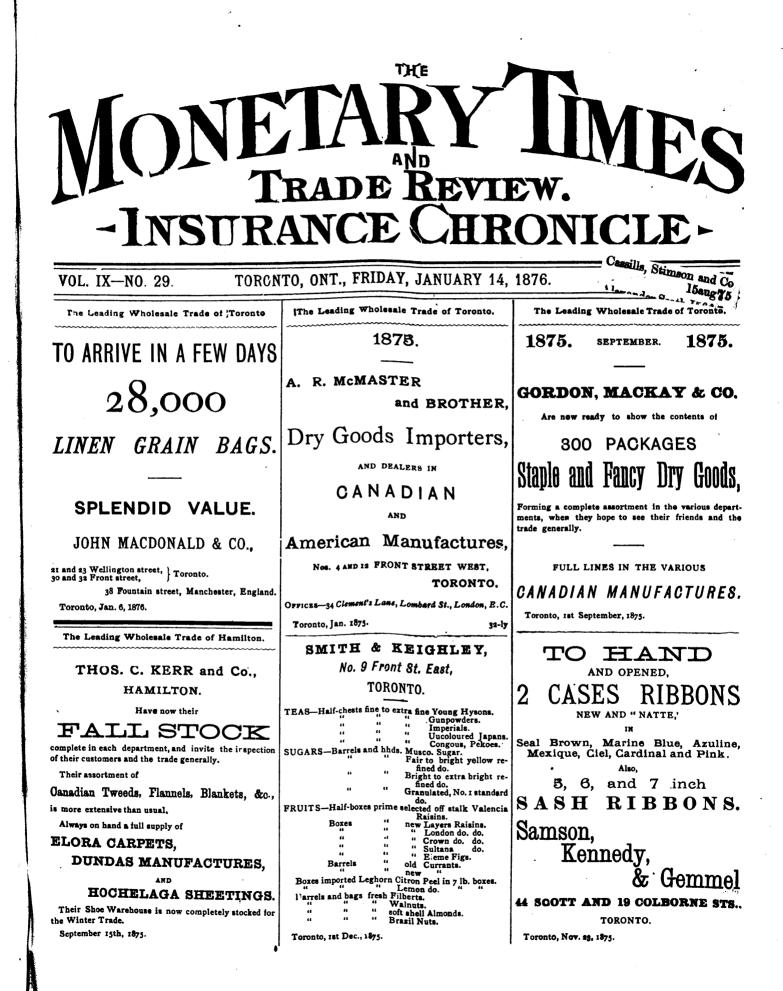
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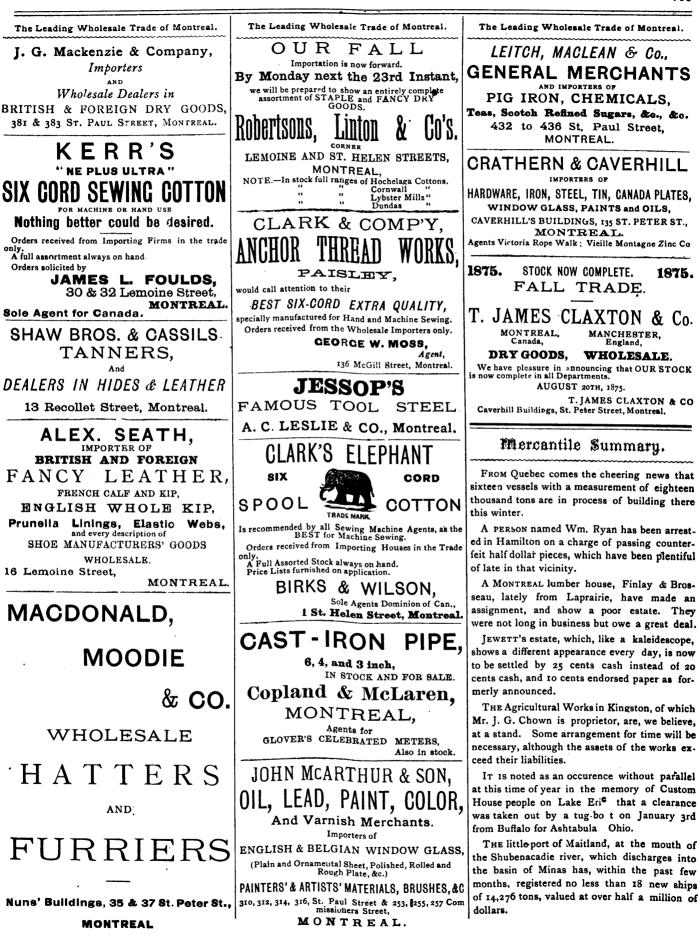
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THE old water pipes of Halifax having become almost choked by rust and sediment, were about to be replaced by new ones, but a Mr. Vosnec contracted to clear them out for a very small sum, and by means of long drills and a steam pump he has already cleaned several miles of piping at an enormous saving to the city treasury.

WE regret to notice in an exchange that a number of the skilled sugar makers, employed in the Redpath Refinery in Montreal, are leaving for the States, in consequence of the stoppage of the Canadian works, and are seeking employment from American Refiners, who under the existing tariff can supply the Dominion with sugar.

A GOOD connexion is being made by the Anchor Line of Steamers which proposes to run weekly from Glasgow and Liverpool to St. John and Halifax alternately. This will afford good facilities for an export trade from the Lower Province ports to Great Britain.

In the manufacturing village of Almonte, Lanark Co., which had a large furniture factory and iron works, five woollen factories, and two tanneries, besides other minor industries, there have been erected buildings during the last half-year to the value of \$70,000.

A commendable instance of energy is afforded by Mr. Ellershausen, of Ellershouse, the destruction of whose paper mill by fire we noticed two weeks ago. This gentleman was on his way from Newfoundland when the fire took place, and being informed of the loss he announced his determination to rebuild of stone. All the employees offered a month's work a-piece free of pay, which was declined, and they are all placed temporarily to other work until the erection of a new mill. Ellershausen is a German, who has accumulated a large

He owns a valuable copper mine in Newfoundland, and has a large income from other sources created by himself.

A GENERAL store man in St. Hyacinthe, Que., Mr. M. O. David, is in trouble, and offered his creditors last Tuesday ten shillings in the pound, or about \$9,000. Collections in that district are extremely difficult, and sales very small with all merchants.

THE total revenue for the Port of St. John, N. B., in 1875 was \$855,476 showing a great falling off from 1874 in which the revenue received was \$1,173,308; a decrease of \$318,000. The first three months of 1875 were in excess of the same period of 1874, but the remaining months cut down the figures at an enormous rate.

LOUIS FONTAINE, of Quebec, dry goods merchant, who assigned in 1873, and promised, but did not quite pay 15/ in the pound, arranged in 1874 to pay 12/6, but has been unable to meet his last payment, on which he got an extension of some months. There is, however, apparently one creditor who did not come into this settlement, and who now issues a demand in Insolvency against the debtor.

SEVERAL business changes have taken place among the oldest houses in Halifax. The wealthy firm of T. & D. Kenny, of which Sir Edward Kenny is senior partner, will in future be carried on by Thomas E. Kenny under the same style-E. Albro & Co., one of the largest Ironmongers is also dissolved, by the retirement of the Messrs. Weir, and will be carried on by the Messrs. Albro-Some other changes are pending, and a few stoppages will also bring down two or three old houses which have fallen into the sere and yellow leaf.

THREE banks in Windsor, Ont., the Mer-

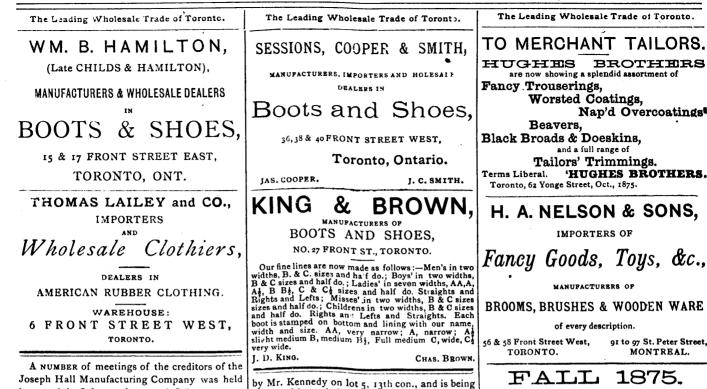
chants', Molson's, and a private Bank, Messrs. Frazer and Johnston's, are comfortably installed in a new four-storey brick block, just built by A. Crawford of Montreal, eighty-four feet by eighty six and costing \$100,000. The remainder of the building will be used as an hotel. The serious fires in Windsor are not unmixed evils when they result in replacing wooden-buildings with such a handsome structure.

