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Tho Transfor Books will be closed from the 17th to tho 31st of May next, both days inclusive.

Tho Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Monday, the Fourth Day of June noxt. 'I'ho chair to be taken at One $0^{\prime}$ 'lock.
By order of the loard,

> W. J. bUOHANAN,

General Mauager.
Montrenl, 21st $\Lambda$ pril, 1888.

## The Bank of Toronto.

## Dividend No. 64.

Notico is horoby givon that a dividond of Four Por Centif or the ourrent half-your, boing at the rate of oight per cont. por amhum, and a bonus of two pior cont. upon the paid-un onpital of the bink, hiss this day been gionred, hid lintt the barue will bo payable at tho llank and ita branches on and after

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Tho Annunl Conoral Mooting of tho stookholdors will bo hold at the Banking Ilouse of the Institution on Wodnegday, tho twentioth day of Juno next. Dhe ohitir to bo takon at noon.
[Signod]
D. COULSON,

Iho Bank of I'oronto, April 25, 1888. Cashier.

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'liho Transfor books will bo closed from the 21st to tho 3lat May.
Notico is also given thant tho Annunl Gonoral Mooting of tho Shirroholdors will be hold, nt tho snme phao on WRDNRSDAY, the Trontielh
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The Transfer Books will be olosed from the 17th to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held nt the Bank on Wednesday, the 20th Juno next. The chair to be ialsen at 12 o'clock.

By order of the Board,
G. HAGUE,

General Mranager.
Monticeal, 25 th 1 pril, 1888.

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## DIVIDEND No. 42.

NOTIOE is hereby given that a Dividend of

## Three and One-Half Per Cent.

upon the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for tho current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its Branches on and after!F:RIDAY, the FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Tranfer Books will be closed from the 17th of May to the 31st of May, both days inclusive.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Banking House in Toronto, on TUESDAY, the 19th DAX of JUNE NEXT. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock noon.

By order of the Board,

## B. E. WALKER,

General Manager.
Toronto, April 24th, 1888.

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RRDAY, the-1st of JUNE next.
Transfor books will bo closed from the 18th to帾
The Annual General Moeting of Sharoholders will be hold at the ollioe of the Bank, WFDNESDAY, the 20th day of JUNE next, at ONE p.m. By order of the Bonrd.
A. DE MARTIGNY,

MontronI, 21st April, 1888.

## BANK OF OTTAWA,

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## DIVIDEND NO, 31.

NOPTCD is horeley given that a pividond of FOUR PER OENT. for the ourrent half-year upon the Paid-up Capital Stook of this Institution has this day boon declarod, and that, the samo will bo payable nt tho Bank and its agencios on and after FIRIDAY, the lst Day of JUNT noxt.
The Transfor Books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st May next, both days inolusive.

Tho Annunl Genoral Meeting of tho shareholders for the election of directors for the ensuing year will bo held at their Banking House, in this oity on Tucsday, the 12 th day of June next. Chair to be taken at 12 o'clock noon. $^{\prime}$
By order of tho Board,
H. S. STEYEN

Hamilton, April $25,1889$.

## The ONTARIO BANK

## Dividend No. 61.

Notice is horeby givon that $a$ dividend of Three and One-Half Per Cent. for the curront half-year [boing at tho rato of Sevon per cent. ner annum] Tns boon deolared unon the capital stock of this Institution, and that the sume will bo payable at the Bank and its branchos on and after

Friday, the 1st day of June next.
The Transfor Books will be closed from the 10th to tho 31 st May, both days inclusive.
Tho Annual General Dicoting of the Shareholdors will bo hold at tho banking house in this oity on Tuesdny, tho $19 t h$ day of June noxt. The ohtyir will be taken at twelve o'clook noon,
By ordor of tho Doard, 0 . 10 LLAND,
0. HOLLAND,

Toronto, $25 \mathrm{th} \Delta$ pril, 1888.

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## DIVIDEND No. 25.

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## First Day of June next,

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 6 th to the $3^{1 s t}$ May, inclusive.
The Annual Gencral Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Bank on Wednesday the zoth June next, the chair to be taken at twelve o'clock noon.
By order of the Board,
Toronto, April 26, 1888.
J. L. BRODIE, Cashier.

## IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

## DIVIDEND No 26.

NOTION is heroby siven that a Dividond at tho mate of ELGIIT PIR CENT, por annum upon the Canital Slock of this Institution has boan icclared for tho curront hali-yonr, and that tho samo will bo payable at tho Damk and its branches on and after

Friday, the 1st Day of dune Next.
The Transfor Books will be elosed from the 17th to tho 31st May, both days inclusivo.

Tho Annucal Geneval Mreoting of tho Shareholders will ho held at the Bank on WEDNES DAY, the 20th day of JUNE noxt. The chair to do tiakon at noon
By ordor of tho Beard
D. R. WILKIE,

Toronto, April 26th, 1888.
Oashior.

## Eastern Townships bantz. <br> ANNUAL MEETING.

Notioo is hereby given that the Annund Gonoral Meoting of the Shareholdors of this Bank will bo hold in thoir Banking House in tho City of Sherbrooko, on

Wednesdaj, 6th day of June Next.
The chair will be thken at 2 o'elook p.m. By order of the Board,

WM. FARTVELL,
Gonoral Manager
Sherbrooke, 2nd May, 1888.

## THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

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David MoKenzis，dealer in groceries，boots and sizoes，Petrolia，is endenvoring to sell out．

Fortier additions aro made to the Legal Directory this weok－on the fourth page of the paper．
Texe owner of the Hastings white marble quarry offers Toronto the stone free for the nev court－house，if they quarry it．

IT is reported that a nugget of pure gold weighing $99 \frac{1}{2}$ ounces was taken ont of the Vermillion mine at Sudbury last weck．

The North American Phosphate compauy and the Montreal Oar Wheel company aro applying for incorporation lettors－patent．

Tue papers of the Maritime Provinces aro confident that the Canadian Pacific Railway will make either St．John or Halifax its castorn winter terminus．

Practical fruit growers from the lake shoro townships of Essex say that the prospects thore of an abundant fruit crop were never better at this season of the year than now．

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Prof．H．H．Croft，Publio Analyst，Toronto，gays：I find it to bo por－ footly sound，containing no impuritios or adulterations，and oan strongly rocommend it as perfoctly puro and a vory superior malt liquor．＂

John B．Edwards，Profossor of Chemistry，Montreal，ssys：＂I find thom to be romarkably sound ales，browed from puro malt and hops．＂

Roy．P．J．Ed．Pago，Professor of Chemiatry，Laval Univorsity，Quebhoo gays：＂Thave analysed the India Pale Ale manufaotured by John Labatt， London，Ontario，and have found it a light ale，oontaining but littlo alcohol，of a dolicious flavor，and of a vory agreable tasto and suporior quality，nud oompares with the bost imported alos．I havo also analyged the Portor XXX Stout，of the same Brewory，whioh is of oxcellent quality， its faryor is very asreasblo it is a tonio more onergotio than tho above ale，forit is a littlo rioher in aloohol，！and oan bocompared adranta：
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ton last weak it was decided to urgo on the Governmont the free admission of all cominercial maunres.

In Los Angeles and other parts of Southern Onlifornia there are thousands of men without work and without prospect of employment, aud people are leaving in hundreds for other purts of the Union. Thus ends tho " boom."
A. J. Dayma, has done a small taloring business at Dresden, Ont., for some time pust. Ho whe supposed to make a living at all evente, but was probably too confiding in giving credit as we now hem of his assignment.
G. A. Cmpritu, dry goods dealer, of Aurora, Ont., has assigned. He was formerly in business at Springftek for somo years and succeeded J. A. Gruham early in 1887. Ho carricd only a small stock nud did a very noderate businest.

A sulu of Palormo, Sorronto and Messina lomons und oranges ex-stenmship Dracona was lold ou Friday last. Tho attendanco was vory good and the prices higher than in Now York bales of same date, but the quality of the fruit was poor.

Join Guken \& Sons, boot and shoo manufacturere, of Toronto, havo assigned. Linbilites will reach $\$ 30,000$ while assets are only estimated at $\$ 3,000$. The failure is tho ontcome of the liquidation of the Federal Bank, who are the principal creditors.

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O. W. Williams, genoral storekeeper, of Killarney, Man., whose creditors agreed to necept 75 cents in the dollar providing his brother would endorse the composition notes, appears to have been unsucessful, as wo now hear of his assignment. Liabilitieg are about $\$ 9,000$.

A Ealifax boot and shoo dealer bases his claim to public support on the nunouncement that "all his goods are of home manufacture and no Canadian stock will be kept." Either his anti-confoderation proclivitics are very prominent or his knowledge of geography is limfted.
C. II. Wakeficid \& Co., tailors, of Sherbrooke, Que., whose financinl history and efforts to cffect a compromise at 25 cents in the dollar havo already been given. at leagth in these columos, have failed to arrive at any arrangement with their creditors and are now compolled to assign.

Honcy has been offering in New York quite frecly of late from San Francisco for nest season dolivery at 60 laid down for strained "water white." The prospects as advised from there are very favorable for a full yield, hence the freedom with which sellers thero are willing to contract.

Chamlis La. Drsauleniers, dry goods merchants, of Nicolet, Quu., hns assigned. .His linbilities are about $\$ 2,800$. Ho began business some two years ago in a very amall way and with littlo or no capital. Since then ho
has done a very limited business whish has not proved remunerativo.

Cerevbier Bros., picture frame dealers, ctc, of Ottawa, have assigned. They started in the summer of 1886 selling pictures, clocks and cutlery on the monthly payment system. Their assets show a surplus in hire receipt notes, but this is a risky business at the best, and in their hands has not proved successful.

- J. A. Perry, hats and caps, of Toronto, has called a meeting of his creditors at which he will ask an exteasion. He owes $\$ 4,500$ and claims assets of $\$ 6,000$. He failed before in 1876 but recovered his lost ground, and it is stated that his present failuro is due to domestic troubles causing him to neglect his business.
H. J. Fowler, general storckeeper of Hampton, N. B., has been in business a number of years, and was considered a shremd man. However he lost considerably by the failure of Dudno Breeze of St. John, N. B., and also endorsed for Flewelling \& Son, the result being that he is compelled to take refuge in an assignment.
Matthen Weatern, cooper, ate, of Oshawa, Ont., has assigned. His principal business. was dealing in cordwood. . He did a large. trade, but appears to have gone beyond his capital. At all ovents a judgment was obtained against him last month and an American creditor pressing him forced him to succumb.

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#### Abstract

Donald M．Nalk，carriagemaker；of Milton， Ont．，has assigr ed．He did a living＇businése， but was considored too weak for credit ouside of home．－Richard Francis，harnessmaker，of Renfrew，Ont．，has assigned．He＇wnis only in a small way，and has not minde any progress －T．W．Lemon，printer，of Mattawa，Ont．，is in difficulties．

J．S．Giason，gents＇furaishinge；of Torónto， has asbigned．He has been＇in＇businees＇for three years and claimed $\$ 500$ capital＇when te started．He has alvays been looked uponas honest but weak for credit，and indeed there seems to be very little show for a small store of this kind where the competition of larger －stores is present．

Joun Rousbtson，dry goods merchant，＂of Olinton，Ont．，who has just asgigaded miay be looked upon as a supply accotint of Hughes ${ }^{3}$ Bros．，of Toronto，so that＇when＇his Buppliers failed he was compelled to fail blso．He started in 1885 with a few hundred dollars


capital and enjoyed very little credit outside of the one house．

Letterg－patent have been isstod incorpor－ ating Lionel H．Shirley，of Montreal ；William A．Wilford，of Buckingham；John E．Wood， Alcxander Bremner and James Howley，of －Montreal，under the name of the＂Bucking－ －ham Brick and Tile company，＂for the manu－ facture of bricks，tiles，drains，\＆e．，with a capital stock－of $\$ 37,000$ ．

A．Aoses，tallor and clöhing，of Brockville， Ont．，has assigned．He came orlginally from ＇this city and，after doiog a smill wusinese， ＇aśsigned＇In January；1886，owing＇somei\＄y； 500. He óbtaified＇$a^{\prime}$ settlement＇at $50^{\circ}$ conts in the －dollar but since＇then Hian found it＇difficult to obtain＇credit＇outside＇of those interested and ＇consequently asgigns＇ágain．
${ }^{1}$ P．Comanal＇bats＇and caps，of＇Toronto，has succeeded in＇effecting＇a＇compromise＇with his creditors at 60 cents in the dollar；secured， after an unavailing attempt to induce them to
accept 50 cents．Liabililies may be placed at －$\$ 7000$ and he claims assets of $\$ 10,000$ ．Some trouble appears to have arisen lately by which his trade foll off considerably．
f Joun Koabst，has run a small grocery at Humberstone，Ont．，for some months past．He was worth nothing and was nevor rocom－ mended for credit；hence it is not wonderful that he now assigns．－Jnmes McKenzic，who dealt－in＇second－hand sewing machines and did repairing at Liondon，Ont．，has arsigned．Ho had very little means and less credit．
A＊ew induatry bas opened up for the Nova Scotia divers in the githering of iron from the remains of steamers wrecked on tho coast of Nova Scotia，Cape Breton and New－ foundland，Several vessels are fitted out with applinnces for breaking up the iron bulls rand whole cargoes have been sold at．$\$ 14$ per ton，which is considered a good，price．

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Join Hominael, genoral storokeeper of Fer'guson's Folls, Ont., has assigued. He also ran a sawmill, but appears to have done vory littlo eithor in the mill or the slorems. F. Shary, woollons, of Greonock, Ont., started in the Bummer of 1880 ronting a factory and

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putting in machincry. He did principally custom work, but has not found it profitable. Ho has assigned.
S. D. Hammion, dry goods morchant of this city has suspended payment. Linbilities are about $\$ 10,000$ and the estate shows a deficit of $\$ 1,000$. The firm was formerly Familton Bros. who dissolved in 1881 each continuing alone. Although not strong he was supposed to be doing a fair business, but competition is now very keen in this llac, and in his stand it is excoptionally so.

