitalists and bankers. The private borrowers include those who borrow from friends and others. This kind of borrowing from friends is a very dangerous and risky business, and will often lead to a severance of friendship. His advice to them about borrowing from friends is the same as that which has been given to persons about to marry-" Don't." But if they do borrow from friends let them not conceal anything as to their position and as to what the money is wanted for, and let them always be prompt in their payments of principal or interest. When speaking of the qualification of commercial borrowers, he stated that prudence, honesty and wealth were the chief requisites, the latter being of the least importance. In conclusion the Lecturer urged the young men to shun intemperance; for, in a business point of view,



mercial career as intemperance. A man may have a good head for business, and be possessed of the qualifications of forethought and aptitude for buying and selling, but if he falls into drinking habits everything will go wrong. But with this qualification of prudence, which includes foresight and temperance, let them cultivate that sterling quality "honesty." For "honesty is the best of policy." If they possess a character of this description, they could have as commercial men all the money they required. The subject of the Lecturer was of great importance to young men about entering upon a commercial career, and was handled in a manner well adapted to their wants. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. M. Smith.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, March 17, 1875. Business very dull, but some arrangements being made about developing to some extent in the north-west as early as it is practicable. The production continues about the same. Shipments still very small, not exceeding some 2,500 brls. all told. The Refiners have about closed up all the refineries in their new association, and are now busy trying to make arrange. I and the same amout in the Scottish Imperial.

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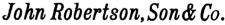
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ments with the producers. If this is done, prices will rule in accordance with the prices in the States-duty added. Business although very flat, cannot be said to be worse than last week. Crude, \$1.00.

FIRE RECORD .- Thorold, March 13 .- A fire broke out in Lalleys grocery, and extended to Arnolds grocery, McIntosh's harness shops, and Lampmans store adjoining, Arnold was insured for \$1,000; Lalley's insurance not known. St. John, N. B., March 8.—Messrs. Wales &

Greens brass foundry was almost consumed, the fire extended to P. McGoldrick's junk store. Messrs. Wales & Green are insured for \$1000 in the Scottish Imperial, and \$1,000 in the Royal Canadian, on stock and building. Their loss they estimate at \$8,000. Mr. Goldrick had insurance on his stock for \$1,000 in the Northern,



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TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY MAR. 19, 1875

HOW LONG IS THE STRINGENCY LIKELY TO LAST?

If we consider the causes which have brought the stringency about, we must conclude that it will almost certainly last for some time yet. We have already pointed out that an unreasonable expansion of loans and discounts has been taking place during the last few years, and that the expansion must in the nature of things have stopped at some time. A check was given by the withdrawal of deposits during January, and banks were compelled to stop any further enlargement of borrowing facilities. The limit of their lending power was then reached. The stringency has been largely caused by the maturing of engagements which had been contracted during the period of expansion, and which have now to be met at a time when further expansion cannot be continued. If the banks were to receive a large accession of means in the shape of increased deposits, which they could rely on being continued, they could accommodate their customers still. But there is no prospect of this. Or if they could draw for a large amount on funds they may have lying in England or the States, or draw upon credits arranged for in those countries, that would give relief. But there can be no doubt that these resources have already been availed of to the utmost extent possible.

The only other source from which relief can come is the money received in return for produce shipped out of the country.

moves to market by rail, and is paid for. Every car-load of grain or other produce so paid for is an increase to the lending power of the banks, and diminishes the pressure to that extent. Shipments via Portland, of course, count in the same way. But the amount to be sent out of the country in payment for importations during the spring months is certain to be larger than the amount so received. Thus while the pressure is diminished in one direction it is increased in another.

There remains then the movement of grain, lumber, &c., after navigation opens. Now, that there is a very large amount of grain in the country is universally conceded. If there were not, the pressure would inevitably become more severe than it is. But with heavy stocks of grain in the country the pressure must be lightened to some extent as soon as that grain can move to the foreign market. Lumber, we fear, will not do much for us; and it is doubtful if square timber will do much either. Both are depressed, and likely to continue so. But of grain there is a large quantity in the country, and though the price is low, it will no doubt move to market during May and June. We do not, therefore, look for ease before then. And we doubt if even then there will be anything but a partial relief, for coming engagements abroad go on maturing. The only permanent remedy is curtailment of business. If every merchant in the country would cut down his business and borrowing 20 per cent. he would make as much money in the end, have a far easier mind, and would take his share of bringing things round to an easier position. We trust every one of our readers at any rate will enter upon such a course without delay. In considering the causes which have brought about the stringency we do not overlook the operation of the Legal Tender Act. That operation, however, cannot be reversed now and a change cannot be brought about so as to give any effectual relief at present.

INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

We have to thank several valued correspondents for information respecting the Insurance Bills, as submitted, rough-hewn, to the House of Commons, and as tinkered in Committee. It is not a little remarkable that measures affecting so important an interest should have been introduced and advanced to their present stage in so underhand a way, that, until a day or two since, no Companies not in the secret, knew anything of the intended provisions, still less received the courtesy of an early perusal of list of insurances of a score of firms in To-

hasty examination as the short time at our disposal will allow, we are bold to affirm that the original measure, the work as it manifestly is of several persons, one or two with evident private interests to serve, and others with theoretical notions which will not bear the test of practice, has become so strangely confused in the attempt of the Committee to make a good bill out of a bad one, that it will be next to useless for any purpose whatever, while in many ways it will do irreparable mischief.

The Life Assurance bill seems to have been an after thought of the Ruling Powers, instead of, as we think it should have been, the object of their prime solicitude. The Marine interests are only alluded to in the most incidental and elementary manner. And the chief labors of the department which prepared, and the Committee which revised the curious work, seem to have been directed to the Fire interests, which least of all call for any interference.

While we have always claimed, what thinking people will readily admit, that stringent legislation and close official supervision are desirable in matters of Life Insurance, in which the bargain, made to-day, may not happen to be concluded during the life time of any of the persons to it-in which, indeed, the end of the contract is scarcely looked for within a generation-and while we are not yet converts to the view that the Fire Insurance laws of the various States are a cumbrous mistake, we do think that the Canadian law as it stands, which has worked well, and under which the Dominion has had cheap and good Insurance, is preferable to this proposed patch-work measure, which would only harass the Companies and inconvenience the Public.

It provides, for instance, that the deposit of all foreign Companies shall be increased to \$100,000. One of the most respectable of the American Companies doing business in Canada, which has been domiciled among us for fifty years, will by its provisions be probably excluded, for the existing deposit of \$50,000 is well understood to be made from the private means of its general agent; the Company steadily refusing to put up any money as deposit. We are mistaken if several other Companies will not in like manner prefer withdrawing to making the additional deposit required.

It provides that no Company shall take more at risk than 5 per cent. of its assets in Canada. Few foreign Companies have over \$100,000 of assets here, and very few will care to increase their investments in the Dominion. We have now before us the During winter a certain amount of grain the Acts. Having given the measures such ronto, all of them consisting largely of sums

of \$10,000, with short risks of \$20,000 and more in one Company. If all these are by law cut down to \$5,000, it will not merely cause all these firms much needless trouble and expense, but they will really be unable, if they go to all the Companies in the country, to get as much protection as they need. It will be at once seen how disastrous this will be to all commercial credit. One informant leads us to believe this clause has been struck out, but we have no certain information on the point.

The Bill makes provisions for the appointment of an Inspector of Companies, but gives him no rules to go by, so that practically the various Companies, transacting business as they do upon different systems, more or less complex, will be at the mercy, as to rules, of the Finance Minister of the day, whatever crotchets he may take into his head. Surely, in so vital a matter, the Legislature should pronounce upon rules, by embodying them in an Act. There is nothing in the Bill to trammel a meddling and irresponsible Inspector at all.

Finally, the measure is to be of the most partial application. The Mutual and the strictly Provincial Companies, which it was intended to ruin, have been too many for the Minister; they at least knowing the threats made and the plots laid by a couple of well-known Companies, have countermined their galleries of approach. We congratulate them on their exemption from the burdens of the ill-conceived Act. And yet we can hardly do this-for the Mutuals have their place in the insurance field; they have been of service, they will be of service yet; in some branches of insurance they are even the favorites, and will long remain so; and we are sorry they should be excluded from the benefit of appearing side by side in the Dominion returns with their more powerful sister Companies.