1875.

NEARLY a mile in length of snow sheds have been erected along the exposed parts of the Intercolonial Railway through the Londonderry mountains. In former winters these covered portions of the road were the scenes of many a snow blockade, and the new sheds in addition to those formerly built will keep the road free from heavy drifts in future.

SOME apprehension is caused to merchants in Canadian frontier towns, who have customers among their American neighbors, by the discovery in the Columbus (Ohio) penitentiary, and under the very eyes of the guards, of a system of making counterfeit nickel five-cent pieces. Some hundreds of pounds of amalgam have been found. The coins bear date 1870, and are only distinguishable from the genuine by the upper part of the shield being smooth in the base coin, while it is barbed in the genuine.

THE Spring Hill miners are on strike to resist a reduction of 121 per cent. on their wages and an increase to the rent of their cottages and cost of their fuel, in both cases of 100 per cent. Some two hundred men are out of work but they keep the pumps in operation and the water out of the pits, so that they are reasonable in their conduct. The miners have notified the bar room keepers to close up, as they fear the expenditure for rum will clear out the surplus funds of the strikers, and thus bring them to terms.



last week in Oshawa, but no definite arrangement was concluded. Subsequently, however, a proposition from Messrs. Whitely, Fraser & Kelly, of Springfield, Ohio, was agreed to by creditors representing claims amounting to over \$200,000. This firm offers to pay \$130.000 for the building, machinery, book-debts, etc., including the entire assets of the company. Onehalf of the purchase money to be paid in one year from date, the remainder payable at the expiration of two years, without interest. Wages amounting to \$20,000 are to be paid in full, the balance of about \$8,000 to rank upon the estate. This with a mortgage of \$15,000 to be paid, will leave only \$95,000 for outside creditors, who cannot hope to realize more than 25 per cent. of their respective claims. The history of this establishment, the largest of the kind in the country, affords abundant material for reflection.

MESSRS Leslie, Skirrow, & Smith, importers of musical instruments, Toronto, are in difficulties. A little over a year ago this firm commenced business. Now their liabilities amount to about \$11,000 with assets of \$8,000. One o the causes assigned for this condition of affairs is that the senior member of the firm transferred to the new concern a large amount of assets which has proved to be of little value, and that he had used the receipts of the concern to pay off his old claims. A compromise of 40 cents secured is proposed to the creditors.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Jan. 11, 1876. Oil matters for the present remain in much the same condition, all things being quiet. The production has slightly fallen off in the North West district. A new well has been put down

by Mr. Kennedy on lot 5, 13th con., and is being tested with good show of turning out well. Mr. Lawson's twin wells near the switch are still pumping at the rate of 50 brls., per day between them London Oil Refiners Co., quote refined by car load 23 to 24c. Crude remains firm at last weeks quotation.

MONTREAL TRADE RETURNS .-- Our correspondent furnishes us with the following statement, showing the value of the principal articles imported during the month of December, 1875, with comparative figures for December 1874, as recorded at the Montreal Custom House. December

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۱	Cigars	1874. \$ 17,242	\$
:	Brandy	2,016	Y
	Gin	2,010	
-	Rum	18	
5	Meats		
-	Hops	20,054	
e	Rice		
	Ale and Porter	7,015	
1	Tobacco (manufactured)	` 62	
	Wines	1,791	
s		1,783	
1	Sugar	97,401	
-	Mace and Nutmegs	2,190	
	Molasses Wearing Apparel	2,831	
t	Wearing Apparel	6,336	
f	Fruits	35,670	
I	Woollens	175,784	
s	Cottons	128,830	
d.	Silks and Velvets	44,951	
s	Furs	5,414	
-	Hardware	80 622	
t	Leather (including hoots		
у	and shoes)	6,130	
s	Glassware	8 020	
3	Fancy GOOds	47 602	
	Sole and Upper Leather	19,370	
	Tea-Green and Japan	44,787	
	Tea-Black	19,473	
	Coffee-Green	1,50I	
	Iron		
	Free Goods		
	Leaf Tobacco	457,183	
h	Leat robacco	23,594	

-Jacob L. Greene, Secretary of the Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co., of Hartford, was recently made the happy recipient of an elegant office desk by some of his Western friends.

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THE POSITION OF TRADE.

Now that the New Year has begun, things on the whole wear a much more hopeful aspect. The terrible experience of last year is not likely to be lost upon us. A vast number of unsound concerns, which only cumbered the ground by their existence, were swept away, leaving a clearer and better field for men of capital and experience. We have been insisting for years, that we had far too many men endeavouring to make a living or a fortune by buying and selling merchandise; and the experience of every year, and particularly of last year, has demonstrated the soundness of our conclusion. Hundreds of men are now insolvent and poor, who, if they had stayed on the land, would have been prosperous and rich. Hundreds of farmers' sons who came to the towns, or have themselves to blame if beguiled into set up storekeeping in villages, are now feeling the bitterness of disappointment, and rueing the day when they left the farm for the store. Their brothers who chose to strike out a path for themselves on new land, are independent men comparatively, and the very year which swept storekeepers and traders away by the hundred, has been to them one of the best they have ever known. If we could reach this class of farmers and farmers' sons, we would say to them: Be wise in time. Retrace your steps. You have made a mistake, and paid pretty dearly for it. But it is never too been such a fertile source of mischief in the late to mend. Get back on the land, start past, and which are now happily becoming

afresh there, and in a few years more you will be on the highroad to comfort and independence.

But to men who have had business experience, and have capital adequate to their requirements, the present year opens with fair prospects. The farming community are universally prosperous, and this interest is the backbone of a large portion of the country. Farmers are accumulating money and have it at command to a far greater degree probably than ever before. The present is a good time to make a decided move in the direction of shorter credits, for there is no reason whatever why farmers should not pay twice a year. Storekeepers might do much by offering inducements for cash payments. The advantage would be incalculable. Heavy profits tacked to long credit accounts are only a snare and a delusion. They result in a plentiful crop of bad debts, and are a fertile source of insolvencies. Ten per cent. profit for eash is far better than twenty on long credit. Fifteen per cent. for a six months account is better than twenty-five for a twelve months. Let storekeepers set to work and try it, and they will find we are right.

Wholesale merchants in the cities have a good deal both to do and to say in this matter. The competition of the last few years has resulted in an inordinate and unbusinesslike lengthening of credit, to the great detriment of honest trade. This busines's of dating goods forward is a bait that has been the ruin of many an unwary trader. Forcing goods off on the country dealer only leads to more imports, when the country does not want them. The art of "travelling" is now cultivated to a pitch that makes it almost dangerous. There are men of such uncommon cleverness that they can sell goods to a man almost against his will. And many a country dealer has ordered goods against his better judgment, when bored to death by their importunity.

It is, of course, only the abuse of the practice that we refer to. And storekeepers foolish purchases. The merchant, too, who has sold on this forcing system, finds to his cost that goods are more easily bought than paid for. The sharp experience of last year will doubtless lead to an overhauling in many directions, and in nothing more is it needed than in the length of credit given, and the terms on which goods are sold. As to "dating forward," it is a radically vicious and bad system, unworthy of any respectable house, and it ought to be abolished. It should go the way of those miserable "supply accounts," which have

rarer every year. They are not entirely unknown yet. Some houses cling to old delusions in spite of demonstrations of mischief constantly repeated. The system flatters the pride of some merchants who have aristocratic leanings, as it tends to make them the head of a band of retainers who have to do their bidding. But the practice is against rational trade principles, and the sooner it is abolished the better. In connection with the length of credit. there is a reform sadly needed in its amount. The sums that merchants have on their books as owing by retail traders. are in many instances preposterously large. When a wholesale merchant in a trade centre has debts of twenty, thirty, or even fifty thousand dollars, due him by retail storekeepers in such small provincial towns as ours, we may depend upon it there is something radically wrong. Men cannot carry such loads and live. These immense sums come in time to represent masses of bad stock, of accumulated arrears of interest. And a merchant's books only need to contain a certain quantity of them to make his own failure a matter of certainty. Then down comes the whole rotten edifice, and the circle of disaster is as wide as the extent to which these enormous credits have extended. For it is a matter of certainty that the failure of the wholesale merchant involves the failure of all such customers. Bankers have something to say in this matter. They desire to have two names on their paper, but when two are so bound up that the failure of one inevitably leads to the failure of the other. they have practically only one. It is with them to exercise discrimination in rejecting a customer's paper when an unreasonable amount is offered them.