Geonan O. Brtts, general storekeeper, of Haldanes Hill, Ont., has absigned. He started in June, 1885, and has since plodded on in $n$ small way just making a living,-Geo. Beacock, harnoss maker, of Brockville, Ont., has assigned. He did only a small business, but lind an interest in a patent for artificial limbs. Still his credit has never been strong, and his failure takes no one by surprise.

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W. R. Otark, grocer, of Stonewall, Man., has assigned. He has been in business about six years, doing a small grocory business and burning lime, but has not got on. The businees will be wound up, and we learn that the assignee has sold the stock for sufficient to pay creditors 25 conts in the dollar of their claims. Ho was largely in the hands of one Winnipeg house and owes about $\$ 1,600$.

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and $\$ 8,000$ is thas lost to tho unsecured creditors，without including the call ou them to pay the oxpenses of winding the affirir up．

Two olectric light patrolmen mot sudden denths on the Chander electric lights at Halitas lant week．One was killed on a Sunday night while midnating a hamp that had gone out，and on Thessday night a second man was killed under precisely similar circum－ stances．It is satisfactory to know that the Halifux Society for the Prevention of Cruelly has taken hold of the casserand with the ansistance of the Coroner and a jury are hold－ ing a searching investigation into the circum－ stances．Ifamm lifo is too valumble to be sacrificed to ignoranco．

Most of the waters noound Nova Scotia， Now Brunswick and L．li．Ishand aro now open to mavigation．The steamers on the regular lines plying on tho St．John and Mirimichi are now making thoir trips．Tho P．E．I， Stenm Navigation Company＇s bonts are crose－ ing regularly from lictou to Charlottotown， and the Cape Breton ports are open save an occusional blockade of dift ice．A new stemmer is runuing from Halifax to tho west const of Nowfommiand and the various lines enst and west of Halifax havo resumed their senson＇s work．

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＇line whold of the Maritime Provinces seem to be disappointed over the withdrawal of the grant for the Dominion Exhibition as great preparations woro being mado to make the exhibition the most extensive ever held． Halifax had hor committeo notivoly at work and arrangements were forward when the an－ nouncoment was mado in Parlinment that the grant would not be made．Tho reason alleged is cconomy，but we think that if the grant was to be stopped，the announcement should have been made carlier as the Halifax peoplo were cortainly led to believo they were to be favored this year．

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statement was received．The total ostimated expenditure for the year is $\$ 4,115,894$ ，of which $\$ 2,130,837$ will be met by an íssuo of debentures，and the remuinder to ${ }^{\text {be met by }}$ the process of taxation and other revenue amounting to $\$ 1,985,057$ ．This tatter sum was divided into controllable and uncontrol－ lable expenditure，the former being $\$ 1,058,366$ ， and the latter $\$ 930,601$ ．The estimated revenue other than taxation is $\$ 547,648$ ，and the levying of a rate of 16 付 mills will be sufficient to meet the balance．
Monmebonch Notes．－E．G．Merkloy has renovated and converted the large ware－ house lately occupied．A．G．F．Drow into a double tenement dwelling house．Wo do not know where Mr．Drew will now store his rags or whether the rag business has fallen off or not－The late 1．C．Mntthew＇s estate is being settled up．It is not known yet．how much it will pay in the dollar．－ The assessor of Morrisburg has set overyone by the ears on account of what they call the ＂excessive asscesments．＂Look out for a larger number of appenls．The prosent assessment must be half as large again as last year．
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Peddie），of that city，amounting to about $\$ 16,900$ ，was sold by the sheriff at auction for 41 cents in the dollar．F．Peddie \＆Co！＇s stock brought $33 \frac{1}{3}$ cents in the dollar．The stock，including about $\$ 1700$ of shop fittings， etc．，amounted to about $\$ 19,300$ ，showing a deficitas compared with liabilities of abuat $\$ 1350$ ．The full liabilities of F．Peddic \＆Co． wero $\$ 20,680$ ，and assets $\$ 19,312$ ．The liabili－ ties of J．W．Peddie were $\$ 17,439$ ，including preferential claims amounting to $\$ 5394$ ．The full assets were $\$ 22,900$ ，including $\$ 6000$ in bills receivable．This would show an ap－ parent surplus of something less than $\$ 5500$ ， but a considerable portion of the $\$ 6000$ asset will not be met in full，and when the prefer－ ontial claims are covered，tho amount to be divided among the unsecured creditors will not be large．
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ises in place of the Victoria Laundry and on enquiry it turned out that the whole of the business，book débts and other effects had been made over by Ashman to tho City Laundry for a considerable sum．A capias was at once applied for，but on enquiry at his residence in Branswick street he was not to be found，his landlady stating he bad gone away on business＂with his trunks＂carly that morning．She would very much like to know when he would return，as he was always waiting for remittances which never arrived， and consequently there is a littlo bill waiting for him to settlo．Several of his customers have lost their washing and a number of buai－ ness creditors are in for different amounts．

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THE TISHERY TREATY.
The adverse report upon the Fishery Treaty, presented by the Republican majority of the United States Senate, will surprise no one who is conversant with. the bitterness to which party feeling arises across the border on the eve of a presidential election. It was evident from the very first that the treaty would not be discussed from a standpoint of international advantage, but would merely be used as a political woapon in tho coming contest. The interests of the Republican party would havo been injured incalculably had they allowed their opponents to reap the credit of having concluded a just and honorable settlement of a long standing quarrel, and consequently every
effort of the political wire-pullers was put forward to hold their mechanical majority in the Senate together and thus defeat, in the interests of the party's future. What even they acknowledge to be a fair and impartial agreement. Had the measure been putforward by a Republican house the same majority would have voted for it with equal servility; but the fact that it was made at the instance of a Democratic President,rendered it utterly ropugnant, since its ratification would certainly have strengthened his hands in the coming election.
No more striking instance of political tyranny can be imagined than this action on their part represents, and in this sense it should prove a warning to Canadians also. There can be no doubt that the bitterness of party feeling is increasing in Canada and that the maxim of every politician is "party first and country last." Measures of public importance are judged here, as they are in the United States, solely from a party standpoint, and as a natural consequence a spirit of rancor has sprung up which has rendered the voting strength of either party the willing serfs of their leaders, and thus enabled the latter to wield a mechanical majority, voting in a solid block on either side at the command of their political chief. No matter how useless or even injurious the bill may be, it is sure of the solid support of the party introducing it, and on the other hand, however beneficial the intended legislation will prove, it is certain to receive the uncompromising opposition of their opponents. This is certainly not a flattering view of the results of political freedom, but unfortunately the course of legislation proves its correctness at times in a startling manner, so that we cannot belp becoming more and more aware that there is no despotism so absolute as that put in force by partisan feeling.

In rejecting the provisions of the Fighery treaty the Republican senators do not hesitate' to ignore the real state of the case whenever the truth conflicts with party exigencies, and as a consequence some of the reasons given for disapproving of the treaty will look ridiculous in the oyes of those who know the true position of affairs. The spectacle of a nation demanding supreme jurisdiction on one portion of her coast over twelve marine miles from shore, at another portion over one hundred miles from shore, and at the same time denying the right of her naighivor to exclusive control within three miles from shore, is not an elevating one to the general observèr. In order to reconcile these entirely opposite demands the Republican party has been compelled to an amount of sup-- pression and tergiversation that is not edifying to those who believe in political morality. A nation which seizes our fish-
ing vessels sixty miles out at sea and at the same time goes into hysterics over our brutality when Canada exercises the same privilege within three miles from shore, will hardly command respect from lovers of consistency, and yet it is only the blind force of party exigencies that has warped the views of an otherwise fair and honorable people and has led them to look at patentfacts through a distorted medium. It is this anxiety to benefit his party that leads the American citizen to countenance and applaud a course upon the part of his political wire-pullers that he would scorn to follow in his private affairs. If partisan interests are thereby advanced he does not hesitate to uphold measures and statements of which his mercantile knowledge shows him the injustice, and yet in his own business this very man will be upright and honest, and would repudiate any such tactics as ho considers quite proper when only the nations honor is concerned and not his own.

We repeat that this condition of affairs across the line warns us to beware of the growing tendency towards a similar political position within our own borders. We must not neglect the multiplying signs of the increased subserviency of individual.members of either party and the absence of that class of members who will vote for a good measure or against a bad one simply from their own convictions. The party leaders now wield $a$ power which is unknown even in autocratic governments, and the great bulk of their followers vote simply at their commanत and never think of questioning tho righteousness of the side "fhey are called upon to champion. Thése plain statements are not flattering to our representatives at Ottawa, but they are perilously near the truth. The independent member is rapidly becoming as extinct : $s$ the dodo, and his place is being taken by the professional politician who knows that his chances of advancement depend upon his sinking his own individuality and conforming his views entirely to those of his political chief.

## THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

It needs but a fow minutes conversation with any of our leading merchants to convince even the most sceptical of the important part played by our oxaggerated system of, credits in producing the recent failures in business throughout the country. Not only has credit now become an integral portion of our commercial system but it is every day extending its influence into new directions and permeating every channel of domestic trade until now, even in large cities, credit sales form the bulk of the operations of every store and the cash customer is the exception rather than the rale. The natural result is the
enlargement of book debis with a corresponding increase in the 'percentage of losses, the gradual impoverishment of the storekeeper, his first application for a renewal, and then in gradual succession the judgment, the chattel mortgage or bill of sale, and lastly the inevitable collapse.