We suppose the Government majority, large as it is, will just simply put the Bill through-but we think we shall not have to wait long in that case for proof that we have estimated the measure correctly, as a harassing one to all interests and a benefit to none but the \$4,000 Government Inspector.

THE DOMINION NOTE ACT.

We print to-day a letter from a correspondent on this subject which contains a novel suggestion respecting the mode in which the Government might meet the liability entailed if the Act were repealed and the notes withdrawn. We can scarcely say that the suggestion is a desirable this week in the Montreal papers. A reone to adopt. If all the banks were to spectable firm in that city offer a reward of

grant a credit of such a large amount to the Government there would be just as great a danger as there is now of the demands of the Government disturbing the trade of the country. It is in the nature of all such credits that they are invariably required when it is most inconvenient for the money to be found. In other words, when the mercantile community would be pressing heavily on the banks for discounts, that, in all probability, would be the time when the Government would require accommodation on its credit. That might not inconvenience some of the banks, but amongst so many it would be almost certain to create difficulty. A Government account is not very easy to work and it is doubtful whether, even now, the account is not divided more than is expedient.

The more we reflect on this subject the more clear does it appear that any attempt to work the Act on the principle of keeping up certain proportions between issues and reserves will lead to perpetual difficulty and irritation. And of all things the most mischievous is the counting deposits in banks as part of such reserves.

If this Act is to be continued it can be worked without any interference with the banks or the business of the country on the basis of the Bank of England Issue Department. The same reserve of debentures would be sufficient as is held now, viz: \$7,000,000. For every dollar issued beyond that the coin should be held. Then the notes or gold would flow in or out as gold was marked for export or came into the country by way of importation. There would be no need to trouble about proportion for there would always be gold in the Treasure to meet any possible demand.

It may be too late to introduce any amendment this Session, but another year's experience of the Act we think will make it necessary to amend in this direction.

Meantime we may suggest that the auditor may adopt such a form of statement as will discriminate month by month between the notes in actual circulation: viz., those below \$20, the bulk of which are \$1 and \$2, and those held by the banks and used solely in settlement of balances. It is from these alone that any demand upon the Government can come, and the monthly statement should show how many notes the banks actually hold, how many they are bound to hold by law, and what amount is liable to be presented for gold.

RUMORS OF SUSPENSIONS.

A very significant advertisment appears

\$500 for such information as will lead to the conviction of the author of a rumor that they had failed. We are glad that the firm had the boldness to take up the matter in this spirit. Very often the rascally inventors of such false news calculate on the fears of a mercantile house, and that they will shrink from the very name of having been brought into difficulties. Any house has a repugnance to announce to the world, even by an advertisement of this kind, that its credit has been blown upon, and in many cases such a rumor would have been passed by in silence. But this is not always advisable. The bold policy is sometimes the safest, and there is such a community of interest in the mercantile world, that it is well for the whole, when one has the courage to challenge the falsehood, and publicly advertise for the offender. We trust the firm in question will be sustained in this course by the community. If they are fortunate enough to discover the author of the rumor, and prosecute him, they ought not to be left to bear the whole expense of it. The punishment for such "stabs in the dark" ought to be swift and sure; and it is a matter of public interest, or at any rate of mercantile interest, for such offenders to be feretted out. Society is not safe when they are at liberty to spread abroad scandal with impunity. No mercantile house can tell for a day when it may be attacked in turn; and credit is so delicate a thing, so easily blown upon, and so readily undermined at a time like the present, that it is of the highest interest of all who have it. and who by means of it are enabled to carry on their business with comfort, to visit with a swift retribution any who have attacked it by the invention and circulation of rumours. The original inventor is of course the prime party in the wrong; but scarcely less wrong is done by those who thoughtlessly circulate. We do not know the exact scope of the law, but imagine that the circulation, heedlessly, and without inquiry, of false rumours, damaging to the credit of a house, would render a partyliable to a suit for damages.

We shall wait the issue of this matter with great interest. It ought to be followed up. No compromise should be made. A mercantile community to whom good credit is the very breath of life cannot afford to allow such dangerous individuals amongst them, as the authors of these mischievous calumnies are. For this is not the only case. There has been too much idle talk of this kind of late. There are people who take special delight in spreading bad news. and are never so happy as when the air is full of rumors. And such stories seldom

lose in the telling. It is time, then, that an example was made and that the gossipping of idle quidnuncs, whose delight is in the real or fancied misfortunes of their neighbours are checked by a sober reflection on the possible consequences.

----THE DIFFERENTIAL DUTY ON TEA.

The reimposition of the differential duty on tea was regarded as certain, some weeks and even some days ago; and the announcement of the Minister of Finance that it is not to be proposed to Parliament will create much surprise. The motives for this determination are not very apparent. Mr. Cartwright, in announcing the decision of the Government, admitted that many gentlemen having a large interest in the wholesale trade had urged the reimposition of this duty; but that it was "opposed by some of the best houses in the country." So he balances some of the best houses against many houses, which impliedly are not the best; in other words quality carries the day against numbers. Of course we have no means of judging of the correctness of the grounds of the comparison ; we are not told how numerous or insignificant the many gentlemen were, or how few and important the few houses were. But what we do know is, that the bulk of the trade, which we do not undertake to parcel off into the distinctions which Mr. Cartwright set up, is in favour of the reimposition of the descriminating duties, for the reason that the Americans impose like duties, by which we are at present placed at a disad-The American descriminating vantage. duty prevents Canadian importers from selling teas in the American market; and the absence of a like duty here operates as a further discouragement to our importers. This Mr. Cartwright seems to admit, but he assumes that the result is a benefit to the consumer-the general public. Now this assumption is what we dispute. We believe that tea was, and would now and in the future be, as cheap in this country, with a discriminating duty as without it. The difference arises on a question of fact, in which we believe the Minister of Finance, with good intentions but narrow experience, is in the wrong. That Canadians now sometimes purchase teas in New York may seem to argue in favour of Mr. Cartwright's assumption; but the fact that the Americans purchased largely from Canadian importers. when both countries stood on an equal footing with regard to these duties, destroys that assumption. It is quite certain that we sold largely to the Americans when the discriminating duty was in force; and we

able to compete with their importers-to the difference to which we have referred. undersell them; and if we could undersell them, under that duty, its existence would give the Canadian consumer teas as cheap as he would have in its absence, if not cheaper. And the reason is plain : a large importing trade can be done at a smaller percentage of profit than a small one.

The simple fact that under the late duty we sold teas largely in the States destroys the argument of the Minister of Finance. There seems little reason to doubt that the Government has wavered on this question of the tea duties; that it was more than half disposed to adopt one line of policy one day, and that some accidental interference changed the current of its resolutions the next. Mr. Cartwright is not the most stable of Finance Ministers, and is probably liable to come too much under the influence of the latest interviewer. This time, we think he has come to a wrong decision, from whatever cause, a decision which will be received with regret by the commercial interest generally.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 1875-6.

Considerable progress has already been made in Parliament in voting Supplies for 1875-6. The estimates for the year amount in the gross, taking both capital and ordinary expenditure, to \$39,893,363. Last year the amount voted was unusually large, being a total of \$44,330,925, so that there is a reduction on the gross amount of \$4,437,-561. As these sums embrace capital expenditure, however, they afford no indication as to whether the ordinary expenditure of the Dominion is increasing or diminishing.

Of the gross estimates for 1875-6, the sum of \$15,035,875 is intended to be expended on capital accounts, and the redemption of the public debt-the latter amounting next year to \$318,750; the ordinary expenditure for the twelve months would therefore be \$24,-857,488. This is a very considerable expenditure-it is, in fact, surprising how rapidly the expenditure of the Dominion has increased during the past few years. It is a reductoin, however, as compared with the estimates for 1874-5. The total amount of the latter, taking the balances brought forward as well as the estimates proper, was \$25,470,649, which is greater by \$613,160 than the estimates for next year which the House is now voting. There are Supplementary estimates to be brought down as usual; what the amount of these will be, it is impossible to fortell, but it is minimum. This has been taken advantage

and make the estimated expenditure very nearly the same as it was last year.