The year opens with a prospect of great activity in the grain trade during the remainder of this season. Even now, in Toronto, there is a most rapid movement of grain, no less than 70,000 bushels of barley having been shipped to western and southwestern points during the last week. Freight rates to New York are so low as to favor shipment by that route; and as the quantity of wheat is very large there is every probability of a continuous movement during the winter. This will give continued monetary ease. No trade is so satisfactory as the grain trade with the States, as respects returns. Payments are invariably made at short date, and gold pours into the country rapidly when the movement is active. The low prices now current are not likely to change materially. Everything tends to prevent speculation. The supplies of the grain growing countries of Europe are very large indeed. Speculation in Southern Russia has been paralyzed by the enormous supplies that have poured in from the interior. All over Europe immense stores await transportation. And in the States the railways are likely to be kept busy all winter moving the products of the West to the seaboard. Our farmers, therefore, will do wisely to sell in time. They can well afford to take present prices. The difference between a fine crop at present prices and a poor one at higher prices is much in favor of the former. A thousand bushels at ninety cents is a better crop than seven hundred at \$1.20. It vields more money. and then there is a far greater quantity of straw: no light matter in these days when every particle of farm produce can be turned into money, either directly or indirectly.

As to grain merchants, we have long been contending that the only legitimate way of carrying on business at the centres is in the way of commission. Of all trades the grain trade is the one which must be done at a low profit. The attempt to make more than one or two per cent. out of it invariably ends in failure. It has been so in England for years, and Canadian and American experience confirm it. But then the quantity handled is so large that the one or two per cent. on grain brings just as much at the end of a year as the ten or twenty per cent. on other classes of merchandise. A grain merchant turns his business over twenty times in a year, and if he makes one or two per cent. on this he does as well as another who turns it over twice and makes ten per cent. each time. If men will steadily act on this they may steadily prosper and accumulate wealth in the grain trade as well as in any other. Both Montreal and Toronto are very large grain centres, yet of the enormous business done during the last ten years what a miserable modicum of profit remains. In most cases men are poorer now than they were ten years ago. Grasping at too much they have lost everything. But there is still the trade to be done. Let a "new leaf" be turned over this year, and we may have a grain interest as rich as any other amongst us.

In lumber, there appears little reason to look for a change for the better at present. The sole point for owners of stocks is that the peculiar weather we have had this winter will prevent logs from coming forward, even if manufactured. But the manufacture is likely to be very small in Canada. In Michigan, a large amount of logs have been cut, but with such a winter as this

very little can come forward. This is a hopeful feature, and is almost the only bright spot in the gloom that overhangs this branch of business.

Timber promises much better, and those who have stocks unsold will probably find them cleared off at a considerable advance over the low prices of last year. These prices, it is well known, involved heavy losses to manufacturers. What little timber is being got out this year will probably do well. But the heavy disasters of last year will be felt for many years to come, and must discourage production.

The Manufacturing interest has so many branches, that it is impossible to speak of them under one head. Some have been overdone, and must suffer the consequences. Others have been pursued cautiously and quietly, and have yielded fair returns. One thing our manufacturers can do: In all goods that compete with United States productions, it is necessary to pay strict attention to quality. There is constant complaint of the interiority of Canadian goods as compared with these, and we fear not without foundation. With a first-rate quality of goods manufacturers can defy competition.

PRIVATE EXTRAVAGANCE AND THE HARD TIMES.

Never before in the history of the United States has there been such a long commercial depression as set in with the crisis of 1873, and still continues with little abatement. So intense and general is the pressure, that anxious enquiries' into the causes of the trouble have been started in all quarters. The first reason generally accepted was, that the hard times were the result of the civil war; then some maintained, and do still maintain, that the chief source of their difficulties is their rag money, with its shifting values; while others point to their ultra-protectionist policy, with its rings and exaggerated values, as the chief factor in producing the depression of which nearly all classes complain.

More recently public opinion has settled down in most parts of the Republic upon another cause, as having more to do than anything else in making the hard times so much felt and so long continued, viz: the extravagance among families and individuals. The ill-effects of the war, their currency and their fiscal policy are still felt. but many of their ablest writers contend that as a nation, and as families and individuals, they have for years been living

expenditures have been far too extravagant for their earnings. We have very little doubt that this opinion is correct. The prices of living, the rates of taxation, everything, in fact, has been at famine prices since the war, while countless millions of depreciated greenbacks so inflated everything that extravagance became the rule and economy the exception. The famous Micawber is reported by Dickens as saying: "Income f.1, expenditure 19s. 6d; result — happiness. Expenditure £1, income 19s. 6d; result-misery." As it is with one individual, so it is with an aggregate of individuals composing a nation. If they will indulge in luxuries and extravagances beyond their earnings-if they will keep up a high style of living after inflated prices of labour, wages, and profits have ceased-the State loses instead of gains in wealth, and the return to good times must necessarily be slow and tedious. To any one conversant with American society, there can be no doubt as to this being one of the chief, if not the prime cause of their long - continued commercial depression. And many evidences are appearing to prove that the people themselves are learning the fact by bitter experience, and are generally commencing to live on a scale more restricted and suitable to the times.

We have referred to this point at the present time, because it contains a lesson for the people of Canada. It is freely admitted that personal extravagance has not been so widespread and excessive here as in the States. But who can look at our cities, towns, and even villages to-day, and compare family expenditures and styles of living with what they were ten years ago, and say we are not fast drifting away from economical and thrifty habits? Is not much of the present hard times throughout the Dominion attributable to expenditures which might have been avoided? How many Insolvents are there to-day who might have been doing well in business, if they or their families had not lived too fast ? And of that large class who may be styled "hard up," is it not a fact that if thousands of them had practised economy and lived less sumptuously, they would not now stand shivering on the brink of bankruptcy? There is no concealing the fact, that in some quarters there has been considerable extravagance in Canada during the past three or four years. This has been chiefly among the mercantile, manufacturing, and mechanical classes; but it has extended almost to all. In some cases, comfortable homes have been left for more elegant, but often less comfortable houses; in others. the family carriage and extra servants have (and the weather is the same there as here) altogether too fast-in other words, their been indulged in; jewelry, silks, sating,

purchased, as the hard facts of the table of imports prove; and, generally speaking, it may be truly said, the people have lived more freely and expensively than at any previous period of our history. This evil is undoubtedly on the increase, and should be guarded against. Nothing effects more ruin among business men, nothing more surely undermines the prosperity of a State than luxurious and extravagant habits, and we feel assured that the principal reason why Canada is passing through the present straits so much more rapidly and easily than the United States, is because we have sinned less than our neighbors in this respect.

There are many individuals in business circles in Canada, however, of whom this cannot be truly said. Not a few have ruined themselves in this way; thousands are still doing so, undeterred by the failure and misfortunes of others. When such persons are still in good circumstances, their conduct may be set down as only foolish; but in all cases where extravagance continues after the person finds himself in need, or is doubtful of his solvency, such conduct is highly criminal. And it should be held punishable as such, for the money squandered is not the spendthrifts, but belongs to his creditors. In principle, such conduct varies very little from common theft, and an honest man, with clear moral perceptions, would scorn as much to be guilty of the one crime as of the other.

The present is a suitable time for all classes, firms, families, and individuals, to examine their expenditures during the past vear. Much more can be done in the way of reduction than most people are at first sight disposed to acknowledge, and it should ever be borne in mind, as Dickens has so well illustrated, that it is the surplus sixpence that makes all the difference between misery and happiness. Of the people of Canada, the farmers have generally been the most economical, as they are at present undoubtedly the most prosperous. Many of them are, it must be confessed, rather penurious in their habits, and would do well to spend more in beautifying their homes and making themselves comfortable than they do. We can easily imagine cases where a penny saved may lose many a pound. But it is to be hoped that our people will always shun expensive and luxurious habits.

DISHONOURABLE PRACTICES.

We referred in our last issue to some sharp practices in life insurance, and it is very probable we may again find it neces. When the company allowed the case to memory of the dead by charging him with

furs, and other luxuries, have been lavishly sary to make further allusions to matters of this kind. At least if we do not it will not be for lack of opportunity, for the subiect is a fruitful one. Numerous cases come up from time to time disclosing the contemptible manner in which some offices endeavor to shirk responsibility in contracts, and resist claims when the circumstances offer no reasonable grounds for objections to be raised. As instances of the meanness and trivial excuses often resorted to in seeking to avoid the payment of losses we may mention a couple of recent cases where the facts came to light after considerable litigation.