What remedy to suggest for this condition of aflairs is the great question of the day. Like every other bad habit it will prove far more dificult to dislodge than it was to foster ; but it is evident that the cure must begin from the foundation and that it is useless to attack it half way from its source. Until the customer pays cash it is useless to ask the storekeeper to do it; and until this latter can afford to shorten his term of credit to thirty days, the wholesaler must grant him more time or lose his trade. No one is more anxious to have the present exaggerated credits curtailed within reasonable bounds than are our wholesale houses, as the discounts they offer as inducements to pay within the month abundantly prove, and yet this is the class upon whom the blame is usually thrown. "If the wholesale houses were not so free in crediting, trade would be in better shape," say the public, ignoring the fact that this is the eflect and not the cause. Were the retailer in position to purchase on shorter terms we should soon see commercial credits approach those ruling across the border and the discount for thirty days no longer necessary.; but until the customer pays cash it is useless to expect the retailer to do so, and therefore it is on him that the blame of the credit syetem should properly rest.
Of course every merchant is aware that there are many sections of this country where credit is unavoidable. In purely agricultural sections the farmer must wait until such time as his crops can be harvested and taken to market before he can pay his store-bill, and in the meantime must obtain his necossary supplies on credit. The storokeeper in his turn must wait for his payments in order to meet his obligations to the wholesaler and thus the whole of the trade movement rests entirely on the basis of mutual confidence. Under such circumstances it would be absurd to recommend a strictly cash basis or to inveigh against credit, as the system in use is the only one practicable; but in the case of citics and the larger towns and villages we may safely take the ground that, with the great bulk of the public, credit-seoking is an ingrained habit and not a necessity. Many mon never think of paying cash fur anything; and appear to work upon the principle of apending their credit first since their cash is good at any time. These men are generally perfectly able to pay cash but exact credit from the storekeeper apparently under theimpression that they gain some advantage over him
by so doing. In addition to this, to have credit at a store appears to be looked upon as a kind of badge of respectability and alanding in the community, until the cash customer has come to be looked upon as only doing so because he is unable to procure credit for his wanis. Again, annong farmers the desire to maintain a largo balance in their savings lonk lends them to extort exaygerated credits from their storekeepers and cnuses them to pay slowly and grudgingly and in as small instalmonts as possible. Instances have come under our nolice where farmers have neglected to pay ofl mortgages upon which thoy were paying eight or ton per cent. interest in order to keep the money in a savings bank at four; a fact that will seem incredible to the business man but which is nevortheleas perfectly true. All this tends to reduce the retail storekecper's receipts of cabl, and to rendor him uncertain as to when he will be in funds. In ordor to guard limselt against being pushod he is compellod to ask for such torms from the wholesaler as will ounble him to wait his eustomers' convenience. Tho wholesaler in his turn appoals to his banker and to his suppliers for assistance, and thus the chain of credit extends from the farmer to the manufacturer.
No doubt a certain amount of that mutual confidence which wo term credit is not only indispensable but absolutely beneficial. Without credit those gigantic financial undertakings, without whose aid Canada would still be in its primeval condition, would have been impossible, but it is now evident that we havo allowed this habit to grow upon us until it has developed into a gennine trade ovil. Credit is no longer asked for as a favor, but is demanded as a right, and as a natural consequenco the debtor's moral perceptions havo becomo blunted until we now see men who can boldly face their creditors and offer them a quarter of their claims under the impression that they are playing the part of honeat men in paying anything at all. It is not pleasant to say so, but we camot shirk the fact that compromises are now no longor looked upon as any detriment to a man's commercial charactor. The man who pays ten cents and the man whọ pays one hundred cents in the dollar command nearly the same aunount of respect in the community and appear to enjoy equal opportunities for credit. No doubt this is due to the vigorous competition of the wholesale houses which often leads their travellers to sell any one who will buy; but at the samo time it shows the tendencs of the present day to place the "smart" man on an equality with the honest man, and to permit the word "smartness" to cover acts which in other years would have been termed fraudulont, This cannot be
laid directly to the credit system but no review of that system is possible without including it, since it is only one of the instances where the blunting of the moral perceptions induced by a chronic condition of indebtedness results in a permanent deterioration of the character of the debtors.

## ITHE SIIUATION IN EUROPE.

England has been awakened at length from her state of fancied security by the series of articles in the fortnighlly Review from the pen of Sir Charles Dilke, backed by writers in other periodicals, but more especially by the recent utterances of General Wolseley on the subject of her unpreparedness in case of attack from the Continent, which the writers seem to think not at all unlikely. France is in a state of ferment and seems "spoiling for a fight" in order to tast the strength of her present position, wipe out the humiliation of Sedan and recover the loss of Alsace and Lorraine. Russia is scarcely less threatening, and as soon as these two peoples become assured of each othor's friendliness or co-operation the shock will come. It can scarcely be hoped that the new Germa $i$ emperor can pull through his ailment, and his successor has enough of the Hohenzollern spirit in him to warrant the belief that he will not be very long averse to indulging his belligeront neighbors, east or west, when opportunity presents. Bgypt with France, and Afghanistan with Russia are the tender pointe, although perhaps less coveted than Delgium or Turkey, while the Fishery question in respect of the United States is likely to remain an irritating subject for some time. The Americans are strengthening their navy notjto be caught napping. Euglad, now that she is fully alive to the dangers of the situation, will become a busy hive for some time to come in the manufacture of the materials of war, and this cannot fail to impart new life to the iron and stoel and kindred industries; and if, as proposed, a considerable portion of the sorvice is permitted to substitute a more rational, if not so picturesque, a dress for the present skin-tight uniform, which not only incapacitates the individual from performing his duties with suflicient froedom in the field, but prevents his stooping to pick up his cane-the woollen and clothing trades will teel the effects. Everything points to an approaching conflict and ono which, in view of the gigantic proparations going on for nearly twenty yoars past in France, Germany, Italy, Russin and Austria-not forgetting impatient and pugnacious little Greecscannot fail to end in important changes on the map of Europe, and possibly of other contineuts.

## CANADIAN STATISTICS.

To the careful student of cornmercial history the concise volume of "graphic" statistics published by Mr. George Johnson; of Ottawa, will prove most valuable. The figures he gives for 1887, the twentieth year of Confederation, display far more emphatically than pages of assertion the enormous strides that the Dominion has made towards material prosperity, and the clear and striking manner in which they are presented renders comparison with any of the preceding years possible at a glance.

The gradual growth of our gross debt from $\$ 93,046,051$ in 1867 to $\$ 273,187,626$ in 1887, is given step by step, and at each important increase the cause is plainly stated. In similar manner we find tables showing the growth of Customs and Excise, the exports and imports and their relative values In comparing the valnes of the nine principal home products exported we find them rank as follows:,


These figures give a very fair idea of the relative importance of the various branches of our export trade and prove that at present at all events, so far as exports are concerned, Canada is still a "wooden" country.
The statistics as to the consumption of wine, spirits, beer and tobacco are calculated to upset preconceived ideas. We find, for instance, that British Columbia consumes the most bear and wine of any of the provinces in the Dominion, that it smokes the most tobacco, and with the exception of Quebec drinks the most spirits. The figures for each 1000 inhabitants since Confederation are as follors:

|  | Gallons. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Spirits. | Wi |  |
| British Columbia.. | 25,897 | 11,932 | 72,827 |
| Lower Provinces. | 38,494 | 3.534 | 35,872 |
| Quebec | 32,078 | 5,377 | 37,145 |
| Ontario | 21,717 | 7,980 | 61,807 |
| Manitoba. | 12,939 | 1,197 | 33,250 |

It is evident then that the Pacific province is the most bibulous in spite of its small population, and if we turn to the sta tistics of tobacco we find that in this also British Columbia is the largest consumer. Each 1000 persons in all Canada have used 42,200 pounds on average since Confederation, but if we divide the statistics for each province the result is as follows:

Pounds.


| New Brunswick | 41,300 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ontario | 34,400 |
| Nova Scoti | 32,240 |
| P. E. Island. | 26,730 |

The figures show a steady decrease in the consumption of spirits and wine, and a corresponding increase in the conbumption of beer in Canada. In 1808 the annual consumption per each 100 of the population was 160 gallons of spirits, 17 of wine and 226 of beer. By 1887 the consumption of spirits had fallen to 74 gallons per 100, wine to 9 gallons per 100, and the consumption of beer had increased to 308 gallons per 100. The lowest consumption of spirits was in 1880 and 1886, when it was but 71 gallons for each 100 of population. The greatest consumption of beer was in 1887 and the lowest in 1870 and 1878, when it was 216 gallons per 100. The statistics also show that Ontario drinks nearly three times more beer than spirits; Quebec nearly twice as much spirits as beer; New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island more spirits than beer; and Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia more beer than spirits.
To review every table in so comprehensive a volume would be impossible within the cramped limits of our space, and where so many and varied statistics are given it would seem invidious to ask for more, but still it is perhaps to be regretted that Mr. Johnson did not include a table giving the average values of the principal cereals as well as the volume of their exports. Such a table would have been of infinite service in calculating the values of the produce exported in each year, and would bave rendered the volume practically complate. In this connection it may perhaps prove difficult to those who insist that the United States form our "natural market" to explain how it is that our exports of wheat and flour to that country have steadily decreased since 1S68, while those to Great Britain are now five times as large. Taking the figures for separate years we reach the following result:


These figures certainly seem to show that there is very little foundation for the catch phrase that our "natural" market lies across the border. In point of fact it does nothing of the sort. The natural market for a country that produces more than it requires is a country where a deficiency in that particular product exists that renders consumers ready to buy the surplus. In no case can the United States be considered such a market. The United States has a larger surplus than we bave of most of
our products, and consequently purchases our produce simply to sell again to Great Britain and thus reap that profit which our exporters should secure. The natural market for Canada, as these figurss prove, is the mother country, who takes our surplus freely because she needs it for consumption. If we sell direct to ber we escape the profit exacted by the American middleman, and thus carry out the commercial principle of treating direct with the consumer. To speak of the United States as our natural market, simply because of its propinquity, is absurd in these days of cheap transportation, when -grain can be sent to Liverpool as cheaply as it can be carried a hundred miles. Our natural markets are at the great consumptive centres of the world, not auong competitors in production, and the inexorable logic of figures shows how thoroughly this point is understood by Canadian exporters.

## THE INSURANCE PROBLEM.

The announcement that many of our largest mercantile houses have signed a petition asking American fire companies to open branches in this city and promising them all their business in case they should accede to the request, has naturally caused some excitement in insurance circles. These merchants hold that the Montreal fire brigade is not so inefficieni as to call for the recent advance in rates, and that although pressure should doubtless be put upon the civic authorities to ensure the improvement of our fire appli. ances, there are other methods that might be successfully employed for this purpose besides taxing the business community. Chere is a growing feoling that although it is acknowledged that the past few years have been so disastrous to the rompanies as to be absolutely disheartening it is hardly fair to lay the whole burden upon business risks, that the fire insurance companies themselves aro responsible for quite a proportion of the distructive fires that have occurred in this city, simply because they exercise no proper oversight of the risks in which they are interested, and that, therefore, a little healthy competition from companies outside of the Association would not be out of place. Similar conditions have prevailed all over this continent and, as we show in another column, every Canadian and British company doing business in the United States has experiencel a percentage of losses and expenses to premiums of from 90 to 115 per cent, and yet we do not hear of any consequent advance in rates there. The companies bear the unusual loss themselves, and do not expect the public to carry it for them; a striking example of the benefits of wholesome competition.

On the side of the companies it is urged,
and with great force, that, uniil such times as the Montrenl Fire Brigade is placed upon that level that a metropolitan city should command, we cannot expect cheap rates of insurance. They point out that the extreme measure of advancing rates was not adopted until every other method of improving our fire appliances had been tried in vain, aud that, even at the high rates complained of, the year's business shows the heaviest loss the companies have ever experienced. The total losses by fire in this city during 1887 amounted to $\$ 1 ; 312,000$ and the insurance loss to $\$ 1,176,700$. I'o these figures we must add aboul 2 S per cent for expenses. Against this we have a premium income that at the highest cannot exceed $\$ 700,000$, so that we find that the losses have been close upon twice as much as the receipts. This is a startling showing, and cortainly makes out a very strong case for the companies. The tables we published in our issue of 2nd December latst show that for the past five yeira they have made heavy losses, but never so heavy as during the twelve months just concluded, for the figures for 1886, although considered excessive at the time, were only about $\$ 773,500$ as agninst $\$ 1,176,700$ jn 1887.
It is evident that we cannot blame this enormous increase of fire waste entirely upon the inefliciency of the fire brigade. There must be some other reason outside of this, and as similar conditions have prevailed in American cities, we venture to give the opinions of the Insurance Commissioner of Massachussets upon' the increase of fire waste in the district under his control. Mr. Merrill does not hegitate to attribute the increase in fires to the moral hazard, and points out that incendiarism either by absolute arson or by deliberate neglect of necessary procautions against fire is on the increase. He states that the fact of insurance existing removes the sense of pecuniary responsibility from the community, and has consequently led the public to look upon incendiarism as merely an offence against the insurance company, and not as a crime against the public weal. A sentiment consequently prevails that. as the company alone suffers loss, it is the business of its officials to hunt down and punish the offender, whereas the fundamental principle of insurance is that the company is simply the collector of funds from the entire community wihh which to repair the effects of carelessness and crime. At the same time these identical people who lay the responsibility of detecting incondiarism upon the underwriters are the first to accuse them of shirking their contract and endeavoring to dafraud the loser if they attempt to resist or oven closely investigate his claim; and consequently the companies would sooner pay a doubtful
loss than risk litigation, with its certainty of adverse adyertising.
This appears to be really the true position of affairs, and we foar that it is to the incroase in the moral hazard, due to the pressure of hard times, that much of the excessive fire waste of the past year must bo ascribed. No doubt the companies do not oxercise the vigilance they should. Their oflicials often never seo the insurer. They do not visit the promises in order to extunine for themselves how the place is heated; how the stovepipes are conducted to the chimney; if the gas fixtures are in close proximity to the wood work; the structure and substantiality of the bnilding, or othor points of importance in determining the nature of the risk thoy have undertaken, and as a matural consequence advantage is taken of their nogligence by unscrupulous insurors to such an extent that we find that of the total fires of the continent seventeon per cent. are designated as "incondiary," twenty-two more are duo to "unknown causes," and of the balauce fifty-five, per cent. arise from causes clearly preventable. These figures call for the earnest altention of every businoss man interested in the future of insurance, as it is bocoming evident that some further means are necessary to ascertain the causes of overy individual fire and to hund down the incendiary in the interests of the pablic weal.