The Estimates show an increase in some classes of expenditure, as compared with the preceeding year, to the extent of \$801,-801.07, and a decrease in others to the amount of \$1,414,961.78; this leaves the balance of \$613,130 already given. The chief items of increase are in interest on the public debt \$182,344, and in immigration and quarantine \$109,655; of the latter, the sum of \$100,000 is a loan to assist the Mennonite Emigration from Russia, and will be repaid. Then there is an increase of \$84,-249 in pensions, which is mainly to assist the veterans of the Militia who took part in the war of 1812, which no one will begrudge; and also a further expenditure of \$184,000 in the Postal department, which is caused by the introduction of free delivery of letters in cities, and other postal changes.

The decrease in the estimated expenditure is mainly in the Public Works department, the sum of \$309,450 being on Public Works and buildings chargeable to income, and the further sum of \$488,100 being chiefly on the Government railways in the Lower Provinces. These are very large reductions to be proposed in one department, and we shall look anxionsly next year to see if they have been realized by the actual expenditure. There is also a proposed reduction in the cost of the Militia of \$335,964, in subsidies of \$63,338, and \$81,-597 in boundary surveys.

At the commencement of Confederation the total ordinary expenditure of Canada was in round numbers \$13,500,000. It is now about \$24,000,000, so that the annual augmentation is nearly equal to two millions of dollars. But this inrease has not been uniform; for, in 1873-4, it was about \$4,-000,000. There is, therefore, a necessity for economy in the ordinary public expenditure, If the expenditure is too lavish, we fear more taxation may become necessary, and that is something which every effort should be made to avoid.

A SERIOUS DEFECT IN THE BANK-ING ACT.

A correspondent has called our attention to the fact that in enforcing the double liability clause against stockholders the Directors may grant them almost an unlimited time for payment. They are bound to call upon them at the end of six months, but not for more than twenty per cent. per month. This fixes a maximum but no could not have done so unless we had been not at all unlikely that they will swallow up of by the Directors of the suspended Bank

of Acadia, N. S., who have called upon the stockholders for one per cent per month only. Meanwhile the creditors have got nothing, and they are actually asked to compromise at fifty cents on the dollar. We have no hesitation in saying that this is a scandalous evasion of the spirit of the Act, but to prevent the possibility of such sharp practice being repeated, a clause might be introduced fixing a minimum as well as a maximum, say ten per cent.

IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO THE BANK-ING ACT.-Too important amendments have been made to the Banking Act. By the one, banks are forbidden to buy their own stock, except when it is necessary to realize a security. The other adds a column to the banking monthly returns, showing the amount under loan or discount to Directors, or firms of which Directors are members. Both these are useful amendments.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.-From the statement before us we find that this Company has had another successful year's operations; although the number of policies issued has not been quite so large as the previous year still there has been a large increase in the premium receipts which have amounted to \$1,442,478. The assets have also been increased over a quarter of a million of dollars. The statement shows a considerable increase in the surplus to policy holders, which now amounts to \$376,018. It will be noticed that the Company has made substantial progress, and with the exercise of the same prudent management we cannot see any reason why it should not continue to hold its place in the front ranks of the leading Life Companies.

UNION PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY .- The tenth Annual Statement of this Society, which may be found in another column, shows that this institutution has during the past year greatly increased its business, and strengthened its position. The amount loaned has been increased by \$105,000. The deposits also show an increase of \$76,550; the Reserve, which is now about 12 per cent upon the paid capital, was augmented \$10,000 during the year, and now amounts to \$30,000. A portion of this large increase was derived from the sale of New Stock, at a premium. The Shareholders have acted with shrewdness in placing Mr. James McGee upon the Board.

-Mr. Geoffrion has introduced a very necces, sary bill, to compel dealers in liquids, in casks to mark the capacity of each on the outside; such marking to be cut, or branded in the wood, and to indicate the number of gallons or the parts of a gallon contained therein. Any person stamping a quantity in excess of the

capacity of the cask; or using or delivering to any purchaser falsely marked, shall incur a penalty of not less than Ten Dollars for every cask so falsely marked, and double this amount for every subsequent offence. In cases of dispute, the capacity of any cask shall be determined by the weight of rain-water it will hold, the water being at a temperature of sixty two degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer and ten pounds of such water being reckoned as equal to one gallon. This bill has been read a third time and passed, and will take effect on the first day of July next.

-A recent decision by Chief Justice Wilson in the Court of Oueen's Bench, Ontario, and concurred in by two brother judges, involves some important Constitutional questions under the Confederation Act. The Dominion Government only, the Court holds, has the power to license brewers, and that the Local Legislature cannot impose an additional license, as that would be a restraint of trade and commerce, the regulation of which is vested in the Dominion Government. The Ontario Legislature has the municipal right to license or prohibit the sale of liquors in shops and taverns.

-The annual meeting of the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company was held in Montreal on the ard inst. and a satisfactory balance-sheet shown. The Manager's report states that all traces of fire are extinguished in the old workings, and that a recent firing of some gas in one of the old leads did no harm. More than half the old workings have been reclaimed, and the lower works under water which are now being pumped out will be shortly entered. A large fan, on the Guibal principle, will shortly be used for ventilating. Mr. G. A. Drummond was elected President, Mr. H. A. Budden, Vice-President, and Mr. H. Mackay, Secretary-Treasurer. The other Directors are Messrs. Peter Redpath, Gilbert Scott, R. Anderson, John Hope, D. L. McDougall and Robert Simms.

meetings.

UNION PERMANENT BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.

The tenth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Company's offices, Toronto Street, on Monday the 15th inst. The follow-

Annual Report.

Building and Savings Society, in submitting

their tenth annual report, have again the

pleasure to congratulate the stockholders on the satisfactory results of the Society's business

1. Capital.-The statements appended hereto will show the following results as compared

28th Feb. '74 28th Feb.' 75. Increase. \$192,675 18 \$241,519 18 \$48.844 00 87,482 46 164,033 34 76,550 88 20,000 00 30,000 00 10,000 00

\$300,157 64 \$435,552 52 \$135,394 88

The Directors of the Union Permanent

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for the past year.

Capital paid up

with the previous year :-

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Being an increase on capital account of \$48,844, an increase on deposits of \$76,550 88, and an addition to the reserve of \$10,000-which includes about \$5,000 premiums received on account of stock.

2. New Stock .- The Directors have now a balance of new stock to issue, and this will have attention from time to time, as the requirements of the Society may render it necessary

3. Deposits .- This branch of the Society's business has been largely increased, as the foregoing statements will show, but at the proper time the Directors, contemplate exercising the powers conferred by the new Act in obtaining money on Debentnre for longer periods at cheaper rates, and when this can be done advantageously they will not fail to avail them-selves of the first opportunity that presents itself.

4. Loans .-- During the past year the amount of loans effected on first-class securities exceeds that of the previous year by about \$105,000; and the repayments, without exception, continue to be met with regularity and attention.

5. Result.-The result of the business for the past year shows that two half-yearly dividends, Nos. 19 and 20, have been paid to stockholders at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, leaving \$30,000 to the credit of reserve, being nearly 121 per cent. of the paid up capital stock of the Society, besides the further sum of \$408,88 carried to the credit of contingent account.

6. Audit.—The attention of the stockholders is also directed to the report of the Society's auditors, Messrs. Carlyle and Williamson, showing that they have audited the books for the year ending 28th February, 1874, and that they have checked the voucher's mortgage register, &c., and find them correct, and in conformity with the statements.

7. Directors.-The Directors hold their seats from year to year, but are eligible for re-election. FRANCIS RICHARDSON. W. MACLEAN, Secretary. President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-FOR THE YEAR ENDING February 28, 1875.

R	ec	ei	b	ts

Cash in bank from last year	3,063	00
Cash on hand	82	74
Cash from stockholders		
Cash on account, mortgages	112,052	´ 19
Cash on account, depositors	278,919	09
Cash on account, collaterials	3,867	02
Cash on account, interest	1,223	53
Cash on account, premiums	5,301	75

\$454,429 32

Disbursements.