The first came up for argument in the Supreme Court upon a demurrer to the petition brought in an action to recover for loss by death, alleged to have accrued upon a policy issued in 1865 in the name of a lady, upon the life of her brother. The amount claimed under the policy was five thousand dollars. The premiums on the policy were paid by the lady and accepted by the company until 1867, when the gentleman married, and the sister assigned the policy to his wife. The assured died in 1871, the premiums having been continuously paid without any interruption, and received by the company up to the time of the death of the assured, a period of six years. The amount paid in was sixty per cent, of the entire amount of the premiums to be paid under the policy. The demurrer was filed on the ground that this was a gambling policy, because the sister had no insurable interest in the life of her brother. No other question than this was submitted to the court for consideration. Such a plea is a mere shadow, and could never we think be sustained in equity. Whether the law recognizes the insurable interest a sister has in the life of a brother or not, we hold that she has such an interest. If we suppose them to be alone in the world, it is natural she should resort to him for counsel and support when it became necessary for her to do so. But apart from this point of which a Court of Equity might take cognizance, the case was against the company. The defendants were aware of the policy having been assigned at the time of the brother's marriage, and yet they continued to receive the premiums for four years after that event. And we venture to think they would have gone on receiving the premiums "to the last syllable of recorded time" without saythere had been any chance of the man living so long. But it is strange how man's ambition will overleap itself and light on the other side—without even knowing it.

come before the courts they never for a moment considered that their acceptance of the premiums after knowing the policy had been assigned was in point of law a new contract, even if the original contract had been a gambling one. Then, a Court of Equity taking cognizance of this would certainly decree the issuing of a policy in accordance with the provisions of the first. and the wife having an insurable interest and bringing a suit in equity, the same judgment which asserted the existence of such a contract would award damages to the plaintiff. Such was actually the case, for the demurrer was overruled and the company had to pay the full amount of the policy, with the costs in the suit.

The second case of which we speak was of quite as interesting a nature as the above. There is the same seeking after some little flaw to make the policy void, the same contesting of the claim, and the same infirmity of character respecting the payment of loss. The circumstances make one conclude that if Frederick the Great had lived in this age, and died with an insurance upon his life, there would be an effort made to avoid the policy because he had a wart upon his nose. The case shows what some insurance offices may not have considered, namely: that in the application answers made in good faith are valid. A suit was brought by Mrs. S. L. Fitch against the American Popular Life, on a policy for three thousand dollars on the life of her husband. The assured had stated in his written application he was free from disease or injury in any organ. and had no acquaintance with any physician or medical man who knew him well. In evidence at the trial it was found that some six years before his application he had been troubled with a temporary injury to the eyes, and had been attended by a physician about a month. Of course the Company wanted no further evidence. The Supreme Court of New York, on appeal, reversed a judgment in Mrs. Fitch's favour, holding that as the statements and answers in the application were made warranties by the policy, if shown to be untrue the policy was void. This decision was overturned by the Court of Appeals, holding that nothing but gross carclessness or deliberate misrepresentation will make the policy void, and that the slight injury to the eyes, or the withholding of the physician's name who had given temporary ing anything about a gambling policy if treatment years before, was not conclusive evidence of fraud or breach of warranty. There must be something exceedingly base in the nature of men, whether they constitute a company or not, who insult the

his widow and children of the assistance currency to wait four months for gold pay. have a recollection of some strong words | ensures a regular pay-day hereafter, in gold. once uttered in condemnation of a class of men who "devoured widows' houses" and to do." made great pretensions. The work in which they are written is yet extant, and we recommend them to the attention of insurance offices doing a business such as we have described.

We must not be understood to class life insurance companies generally in this category; such offices as those referred to form the exception, but care should be taken to avoid them in effecting fife insurance. Amongst the English, Canadian, and Am erican companies doing business in Canada there should be no difficulty in making a selection. The great majority treat their policyholders with the greatest fairness. And these merit the success they generally attain. But it is to be regretted that in doing a good work, and showing liberality to the assured, the extension of their business should be checked by the existence of unprincipled companies who come before the public to allure and deceive.

CANADA SOUTHERN AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

The election of Commodore Vanderbilt as President of the Canada Southern Railway is likely, at no distant day, to have a good effect upon that line. Success has generally attended every road where he had a controlling interest in the management, and it is reasonable to suppose the affairs of this Railway will wear a more hopeful appearance under his energetic influence. By completing it in the West and working it in connection with other American lines its facilities will be greatly increased. While we regard the undertaking favourably, we feel bound to censure the recent action of the Company respecting their employees. Only a few days ago the Company owed the workmen nearly five months pay, and a cool offer to settle in greenbacks for two months of the time having been rejected by the men, they paid for the month of August in gold. Subsequently another proposal of greenbacks was refused, and the Company posted up written notices offering to the men United States currency, dollar for dollar, in full settlement for services rendered during the last four months of the past year-payment to commence on the 15th of the present month, or as soon as the December payrolls were prepared. From a copy of the notice we learn that the Company expected the offer would be appreciated and accepted, for the following reasons: "1. It costs to

fraud, while they are attempting to defraud | each man more than the discount on U. S. he has had the foresight to provide. We 2. It is offered when most needed. 3. It 4. It is the best within the Company's power

> The presumption of this document is surprising, especially when it is remembered that all workmen refusing to accept this offer were to be at once discharged. What has been the effect of this we have not yet ascertained. It is clearly a violation of contract. We have never known any public corporation in this country manifest such a contemptible spirit as this in dealing with its employees. A compromise at any time is annoying to the loosing party, but a forced compromise, accompanied by a threat, becomes a public wrong. This is one of the most flagrant acts of injustice we have lately had occasion to notice. And another feature in the payment of the workmen is nearly as had. During the summer the Company gave their cheques to the employees in settlement of claims. This paper, after being endorsed, was discounted at high rates, when the workmen were unable to retain it any longer. Those who acted as brokers are therefore, in most cases, secured, should the Company reject any of these claims. Should the brokers suffer loss, they deserve no sympathy.

LIFE INSURANCE NOTICES .- While writing in last issue of the course pursued by the National Life towards its policy-holders, we showed the practical importance that attaches to the notice signifying the date when life premiums fall due. We pointed to the fact that even the most careful business men will sometimes overlook a date, and that in dealing with a "sharp" life insurance company such oversight would be fatal to their interests. How much greater is this danger in the case of insurers who are not methodical and exact in the management of their affairs, and they constitute the large majority? Clerks, mechanics and others who insure for small amounts do not regard the matter as of sufficient importance to be the subject of constant watchfulness. They rely upon the agent and his annual notice to refresh their reccollection. But this notice is only sent by courtesy. It may be withheld or not at the option of the company or its agent. Now, we see no sufficient reason why the sending of these notices should not be compulsory as a measure of protection to the assured. And we suggest the insertion of a clause in the insurance bill, which is to be brought before Parliament at the coming session, to require the sending of such a notice postpaid to the

usual address of every policy-holder, at least thirty days before the date on which his premium falls due. We think that companies who intend to deal fairly with their policyholders will not object to this, and it would prevent "sharp" companies from taking advantage of the assured in this respect.

THE ST. LAWRENCE BANK .--- The meeting of the St. Lawrence Bank, of which a report appears in another column, came to a wise conclusion in determining to reduce the capital. We hope the reduction may be sufficient, though it must be confessed that two hundred thousand dollars is a terrible price to pay for the mistake of having incompetent managers. We doubt also the wisdom of the name adopted: The Standard Bank is too suggestive after the experience of the St. Lawrence. We shall refer to the subject in our next, but in the meantime we may say that, so far as we can form an opinion, the management is in fully competent hands at present.

NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.-The National Insurance Company, of Montreal, held its first annual meeting of shareholders on Wednesday, the 12th inst., and elected the following Board of Directors: Alexander Ogilvie, M.PP., President; William Angus, First Vice-President; Edward H. Goff, Second Vice-President and Manager. The Directors being David Sinclair, John McGauvrou, M.PP., Richard White, Alphonse Desjardins, M.P., Thomas E. Foster, E. H. Trudel, Alexander Shannon: Thomas R. Woods, of Toronto; Alexander Crawford, Windsor;] and P. McCallum, Cobourg. Mr. Henry Lye was appointed Secretary, and Charles D. Hansom, Inspector. The Government deposit of fifty thousand dollars was made and license issued the day previous, and the first policy issued on Wednesday. The Company starts with a good cash capital, and under the management of able and experienced underwriters, whose ability we have already more than once had occasion to recognize. We trust the Company will have a prosperous career.

MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY .---This is the name of a new competitor in the insurance field. It is the intention of the company to confine its risks to the mercantile community, and work in connection with the Waterloo Mutual, which will do a form business as heretofore. Although the same agents will do the work of both, the two companies are distinct, and it is satisfactory to notice among the management of the Mercantile a number of prominent gentlemen in Waterloo. The capital subscribed is \$200,000, of which ten per cent. is paid up; the business will not be extended beyond the Province.

-We learn from a maritime journal that the shipping of New Brunswick numbers 1,154 vessels of all classes, and has a measurement of 307,026 tons. On the last day of December, 1874, the number was 1,144 vessels representing 294,741 tons; and considering the depressed state of trade the increase during the past year is encouraging. This addition to the tonnage of the Province is valued at \$600,000, and it is worthy of note that there is a strong tendency in favor of larger and more expensive vessels. Yarmouth, N.S., which our readers know is claimed to be the largest shipowning port in the world in proportion to population, reports a net increase for 1875, after deducting sales and losses, of 11,000 tons-131,000 tons is now owned in Yarmouth-5,000 tons were sold last year, and 3,000 tons lost. Seventeen ships to be owned there, but built outside, are under contract, which will add 10,000 tons more to the ship property of the port, and at a rate of \$40 per ton, this will represent six millions of dollars.

-There are rumors of several amalgamations among life insurance companies in the United States, and some of them are of considerable importance. The St. Louis Life has been virtually absorbed by Negothe Life Association of America. tiations have been going on for some time between the United States Life, and the New York Life and New Jersey Life, for reinsuring its business and retiring from the field, but we have not yet heard of the consolidation being completed. The spirited | contest waged by President Noyes, of the American National Life and Trust Company of New Haven, against the Connecticut commissioner who sought, on some trivial grounds, to wind up its affairs, will probably be remembered, and it may now surprise some that the company which was always thought to be under successful management, has dropped its old name and merged into the National Capitol Life-a company which reinsured its risks some time ago in the Penn. Mutual of Philadelphia. The charter of this latter company was still in existence, and to it in addition to the above, will be added the business of the National Life of New York, which some time ago retired after reinsuring its risks in the American National.

-Halifax has been singularly exempt from large fires the past year. Though to a great extent a wooden town, only four buildings were totally destroyed and four others badly damaged. The number of calls on the fire department were 47. Half of the fires were in dwelling houses, the balance in shops and various buildings. The Halifax fire department is a volunteer organization, which is very effective, and the water supply being complete, the fire engines, of which three are steamers, are seldom used.

-The banks of Halifax, and of Nova Scotia generally, keep their dividends up to the figures

of former years. Half-yearly dividends of "four" per cent. have been declared by the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Merchants Bank of Halifax, and the Bank of Yarmouth, while the very conservative Pictou Bank, located in the intensely Scottish town of Pictou, keeps its dividend at three per cent., for which it is to be commended. The Union Bank of Halifax, has gained its case against the city for a return of taxation overpaid in 1874, and thus saves \$4,000. This bank has also obtained judgment against Duncan, Sherman & Co., for a balance due them.

—It is with regret we notice the death of two prominent gentlemen in the English insurance offices -Mr. Henry Thomson, the chief officer of the Liverpool, London and Globe, which does the largest fire business in the world, and Mr. David Skirving, who was assistant secretary of the Reliance Mutual Life Assurance Society. Their decease is announced in our latest exchanges from Britain.

-SOME of the Halifax fire insurance companies have declared good dividends as the result of the business of 1875. The Acadia Fire Company, a well-managed institution, declared an interim dividend of "five" per cent. last July, and now adds ten per cent., making fifteen per cent. besides adding to their reserve. The Halifax Fire ('o. has declared a yearly dividend of ten per. cent. after providing for the losses of the year.

-The Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine is one of those offices which seems to have done a successful business notwithstanding the depression of the past year. We understand that the number of policies issued in the Dominion in 1875 were 1,237, the premiums amounted to \$58,112, and the value of the risks was \$1,938,500. Most of the business seems to have been done in this Province where the number of policies issued was 888, the premiums \$35,710, and the risks \$1,256,500.

-We are glad to see the subject of the Assessment Law coming up in the Ontario Legislature. We trust it will never be dismissed until the only sensible ultimatum is reached, viz : to make the voting power depend on the amount of a tax payer's interest. This is the rule in other monied corporations, and it would be only rational and wise to apply it to those of towns and cities also.

-The Liverpool and London and Globe, Fire & Life Insurance Company have decided to confine their business in the future to the cities of the Dominion. The large business this Company has established throughout the Province of Ontatio has been transferred to the Stadacona Fire & Life Insurance Company. The services of all the principal agents have been retained, and we trust this large accession of new business will prove profitable to this company.

-The Manufacturers and Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was established about two months ago with headquarters at Hamilton. This company, like most other new institutions, claims to have some special inducements to offer the public, one of which is that a copy of the application with a diagram of the premises insured, is attached to each policy. The board is mostly composed of practical men. Premium notes to the amount of \$250,00 we understand were in the hands of the company when they commenced business.

-After another interruption the Direct Cable Company are again in operation, and transmitting messages at twenty-five cents a word.

-We understand that the Accident Insurance Company have secured for the current year the risks of the Commercial Travellers Association.

-We are glad to notice that the Canada Guarantee Company have completed their deposit of fifty thousand dollars with the Dominion Government, which is the full amount required under the Act.

meetings.

ST. LAWRENCE BANK.

A large and influential meeting of the shareholders of this bank, from all parts of the country, assembled according to advertisement at the bank premises in this city on Tuesday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of receiving and discussing a report of the position of the affairs of the bank to be placed before them by the Directors. Before any business could be transacted it was found that there was not sufficient accommodation for such a numerous gathering, and it was therefore moved by Sir John Macdonald and seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell, that the meeting adjourn till two o'clock, then to be held in the Canada Life Assurance Company's premises, which were kindly granted for the purpose. After reassembling, the President, Hon. T. N. Gibbs, took the chair, and gave explanations at some length regarding the position of the bank's affairs, the chief purport of which was that very heavy losses had been sustained, (estimated at \$200,000), and that it was therefore necessary to devise measures by which the institution might be placed on a solid basis and enabled to carry on its business operation. successfully in the future. He stated that after careful and matured deliberations on the part of the Board of Directors, they came to the conclusion that it was advisable for the shareholders to adopt one of the three following courses, viz :-- 1. To continue as at present, without paying dividends, until the impaired capital was restored. 2. To take steps to bring about an amalgamation with some other bank. 3. To reduce the capital to the full extent of the loss, and to commence paying semi-annual dividends next July. He stated that the Board were in favour of the latter course, and explained that twenty per cent. off the capital and the accumulated profits, up to the 30th June next, were estimated to yield fully \$210,000; but as he had heard some of the shareholders speak in favour of writing off twenty five per cent., he would say that he was quite willing to agree to that course, and in that case dividend would be paid next July. After a thorough and exhaustive discussion, in which the following gentlemen took part, viz., Messrs. G. W. Webb, Rev. Mr. Bain, A. H. Campbell, Alex. Brown, Jas. Mc-Brien, Jas. Lockhart, J. C. Steel, Jas. Herson, R. McGee, M. Gillespie, W. F. Cowan, and others, the following resolutions were carried unanimously, viz :-

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to obtain the sanction of Parliament to reduce the capital stock of the Bank to the extent of twenty-five per cent., or \$25 per share.

Moved by Mr. G. W. Webb, seconded by Capt. Sinclair, That in obtaining legislation it is desireable at the same time to change the name of the Bank, and that the shares thereof be \$75 each. Moved by Dr. Carlyle, seconded by Mr. Mc-Brien, That the name of the bank shall be changed into that of "The Standard Bank of Canada."

Moved by Mr. T. Driffil, seconded by Mr. A. Speirs, That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to give, after the necessary legislation, to each holder of a paid-up share of \$100 in the St. Lawrence Bank, one paid-up share of \$75 of the "Standard Bank of Canada."