## BOOK-KLEEPERS AND ACCOUNTANTS.

The stendily increasing supply of clorks claming to be able to perform the duties of book-keopers and accountanis is one of the most unsatisfactory foatures of the trained labor market. The country has now a surphas of commercial clerks, a fact painfully ovidenced by the enger rush of applicunts whenever a vacancy occurs in any morcantile house. Every merchant will bear testimony to the resulting reduction of the average of wages paid, and yot it is only necessury to put in the most uncompromising advertisoment to secure hundreds of answers from men who aro dosirons " to improve thair position." It is more than doubtful whether the average price paid for book-keopersin this city can bo placed at higher than ton dollars notwithstanding that many of these omployod in the ofices of our merchant princes receive far more than that nmount. Wo have, in this ciby; a few book-koepors who receive $\$ 5000$ per annum, but on tho other hand wo have hundreds whose pay does not exceod six to eight dollars per week. An advertisement for an exporionced book-keoper willing to tako charge of a set of books for ton dollars per woek, would bring hmedrods of applications from hungry and
anxious men who would jump at the chance of such a salary.
Over-supply is, of course, the cause of this discouraging position of aflairs; and this over-supply is due to two causes-the Busincss Colleges and the competition of women. The commercial college now turns out book-keepers by the gross (although we may add, not always of the best quality), and it is to this rush of semi-competent young men, with exag. gerated ideas of their own capability, that the present depraciation of the value of book-keepers is due. They receive theoretical instruction at college only to find, when they do secure a situation, that they are incapable of putting it in practical form. Every large house of business may be said to bave its own particular methods of keeping its accounts, and consequently ${ }^{4}$ the unfortunate studenti often finds he has simply to forset everything he has learnt, and that his chances of remaining in his position are dopendent unon the speed with which he can adapt himself to the now conditions.
The growing competition of women is anoller point that tells heavily against the chances of the male book-keeper. With girl stenographers and type writers came the girl book-keepor; and she has evidently come to stay. We could point out many firms in this city whose bookkeepors are women, and the experience of employers tenches that, while girls are not adapted to keep the books of large and complicated concerns, they are fully capable of filling that position in smaller houses, and of acting as useful and competent 'assistants in the larger ones. It is evident that year by year the proportion of girls compelled to earn their own livings is incrensing, and "that under moderi educational advantages they are able to hold their own with the sterner sex. The competition of women is by no menins the least ovil the book-lkeeper-has to contend with, and their compotition is becoming keener and more intelligent every day as the prejudice against girl clerks fades anny and their greater cheapness is considered.
In old days, the book-keeper was one of the most important factors in the conduct of large buainess oporations. Moneyed men were then largely self-made, often with only a limited education to begin with. Such men were either ignorant of the science of accounts or knew ouly just sufficiont to comprehend a balance sheot. Consequently the salaries then cheerfully paid to men of proved skill in this brauch were large, and they frequent. ly attained to shares in the business on no other capitul than their brains. Now all this is changed, and we see the average book-keeper toiling on at his old salnry and growing poorer as his family increases
often only too thankful if losses do not reduce his salary or compel him to seek another situation. We do not say that prizes do not exist, but they are few and far between, and the attainment of them is limited to a fortunate few. As a general rule book-keeping is advantageous trades a boy can be brought up to, and if parents would recognize this fact they would save their sons much unmerited poverty. The supply is far abead of the demand, and until these factors more nearly approach each other the salary of the book-keeper must remain low and the position be filled by persons who have fewer encumbrances than the ordinary householder.

## SUMMER DRESSES.

The return of blue skies and warm sunny days has greatly stimulated the distribution of summer dress goods. Provident purchasers find it better to make their selections early' when they can have a full assortment to choose from, instead of waiting till the rush gets in and the favorite lines are bought up and they are compelled to be satisfied with what is left. Consequently a large volume of dreas goods has changed hands during the week and dressmakers are proportionately busy.
There is no sign yet of the long expected return to sloping shoulders. In fact the very reverse is apparent, and we are accustomed to see the height of the shoulder emphasized by a little ridge on the upper side of the arm or by an epaulet of beads. In evening dresses this tendency is more marked and in some light toilets there is a row of puffings above the real curve of the shoulder in order to attain the required effect. Naturally, in order to be in keeping, the high collar returns to fashion, and for evening wear the Medici collar, the prettiest of the ruffs, will be very much worn since it is cool and at the same time makes a wonderfully becoming background for the throat. These collars, whose breadth may be either restricted to the back or brought down to the edge of the square-cut bodice, are made sometimes of the material of the dress, but prefarably of ambroidery or lace stiffened with wire or buckram and curved back like a rose petal.
For early summer suitings medium weight camel's hair serges and French molnirs in improved qualities will be very popular. Tanglish serge in the finer quali. ties too will be a vory favorite line, especially for travelling or seaside purposes or wherever a durable yet stylish and lady: like material is required. It drapes handsomely, while danipness has no effect upon it, and it can be easier cleaned from dust than any other woollen fabric. White serges will be among the popular materials for sea shore wear aild there are a num:
ber of beautiful neutral shades suitable for overy day use. Hemrietta cloth and India cashmere are much run upon, and imported toilets of these fabrics show skirts in the aame shade striped with velvet with a long French polonaise beautifully draped above. The velvet stripes used are in golden brown, heliotrope, terra cotta and moss-green tints. If watered silk skirts are, used, the back of the princess polonaise is finished with an immense Louis Quinze sash drapery of very wide moire ribbon fastened in loops and ends.

For light costames it is evident that printed fabrics are to be first choice this season, and it is predicted that rose-pink will replace heliotrope as the fashionable shade instead of light blue as was at first asserted. Pretty pongees in ecru groundinge with tiny flowers printed in various colors are selling well, and there is the usual bewildering variety of ginghams and sateens; the delicately tinted and embroidered zephyrs and chamberys attracting a good deal of attention. These embroidered gingham dresses have deep flouncings made up on a plain skirt; but plain gingham edged with narrow Hamburg embroidery is used for the drapery and waist. Figured, checked, and striped ginghams are also made up with plain material and may have a collar, cuffs, and vest front of velvet if desired.

White dresses of veiling, mohair, serge, and brilliantine, will be fashionable for watering place wear and should he made in geverely simple styla with tailor-made bodice and draped skirt. Somo ladies prefer however a long princess polonaise undraped in front and caught up in large, full puffe behind. Dark blue serge dresses will be lit up with an edging of $\varepsilon$ triped cashmere, usually crimson and white. The polonaise is buttoned down plainly to the usual basque dopth in front and then falls apart in two straight breadthe which are faced with the striped goods. Every indication points to the reviving popularity of the princess style and to the consequent disappearance of the bustle, and it locks now as if the fashions of 1888 will be largely modelled on those of 1882.

## WHERE HAS THE MONEX GONE?

. Oertain of the creditors of Wm. Dodds \& OO., retail grocers, corner of St. Lawrence and Dorchester streets, feel aggrieved over the apparent condition of the concern's affairs. Wm. Dodd has had considerable experience in the business, but has, according to his own showing, not profited as much by it as people of experience are supposed to do. After many years run, be failed some four years ago and the estate paid the creditors eight conts in the dollar. Nothing abashed or discouraged by this, and fully imbued with the idea that it was not he but his creditors who had any
cause for worry or anxiety, he arranged to resume business in his wife's name, as Wm. Dodds \& Co. It might have been mentioned before that Mr, Dodds was not in a position to lack advice as regards the legal limits in business troubles, as among his intimate friends he counted an activo and industrious young accountant whose knowledge of defective cetates was acquired in the practice of his calling, being one of the fow new hands who jumped aboard at the repeal of the old Incolvent Act when the eariched older hands became convinced that the pickings of the carcases under the anarchical order of things were not worth bothering about. Mr. Dodds $\&$ Co. furnished no deterring examplo to the retail and other trades. Business rather continued to increase and the concern was shortly in almost as good credit as ever; wholesale houses-some of them, it is said, under advice -sold them all the goods they wanted-if we may infer from the amount of the claim of such houses as Lightbound, Ralston \& Co. The business of the concern for the twelve months ending 3lst December, 1887 aggregated $\$ 22,400$; the amount paid out in that period was $\$ 17,394$. The Eales in last October were $\$ 1,995$; paid out in that month, $\$ 916$. They claimed as a result of the year's business a net amount to credit of $\$ 1,100$ on the 1st January last; and yet the creditors are now obliged to face a deficiency of over $\$ 5,000$ on liabilities of about $\$ 8,000$. The question of "Where has the money gone?" cannot unfortunately bo wholly ascortained by his books, for the leat for the 17 th October has by some accident--perhaps an "African in the fence"-disappeared; but Mr. Dodds says it chicfly contained accounts of private busi-ness-and he is undoubtedly right. There is somo probability of a squabble over the mystery of the moncy's disappearadco. It were ridiculous to imagine that Senator Abbott had any idea of an ex post facte application herein when framing his Bill as regards the so-called Bucket shops. As he is a friend to both parties, we would recommend that Mr. S. O. Fatt be consulted on the subject -on condition that he give all parties the full benefit of his amplo knowledge and experience.

To those who claim that there exisis a certain amount of injustice to domestic interests in granting through rates for export at lowor pricos than wonld be charged for the same freight to local pointe, we cannot do better than quoto the words of the Chronich. In dealing with this subject the writer points out that this apparent anomaly is rendored necessary by international competition, and that it prevails also in England, Germany, France and other European nations. Ho thon goes on to say:-

If the rates from Chicago to Liverpool are raised, it means just so much more relative advantage, and just so much botter market for the wheat of Russia, India or Australia, It involves a corresponding
restriction of the chances of disposing of our surplus food products. The low export rates are a most important means which enable us to hold our own in the markats of the world, and to prevent a further disastrous fall in the price of whent at home. But--to put the argument for enforced equality in a more specious form-why cannot the home rates bo reduced to the export rate level? If the railroads can carry so cheaply for the foreigner, why cannot they do so for the home consumer? 'It is becauso any such reduction would leave the railroads an insufficient sum for paying their fixed charges. They were built because it was thought that the home trade would support them. When thoy were once built it was found that they could carry foreign traffic for anything which would more than pay operating expenses. They would have been glad to get as high rates for forcign as for home traffic if they could have dono so. This is tho difficulty to-day. If we reduce rates to the scaboard down to the level of the railroad share of the export rate, wa do not leave enough profit to pay fixed charges. If we attempt to raise the foreign rato, tho European competitors step in and prevent us from disposing of our surplus Wheat. In the latter case wo lose our markot; in the former case we lose the inducement to develop our railroad facilities. In either event trade suffers.

This is a plain and concise review of the position and should convince oven tho most rabid opponent of through rates.

Lotremes.-Our recont roferenco. to this subject is doubtless to 10 credited with the following circular letter from Hon. Honore Mercier, Atty. General :-"I have tho honor to transmit, for your information and guidanco, a copy of the Provincial and Federal Statutes respeoting lotteries. As the prohibition cuacted in those Statutes against advertising, printing and publishing notices of lottcriês is generally overlooked in this province, I deem it my duty to caution editors of newspapers and the public in genoral against the infringement of the Statutes in that behalf, by calling attention to those provisions of the law, and to the penalties incurred by those who infringe the same. I would very much regret to be obliged to have to have recourse to nevere measures, but I will be compelled to do so if the present official notice does not attain the desired end." Glancing over the Statutes, wo find it applies only to "foreign" lotteries, so that we must concludo the worthy Premicr wishes to impress the opposition press with the magnanimity of the government in allowing them to go on "doing evil that good may follow"for the only lottery we find advertised in Montreal is that generally credited to the able and active gentlomin appointed to the position of deputy in the immigration offico But this lottery would doubticss bo lappy to have a monopoly of the business.