Advances on mortgages, etc\$198,725	00
Advances on collaterals 5,307	
Deposits withdrawn 207,756	76
Borrowers' insurance 3,643	42
Stock transferred to permanent 650	
Interest on sundry deposits with-	00
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drawn	я́г
Office expenses, directors, rent, and	
taxes 3,465	67
Office furniture and fittings 704	
Sundries 1.353	
Cash in bank 12,656	
Cash on hand 115	
	54
\$454,429	32
Assets.	
Mortgages, present value\$430,274	76
Advances on Stock 2,460	<i>/</i>

Advances on Stock	2.460	6
Bills Receivable	1,978	00
Office Furniture, &c		
Cash in Bank		II
Cash on hand	115	54
	\$448,168	61

Liabilities.

241,519	18
11,777	57
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408	88
	\$164,033 241,519 429 11,777 30,000 408

\$448,168 61

We, the nndersigned, have audited the books of the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society for the year ending the 28th February, 1875, and find them in conformity with above statements, and have checked the vouchers and mortgage registers, and found them correct.

JAMES CARLYLE, WM. WILLIAMSON, Auditors.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously :---

I. That the report of the Directors and statement of accounts submitted to this meeting be received and adopted.

2. That the revised copy of the Society's bylaws, as passed by the Directors and now submitted to this meeting, be confirmed and adopted, and that the seal of the Society be affixed thereto.

3. That application be made to the Legislature at its next sitting for an Act to change the name of the Society from the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society to the Union Loan and Savings Company.

and Savings Company. 4- That James Carlyle, Esq., and John N. Lake, Esq., be appointed scrutineers for the purpose of receiving and determining the votes to be taken by ballot for the election of Directors for the current year.

tors for the current year. 5. That William Williamson, Esq., and Dr. Carlyle be appointed auditors of the Society for the current year.

The Scrutineers handed in the following report:—We do hereby certify that the following gentlemen have been duly elected Directors of the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society for the current year:—Francis Richardson, Esq., Arthur Lepper, "Esq., Thomas Henning, Esq., James Fleming, Esq., W. B. Geikie, Esq., M.D., R. H. Trotter, Esq., James McGee, Esq.

FRANCIS RICHARDSON, Chairman.

On motion it was resolved, "That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the Society for their satisfactory management of the Society's business during the past year; and that the sum of six hundred dollars be given to the President as an acknowledgement for his services; and that the sum of four hundred dollars be given to the Vice-President."

W. MACLEAN, Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Francis Richardson, Esq., was appointed President, and Arthur Lepper, Esq., Vice-President.

Correspondence.

DOMINION NOTE ACT.

QUEBEC, 9th March, 1875. To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—For some time past great anxiety has been felt regarding the working of the Act for the Government Issue of Paper Money; and not without good reason.

It must be evident to those who have watched it closely, that it has caused the virtual suspension of specie payments in Canada. Even the father of the Act, the Honorable Sir Francis Hincks, must admit that its inception was a matter of expediency, or rather of necessity, at the time he established it; and, that the circumstances no longer exist which then rendered it of extreme importance to the Government.

It is a cumbrous Act; an Act of expediency and necessity; an Act no longer required; an Act that should be abolished as speedily as possible.

It may, however, be asked how the Government can afford to repeal the Act, and withdraw the circulation of paper money? I reply, by an arrangement with the Banks of the Dominion; those at present in operation, and those which may hereafter be established.

Give the banks the right to issue small notes as formerly; give each bank a share of the Government account; and, in return, require that each bank availing itself of these privileges should allow the Minister of Finance an open credit to the amount of ten per cent. on the paid-up capital of the bank, such credit to have interest at the rate of five per cent per annum. This would afford the Minister of Finance an

This would afford the Minister of Finance an open credit, available at all times, to the extent of say, in round numbers, six millions of dollars.

It would be a fairer system than the present objectionable mode of issue and deposit, and would be a boon to the banks and the community at large.

The benefit of increased circulation, would probably compensate the Banks for the open credits to be always available to the Government, fluctuating as of course it would be from day to day. And, as the Banks would receive interest on their advances to the Government, there would be no loss by the transaction.

It may be said, that the demands of the Government might be made at inconvenient periods, but, against this probable contingency, all prudent Banks would be prepared, by keeping special funds to the amount of the credit, which would also be fluctuating in amount, either in London or New York, to be used only in case of an unexpected demand on Government account.

I venture to affirm that this change would give universal satisfaction; be an immense relief to the Banks, the Government, and the public; do away with a pernicious system of finance, which is causing "a depletion of the treasury," reducing the specie reserves of the Banks to a minimum amount, and gradually draining the country of its gold.

If the Bankers of Canada are true to the interest of the country, they should never cease to use their influence for the destruction of this financial nuisance.

> Yours, &c., BANKER.

THE CANADA BUILDING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR: My attention has been drawn to the very remarkable speech of the President of the Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Company, at their annual meeting last month, published with their statement, in which, after much congratulation and self-laudatory remarks, he proceeds to say that the Canada Society were the *pioneers* of such institutions. Having some knowledge of the history of these Societies, I cannot allow this claim to pass unchallenged. Several Building Societies were in existence in Toronto many years previous to the advent of the Canada. Amongst these were "The Toronto," "The Farmers & Mechanics", "The Peoples' Building Society," and others, some of which still exist. Possibly the claim set forth was only meant to cover some of the more recent changes in the mode of conducting these institutions; but even this cannot be conceded

inasmuch as the Commercial Building Society was the first Permanent Society established in Canada in 1851, and conducted on the principle of stock being held by cycles, which system was subsequently adopted by the "Canada." Neither can they claim that they were the first to introduce the present system of capitalized stock, by means of which capital became permanent and fixed, similar to Bank stock. Ťhis system was first introduced by the Freehold Society in 1859, and years afterwards was adopted by the Canada. Again, they are found copying the same Society in the enactment of a general bill similar in its provisions to that of the Freehold's Special Act passed the year previous, and in like manner they followed suit in changing their name, so that instead of being the pioneer they claim to be, hewing out a new path "without either chait or compass for our guidance," they have systematically and continuously copied at a distance all the changes and improvements introduced by other Societies. It is no discredit to them to avail themselves of other peoples brains, but it is discreditable to publish to the world and congratulate their shareholders on that which they have no claim to whatever. This seems to me wanting in the right ring and may fairly be characterized as being base coin.

A LOVER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—I venture to think if the following suggestions were unanimously adopted by our Banks, it would facilitate business and other transactions generally.

The fact is unquestionable that an ordinary bankers draft (the most desirable medium that performs the function of currency) is unobtainable, except on the branches or agents of the Bank applied to.

To be brief, as I am addressing my remarks to intelligent bankers, why not have a universal agreement to cash each other's drafts less an eighth per cent on amounts not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars; and one sixteenth per cent on amounts over one hundred and fifty dollars; the minimum charge being thirteen cents. This would equalize the profits on both sides, assuming that the usual present rate charged to customers is continued.

The advantages of the arrangement are obvious; customers would obtain what they require without the present annoyance of being referred to some other institution; besides, converting *profitably* a system which now results in a loss—since in nine cases out of ten (especially in places represented by one bank), notes are remitted and these involve express charges.

I am, Sir, Your ob't servant, C. E. KINGSTON.

Kingston, March 1875.

HASTINGS MUTUAL INSURANCE COM-PANY.

The fifth annual meeting of this Company was held in the Company's office, Belleville, on 20th ult. The President, M. Bowell, M. P., in the chair.

The Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1874, was read, of which the following is a summary :--

Toronto many years previous to the advent of the Canada. Amongst these were "The Toronto," "The Farmers & Mechanics'," "The Peoples' Building Society," and others, some of which still exist. Possibly the claim set forth was only meant to cover some of the more recent changes in the mode of conducting these institutions; but even this cannot be conceded,

was \$25,982.45, and in the Farm Branch \$2,-794.15; making a total of \$28,776.60; total amount of premium notes in force, \$40,640.59; amount of cash premium received during the year was in the Village Branch, \$8,397.70; and in the Farm Branch, \$1,965.54; making a total of \$10,393.24. Total amount of income from all sources during the year was \$27,129.05, being an increase over the amount of the previous year's business of \$20,909.48. The increase in the amount of premium notes for the same period was \$18,651.40; making a total in-crease in cash premiums and premium notes of \$39,560,88.

The total number of losses during the year was 22, amounting to \$19,966.20, of which the sum of \$15,88.49 has been paid by the Company. Two claims of \$2,000 each have been resisted on the ground of over insurance, fraud and deception. The direct losses during the year were 561 per cent. of the receipts, which is less than most other companies have lost during the same period in covering the same class of property.