Moved by Mr. B. Johnson, seconded by Capt. Courneen, That the Directors be and are hereby instructed to enforce promptly the resolution passed at last annual meeting in reference to the enforcement of payment of the unpaid stock. Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McGee, That a vote of thanks be given to the President for his able conduct in the chair.

The meeting then terminated.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET. ST. LAWRENCE BANK, TORONTO, 31ST DECEM-BER, 1875.

Li	abilities.	
Capital (subscribed \$835,500) paid up Unclaimed divi'ds.		\$ 653,523 23
Notes in circulation	\$442,120 00	*-555-5-5
Dominion Govern-		
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payable on de-		
mand	32,691 78	
Provincial Govern-	J=1-3-1-	
ment deposits		
payable after no-		
tice	50,000 00	
Other deposits pay-	•	
able on demand	178,634 72	
Other deposits pay-		
able after notice	142,688 68	
Due to other banks		
in Canada	8,585 18	
Reserved interest	3,883 15	
-		858,603 51

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	Ass	ets.			
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other banks Balances due by for-		35,337	82		
eign agents		9,122	38	\$171,334 3	
Loans on shares of other banks	\$	14,0	000	**/*1334 3	,-
Loans to corpora- tions Bills discounted and		45,928	84		
current Overdue debts		059,208	30		
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safe, etc		21,076		1,237,646 3	30
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December, 1875	36,853 94	
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Commercial.

MONTREAL, MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, January 11th 1876. Business still continues to drag, and although in some branches a slight improvement can be noticed there is no approach in any case to activity. In the leather trade there has been more enquiry as the boot and shoe trade require leather for the manufacture of spring goods but as they are only making to fill actual orders their demands are very limited. Groceries are also quiet prices keeping steady. Hides main-tain the advance lately obtained, and stocks are not accumulating as a great many are sent to the United States market from here as well as from Western Canada. Oils are firm with up-ward tendency owing to smallness of the stock of fish oils. Drugs and Chemicals are firm but without any demand. Breadstuffs have met with more enquiry for future delivery market however closes quiet. Provisions quiet and steady. Ashes lower.

We had a very heavy fall of snow on Saturday night and Sunday morning with mild weather all day Sunday terminating in very heavy rain all Sunday night bringing the streets into a state which is easier conceived than described, last night the. Thermometer suddenly fell to Zero and keeps down steadily to day with pretty high wind. Freights via Portland are unchanged but there is very little demand here.

ASHES.—Pots.—Prices of Firsts have declined since the date of last report owing to the large quantity which was held over for inspection in the first week of January, and although in the early part of the week our last closing quotations of \$4.75 to 4.85 was realized the bulk of the sales averaged \$4.65 to 4.721, The market has been all week very quiet and closes at \$4.70 to \$4.75. Seconds in small demand at \$3.80. Nothing doing in Thirds. Pearls are neglected nothing has been done since the sale we noticed last week at \$4.95. The stocks at present in store are, Pots 2552 brls.; Pearls 1113 brls.

Boots AND SHOES.—A few orders from traders are beginning to come to hand. The quantity of goods manufactured this year for the spring trade is much under the usual average quotations are as last week. Men's kip boots \$2.50 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans goc to \$1.25; do. kip Brogans \$1.30 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans 75c to \$1.00; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$1.50; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.1 5 to 1.80; do prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Balmorals goc to \$1.15; do prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 60c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The St. Gabriel Market yesterday was better supplied than for the last two weeks, there was a fair demand and prices realized were higher than for two weeks back, being from \$3.75 to 5 50 according to quality per 100 lbs. Live Hogs.—There was one car load of live hogs on the market and sold at \$6.00 per 100 lbs live weight. Dressed Hogs on the spot were sold at \$7.50, while two car loads to arrive changed hands at \$7.40 per 100 lbs.

DRY Goobs.—The soft weather which we have had has destroyed the roads badly, and has the effect of keeping this branch of business in a dull and inactive state, country dealers being unable to get into town to make purchases. It is now generally admitted that stocks held here are heavier than was expected, for although the importations were small compared with former years, the demand has been small in proportion, leaving many wholesale houses with larger stocks than was desirable. Remittances are much under what they ought to be, and indeed might be, if country merchants were to push collections.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—For one or two articles in our list we lower quotations a little, but there is very little demand, and no doubt to effect large sales considerable concessions would be made on almost every item with the exception of Caustic soda. Bi Carb \$3.75 to 4.00; Sal Soda \$1.35 to 1.40; Caustic Soda \$3.37½ to 3.50; Bleaching Powder 2 to 2½c; Cream Tartar Crystals 28½c; ditto ground 30c; Epsom Salts \$1.87½ to \$2.00; Alum 2½c; Blue Vitriol 7 to 8c; Madder 8 to 9c; Cooperas 1½c; Saltbetre \$7.50 to 8.50; Borax 12½ to 15c; Roll Brimstone \$2.75; Sulphur 3½ to 3½.c

FISH.—Trade has been very quiet, but owing to scarcity of some kinds of fish the market is very firm. Dry Cod is selling at \$5.50; Green Cod, small is worth \$5.00; Lab. Herrings, the stock is light, sales from \$4.75 to 5.00; Salmon we quote \$1 dearer than last week, being now \$15, \$14, and \$13, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Mackerel is nominal. RAW FURS.—There are few or no furs coming

RAW FURS.—There are few or no furs coming in and in the meantime we do not change quotations but owing to the state of European markets it is considered certain that lower prices will prevail as the season advances Our quotations are : Beaver \$1.75 to 2.00; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12.00; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.50; Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60; Cross Fox \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.60; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Labrador Dark Martin \$7 to 8.00; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 3.00; Dark 2nd Mink, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8 to 10; Fall Muskrat 17 to 200; Winter do. 20 to 230; Spring, do 27 to 300; Raccoon 25 to 60c, Skunk 20 to 50c.

Racoon 25 to 60c, Skunk 20 to 50c. FREIGHTS.—We have no change to notice in the rates of freight to Liverpool via Portland, but the demand is still very limited.

FLOUR .- The receipts during the past week were 5000 brls. There has been rather more enquiry during the past week for flour which has resulted in the sale of a round lot of Spring Extra for delivery in April at \$4.50, several lots of the same kind of flour changed hands yesterday for immediate delivery at \$4.50 to 4.60. The local demand has been very small, indeed amounting to only a few hundred brls. To day the market closes with more enquiry caused by favorable advises from Liverpool, but without leading to increased business, our quotations are Superior Extra \$5.05 to 5.20; Extra Superfine \$4.80 to 4.90; Fancy \$4.90; Spring Extra \$4.50 to 4.60 ; Superfine \$4.00 to 4.25 ; Strong Baker's Flour \$4.95 to 5.10; Fine \$3.65 to 3.70; Middlings \$3.00 to 3.10; Pollards \$2.50 to 2 60; U.C. bags \$2.25. Oatmeal dull, at \$4.75 to \$4.85. Cornmeal \$3.70to 3.75. GRAIN.-Wheat.-There have been no trans-

GRAIN.—Wheat.—There have been no transactions and quotations are quite nominal. Muise. —The latest reported sale of this grain was at 65c. Nothing doing just now. Oats.—No demand for round lots, the demand for local wants is fair at 30 to 32c. Barley is nominal at 55 to 60c. for Quebec; nothing doing lately on which to base quotations. Peas 85c per 67 lbs., nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—The past week has been almost a blank in business, holders are firm in their views but buyers do not seem disposed to advance their ofters. Stocks of Japans are not large, and higher prices than we have been quoting lately are likely to rule when business again takes a start. Blacks and Greens are dull and in light demand. *Coffee.*—The demand remains very light and prices shows very little change since this day week. Java 30 to 32c, small sales at our outside quotation. St. Domingo is offering at 21 to 22c; Singapore 26 to 28c; Maracaibo nominal 26 to 28c. Very little of other kinds in stock. *Sugar.*—There have been large importations of white sugar from the U. S Granulated is still sold at our last weeks price of 8½ to 8½ c; Imported yellows under the influence of large importations is ½ c easier than this day week. There is no change in local refined market, for

which is steady. Raw Sugars have met with very little enquiry, sales continue to average 7 to 71c according to quality. Molasses .- Nothing doing beyond small sales for local wants, but as stocks are light prices are firm. Barbadoes 40 to 42c; Sugar house 26 to 28c. Rice .- Only a small jobbing demand, and price remains at \$3.75 to 3.85. Spices.—There has been rather better enquiry for articles in this line during the week and prices are a shade dearer in some instances. Nutmegs 75c to \$1.00 according to quality. Black Pepper 12 to 121c; Cloves are firm at 50c; Pimento 9 to 91c; in other kinds of spices there is no change in prices and very little doing. Fruits.—The sales re-ported have been light this week, very little wholesale demand existing just now. Layer Raising have been death in in the work. Raisins have been dealt in in a small way at \$2.30 to 2.40; Valencias are scarce and firm at 8 to 81c; Sultanas 13 to 14c; Loose Muscatels \$2.75; Currants are still in small supply and firm at \$71, some to arrive were sold at about 1c less. Figs are easier at 5 to 6c for small and 12 to 13c for large boxes. Prunes 41 to 52c; Almonds are unchanged. Filberts 71 to 8c; Walnuts 5 to 7c. HIDES AND PELTS.—There is not much doing

just now and buyers complain that prices are too high, sellers however are firm at our quotations. No. I inspected hides \$7.00; No. 2 ditto \$6.00; No. 3 ditto \$5.00. Sheepskins.-As very few sheep are killing just now, the quantity offering is small, which are bought according to value.