The purchase of a large block of old Turk. ish prunes at the close of last weok has placed the stock of that article in a much stronger position and under better control. The exsyadicate, whose rise and fall wo chronicled at some length, have now about closed up that speculative vonture, and it is doubtful if they will ever again attempt to corner the world's supply of an article which has proved
so disastrous, not only to them, but to many others in the past. The entire stock remain ing for future coneumption is phaced at abott 6,000 cabks, and as the goods have now an age of twenty montla, it will require eome effort to work them of before hot weather begins to deteriorate the quality. The Trieste market, however, is now progressing favorably for the holders of old stock. The low value of the past seas hat caused the withdrawal of a very considerable portion of the crop there, thus cousing a small available supply at the present sterling price. During the past week large purchuses have been mado for German account and some fait-sized parcels have been secared for New York importers, and under the influence of this action the value has shown a gradual mivance of late, siny from 10 s 3 d , c . and f . per steamer May shipment, to 11 s id usked, though no positive business is known to have been complete nbove lis.

Anout a year ago plans were premared by the Unwhor Commissioners for extending the harbor but at tho reguest of the Minister of lublic Works, work was delnyed until the Government would take definite action in regard to the assumption of the lake St. Peter debt. Now that that is an accomplished fact, the contemplated improvements will be proceeded with, work being first commenced at the Hochelnga division. The improvements will include a new shore wharf, with fiva piers, extending out to the natural deep water, and at such an ungle us to afford easy aecess to vessels from the strong current. It is proposed to make them all deep water wharves. The total increase of frontage for seagoing vessels will be about 10,200 lineal feet, of about two dilles. For the present an extension of 1500 fect from the colton factory for the accommodation of the lumber trade, aud about 1300 feet with a pier for the sugar refinery, will be buill, In anticipation of this work the Commissioners have been depositing dredgings along the shore, where half a mile of good embankment has thus been formed, and only awaits the construction of the crib work. ' 'tbe Commissioners estimate that between $\$ 250,000$ and $\$ 300,000$ will be expended this year on the work.

Tus fears of the regular brokers of this city that the bill for the suppression of bucket shous would injura thoir butiness have been allayed by the insortion of a clause to the offect that:-
"The foregoing provisions of this Act shall not apply to cases where the broker of a purchaser shall receive delivery in his behalf of articles sold, notwithstanding that any such broker shall retain or pledge the same as security for tho ndrance of the purchase money or any part thereof."
This clausu will entirely cover their transactions and hence the bill passed without any further upposition. Its passage has already nffected the agencies likely to be injured by its provisious. Huntahan \& Co. have a notico
up that no new transactions will be opened and all old ones must be closed the day that the Governor-General sanctions the bill. The addition of the amendment disappointed some who hoped there would be no more selling short, but as its wording was agreed upon between the Minister of Justice and the governing body of the Montreal Stock Exchange, it will in no wise affect the dealings of that institution unless it be to legalize all the transactions carried on through its clearing house, whether the eales be short or long.

The following table gives the percentage of loss aud expenditure of the principal English and Cavadian fire insurance companies doing business in the United Slates. It will be noticed that in the case of 12 out of 23 companies the losses exceed the preminm income, and in only instance do the figures fall under 90 per cent. This cannot be called a fuvorable showing :-

## Compranies.

British America................... 105.5
City of London ................... 106.2
Commercial Union ........... . 91.9
Firs Insurnace Association, Eng. 113.4
Guardian ....... .......-........... 100.0
Hamburg-Bremen ................. 98.1
Imperial...... ..................... 97.3
Lancashire . . . . . . . . . ........... 110.0
Lion. . . . . . . ...... . . . ...... . . . . . 93.9
Liverpool and London and Globe 95.5
London Assurance Corporation.. 101.5
Loudon and Lancashire, Eng.... 90.9
Northern, Eng ...... . ............ 94.0
Norwich Union, England....... 91.8
North British and Mercantile.... 93.5
Phanix...... .................... 105.5
Qucon............................... 102,1
Royal 102.1
97.7

Scottish Union and National.... 81.8
Sun . ........ ....................... 106.6
Trmnsatlantic....................... 105.2
United Fire Re-insurance....... 108.1
Western
A largely attended meeting of master printers, journeymen priuters, book and music. publishers, booksellers, binders, electrotypers and paper makers was held in Toronto to discuss the new copyright bill that has just been sprung upon the House of Commons. There was intense feeling against the bill, nud it was unanimously agreed that a telegram be sent to the Minister of Justice protesting against tho passage of the bill at this sebsion, believing if passed in its present shape their and kindred interests would be ruinously affected, and further that it was the opinion of the meeting that time should be given to tho Ganadian trado to state their views fully on the question before legislation be passed by the Canadian Parlinment affecting their interests. The Typographical Union will also send a despatch, and other bodies will meet to take action. The copyright bill now before the House of Commons proposes to do away with the necessity for priating books in Canada to secure Canadian copyright, also to prevent the importation of American reprints of British copyright books into Cauada.

Tue fate of tho Balmoral Hotel still hangs in the balance, undecided. The offer made by Mr. Dunham of 20 cents in the dollar, secured, payable in 6,12 and 18 months; fell to the ground owing to the refusal of some of the smaller creditors to accept $i t$, and consequently an assignment has been made, A proposition to turn the hotel into a joint-stock company, in which each creditor should take stock to the extent of his clain and a fixed percentage over, the balance to be devoted to running the hotel under the charge of an experienced man likely to make a success of it, has been received with some favor and may possibly be acted upon, for it is evident that unless this, or some similar scheme, bo inaugurated, or the composition necepted, the creditors will get absolutely nothing. The claim that the hotel did not suceced owing to the heavy charge for rent is preposterous. The liabilitics are over $\$ 80,000$, and of this only $\$ 15,200$ is due for rent. The fact is that the successful first-class, or even second class, hotels in this city can be reckoned on less than the fingers of one hand and that, from its inception, the Balmoral was nover likely to pay under such circumstances.

Dorma the past two weeks there has been a still further falling off in the condition of winter wheat. The decline is most marked in those States from which we draw our largest supplies. In Illinois the condition of the crop has retrograded for the past thirty days, and now chinch bugs are at work to an alarming extent. The conditions in Indiana aro quito simitar, and Ohio does not promize a crop excceding $15,000,000$ bushels, against $37,000,000$ last year, In Michigan, the fourth great winter wheat State, the crop will run 30 per cent. below last year. Kansas and Missouri report the presence of chinch bugs in Jarge numbers, only kept in check by the cold, backward weather. A conservative estimate makes the shortuge of the winter wheat crop from $60,000,000$ to $70,000,000$ bushels. Cold wenther and excessive rains have delayed spring wheat seeding, but no increase in acrenge is indicnted. The outlook of the oat crop has materially changed for the better. Corn is not jet all planted, rains having caused serious delay. Aside from winter wheat the prospects are now favorable for crops generalls north of the Ohio River and west of the Misisissippi.

Mr. Justice Tasouenead has maintained the tro eapinses issued on behalf of the other creditors against W. E. Elliott, the insolvent and absentee oil merchant, by Messra. B. \&S. Thompson for $\$ 4,000$, and-by Mr. J. F. Wulff for $\$ 18,000$. The court held that, in the Wulfi case, although the plaintifif merely held a large portion of the notes on which the capias was taken- ns a grele nomme for the other creditors who had placed them in his hands for the purpose of the suit, this action was perfectly legal. On the merits His Honor
held that Elliott's conduct revealed cases of gross fraid. He had dissipated his estate, he had endorsed heavily and had mutilated his books. If there, was ever a case where creditore were justified in capiasing a debtor this certainly wis one. Judgment, therefore, went for $\$ 22,000$ and costs. The sureties in the case are his two brothers, Walter and Frank, Messrs. P. E. Gannon, the absentec grocer, J. E. Marchand, F. Bisaillon, W. Fraser, and $F$. J. Tiffin, agaiust whom actions will be at once instituted.

Tus statement of the businuss of the Bank of Montreal for the year ending 30th ApriI shows:-

## Balance of profit and loss account,

April $30,1887 \ldots . . . . . . . .$.
Profits for the year ended April 30 ,
1888, after deducting charges of
management and making full
provision for bad and doubtful
debts
. $1,284,501$
$\$ 1,890,241$
Dividend 5 per cent. paid
December 1, 1887....... $\$ 600,000$
Dividend 5 per cent. pay-
able June $1,1888 . . . .$. . 600,000
$\xrightarrow{-} \$ 1,200,000$
Balance of profit and loss carried
forward ............................ $\$ 690,241$ The actual earning for the twelve months was thus slightly under $10 \frac{4}{4}$ per cent., and after paying a dividend of ten per ceut., there is carried forward a balance of $\$ 690.241$. For the previous year the actunl earnings were $\$ 1,520,195$, or $12 \frac{2}{3}$ per cent., the amount carried forward being \$605,740.

Tus copper market in New York has diverted much of the general attention from tin. It declined eeveral points on the 10 th, but soon went up again, and some of the brokers believe that it is going still higher. An explanation of this is fuund in the fact that the agents of the French syndicate, which now controls practically all the copper output of the world, were buying. The brass manufacturers held their regular monthly meeting in New York last week, and it-is understood tbat a proposition of the copper syndicate offering to supply the manufacturers on a tenmonths' contract at 16.50 c was rejected. The idea prevailed prevailed that as long as the syndicate could not hold on to tin it $^{\text {it could }}$ not hold on to copper. In any event, the market rent up at once, and there are brokers who regard the refusal of the brass manufacturers to accept the offer of the syndicate as the secret of the rise, bince there is very little copper in the market that is not controlled by the syndicate.

According to an abstract of statements 0 life insurance companies doing business in Canada during the jear 1887, which has just been issued, the total number of companies are 39,11 being Canadian, 16 British and 12 American. The promiums for the year re-
ceived by the Canadiau Companies amount to $\$ 2,843,398$, British $\$ 890,629$ and American $\$ 2,285,954$, making a total of $\$ 6,019,981$, showing an increase of $\$ 824,261$ over that of 1886. The total number of policies new and taken up whs 29,871, an increase of 1,596 over the previous year, the amount of the same loing $\$ 38,108,730$, an increase of $\$ 2,937,382$ over 1886. The total number of policies in force to date is 118,102, an increase over the corresponding year of 14,078 . The net amount in force in 1887 was $\$ 191,679,852$, an increase of $\$ 20,364,156$ during the year. The total amount of claims paid in 1887 was $\$ 2,161,518$, an incrense of $\$ 201,733$ over 1886.

Mail advices from Trieste under date of 25th ult., says:-"The blossoming of the plum trees in Bosnia and Servia, which has just taken place, and which came about rather earlier than usual, presented a most favorable appearance, giving promise of rich crops again this year. Reports of daraage by frost, etc., have been heard from some important districts, but they do not appear to amount to much, and at the present moment the future crop prospects may be called very good. Business in last year's fruits is dull and sluggish. Total shipments from October lst to date include:-

year . . . ... 30,529 $23,615 \quad 2,325 \quad 3,850$
Is spenking of whest prospects the Globe points out that even if this were an ordinary scason it would be too early to predict anything concerning the outcome of the crops, Consequently the reports given must be taken for what they are worth. They may be trusted as to the extent of the injury the winter wheat has suffered-which appears to have been considerable in some sections. On the other hand, it is not too late, if the season henceforth proves to be genial, for such an improvement to set in as would permit us to reap a good crop of winter grains. The epring seeding season has been unusually long and fayorable. Even the laziest farmer can have no excuse for not getting in his spring grains in good condition. What is wanted now is soaking rain and warm nights, and then the spring crops will stand an excellent chance of turning out better than average.

Tur Committee on Fraudulent Practices are accumulating a good deal of evidence, which goes far to prove that there still remain in the rural districts some simpleminded souls who imagine that city firms send "drummers" about the country for the purpose of enlightening other folks how to make rapid fortunes Mr. Peter Wood, of Brantiond, the person into whose lands so many fraudulently obtained notes passed,
explained that he had bought them not knowing what they were given for, ho only being interested in knowing that the parties were good for the amounts. He accepted them at 90 cents on the dollar and 10 or 15 per cent. discount, and he obtained a bond that if they wers not paid ho bhould be recouped for them.

Legal Hand-Book.-We are favored with a copy of Tache's." Legal Hand-Book and LawList" for Canada, just published by Carswell \& Co., of 'loronto. It would be difficult to overestimate the value of this book, for parposes of refereace to lawyers, members of parliament and others; even 'business men may find much of value in its pages. Such subjects as Intestato Laws, Functions of the Courts, Commercial Laws, Tariff of Fees, List of Members of Purliament, the Bir, Coroners, Notaries, \&c., all of the several provinces and territoriek, are continually referred to and no. where can they bo found more systematically arranged than in Mr. 'Tache's work. It consists of 486 pages, and for a book costing only $\$ 3$ it is a model of neatuess as well as of compilation.