The working expenses for the year were \$2,548.39, being 9 3-10 per cent. of the income, whilst the working expenses of the average of other companies are from 20 to 25 per cent. of the income, which shows the economical manner in which the affairs of the company have been managed.

On motion of Thomas Walker, the Annual Report was adoptad unanimously.

President-M. Bowell, M. P. Treasurer-J. H. Peck. Secretary-

LIFE INSURANCE IN THE STATES.

The New York Herald of a recent date contained the following suggestive article upon American Life Insurance Companies:

Insurance is one of the wonders of the modern organization of society. In the abstract, the notion that the losses by fire or water or other calamities that would ruin any individual sufferer may be made trivial by making that sufferer one of a body of ten or twenty or fifty thousand persons, upon whose united capital the loss shall fall, and out of a small tax upon which capital the victim shall be reimbursed—this, in the abstract, is one of the conceptions of financial schemes that is as benevolent as it is magnificent; but there seems be some doubt whether or no this conception realizes in fact all the good of which, contemplated in the abstract, it seems capable. Doubt falls more pointedly at the present time on that branch of insurance in which the mass of the people have, perhaps, the greatest concern-the branch which deals with the insurance of men's lives. Faith in this is the property of the poor, and the condition of life insurance companies generally, or of any considerable number of them, is a very important matter of public interest.

Our public debt is in the neighborhood of two thousand million of dollars, and the amount of the outstanding policies of life insurance is in the neighborhood of the same figure. One hundred and twelve millions of dollars, a sum about sufficient for the interest on the public debt, is the annual income of our life insurance companies. These similarities in volume with the great national fiscal burden will give some general comprehension of the magnitude of an interest that is as general in its relations as it is vast in extent, for it takes every other household by the purse strings. It appears now there are reasons to mistrust the way in which this enormous fund is handled and the likelihood of its meeting eventually the obligations upon whose presumed certainty the whole fabric rests. There is the old story of unexampled dividends, princely palaces, presidential salary grabs, un-

principled perquisites and self-perpetuating administrations. Last year's official reports, even allowing for the panic, seem to indicate a a public alarm; for they show a net result of new business scarcely greater for all than the business of many a single company in more prosperous years. Well established companies. hitherto in fair repute, have made no new policies for many months. Nine companies are suspended by the Commissioner and fourteen are reported below the standard of solvency.

The Insurance Commissioner, in appealing for legislative interposition, talks of "statements falsely made," hints at "perjury," "repudiation" and the duty of stopping all new business, where officials are merely gaining a few dollars of salary while they continue "to rob the widow and orphan." With such a condition, then, the state of the best companies is critical, unless they can distinctly disentangle themselves from the mass upon which must fall the consequence of facts sure to entail the loss of public confidence. Perhaps no such catastrophe will result in the general injury of policy holders, of even the casting of extensive discredit on the principle of insurance; but to make this certain it may be necessary to seize the remedy that the facts seem to indicate. Apparently the evil is a sort of "over-speculation" in insurance; there are not only more companies than are necessary to do the business, but there are hundreds more than can profitably live upon it. All the legitimate return that should be economized to pay losses is squandered on twenty presidents and twenty secretaries and the rent of twenty edifices, where, if but one set of officers and one rent only were deducted, there might be safety. Indeed, it is not much to say that policy holders would be safer if our State authorities should adopt some standard that would kill out ninety-nine per cent. of the exuberant growth of insurance enterprises, and the thoughtful may well consider whether the old system of annuities and endowments in connection with the public debt is not worthy of attention in this connection for its benefits to the public and for its possible advantages in national finance.

KINGSTON AND PEMBROKE RAILWAY.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway was held at the Secretary's office, on Wednesday, the roth of February. The President, Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve presented the annual report.

Gentleman.-Since the last general annual meeting of Shareholders, the Directors have to report that the work of construction has been continued, and work performed by the contractexpenses for right of \$313,715. The other ex-expenses for right of way and general purposes, amount to \$22,295, making the expenditure for the year 1874, \$336,009. The previous expendi-ture being the second sec ture being \$440,788, the total expenditure to 31st December, 1874, amounts to \$776,797.

Over 40 miles of iron and over 43 miles of ties have been delivered. At the date of this report, over 39 miles of track have been laid, and track laying has been continued. The grading for the six miles south of the north side of Sharbot Lake, as mentioned in the Chief Engineer's report, is nearly completed.

A lease has been secured from the Department of Militia and Defence of the water in the vicinity of the Grand Trunk Railway Embankment, on the north side of Cataraqui Bridge, in King-ston Harbour, for general construction and wharfing purposes.

An agreement has also been entered into with the Grand Trunk Railway Company for the mutual use of the lines of the two companies between the Grand Trunk Passenger Station and its Freight Station in the city at the foot of Johnson Street.

On the 27th of January, ult., the Government bonus for the first twenty miles was paid over, amounting to \$40,382.

Although progress in the work of construction has been made to the extent mentioned above, only \$10,000 of the County of Frontenac Debentures have been paid over during the year. The by-law requires a contribution on the part of the county to the extent of \$1,000 for every \$8,000 expended, which would leave over \$37,000 now due. The Directors very much regret that as this contribution has not been forthcoming after repeated requests, the only course open to them in justice to the interests entrusted to their care is to ask the interference of the Court.

Notice for the present session of the Dominion Legislature has been given for an act to empower this company to construct a branch to Perth and Ottawa City. These localities are desirous of securing the advantages of direct connection by rail with Kingston harbour, and it is believed would give bonuses to secure that object. It is of course understood that no Government or Municipal bonuses granted for the construction of this Company's main line to Pembroke could be applied to the construction of the branch named.

All of which is respectfully submitted. C. F. Gildersleeve, Pres. K. & P. R. R.

After the report was adopted, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year : President, Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve ; Vice-President, Mr. John Fraser; Second Vice-President, Dr. Sullivan; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Cline; Counsel, Mr. James O'Rielly, Q.C.; Solicitor, Mr. C. V. Price.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, March 16th, 1875.

Thaw has at last fairly set in and everything looks like an early spring, Heavy rain fell last evening the first for several months, and which will be a great boon to Farmers and others who have had to cart water from a considerable distance for their cattle. The weather has been very favorable for Maple Sugar making and very fine samples are now shown in the market.

As regards the wholesale trade we cannot report any improvement. All branches are receiving orders, but there is nothing like activity in any one particular trade, and the complaints about the meagreness of remittances are universal. Very few buyers from a distance have been in town, and the present state of the country roads prevent farmers and merchants from the country round here from coming in.

We give this week under the respective paragraphs the stocks of Flour and Grain in store here yesterday by which it will be seen that the stock of flour held here is steadily decreasing and is 57.257 brls less than on the 15th of March

1874. ASHES.—Pots.—This market has been rather easier and our quotations are rather lower than been done at prices ranging from \$5.70 to \$5.80 these being the outside prices for light and heavy these being the outside prices for light and neavy tares of Firsts. Market closing quiet at \$5.70 to $$5.77\frac{1}{2}$; Seconds \$5.00. No thirds offering. *Pearls.*—Stocks heavy with limited demand a few firsts were placed at \$6.70 and \$6.75 mar-ket closing at our outside quotations, Seconds, \$5.50; The stocks at present in the Inspection stores are Pots 1022 bris ; Pearls 1160 bris.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Business still continues very flat, the majority of the Factories are running on short time. No d-cided improve-ment is expected until the opening of navigation. We make no change of quotations :-

Mens Kip boots, \$2.75 to 3.30; do Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do Kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys split Brogans 90c to \$1.00; do Buff and pebbled congress \$1.40 to 1.50; Womens Buff and pebbled bals \$1.20 to 1.40; do prenella bals 75c to \$1.75; do congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and pebbled bals 90c to \$1.15; do prenella bals and congress 70c to \$1.25; childrens do 6uc to 1.00.