HARDWARE .- There is little or nothing doing in this branch of trade nor need much improvement be looked for until next month, by which time commercial travellers will begin to operate for the early spring trade. Prices are firm but not by any means as remunerative as the trade would like to see them, the terms of credit are also too long considering the small margin on which goods are sold. Remittances come to which goods are sold. Remittances come to hand slowly, there is very great room for im-provement We quote *Pig Iron.*—Eglinton and Clyde \$21 to 21.50; Cambroe 21.50 to \$22; American \$24. to 26.; Summerlie and Calder \$22.00 to 23.00; Coltness \$22.50 to 23.50; Unretice \$20.00; Coltness \$22.50 to 23.50; Hematite \$30.00 to 31.00. Bar, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.30 to 2.40; best do., \$2.50 to 2.60, Swedes and Norway 55.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.50 to 0.00; Garth and Penn \$4.50 to o.oo; Arrow \$4.75 to 5.00; Hatton \$4.25 to 4.40. Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC, \$8.00 to 8.25; ditto, IX, \$10.00 to 10.25; ditto DC, \$7.00 to 7.25; Coke IC, \$6.75 to 7.00; 14 x 20, 25c extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26, 15c. Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 91 to 101c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25. Sheets best brands, \$3.25 to 3.35; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.5; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.5; Best brands \$3.50o 3.75; Russian Sheet Iron per lb. 14 to 15c; Cut-Nails 2 D Lath, \$4.75; ditto, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d to 4d shingle \$3.05; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.45; ditto 12d & larger So 15: 100 kee lots s per cent discourse \$3.15; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead—per 100 lbs Pig, 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00 ; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00 ; Steel cast; per lb. 12 to 13c; Spring per 100 lbs, \$4.50 to 5.00; Sleigh Shoe \$3.75 to 4.00; Tire ditto, \$4.00 to 4.25. Ingot Tin 23 to 24.01 y 24c; Ingot Copper, 22 to 23c. Horse Shaes per 100 lbs. \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved Coil Chain, § in., 100 lbs. \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved Coil Chain, § in.,
\$6.00 to 6.25; Anchors 7 to 8c; Anvils 10 to 12c.
Iron wire per bdl \$2.50 to 60. Files—" Kinmonds" Brand 10 per cent off English list Glass, 4th quality, 25 united inches \$2.20 to 2.25; do. 40 inches \$2.40 to 2.45; do. 50 inches \$2.80 to 2.85; do. 60 inches \$3.05 to 3.10; do. 70 inches \$3.30 to 3.35. LEATHER.—The demand for all kinds of stock is still very liptic. Some's Sole is accumulating

is still very light. Sponish Sole is accumulating CATTLE.—Beeves—Receipts for the week end-but heavy shipments are being made to England ing Monday were 563 head, against 377 head on

which will relieve the market; Slaughter Sole is in limited demand; Harness is very dull and prices nominal; Upper—A few sales taking place mostly of light prime stock, heavy is almost unsaleable; Splits are very quiet, quotation unchanged; buff and pebble have more enquiry at about quoted rates. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. I B A. We 231 to 24c; do. No. 2 21 to 22c; Buffalo sole No. 1 20 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c Hemlock slaughter 24 to 26c ; waxed upper light and medium 30 to 361c; ditto heavy 30 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 35c; splits large 20 to 32c; do small 15 to 20c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 25 to 40c; harness 24 to 26c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 191c; pebbled cow 12c to 16c.

OILS .- Linseed oil is dull, and we this week lower our inside quotations, we quote $Raw 52\frac{1}{2}$ to $57\frac{1}{2}c$, and boiled $57\frac{1}{2}$ to $62\frac{1}{2}c$; Cod oil is steady but unchanged at $57\frac{1}{2}$ to 6oc. Seal oil— Pale has advanced to 60 and $62\frac{1}{2}c$ -, ditto straw 55 to 6oc., ditto steam refined 65 to 671; Menhadden oil 35 to 40c.; Whale oil is nominal. The stock of fish oils are light, and there is very little demand at present. *Petroleum* is dull of sale and there has been no change in value for sometime past ; Olive oil 95 to \$1.00.

PAINTS .- Business remains quiet and not much activity is looked for, for some weeks to come, our quotations in the meantime are firm but unchanged; we quote White lead pure, 100 ib. kegs \$8.90, 200 lb kegs \$8.80. Blue coal oil brls. \$1.70 for 25 lb irons; \$6.25 for 100 lb kegs; Black paint \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; *Brunswick* green, \$1.20 for 25 lb irons; *Venetian Red* \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; French Yellow ochre \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; Meiallic oxide Indian red shade \$1.50 for 25 lb. irons; \$5.50 for 100 lb. kegs; Metallic Fire Proof Roofing Paint 1.50 for 25 lb. iron and \$5.50 for 100 lb. kegs.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts during the week 1359 kegs; shipments 1826 kegs. A fair consumptive demand exists at from 17 to 22c according to quality, but there is nothing doing just now in shipping parcels. Cheese .- This market is a degree firmer but not quotably higher. There is not much offering at the moment, most of the stock here is held on English account. Lard is quiet but steady at $13\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c as to package. Pork.—There is very little movement in this article, the market is very dull and our quotations are nominal. Inspected new mess \$21.50; thin mess \$21.00 to 21.25. Tallow rendered is nominal at 8c ; ditto in the rough 41

to 5c. SALT.—Prices are steady but there is very little demand. Coarse 65 to 75c; Factory filled

\$1.35; Fine 75c. Wool.-Most of the manufacturers are either shut down or taking stock, and very little business is doing, there is a good enquiry, however, as to prices, and a few small sales have been made within our range of quotations, and some activity is confidently looked forward to in a short time. We quote super 26 to 28c; black 26c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, January 13, 1875.

The state of the weather continues to have a quietening effect upon all branches of trade, and little improvement need be looked for until we have sleighing. Nothing has occurred either in prices or movements since our last that calls for special attention.

BOOTS AND SHOES.-There is a fair business doing in spring orders, and also in sorting up lines. Prices show no change and manufacturers are busy.

the preceding. Supplies are apparently equal to requirements, and consequently prices remain generally unaltered. First-class are still scarce and well enquired after at \$4.75 to 5.00. Second-class range from \$4.00 to 4.25. Thirdclass are by far the most abundant, and the prices paid for these are \$3 to 3.50. Sheep-Receipts for week ending Monday were 38, against 112 last week. The demand is active, owing to this small supply, and prices have advanced. First-class are worth \$6.00 to 6.50; secondclass, \$4,75 to 5.25, and third-class \$3.50 to 4.00. Lambs-Are very scarce and in good demand at \$4.50 to 5.00 for first-class, \$3.50 to 4.00 for second-class, and \$3.00 to 3.25 for third-class. Calves—Are very scarce and little enquired after. First-class would be taken at \$10 to 12.02, and second-class at 6.50 to 8.00. Hogs-Receipts for the week were 320, against 311 last week. Fat are selling at 6 to 61c, and

store at 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. DRUGS.— The position of the trade has changed in no essential particulars since our last. Little enquiry exists, and quotations are unaltered.