Tue following shows the dividends of twolve banks which become pajable June 1 :-

| Bank. | R | A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Montreal. | .. 5 , | \$600,000 |
| Cornmerce | $\ldots 34$ | 210,000 |
| Merchants | $\ldots 3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 202,072 |
| Toronto | 4 and 2 | 120,000 |
| Imperial |  | 60,000 |
| Ontario | . $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 52,500 |
| Hamilton | .. 4 | 40,000 |
| Standard. | . 32 | 35,000 |
| Ottawa | . . 31 | 35,000 |
| Jacques Ua | . $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 17,500 |
| Ville Marie | . 32 | 16,744 |
| Traders' | 3 | 15,060 |

Total . $\$ 1,404,776$
Besides the foregoing there is the Dominion bank dividend of 5 and one, which amounts to $\$ 90,000$ and which was payable May 1.

As impegrtant decision has been rendered in the case of the schooner "Lucinda Vankenberg," to recover damages for her sinking by the propeller "Lehigh," off Thunder Bay light, about midnight on May 31, 1887, during a dense fog. The Court found that the evidence showed that the steamer must have been going at the average speed of twelve miles an hour, which was immoderate in a dense fog. When the schooner's red light was discovered, cwing to the neglect of the steamer's engineers in answering her signals, her speed was not stopped and she struck the schooner so that the latter sank in three minutes and become a total loss; owing to the speed of the steamer the master of the schooner bad not time to light and show his torchlight.

Debing the trial of Lemay for misappro. priation at the late term of the Court of Queen's Bench tho name of W. C. Hickman, the so-called "banker," came before the pablic
quite prominently. The note-shnver himself is 3 how in trouble, boing arrested on a capias for ${ }^{5} 14530$ at tho instance of Mr. Felix Nc. Kertelier, of Ste. Cunegonde. The plaintiff in the case is a carter who did soma work for defondant, and alleges that Mr. Eickman has tranaforred his property to avoid seizures on former judgmenta against him, and that ho (the phintif) has roason to believo thant Hickman ie nuout to leave the province. 'liho defendant did not furnish bail, but made a deposit of $\$ 200$ as securily that he would bave bondsmen or settle the matter.

It is hoped that the new issuo of notes nibut to be printed hy the Bank of Commerce will suicicessfully bimflle the counterfeiter, owing to the delicacy of the engraving, and the varicity of tints used. Tho head of Britannia is the prominent object on the $\$ 10$ note, surrounded by figures emblematic of Commerce, Bunking and Agrienthere. The back of this note bears the new bank of Commeres building at 'Toronto, surrounded by lathe-work in blue ink. For the $\$ 5$ note the figure chosen is Literature, while on the right-hand end, as in the $\$ 10$ note on the left-hand end, appears the seal of the bank, with a locomolive and steamship. The back of the five shows the now building in a brown tint, with profuse lathe-work surrounding it.

Tus bill to he presented at tho appronohing legiblative ecesion will the proposed amendmonts to civil procedure, provides that contractors and laborers will have the right to seize what is due them in the hands of a proprictor, and grants a delay to a Iaborer who cinn establish thint he is too poor to pay the ontire sum upon which ho is sued. A larger qumutity of housohold furniture is exempted from seizure, the costs of soizures are reduced, and the amount of whges that can be suized is much lower. It has been suggested that commercial cases be rendored summary, and it line heen recommonded that a commiksion should be appointed wilhont delay for the consolidation of the code of civil procedure.

Soms details of the Nowfoundland senling catch are to hand. There were 177 steamers engaged in tho fishory, 10 went north aud seven to tho gulf. Tho steamer Neptune maide the largest ontch, having some 42,000 prime harp seals. Tho Falcon caught 16,000, mostly taken in ono day; tho Aurora brought in 25,000, the Eequimaux 23,000, the Eagle 27,000, Iechnid 14,000, Ranger 15,000, Nimrod 11,000. The total cateh by these eight steamurs was 173,000 senls of the value of $\$ 276,800$; and there are still nine stemers to hear figm. The bloro people also reaped a large dinryest, and the season may be considored $n$ vary good one.
"To Ham Thar Hatu, teo.-Tho site of the old St. Jumes IIotel, afterwards the "Horald"
building on Victoria Square-burnt down last August-was recently expropriated by the city fathers and the sum of $\$ 76,5000$, or at the rate of $\$ 14$ per square foot, allowed the owner therefor. There are people who suppose that My. George Washington Stephens ranks among the unemployed. The civic authorities ought to know better. Mr, Stephensknown among his old friends as the "Honest Watch Dog"-bought the property a year or two ago for ubout $\$ 03,000$, and bo received some $\$ 8,000$ insurauce on the building. The man who makes money like that cannot be rensonably charged with idlenoss.

Tubre appears to be good reason for tho demand made by the trading public in tho west that the Govermaent should give them some protection against forged bank notes. It is said there is a large number of bogus bills in circulation and thero is very little to distinguish them, except to the expert, from the geniine article. One importing firm of Toronto on taking a deposit to the bank land sixteen dollars' worth of bills defaced on the ground that thoy were spurious. What is complained of is that the paper on which bank bills are printed can easily be obtuined or imituted by forger, and that the banks give no information which would enable the public to detect the forgeries.
$\Delta$ adsis of assessment bas been ngreed upon by which the sum of afty thousund dollars required to purchase the Iudinn reservation in the township of Dundee will be raised. Great difficulty was experienced in arriving at an equitable arrangement owing to the fact that the value of the laud varies considerably in difforeat parts of the township, some boing good, others stony aud not a little marsh. Tho council decided at its last meeting to grade the lands in this way and so ascess the prosent holders. It is now hoped that a bill will be passed at the coming session of tho Quebec Legislature which will onable the settlers to complete the purchase and thus aequire a feo simple title to their farme.

Tas market for new crop Brazil nuts is somowhat disturbed at tho moment. The available stock in New York has been increased by the arrival of some 7,000 bage per stenmer "Maranhense", and there is an urgency to realize. For stock of ordinary quality importers aro seeking to obtain 420, though it is intimated thant if bids of 4 c vero submitted they would not bo declined, while for largo nuts 43 is asked. The quantity received so far this season is much larger than usual, and the trade is pretty well supplied, while among some denlers there is not the harmony provailing to promote strength in the situation, hence a feeling of uncertainty is noticonble.

Tus commeal for the Canuous of Sharbot Lake, charged with dofrauding their creditors,
is out with a letter of defence. Ho claims that the nominal assets far exceed the liabilities, that a compromise at forty cents on the dollar was accopted, and, that the money found on Mr. J. H. Cannon was to be devoted to making the first payment. As to the charge of bouse breaking. Mr. Shibley claims that Dr. Cannon was the ownor of the store buileing, that the tenancy terminated with his son's insolvency, and that he entered the premises having the keys in his possession, as le had a right to do. Nothing was removed from the premises.

Mr. A. P. Lowe, of the Geological Survey staff, accompanied by assistants, will leavo in two weeks' time for Hudson's , Bay, whero they will continue the explorations commenced last season for determining the nature of the country surrounding the shores and surveying the islands and coast for a map. The party will be absent all summer. They will go by the Canadian Pacific railway to Winniper, and travel thence by canoe and pack to the foot of James bay, making the rest of their explorations along the bay and up the rivers flowing into it in boats belonging to the Hudson's Bay company.

A conferenor has been hold between the Minister of Inland Revenue and representatives from the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Hamilton, Toronto, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Brandon and Regina, together with the members from Manitobn and the Northwest Territories, in regard to the modification of existing grain grades as laid down under tho Inspoction of Strples Act Tho Minister informed the deputation that he would give the matter his consideration, and that changes would likely bo made to meet the views of the differcut boards of trade, but not to affect this grain crop.

Fros Yokohama, under date of 5th inst., the following cable upon the subject of tea has been received: "The settlements to date are 5,000 piculs, against 4,000 piguls to same dato last year:


Tus approaching departure of Lord and Lady Lausdowne from this country has been marked by appropriate manifestations of esteem aud regret. Lord Lansdowne has never brought himself prominently before the pablic -indeed to many Canndiaus he represents nothing but a name-but to those with whom he was brought immediately into contact he has endeared himself by his geninl manner and his departure will be regretted by many outside of his immediate circle.

Tan most important business news of the week is the announcement by Sir Charles 'lupper of the intention of the Government to cut down the rate of interest on Govemment Savings Bank and Postoffice Savings Bauk deposits from 4 to 3 per cent. Coupled With this announcement was anothor to the effect that a groat part of the money to be yielded by the new loan of $\$ 25,000,000$ now to be launched was to gupply the place of savings deposits which the Government expects to lose as the result of the reduction in the rate of interest.

Groond has been selected in Toronto for a manufactory of glass bottles of every description and size from half ounce to ten gallons. The factory ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ ill be fitted up on the most improved principle, and it is intended that glass of every shãde and color will be produced. Skilled workmen from England and Germany will be emploped, nud the furnaces will be fitted up on tho conlinuous gas principle. The works are intended to be in operation, if the plans aro successful, by the 1st of August, $-1888_{3}$ and will cost aibout $\$ 100,000$.

Tun time lionored Lawrence-Townley estates bublule seems to havo finally burst. At Toronto last week a meeting of the directors of the "Consolidnted Lawrence Chaso lownloy Association" was held, when Mr. S. H. Blake stated that he believed it was useless to seek further to prosecute the association's claim to the estates in England, which had been ostimated to be worth all the way from fifty to a houdred and fifty milions. Thousands have been spent in legal expenses by claimants.

Ir is stated that the principal items in Mr. Mr. Mercicr's programme for the appronching session of the Quebec Legislature are the amendment of the code of civil procedure and the license law, the conversion of the Provincial debt from five per cent. to four per cont. interest, effecting an anniual saving of $\$ 200,000$, reorganization of the Crown Lauds Department and development of the Lake St. John distriet, and the settlement of the Jesuit estates' question.

Alphonse L. Parent, the ex-cashier of the Hochelaga bank, at present undergoing punishment iut the penotontiary of St. Vincent de Paul; was on Saturday examined as a witness in the suit of the Hochelaga bauk against Mr. Geo. Daveluy. This latter refuses payment of $\$ 3,000$, which is chaimed by the bank, on the ground that Parent remitted to the authoritieg of the bank 51,300 , which belouged to Daveluy, Parent's testimony confirmed this allegation.

Barina Brosy; of London, bnvo initinted a movécent of hoportance by offering $\mathbf{x} 100,000$ four per cent. debentures of the Hamilton Provident \& Loan society at 100 per cont.

The object of the issue is to pay off debentures and kindred liabilities as they fall due pursuant to recent Dominion legislation. All the principal Canadian companies have joined to secure legislation, and it is expected, therefore, that is really ouly the first of a series of such issues.

Temen is a motion now on the order sheet to so amend the city charter as to convert the city into a mutual fire insurance company. The plan proposed is to add the rate of insurance, say $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1 per cont., to the assessments, collecting it at the same time. Only buildings will be insured, and the values taken will be those of tho assessors. The practicnbility of the scheme will probably come on for consideration later on!

A mertriva of the creditors of the Balmornl Hotel has been called for the 23rd 'inst. Among the creditors are the following: "The London Furniture Co., of London; Ont., $\$ 17,556 ;$ Ligget \& Hamilton (rent), $\$ 15,200$; the Montreal Gas Ob. $\$ \$ 2,122$; the Corporation (taxes), $\$ 1002$; S. May \& Co., $\$ 2066$; N. E. Hamilton \& Co.. $\$ 4208$; James Guest, isis374; R. Mitchell \& Co., \$2421; W. Weir \& Son, $\$ 2123$; R. McShane, $\$ 3400$.

Advioes from Carleton, N. B., show that the gaspereaux fishery has up to the present timo bean a failure, and unless tho river rises very considerably during the present weok the fishermen will lose heavily. The amounts paid for the various weirs this season were unusually large, and as yot little or nothing has been eaught in them, "The net fishermen have taken only a few: 'fish,' and have not made enough yet to pay fort their supplies.

Pacific const salmon in cans is quict at the moment, but as the prospects for the pack, particularly on the Columbia, have not improved, there are no indications of weakness along the line. For barrel Alaska fish there has been considerable inquiry of late for forward delivery, and numerous sales are reported made at $\$ 8 \lesssim \$ 9$ foob., theugh in most instances individual purchases have been small.