CATTLE.—Market was pretty well supplied yesterday with cattle, for which there was a good demand. Prices ranged from \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lbs. live weight. Next week Butchers will be laying in their stock for Easter when higher prices will most likely prevail. No Sheep in market. Dressed Mutton is scarce, and brings from \$9 to 9.25 per 100 lbs; Dressed Hogs are in full supply and are dull of sale at \$8.10 to 8.35 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS.-A very quiet trade is being done in this line, but there is none of the activity usual at this season, there have been a few buyers in the city who however have been buying very cautiously. Some fair orders are also being received from Travellers, and the general hope is expressed that with the arrival of spring weather trade will revive; Wholesale stocks are now very complete. The demand for Canadian Woollens is about over for the present, very little has been done in Fancy Goods: Clothing is in fair request. Remittances are not at all satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .-- There is very little change to report in this market transactions are very light and chiefly with our late range of quotations. No activity is expected till stocks have been replenished. There have been small sales of Bi Carb at \$5.00, being a shade lower than last week; Sal Soda is scarce and some light transactions were reported at \$1.75; Caustic Soda is steady \$3.75; Bleaching Powder is still scarce and holders are firm asking 31 to

Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.25. Raw FURS.—This market is quiet, and little is expected till the Spring trade commences. London advices have made a few slight changes on our list:-Beaver, \$1.50 to 1.75; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12.00, according to size ; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.00 12.00, according to size; Fisher, $\$_{5.00}$ to 7.00 Silver Fox $\$_{25.00}$ to 60.00; Cross Fox; $\$_{2.00}$ to 5.00; Red Fox $\$_{1.25}$ to 1.60; Lynx $\$_{1.50}$ to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin $\$_{7}$ to 8; Pale Martin $\$_{1.25}$ to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink $\$_{2.50}$ to 3. Dark Mink, 2nd, $\$_{1.50}$ to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$7 to 9; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c; Winter do 17 to 20c; Spring do 22 to 27c; Parcon 25 to 60c; Skuk 20 to 40c Racoon 25 to 6oc ; Skunk 20 to 4oc.

FISH-Stocks of all kinds of fish are very ligh and quotations for all sorts are nominal, except for dry cod and salmon, which are firmly held at our qu'ataions. We quote Dry Cod \$4.75 to \$5; Green Cod \$7 nominal; Labrador Herrings \$5 to 5.50; Salmon in brls. \$13 to 15; Mackerel \$8 to 9 pominal.

FLOUR-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 50,586 brls, against 55,091 brls on the 1st inst. and 107,843 brls. on the 15th of March, 1874. Receipts for the past week 5,800 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 66,103 brls., being a decrease of 27,097 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. There has been an improved demand this week for flour, chiefly strong bakers', and fair sales have been reported. The demand to-day continues good, and prices are firm as quoted, being an advance on last week. Superior Extra \$5 to \$5.10; Extra Superfine \$4.80 to 4.90; Fancy **\$5.10;** Extra Supernine **\$4.30** to **4.90;** Fancy **\$4.55** to **4.60;** Spring Extra **\$4.37** to **4.42**; Superfine **\$4.15** to **4.25;** Strong Baker's Flour **\$4.50** to **4.75;** Fine **\$3.85** to **3.90;** Middlings **\$3.75** to **3.75;** Pollards **\$3.25** to **3.40,** nominal; **U.C. bag** flour **\$2.25;** Oatmeal is quiet at **\$5.50** to **5.60;** Cornmeal **\$4.00,**

GRAIN-Wheat-The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. was 168,729 bush., against 169,693 bush. on the 1st inst., and 602,490 bush. on the 15th of March, 1874. Receipts for the past week 13,200 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 50,901 bush., being a decrease of 34,316 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding There has been no movement period of 1874. as yet reported in wheat, and in the absence of transactions, quotations are nominal. Maize-Stock in store 21,800 bush.; very little doing ; any small sales reported were at 8oc. Peas-Stock in store 114,832 bush.; market quiet but steady at 93 to 94c. per 66 lbs. Oats—Firm and steady at 45c., but few sales reported. Barley dull and inactive at 75c.; Pot Barley \$8.75 to g. GROCERIES.—Teas.—This market is in a per-

fect state of stagnation, caused by the tightness in the money market. Some late arrivals from Japan have been offered at $52\frac{1}{2}$ to $57\frac{1}{2}$ c, without finding buyers. Low grade Japan are the only kind for which there is any enquiry, and those are at present very scarce. Advices by wire via Europe, yesterday, quote a decline in price there of \$4.00 to 6.00, on fine to ordinary grades respectively. A few cheap green teas are reported as having changed hands at 25 to 33c; Coffee.—Stocks are very low, but quite sufficient for the present demand, which is very small indeed. We quote Jamaica 20 to 22c; Maracaibo is quoted 22 to 25c, but there is none offering; East India coffees, apart from Java, sell at 21 to 24c; Java 28 to 32c. Sugar. -The market for raw sugar is completely de-moralized, and there have been no transactions for more than a week, and quotations are quite nominal. The demand for local refined continues good, quotations are unchanged as follows: Grocers A $8\frac{1}{2}$ c; Confectioners gc; Ground $9\frac{1}{2}$ c; Extra Ground $9\frac{1}{2}$ c; *Molasses* are nominally 21c cheaper this week, but business doing is small, the bad roads and tightness of the money market, having materially interfered with business. Syrups have been in demand, and stocks are light, prices being rather higher than last week. We quote ordinary syrups 48 to 62c, and amber 72 to 75c. Rice has been inquired for, and sales run from \$4.371 to 4.50. Fruit-Market for raisins is firm, layers are held at \$2.90 to 3.00, and sultanas 14 to 16c; valencias $8\frac{3}{4}$ to gc; currants $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$; soft shelled almonds at 15 to 16c; prunes 71 to 8c. Spices .- This market is decidedly weaker, but the demand has been very small, and for some articles we reduce quotations. Black Pepper 16 to 17c; Jamaica Ginger unbleached, 25c; ditto bleached 27c; Nutmegs goc to \$1.10;

Cassia 20 to 22 c; White Pepper 25 to 27c. HIDES AND PELTS.—This market presents no new features to record, quotations for hides remain steady at the following rates. No. 1 in-spected Hides \$6.75 to 7.00; No. 2 ditto \$6.00; No. 3 \$5.00; Sheeps Pelts \$1.50 to 1.75 each; Lambshins 25c each.

HARDWARE .- The principle feature of the week is the reduction in freights on the G. T. R. which took place yesterday the 15th inst., instead of 1st April as in former years. This is a move in the right direction, and we trust it may be followed by a still more enlightened policy viz., the adoption of a uniform rate the year round, and which would greatly facilitate been rather more business done during the week than for sometime back, and the improvement is likely to continue from this out. Prices remain about as last quoted. Remittances are still very light, a circumstance which tends to clog the wheels of commerce. We quote Pig Iron

\$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7 Canada Plates per box-Glamorgan and Budd, Canada Plates per Dox—Giamorgan and Budd, \$5.50 to 5.60; Arrow, \$5.75 to 6.00; Garth, \$5.50 to 5.75; Hatton \$5.25 to 5.50. Tin Plate per box—Charcoal IC, \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto, IX, \$12.25 to 12.50; DC, \$9.25 to 9.50; Coke IC, \$8.25 to 8.50; 14 x 20, 25c extra. Tinned IC, \$8.25 to 8.50; 14 x 20, 25c extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26 14c. Galvanized sheets Charcoal best No. 20 14c. Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 10c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; Sheets best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.75 to 4.00; Best brands \$3.50 to 3.75; Russian Sheet Iron per lb. 16 to 17c; Cut Nails 2 D Lath, \$5.25; ditto, 2¹/₂d to 4d shingle \$4.50; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$4.00; ditto 12d and larger \$3.75; ditto patent Chisel points 25c extra. Pressed Sbikes \$5.00 to 5.25; Shot Canadian \$7 Pressed Spikes \$5.00 to 5.25; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25; Lead-Pig, per 100 lbs \$6.50; do sheets, \$6.50; do Bar, \$6.50; Steel cast, per lb. 13 to 14c; Spring per 100 lbs. \$5.00 to 5.50; Sleigh Shoe Spring per 100 lbs. \$5.00 to 5.50; Sleigh Shoe \$4.50 to 4.75; Tire ditto, \$4.75 to 5. Ingot Tin, 24 to 25c; Ingot Copper, \$22 to 23. Horse Shoes per 100 lbs. \$5.50 to 5.75; Proved Coil Chain, § in., \$6.50 to 6.75; Anchors 7 to 8c; Anvils 10 to 12c. Iron wire per bdl \$2.70 to 2.90; Files "KINMOND" brand 5 to 10 per cent of English list.