FLOUR.-The number of barrels in store on the 10th inst. was 9,497 against 11,286 barrels as recorded on the same date last year. The demand has continued light, and in many instances prices were in favor of buyers. On Friday superior extra changed hands at \$4.70 f. o. c ; extra was quoted at \$4.35, and spring extra sold at equal to \$4.10. Saturday the market was weak, and very little enquiry pre-vailed; some offerings were made, but no sales effected. Monday none of the grades appeared to be wanted, though a fair amount was offering. Yesterday the market was firmer; superior extra sold at\$ 4.75 f.o.b. and spring extra at equal to \$4.10; fancy was worth \$4.25 and extra \$4,35. Oatmeal-There are no sales to note; car-lots are worth \$4 25 to 4.40, and small lots \$4.60 to 5. Bran-Sales of car-lots have been made at \$12.00 on the track, and more would be taken at the same figure.

FREIGHTS .- The following are the rates from this city to way-stations by the Grand Trunk line. To Kingston, 30c for flour and 15c for grain ; to Prescott and Brockville 35c for flour and 18c for grain ; to Montreal, 40c for flour and 20c for grain; to Point Levis, 65c for flour and 33c for grain ; to Portland, 8oc for flour and 40c for grain; to Boston, via steamer from Portland, 75c for flour and 371c for grain; to St. John, N.B., 80c for flour and 43c for grain; to Halifax[85c for flour and 45c for grain. Through rates to England-Flour to Liverpool via Allan Line, is 6s. 7d stg. per brl.; grain also 12s 9d per quarter, exclusive of bagging; lard butter and cheese 74s6d; boxed meats 71s9d per ton of 2240 lbs. Rates to Glasgow by New York; flour \$1.60 per brl., and boxed meats 811c. per hundred pounds.

GRAIN.-Stocks in store on the 10th instant, wheat, 145,679 bush. fall; 187,796 bush. spring; oats, 5,046 bush.; barley, 144,870 bush.; peas, 39,709 bush.; rye, 2,523 bush.; corn, goo bush. Against-wheat, 31,044 bush. fall; 103,349 bush. spring; oats, 2,004 bush.; barley, 98,064 bush.; peas 41,350 bush.; rye, 490 bush.; and corn, 10,142 bush. as recorded on the same date last year. During the past there has been very little change to record in the position of the market, and the business transacted was of a very light character. Friday no business was reported nor were the transactions of Saturday or Monday made public. Tuesday spring sold at 96 to 97c, and yesterday sales were made at 96c for No. 1 spring, and 94c for No. 2 f.lo. c., No. 2 fall was in demand at 98 to 99c, but holders refused to accept these figures. Oats -Movements are small, but prices show an advancing tendency. Transactions in the early part of the week under review were reported at 34c for car lots on the track, but lately sales were made at 35c. Barley-There is a good

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demand, and prices are firm, but little changed from those of last week. For No. 1 85c f. o. c. has been steadily paid. No. 2 has found ready sale at 71C, and in No. 3 the market has ruled fairly active at 61C, all transactions being f. o. c. Peas continue firm and are moving steadily. On Saturday one lot of 4,000 bushels of No. 1 sold on p. t.; uninspected changed hands at 73C. f.o.b., and twenty cars brought 74C. Good qualities are in demand at 75C f.o.b. Rye is worth 60C from farmers, and there are no movements in lots.

GROCERIES .- Coffee-There is little demand and little offering. Rio in ordinary lots has changed hands at 23c, but there are qualities in the market ranging from 23 to 25c. Java is offering at 31 to 32c; Jamaica sold at 22⁴/₂c; East Indian is worth 26 to 26¹/₂c. Fish-Movements aro light; Labrador Herrings are worth \$5.00; Whitefish \$4.50 to 4.62, and trout \$4.25 to 4.40. Fruit—We have little to report and quotations are unchanged. Layers are worth \$2.50 for lots, and \$2.60 to 2,65 for small quantities; Valencias 81c; Sultanas 14 to 161c. Currants $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c; prunes 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c; loose mus-catels \$2.75 to 2.80; Lodon layers \$3.76 to 3.80; Malaga figs in mats \$6.00 to 6.25; Eleme figs in cases 15 to 16c. Filberts 9½c; walnuts 8c; new Brazil nuts 8c, and almonds 14¹/₂c. Rice-We note no change. To country dealers prices range from \$4.25 to 4.40, and trade lots are ob-tainable at \$4.05 to 4.121. Liquors-A good demand prevails for Canadian rye and malt, and small lots are selling fairly well at 95 to 96c. Other kinds are quite. Sugar-We advance our quotations this week about $\frac{1}{2}c$ on all grades. Dry crushed are selling at $9\frac{3}{2}c$. In granulated, sales have been made at 9c, but small lots bring 91c, at which it is firm; crystaline brings 83 to 9c; Montreal Refined is quoted at 81 to 83 c; Scotch is firm, with sales of lots at 8c for ordinary, and Sic for bright. Cuba sells at 71 to 71c, and Barbadoes and Porto Rico at 75c. Syrup-Trade remains very quiet, and prices unchanged. Tea-Hardly any movemement has taken place in lines, and the business doing in small lots to the country is also light.

HIDES AND SKINS .- The market for greens is steady at 6c for No. 1, and 5c for No. 2. Cured are easier, and sales of cows have been made at 61c. Sheepskins are without change at \$1.30 for the best grain. Calfskins ate nominal at 8 to 10c for green, and 16 to 18c for dry. Tallow -Rendered is worth 7c, and rough 41c.

HARDWARE .- The state of the roads has interfered with the movements of goods. All kinds sell very slowly, and prices are without one single change.

Hops are worth 15c for good, and 10c for ordinary.

PROVISIONS .- Rutter .- The enquiry is limited, and supplies are correspondingly small. Prices show little change. Choice is worth 18 to 19c, and is very scarce. Shipping qualities sell at 16 to 17c, and inferior brings 13 to 142c, and box 16 to 171c. Cheese-Nething doing beyond a small trade at 10¹/₂ to 11¹/₂c. Eggs-Supplies are limited, and prices unchanged at 17 to 18c for lots. Pork-Mess is selling in small lots at \$21; car lots are worth \$20.50. Bacon—There is an improvement in the de-Sucon-inere is an improvement in the de-mand, and sales of Cumberland have been made at 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ C. Rolls bring 13c, and smoked 12c. Hams-The enquiry is fair for small lots of smoked at 13 to $13\frac{1}{2}$ c, and pickled at $11\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lard.—Is in active demand at 12c for timenes in late of former at the second 13c for tinnets in lots of fitties and 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}$ C mand through small receipts, car lots are sold at \$6.90 nearly all week, but latterly \$7 has been paid. Dried Apples.—Loose are worth 7 to 71, and barrelled \$1 to 81c.

SALT.—Continues quiet but firm at \$1.15 to 1.20 for Canadian, \$1.10 to 1.20 for Liverpool fine and \$1.00 to 1.10 for coarse.



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of regulating weirs, cuiverts, bridge piers, and a new entrance lock at Lachine, and the formation of a channel and basin on the south or river side of the existing entrance. The works will be Tet in sections of the respective lengths indicated on a map of the line, which, to-gether with plans and specifications of the various works, can be seen at this Office, and at the Lachine Canal Office, Montreal; at either of which places printed Forms of Tender can be obtained. Tenders for Section No. 9, or what is called the 'Rock Cut,' and Section No. 10 at Lachine, will be received until the arrival of the eastern and western mails, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January next, plans and specifications for which can be seen at the places above mentioned on and after Wednesday the 5th day of January next. For other parts of the works, tenders will be re-ceived until Tucsday, the 21st day of March next, and for which plans and specifications can be seen at the respective places above mentioned, on and after Tuesday, the 5th day of March. Contractors are requested to bear in mind that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and-in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque, or other available secur-ity, for the sum of from one to three thousand dol-lars, according to the extent of work on the section, must accompany each Tender, which shall be for-feited if the party tendering declines or fails to enter into contract for the works when called upon to do so, at the rates stated in the offer submitted. The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of Tender.

the form of Tender. The cheque or money thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose Tenders are not accepted.

accepted. For the due fulfilment of the contract satisfactory security will be required on real estate or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank stock to the amount of five per cent. on the bulk sum of the contract, of which the sum sent in with the Tender will be considered a part. Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the works.

To each Tender must be attached the actual signa-tures of two responsible and solvent persons, resi-dents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out these conditions, as well as the due performance of works embraced in the contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order.

F. BRAUN, Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Des. 23, 1875.



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By order,

G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary.

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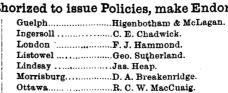
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