The Etalary of the three liquidators of the Central Bank has been fixed at $\$ 300$ per month each; this allowauce having been granted to the liquidators of the Exchange Bank. Remuneration will be allowed to Messrb. Howland and Gooderham from the date of the suspension of Mr. Campbell. This decision meets with some disapproval from creditors, who hold that the salary is too high.
-The Finance Committec of Vancouver B. C., opened tenders lately for the purchase of $\$ 150,000$ debentures bearing six per cent., running forty years. and accepted the offer of the Bank of Montroal, of 104, principal and
intorest payable in London. The prica ${ }^{0} 10$ btained shows the high credit of the city audtho confidence felt by capitalists in the futpre of Pancouver.

The house of Robin \& Co., which, it will bo remembered, two or three years ago:went down through tho collapse of the Jersey Banlt; has again commenced businoss at Arichat, O. B., aud Cheticamp, where their principal estrblishments will be conducted in future. Cape Broton fishermon havo greatly missed the business of this house since it susperided in 1886.

The supplementary estimates brought downa at Ottawa amount to $\$ 1,325,000$. This brings the ordinary expenditure for the next fiscal year up to $\$ 36,750,000$. We pointed out in our review of the budget, that Sir Charles? first estimate of $\$ 35,421,000$ was far below the probabilities and this supplementary estimato proves the correctness of that statement.

A committee of the council of tho Diobard of Trade is procuring information in order to establish comparisons batween rates of insurance here and other citics and the cost of maintenance of the several fire departments.

ALL experiments go to show that mineral manures are the best agents to be relied apon to insure the greatest developmont. It' is this fact that makes the success of basic slag mnnure a certainty from the firit. "From re* cent returns wo notico that the annual production of basic steel now amounts to $1,702,252$ tous, which means that thero are about $2,500,000$ tons of phosphoric slag capable of being ground for manure. Tho basic product is a more valuable fertilizer than any of tho older phosphates, and tho highest price should bo obtained for it. The process of manufacture is exceedingly simple. In the first place the slag is passed through an ordinary stone-breaker, where it is crushed to pieces about the size of eggs. It is next passed throngh a pulverizer, where it is pounded into granular powdor, and then passed over a series of powerful magnets, which extract the metallic pieces. After passing tho magnetic machinc tho product passes to another multiplo crusher, which reduces it to a very fine dust. Tho dust is next treatod on the pneumatic separators, which separates the very fine dust from the gritty particles, the fine boing ready for the market, while tho gritity portion is returned to tho crushing machinery to bo further reduced. This very simple method has been found the most expeditious and cheapest process of reducing slag, and an average bize grinding plant bhould not cost more than $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 12,000$. We mny add that the cost of reducing the slag to an impalpable powder is about $\$ 1$ per ton.

A: prospeotus ha; been issued in London of Bell's Asbestos Company, formed to take over the business of John Bell \& Son, and buy and work the frechold deposit of asbestos at Thatford, Hayden and Belmina, province of ${ }^{13}$ Quebec. The capital of the company is $£ 200,000$ in £5 slanres. Only $£ 100,000$ will zow bo issued with $\$ 70,000$ five per cent. debentures, the Iatter redeemablo at 16 premium at annual dravings. The company buys the Bel mina estate from the firm at $£ 8,394$, Thetford at $£\{, 130$ and Hayden $£ 8,000$.

S＇ANDARD LIPE ASSURANCE $C O$.
At tho sixty－second annual general mecting of the Standard Lifo Assurance Company，held at ：Edinburgh on＇Luesday，the lst of May， 1888，the following results for the yerr ended 15th November，1887，were reported：
2835 new propohals for life as．
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EXPORIS BY SEA．
Fhom mile Pont of Montreala for the Week Hondng May 16， 1888.
［Compile l from Customs Manifests］
Briston：－b2．703 lush wheat， 35 bble abhess 2000 loggs tlour， 260 rolls folt paper， 34 bxs cheese， 435 catlle， 100 bxs camned ments．
Javenvona－85， 148 bush whent 1232 bxs cheeso， 210 brls apples， 2000 sacks flour， 116 brls ashes， 5720 bush peas， 23,809 pes deals， 1 case dry goods，I casa cloth－ ing， 2 cabes orgrans， 2424 pes maple blocks， 5 cimaple blocks， 1 ense sundries， 916 bales hay， 620 cattle．
Glabcow．－－ 0054 bush peas， 9.07 bush corn， 16,735 bush whent， 3300 sacks flour， 8 brle nehes， 40 plegs furniture， 9164 pes linuber， 8961 pes deals， 50 bxs ments， 275 cases canned meate， 5 plkgs springes， 533 cattle．
Iondon－24，748 bush peas， 9500 bushels corn， 4 brls puarla， 4550 sucks flour， 149 pes ash timber， 45 pes bireh， 16,002 bush whent， 10,038 pes deals， 8 cases leather， 160 cuses canned menta， 2 kegs meats， 203 cones meats， 1 box lacrosses， 1 box beef hends， 727 cattle．
Newfoundiand－ 101 bxs meats， 100 pails lard， 12 cases lard， 9785 bris flour， 550 brls pork， 220 bris beef， 137 bris jowls， 60 chests ten， 6090 bxs cheero， 25 butts tolnceco， 205 brls peas， 131 bxs cheese， 321 tubs butter， 20 bris apples， 132 pkgs butter， 26 cattle， 0 bds cheeso， 25 brls cornmeal， 20 kegs powder， 6 bils ont－ meal， 300 tubs butterine．
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Montreal，Thursday Ev＇g，May 17.
Moncy in London is cabled at 2 per ceni on the：streat with tho bank rate unchnoged． Locally tho tone is decidedly easy and so far as tho brokers are concorned thero is more monoy offoring than borrowers on call can take up．Call lonns run from 4 to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent． tho inside figuro being for＂diny to day＂ money from the smallor bunks．Commercial
paper runs lrom 6 to 8 per cont as to quality， and there area fair number of borrowers in the market．The jealousy existing between two of our largest lanks has tended to make moncy still ensier．It is understood that the Western institution has offered au Ontario city all the money it wants at 5 per cent and that it is prepared to bid for its rival＇s customers in the West at the same figure． Sterling exchange continues quiet and stendy． Sixties may be quoted it $05-16 \not 27-16$ be－

 rates in New York 4.87 and 4.892 ，actual $4.86 \frac{1}{4}$ and $4.88 \frac{1}{2}$（0） $7_{4}^{3}$ ．Cables，4．89．Nuw York funds aro at par to $1-33$ premium between banksind $\frac{1}{}$ 居桨 over the counter． Remittances have beon poor and irregular and the failures of the weok have increased in number although they are of an uninportant character．Rumors have been current that a large Western dry goode house was in trouble but nothing tangible has transpired．Tho local stock market continues firm with but little doing．The feature of the weak has been the pressure to buy Commerce stocls． Two hundred more sbares have been pur－ chased by Mr．Duncan McIntyre，msking his total holdiug 4275 sharen，and it is understood his broker has orders to secure an additional one thousand at 120 if possible．Mr．R．B． Angus has also secured two hundred shares． A sale of two hundred Moutreal Street laial－ way at 210 was made by an investor who de－ sired to break the market in order to but more stock at a cheaper rato．The altempt failed，as the stock was immediately sarpped up and 220 bid for more， tithout sellers．The total volume of sales during the week has not been large，but the tono of the market is firm， and，so long as money romains cheap nad stocks continue scarco，there is little prospect of any decline ：

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commerco | 350 | $120{ }^{3}$ | 120 | 1214 |
| do．ex－d | 250 | 1174 | 1162 |  |
| Hochelaga | 10 | 90 | 90 | 993 |
| Jncques Cartier．．． | 50 | 90 | 872 | $86 \frac{3}{2}$ |
| Merchants | 117 | 13.4 | 133 | $120{ }^{3}$ |
| Molsous | 65 | 143 | 1412 | 1.40 |
| Montreal | 182 | 2159 | 21.6 |  |
| do．ex－div | 624 | 211 | 210 | 236 |
| Ontario | 31 | 124 | 123 |  |
| do．ax－div | 25 | 120． 2 | 1208 | 1192 |
| Proples | 50 | 104 | 103 | 1091 |
| Quetec． | 84 | 115 | 115 | 115 |
| T＇oronto | 5 | 218 | 218 | $205 \frac{1}{2}$ |

## Miscollaneous．

| Can．Pacific | 500 | 50， | 0 | 64 |
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| Corp＇n Fours | \＄2000 | 100.1 | 1001 |  |
| Corp＇n Sixas | $\$ 900$ | 112. | 1122 |  |
| Gas | 280 | 211 | 210． | 2191 |
| Guarantec Co | 20 | 95 | 95 | 924 |
| Harbor Sixes | \＄2000 | 114 | 114 |  |
| Inter．Conl Co． | 50 | 45 | 45 | 30 |
| Loan \＆Murtg＇ga | 5 | 112 | 112 |  |
| Montral S＇t R＇y．． | 200 | 210 | 210 | 240 |
| －Richeliéa | 066 | 54 | 52 | 682 |
| Telegrapl！ | 631 | 951 | 95 | 102 |

## ARCHITECTS ！

Mr．0．E．LISTON，of Brockville，ono of the most successful arohiteots in：Eatern Ontario，ro－ ports：＂After very severe tests I havo no hesita－ Lon in saying that tho No．I Elophant．White ${ }^{\text {Lend is }}$ far suparior to many of tho so－onlled ＇Elonhunt＇Genuine I have nnalyzed nind found it free from adulteration，strons in lody and ground beautifully fine．＂

## DECORATORS！

Messrs，RLLIOTT \＆SON，Toronto，the well－ known decorators，say：＂Wo have much plensuro in stating that the Elophant＇Pure cotoils have given great satisftation，They nre brilliant， cover well，very smooth，and are thoroughly re－ liable in every respeot．？

## FERCUSSON，AEXXADER $\bar{\varepsilon}$ Co． <br> Lead，Color and Varnish Works montreal．

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Moxtreal，Thursday，17th May， 1888.
Allhough some additional stir has leen caused by the resumption of water trafic busi－ ness gencrally is moderate and not brisk for the beason of the year．The cold aud unfny－ orable spring has caused somas anxiety to be felt about the condition of the country，and the progress and result of seeding operations．．It is difficult to speak with decided accuracy．owing to the conflicting reports from travellers and corres－ pondents，but considerable damago has beon dono to winter wheat in Ontario，early spring frosts not being confined to the western Sintes．From naty sections of Ontario latt－ ering reports bave，however，been received， and the late rains have done wonders for the pattares，and brought recent sowings well formard．Good advices are in from the East－ ern Townships，and the backward season will tend to strengthen the early growth，so that no damage has been done provided we are now favored with a warmer temperature to force the growth forward．Remittances have continued slow and irregular．

Onemeals and Drums．－Heavy chemicaib are coming to liand promptly but the quantity is said not to be in excess of last year．The English market is gencrally stendy and there are few changes this week．＇There is an active demand．Drugs are meetiug with fair de－ mand．Morphia and opium are easier． Potash bichromate and sal soda can be bought cheaper thau was quoted last week．Liver－ pool．－Linseed oil steady．Olive is in limited supply，and full prices are ruliug．Oastor unclanged．The only change to notice in chamicals，is the firmness of caustic soda at 3 s 9d佔advance．Soda crystals are quoted 4B above present price for fall shipment．
Dry Goods．－Remittances as the month wears on show some inaprovement here and there but thoy are still a subject of complaint more or less as they always will be．Travel－ lers in the west do not report trado＂boom－ ing：＂Our city retailers are well employed and stocks of early spring goods are beginuing to thin out．The maiffests of steamers as they come in are sorting up the stocks here

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in imported goods．The trade tell．us that owing to the cable and rapid traneportation， stocks are not held so large ns they used to be，either in wholesale or retail hands．Every steamer brings in a fair sprinkling for the general trade of the country．