LEATHER.-The market continues quiet, and with little prospect of any immediate improvement. Spanish Sole is in good supply and though the demand is very moderate prices are steady as shipments continue to be freely made to the European Market. Slaughter Sole is asked for but stocks are ample and prices weak. Upper & Splits neglected. Measured Leathers are in light request and the turn weaker :--Hemlock Spanish; sole No. I B. A. 25 to 26c; do No. 2 23 to 24c Buffalo sole No. 1 22 to 23c ; do. No. 2 19 to 20c Hemlock slaughter 27 to 30c; waxed upper lightand medium 38 to 421c; ditto heavy 35 to 38c; grained upper 37 to 40c; splits large 26 to 32c; do small 18 to 25c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 60 to 80c ; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c ; sheepskin linings 30 to 40c; harness 28 to 32c; buffed cow 14 to 17c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 18 to 19c; pebbled cow 14 to 17c; rough leather 27 to 28<u>4</u>. Leather Belting, warranted genuine English Oak Tanned, 20 per cent. off list, ditto Canadian Tanned, 30 per cent. off list.

OILS .- The market for Fish oils has been very guiet for sometime past and there is only a very small business doing at our quotations. Cod Oil A sells at 621c and B at 60c; Seal Pale 64c to 65c; Steam refined Seal 65c to 671c; Linseed Boiled $67\frac{1}{3}$ c to 70c ditto Raw $62\frac{1}{3}$ to 65c; Olive oil 81.0c; Petroleum there is no change in this article, demand small and only a tew unimportant transctions reported within our range of quotations ; Car loads 29 to 30c ; Single barrels 31 to 32c.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Receipts, 2,400 kegs; shipments, 696 kegs; prices continue to decline, and those parties who have been holding over in the expectation of an advance in prices are doomed to disappointment. It is stated to-day that two farmers in this district brought in 30 tinnets of butter a week or two ago, for which they had been offered 28c at their own door and refused it. They have had to sell the same here at 18c, thus losing \$150 on the trans-action. There is no wholesale demand here and holders are shipping to England in expectation of getting a better price there. We quote the market to-day dull and heavy at 15 to 20c for tubs and firkins, and 17 to 19c for roll butter Cheese.—Shipments, 565 boxes; no ship-ments; market dull; prices steady at 14 to 144c for good to choice. Pork .- Receipts, 748 bris.; shipments, 31 brls.; market dull, few transactions taking place, and our quotations are to some extent nominal. Inspected new mess \$21 to 21.50; thin mess \$20 to 20.50. Lard-Quiet at 14c. Tallow-In bris., 8c; ditto rough, 5¹/₂c

SALT .- Nothing doing of any consequence in in this trade, and prices are unchanged and nominal. Coarse 80c; factory filled held for

\$1.40. WOOL.—There is some enquiry for this article, but in the present state of trade holders are very cautious about making sales. Some sales reported were within our range of quotations: Pulled super 33 to 34c and unassorted 30 to 31c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, March, 11, 1875.

The condition of trade has varied in different markets during the week. The tightness of money, notwithstanding a considerable improve-ment, still acts unfavorably and checks business in many cases. Produce has shown increased firmness in nearly all sorts of flour and grain; buyers have been more abundant and willing to pay an advance, but the views of holders have advanced in excess of those of buyers, and consequently the movement has not been large. Provisions remain quiet, but the feeling in meats is steady. Groceries are reported to be very dull by nearly all dealers; but imported and manufactured goods seem to be more active. All agree in complaining of short remittances from the country.

BOOTS AND SHOES-There has been scarcely any change in the situation since our last. Spring goods are going off slowly. Some of the factories are running on short time. CATTLE.—Beeves—The demand for the local

market has fallen off, as buyers have been waiting for receipts from the eastern market; but more enquiry for shipment has been heard. There has, however, been enough offered. Prices of all sorts are firm. First-class and eastern cattle are much wanted and command \$5 to 5.25. Second-class are in fair supply but unchanged at \$4 to 4.25. Third-class are slow of sale at \$3.25 to 3.50, the former being for feeders. Sheep-Receipts have increased somewhat, but there are none too many offering. Prices are steady. First class are firmer at 6.75 to 7.50. Second-class are unchanged at \$5 to 5.50. Third-class are nominally unchang-ed at \$4. Lambs—Continue to be in active demand and insufficient supply. First-class are preferred to sheep and have risen to \$6 to 6.75. Second-class also are firmer at \$4.50 to 5. Third-class are not wanted, but might bring \$3.50. Calves-Are still very scarce, though much wanted for the eastern market. Extra qualities would command \$15. First-class dressing, not less than 120 lbs, are worth \$10 to 12. Second class dressing, from 75 to 100 lbs., sell at \$6 to 8. Third-class are slow of sale at \$3 to \$4.

DRUGS .- Prices remain unchanged since our last; trade has continued to improve and is fairly good.

FLOUR AND MEAL .- Flour.- Stock in store on the 15th inst. 15,732 brls., against 33,489 on corresponding date of last year. A fair demand at steady prices, and rather a limited supply, has prevailed since our last. Superior extra has been quiet but steady and sold at \$5.00 on the track. Extra has been firm, and sold last week wanted at an advance; it sold on Thursday at \$4.15 and since then at \$4.20 f.o.b. Spring extra has been steady and in good demand; sales were made at \$3.95 on Thursday and Friday; at \$4.00 for a lot of 1000 bushels on Saturday and at \$3.05c on Tuesday, all f.o.b. Superfine has been inactive and nominally unchanged. Fine has been steady; and sold at \$3.40 f.o.b. on Saturday. The market was quiet yesterday ; no sales were reported but former prices would have been paid. Oatmeal .- Prices have advanced from five to ten cents; car lots have at equal to 54c, and amber at equal to 64 to 68c. 13 to 134c., and a car of pickled sold on p.t.; changed hands at equal to \$5.15 and \$5.25 here; Dealers here have reduced their prices three lots however could be had at 10c. Lard-Is

small lots are steady but unchanged at \$5.40 to \$5.60. Bran.—Is scarce and firm; one car of bagged sold at \$19.00 on the track which price would probably be repeated.

GRAIN .- Stocks in store on the 15th inst. Wheat 464,131 bush. ; oats 22,929 bush. ; barley Wheat 464,131 bush.; oats 22,929 bush.; barley 47,279 bush.; peas, 102,126 bush.; rye, 592 bush.; corn, 8,601 bush.; against 724,255 bush. of wheat; 2,551, bush. of oats; 10,988 bush. of barley; 98,777 bush. of peas; nil bush. of rye, and 1,000 bush. of corn on the correspond-ing date of last year. Wheat-There has been an active demand heard for spring, and at advancing prices, all week; but the views of holders have advanced quicker than those of buyers, so nothing has been done of any consequence. For No. 2 fall 93c in store has been offered and refused all week. No I Spring sold last week at goc f.o.c., but for the last three days ooc in store has been bid and refused. No movement was reported yesterday, but the market closed firm. On the street fall has sold at 95 to 96c.; treadwell at 90 to 91c. and spring 88c., but goc. would probably be paid to-day. Oats—The market has been abundantly supplied all week, but the demand has fallen off and prices have declined. Sales of car lots were made last week and on Monday at 43c. on the track; three cars also sold at the same price yesterday. On the street 45c. was paid yester-day. Barley—There has been a fair movement since our last and at steady prices. On Thursday car-lots sold at 80c. for No. 2, and 85c for No. 1 inspected f.o.c. On Friday one lot of No. 2 sold at 82c f.o.c. and on Saturday another changed hands at 83c f.o.c. On Monday several cars of No. 2 sold at 83c f.o.c., and one car of No. 3 at 75c. No sales have since been reported but the market is firm and former prices would probably be repeated. On the street 83 to 85c., was paid for the last in. Peas-The demand has continued to be active and at steady prices; sales have been made but nearly all on p.t. It is admitted, however, that round lots of No. 1 have changed hands at 78c in store, and a car of No. 2 sold at 74c on the track; but No. 1 would command 76 to 77c. On the street prices have been firm at 76. Rye—Is worth 70 to 71c on the street. Corn—Seems to be rather easier; a car sold on Friday at 64c on the track, which would probably be repeated.

GROCERIES.—Coffee.—Has been moving more freety since our last; lots of Government Java have sold at 29c, and small lots at 30; small lots of Ceylon have sold at 28 to 29c, and of Porto Rico at 26 to 27c. Fisk—Trout has declined from 37 to 25c, and is now offering at \$3.25 to 3.75; but there is no white-fish in the market. Labrador herrings have been selling freely at \$5.75 in lots, and \$6.25 to 6.50 for small parcels. Cod is unchanged. Fruit-Layers are unchanged in price; lots of 100 and 250 boxes have sold at \$2.75; Valencias are weak, some lots of 100 boxes have changed hands at gc, but others have sold rather below this figure. Small lots of Sultanas have sold at 15c. Currents have been in demand, and lots of new selling at 6c. Prunes have been active; a large lot in cases sold at 81c and others in kegs at 8c. Nuts are unchanged. Liquors—Whiskey is unchanged; brandy in wood has been selling at \$2.75. Rice—Remains very quiet and prices of small lots unchanged at \$4.40 to 4.60. Sugar—There has been but little change in prices. Raws are inactive, with none save Demerara offering. Montreal yellows have sold pretty freely in lots at 81 to 88c. One lot of Scotch refined sold at 82c, and some others at 83 to 87c, the latter for a very bright sample. One lot of ground changed hands at 98 and another at 98, but no move-ment is reported in dry-crushed. Syrups-Sales have been made on Montreal account of golden

to five cents. Tea-Has been very quiet indeed. One lot of choice Young Hyson sold at 68c; two of medium at 45c, and low grade at 33² and 35c which are the only sales reported. Japans are weak in price. Blacks are unchanged but neglected. Tobacco-Manufacturer's prices have been reduced, but no movement has occured in trade lots, dealers prices also are down in some cases. Solaces are quoted at 48 to 70c, and manufactured 10's at 48 to 50c, but sales are small.

HARDWARE.—Trade has continued to improve since our last. Shelf-goods are in active demand and selling freely. Nails have declined from 15 to 25c, but are in good demand at the decline. American bar iron is also quoted lower and selling readily. Some English pig iron (Eglington) sold on Tuesday at \$34, pro-bably the last of it in the market. American pig has declined \$2 on No. I stove plate. Boiler plate also is easier. Tin plates and Canada plates are quiet.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides—Green are abund-ant, but very slow of sale, and nothing over 5c is paid for grubby; cured are very dull; the only sale reported is that of one car of No r at 7²/₄c, but more are offering at 7¹/₄ and at 6¹/₄ for No. 2. Calfskins—A few have begun to offer and sell at 10c. Sheepskins—Are slow of sale and weak in price at \$1.50 to 1.60 for good green, with occasionally a little more for very choice.

Hops.—The market remains generally un-changed. Some little enquiry has been heard in some quarters from brewers, and small sales have deen made at 40c. for first-class, but they generally refuse to pay this figure. LEATHER.—Trade is reported to be exceed.

ingly dull, with scarcely any movement in large parcels of any sort. Prices of these would probably be rather easier, and somewhat lower than our quotation. Spanish and slaughter sole are abundant and unchanged. Russets are quiet, but one lot of 240 dozen sold at 40c. There were a couple of lots of harness sold at 27 and 2QC.

LUMBER.—The market is beginning to show some signs of action. There are stocks on hand amply sufficient for all wants and receipts are of fair amount. Prices remain unchanged and are expected to continue so.

PETROLEUM .--- A movement is on foot for the renewal of the combination with a few amendments. Trade is slackening and prices are un-changed at 26 to 27c. for small lots, and 255 for cars here. Cars sell also fur 24c. at London.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Prices have been still tending downwards, but the decline has induced a demand from shippers. Sales have been made of a small lot of inferior at 12c; of several lots of average quality at 14c. and of one car of prime shipping quality at 16c. and of one car of regarded as the top price for any save choice dairy suited for the local market. Box-butter is very slow of sale at 18 to 19c. English markets are still tending downwards; latest quotations are 105s. od. to 110s. od. for extra; gos. od. to. 95s od. for good and 75s. od. to 85s. od. for ordinary. Cheese— Is quiet and selling slowly in small lots at 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}c$. Eggs—Are in rather better supply and somewhat easier in price, but still command 24 to 25c.; any increase of receipts would induce a fall in prices. Pork-Small lots have been selling fairly readily at \$21.00; car-lots of western have been offering at \$20.00, but the market closes firmer at \$20.50 Bacon-Trade lots of cumberland to 21.50. are enquired for but buyers and sellers are apart and nothing doing; a lot of 75 sides and ton lots have sold at 10c and small lots at $10\frac{1}{2}$ c; long clear is scarce; rolls are steady. Hams-Are in demand and steady in price; a lot of 500 of smoked sold at 12%c; small lots bring

steady but generally unchanged; a lot of 50 tinnets sold at 14c., but it is doubtful whether THE ACCIDENT|LAND & SETTLEMENT CO'Y. **INSURANCE COMPANY** SALT .-- Liverpool is quiet and unchanged at OF CANADA. Wool .- The market seems to be unsettled; The only CANADIAN COMPANY solely devoted to Insurance against Accidents, and giving definite Bonus to the Policyholders. This Company is not mixed up with Life, Fire, or any other class of Insurance. It BUSINESS FAILURES .--- We have doubtless had is for ACCIDENT INSURANCE alone, and can therefore transact the business upon the most favourable terms, and a SECURE basis.

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this price would now be accepted ; small lots bring 141 to 15c. Hogs-Have been in fair supply and weak in price; a car sold last week at \$7.75, but on Tuesday four cars changed hands at \$7.50.

former quotations. Goderich is active; two cars sold at \$1.00 and very little more is charged for small lots.

the advance in the States' duty has checked the demand from across the line, and rendered buyers slow to purchase. Still there were sales of one lot of 10,000 lbs. of pulled combing at 32c; one lot of 6,000 lbs. of super on p.t., and another of 3,000 lbs. at 32c., but there are large quantities offering at the same price without buyers.

our usual number, and probably a larger number than usual of mercantile failures and suspensions, but these unfortunate collapses seem to be inseparable from and bound up with our present system of conducting our commercial enterprises. The influences of these commercial disasters, with their concommittant losses, is not confined to a few individuals, not even to those engaged in the same business. Our banking institutions, upon whose strength and stability, the success of every other enterprise more or less depends, almost invariably come in for as share, and no small share sometimes of whatever loss is sustained; and thus the interests of shareholders, capitalists, business men and hardworking citizens are seriously affected by the reckless speculations and often deliberately planned and fradulent operations of some who designate themselves experienced business men, but who are generally unacquainted with the very rudiments of a commercial education. We now and again find individuals appearing among us with sombre religious looks and apparently innocent intentions, who buy extensively on credit, and adorn their stores with the varied productions of every clime ; advertise largely in the leading newspapers, and promise to pay for half-column descriptive " puffs," but after a few months existence they die a natural or rather an unnatural death, and leave behind them a few thousand dollars worth of goods, with lia bilities amounting to quarter and half million dollars. Although we must admit that "credit" is an indispensible element in commercial life, still we are compelled to say that a vast im-provement is absolutely necessary if we intend to retain the reputation of our fair Dominion .-Herald.

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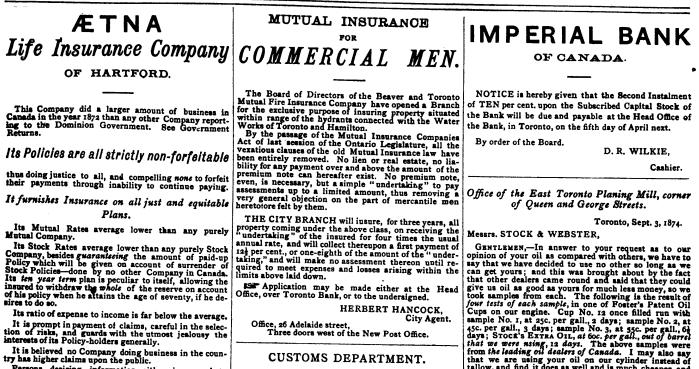
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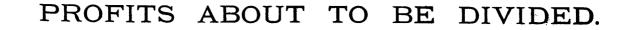
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