Darry Produce and Provisions．－Local buyers are taking swall lots of butter at steady prices．Businces gencrally quiet and without change．Cheese was more active under a good enquiry from shippers．Most of the small lots offering were placed nt $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 9 \mathrm{c}$ ． Liverpool cable quotation 52a Gd（a） 5 s．The pastures have grently improved uuder recent heavy showers and most of the factorics aro in operation；prospects seem favirable for a good season＇s business．Eggs are in good demand and highor owing to small receipte． Sales at $14 \frac{1}{2} 15 \mathrm{c}$ ．Lard，hams and bacon have met bith a fair call bat pork is quiet． There was no change in the Liverpool pro－ vision market，except Inrd，which was stronger and 6 d higher at 42 c 3 d ．Pork was stendy at 67s $6 d$ ，bacon at 38 s 9 d （a41s，and tallow at 258．Tho Chicago pork market was weaker， and prices declined $17 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ，to $\$ 14.37 \frac{1}{2}$ June， \＄14．472 July，\＄14．57\％Allgust．Lard was easier and fell off 21 c ，to $\$ 84$ it June， $\$ 8.52 \frac{7}{2}$ July，$\$ 8.577$ August．The Ghicago prices now and a year ago：June pork $\$ 14.37 \frac{1}{2}$ and \＄21；July，this year，\＄14．471．June lard， $\$ 8.47 \frac{1}{2}$ and $\$ 6.77 \frac{1}{2}$ ；July，$\$ 8.52 \frac{1}{2}$ and $\$ 6.85$ ．

Fism and Oits．－In fish there is little doing and that chiefly in dry cod．This article is scarce but the demand is also limited．The supply does not probably exceed 150 quintals． A recent mail brought in the correct returns of the seal fishery for 1888 ．There were 15 vessels in all，and the actual turnout is 194,973 seals．Considerable variation exists in some cases between＂reported＂and ＂actual＂catch．The＂Neptune＂had the largest cargo－42，242 seals．One vessel had scarcely more than 600．There are no new arrivals of seal oil but the market is lower． Some large sales are said to be on the tapis．

Floun and Grain．－Sinco our last a fair business has been done in flour and the demand continues good．Among the sales recently reported are：－ 4,000 sacks patent spring on p．t．， 440 do．at $\$ 4.90,125$ barrels patent winter at $\$ 4.85,125$ do．at $\$ 4.75,1,400$ sacks city strong bakers at $\$ 4.60,200$ do．at $\$ 4.45,125$ barrels straight roller at $\$ 4.40,125$ do．superfiue at $\$ 4$ ，and 125 do．at $\$ 390$ ． Whent has been quiet in consequence of re－ cent weakness in the west causing buyers to delay purchases．＇Peas were in demand with gales in store at $87 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ ．Oats were firm and offerings are light．The posted receipts of wheat here on Wednesday were 25,800 bushels， corn 83，344 and peas 3,300 ．It will bo seen on reterence to prices current that despite the Iate deoline in wheat，prices are much higher than a week ago and Manitoba wheat is worth more than a dollar a bushel．Pices in Chicago declined as much as lly 1013 c in one day recently after the recent upward turn and corn and oats wero also weaker．The weather is more settled and warmer in the north－west and the condition of the growing crops bas much improved．Small speculators were in－ clined to take their profits and there were no fresh buying orders of any moment．With favorable weather the odds are against the ＂bulls＂and the market is extremely sensitive． The large reccipts depressed corn and there was litule speculation in it operatore fearing a squeeze as it is easily cornered．Wheat was weak in all the American centres．Ohicago cash quotations are：－Wheat 86 ${ }^{3} \mathrm{c}$ ，corn 69c， oats 352 c ，pork $\$ 14.40$ ，lard $\$ 8.45$ and ribs
\＄7．62d．Prices now and jear ago：－June Wheat 87c and 88 anc ；July 88 fc and $86 \frac{1}{c} \mathrm{c}$ ． June corn $57 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{C}$ and $39 \frac{5}{8} \mathrm{C}$ ；July $57 \frac{7}{6} \mathrm{C}$ and 41 y English cables were firmer on both whent and corn．Canadian peas 58 10d．The country markets were Gdols dearer．

Fuel．－The market for soft conl has opened strong．Scotch steam ex－ship is quoted at $\$ 4.25$ ．Cape Breton in round lots is worth $\$ 3.20$ ex steamer．There is no Pictou，N．S， coal off ring，and the output is．said to bo sold up．Anthracite coal is still selling at winter rates．Receipts by bont in carly Junc will bring the price for stove and chestnut down to $\$ 5.75$ ．

Ghocrrias．－There has been no great stir in the grocery trade during tho past week and many．of the leading firms report buginess decidedly quiet for the season．On the other hand some travellers who have been cast and weat recently have done woll and have gathered up a goodly number of orders for tens，sweat stuffs nud general goods．No clange ís roported in sugar．Syrup is nominal the market being bare．Molasses in moderate demand．Teas are reported about steady． Dealers say that desirable parcels are not casy to buy．Some faulty lots have been offered from New York．The new crop of Japan will be a good one but it will not be on this mar－ ket in a regular way for some time yet． Coffees are nominally steady and are expected to remain about the same until well on to new crop arrivals．Buyers are operating in n hand－to－moulh fashion．The first steumer cargo of rice for the Montreal mill passed Gibraltar on the tenth and is due next week． The quotation here for ordinary is $\$ 3.50 \%$ $\$ 3.75$ ，for Patnn $\$ 4 @ \mathbf{D} 5$ ，the latter for extra choice，and for＂Japan Crystal＂$\$ 4.50$ ．Dried fruit is firm and the Louion and New York market is said to be even higher than ours． There have been some small sorting up lots on the enrly steamers．Valencia raising are worth 6c，and over，and currnits $64{ }^{3} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{Fc}$ ． Sultanas are also scarce and firm．The Eng－ lish market is reported by last mail as fol－ lows：－Sugar is quiet，but steady．Tea is unchanged，the quantity of greens sold in public sale being emall，and no improvement in congous，we therefore do not alter quota－ tions．Coffee．－Plantation and Rio are stendy． Mocha，Mnnila and Jamaica unchanged．East India，Costa Rica and Guatemala cheaper． The Dutch market for Java is firm．This week witnesses the opening of the＂London Produce Clearing House，＂and a fnir business has been done in futures．Spices，\＆c．－Sago， Cassia and Pimento unchanged．Trapioca， Cloves and Zanzibar Chillics are dearer． Pepper is lower，common duaty light Acheen having sold at $6 \frac{1}{8} \mathrm{~d}$ per lb ．Nutmegs are about 1d per lb．lower．Ginger－Cochin is in good demand at full prices．Jamaica，for desirable lots，unchanged；lowert qualities are rearce． African has sold at $175 \sqrt{a} 178$ Cd．Carraway seeds are easy．Fruit．－Suitanas unchanged， and holders of Valencias are firm for what few are left．

Green Froits，Eto．－The Dracoma cargo has been all taken up and chiefly for the Canndian market；a car or so left for Chicago． Valencias in cuses sold at $\$ 5 \times \$ 7 \frac{1}{d}$ us to quality； Messina lemons at $\$ 2 \ldots \$ 3.25$ ；Palmero，$\$ 2 \ldots$ $\$ 3$ 量，cases $\$ 3$ 亿at $\$ 5.25$ ．Sorrento oranges were in poor condition ；they range from $\$ 1 \times 3 \$ 2.76$. The Escalona is duo here Fridny of this week， and her cargo will bo offered on Monday or Tuesday．She carries $6,200 \mathrm{pkg}$ of which about 5,000 are oranges．We append ontr usunl corrected list of prices．Apples－Wo quote $\$ 4.50$ © $\$ 5.50$ for good Spies per bly

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Hides and Tharow．－Trado in hides is fair Whoy aro getting better in quality and thoir improved condition gives tho narket an up－ ward tendoncy whieh has already taken offect in Chicago．The markethere is firmor． Trallow quiet and steady．Sale of 50 brls choice at 5 fer．o．b．，for the West．

Iron and ITamdwable－There hils been con－ siderable movoment in pig iron，but it was mostly sold to arrive and recent sales aro not numerous．$\AA$ lot of 100 tons No． 1 Carnbra is reported at \＄17．00 ex ship．Thero－is a very fair jobbing trado in mosi matnls．Lead is ugain ensier and a cable quotation of 213 was recuived．Tho quotation here is reduced to $\$ 3.75$ da $\$ 4$ for pig and to $\$ 4.50$ for sheot． In tin sules have been ahmosi nil and havo ranged from 25 rais50，according to lot．The market is now firm as a cousidernblo advance has been cestablished in England as the syndicato began to buy ngnin．Yesterday＇s cables rofused to mano a definito price as the syndicate wore in tho field and manipulating the markot．It is expected that prices will bo run up to $\pm 125$ ．＇Tho last cablo quotution was $\mathcal{E B}$, a ro－atation of $x 5$ from the lowest point．：We quoto 25 ra30c．A number of other rohanges will be found in our prices． Bar inou is quoted at $\$ 2$ and over，shect iron at $\$ 9.40$, hoop and bands at $\$ 2.20$ and Cauada platosat $\$ 2.00$ oas $\$ 2,60$ ．＇lim phates can also bo bought for less monoy and wo quote cokes at $\$ 3.750 \$ 4$ and charcoal at $\$ 4 \% \$ 4.50$ ． Thero is a fair demand for wive for foncing and othor purposes and wo direct attontion to

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Lasatiale \＆Shoes．－The lenther business is quiet，as it is＂between seasons．＂Dealers do not oxpect to do much from now to early Junc．Shipments of leather continue to be made to the other side from tho tanneries direct．The Euglish market is still flat． Travellers for the boot and shoo factories are now all ont：roturns as y it are meagre．The production of lenther has been greatly cur－ thiled in Quebec－some say ono－half since tho Inte wipo－out．Dealers claim a firmer tone to tho market．

Ooban Frenarts．－Tho asking rate for grain to Liverpool，Loudion and Glasgow is 1 s Gd， and to Bristol is 9d．Other freights are：

Deals， 428 6d ；phosphates， $\mathrm{\sigma s}$／ 7 s 6 d ；cattle， 55 （ab 65 s ；flour， 8 s Gd per ton，and butter and cheesc， 20 s ditto．Jiverpool－Salt ships scarce to Quebec and St．John，N．B．There bas becn an enormone run on salt ships to Halifax，and as high as $8 s$ paid to charter． There is no vessel loading general cargo for St．John at present，but we hope to have one soon．An outside steamer is coming to Mont． real about 20 th inst．

Pants，Glass，Etc．－Goods aro coming in with a rush in this；as in many other lines． The houses aro．busy and find it diffecult to get off orders．Prices are much the sate as last weok，and there is in good．spring enquiry．

Sympr and Sugar．－The market has been quict as a rulo for maple products．A＇fow good sized lots of syrup sold at 75 c per gallon． Some smaller lots were placed at $6 \mathscr{0} 6 \mathrm{ft}$ per 1 lb in tins and 6c in rood．Sugar about stendy it $8 \propto 81 \mathrm{c}$ per lb ．

Woos．－Finir trade in progress．Foreign stondy with moderato supply．The range for Natal is cxtended from $17 \% 10 c$ ．Domestic scarce and firm．There was a full attondanco at the wool sales at Antwerp，and the demand was active．Prices were very firm and slight－ ly stiffening，nlthough they were not quotably： ligher．

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| - Ex-Dipidond. |  |  |  |  |  | week and prices generally ruled risteady. Thero is very little choice tub in stock, and it is nominal at 17@18c. Rolls in cair supply, with salos of best qualities at $16 œ 170$. Medium rolls sold at $13 \kappa 014 \mathrm{c}$ in quantities and inferior at 11c@12c. There is very little enquiry on the part of shippers. Eggs offer moderately and prices are firm, caso lots selling at 12c(a13c a doz. Cheese quiet and prices ensior; tho best jolbs at $11 \frac{1}{2} @ 12 c$ and ordinary at. lle.

Drogs.-The volume of business is not large, and changes in quotations slight. Opium is easier at $\$ 4.25 / a \$ 4.35$; glycerino steady at $25 / 27 \mathrm{c}$; Howard's quinine, $60 \mathrm{c} \omega$ 65c, and German, $45 \approx 600$; morphia easier at $\$ 2.25 / 2 \$ 2.50$. Turpentine easior at 60/a63c.

Flodr and Gbain.-Prices of flourare higher in sympathy with wheat, but there is very little changing hands. Extras are quoted at $\$ 3.75$ and straight roller at $\$ 3.95 \not \equiv \$ 4$. Patents rule at $\$ 4.10 \circledast \$ 4.50$, nccording to quality. Wheat continues in limited offer, and the demand for millers is good. Prices are firmer.

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Grooembs.-Business is quiet with fow changes in prices. Dried fruits firm, with a fair demand for Valoncins at $6 \sqrt{6} 6 \mathrm{~h}$ and currants at 5 c. Sugars steady : Canadian rafined

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