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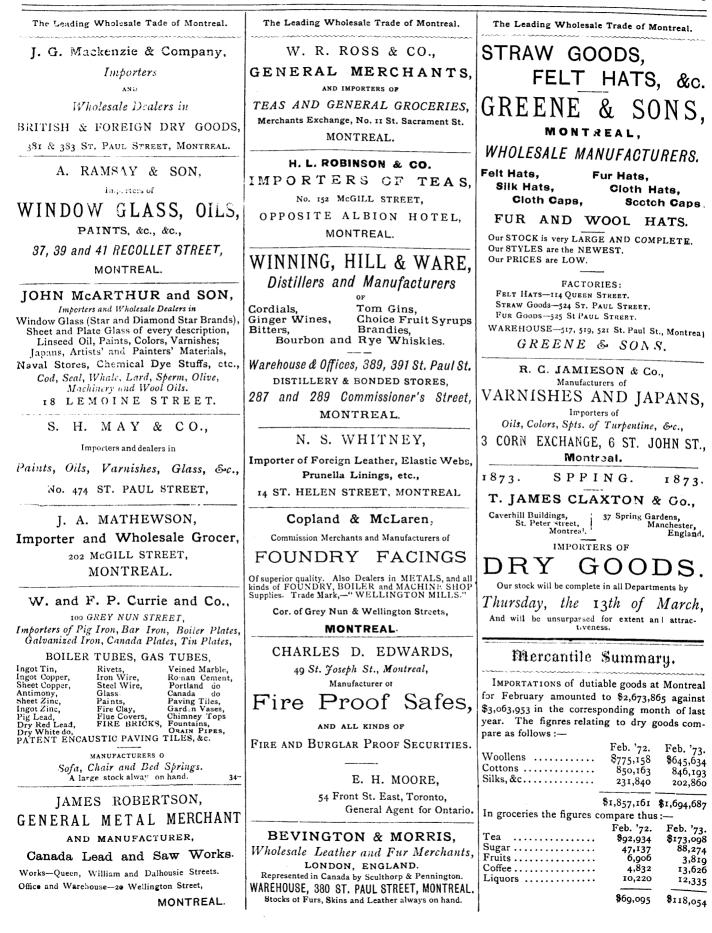
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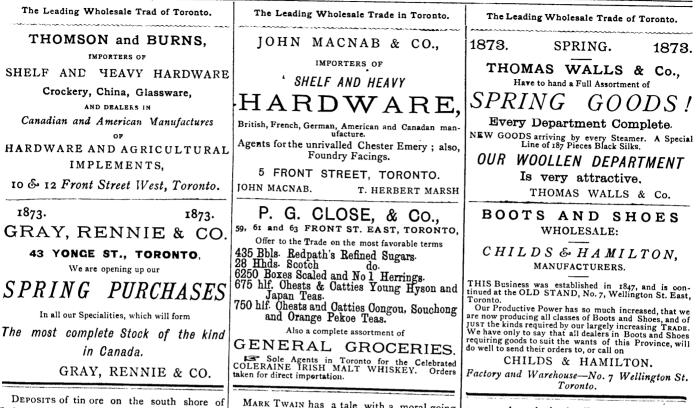
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Lake Superior are reported, of great richness. THE REVENUE of Newfoundland for 1872 amounts to \$780,000, exceeding that of 1871 by the sum of \$52,000. The colony is very prosperous.

MR. SHERIFF THOMAS, Vice-President of the Canada Life Company, has been promoted to the Presidency, and Mr. F. W. Gates has been elected Vice-President.

THE TERMS of union of Prince Edward Island with the Dominion are said to have been agreed upon by the respective governments. As the question will have to be submitted to a vote of the people it is impossible to speak with certainty as to the prospects. It is to be hoped that the folly of continued isolation will be so apparent as to secure a favorable verdict.

HON. PETER MITCHELL has introduced a bill to check the abuses which have grown up in connection with deckloads on ocean-going vessels. Mr. Mitchell is perfectly familiar with the question with which he has undertaken to deal; and his measure appears to meet the case without giving rise to any unnecessary embarrassment to our commerce.

WE HEAR that the sale of railroad iron in Montreal referred to last week is in a very much mixed state. It has caused a great deal of talk, and Mr. Brydges' name has been connected with the affair, but after careful enquiry there remains no doubt that this part of the story is wholly incorrect. The matter is very much involved, and will most likely be unravelled in court. It is not certain that the operation is so profitable as has been represented.

MARK TWAIN has a tale with a moral going the rounds of the press about a certain Samuel McFadden who was a watchman in a bank and received the munificient salary of four dollars a week. He asked to have it raised; and the President, the Cashier and the directors glared at him through their spectacles and frowned on him, and told him to go out and stop his insolence, when he knew business was dull and the bank could not meet its expenses let alone lavish one dollar on such a miserable worm as Samuel McFadden. Samuel then felt sad, the haughty scorn of the officials had cut him to the soul. He would go into the side yard and weep gallons of tears over it. At length a thought struck him and he was bland with joy. So Samuel McFadden fooled around and got a jimmy, a monkey-wrench, a cross-cut saw, a coal chisel, a drill, and about a ton of gunpowder and nitroglycerine, and all those things. Then in the dead of night, he went to the fire-proof safe, and after working at it for a while, burst the door and brick into an immortal smash, with such a perfect success, that there was not enough of that safe left to make a carpet tack. Mr. McFadden then proceeded to load up coupons, greenbacks, currency and specie, and to nail all the odd change that was lying anywhere, so that he pranced out of the bank with over one millions of dollars on him. He then retired to an unassuming residence out of town, and then sends word to the detectives where he was. A detective called on him next day, with a soothing note from the cashier. McFadden treated it with lofty scorn. Detectives called on him every day with humble notes from the president, cashier and board of directors. At last the bank got up a magnificent private sup-bination on th per, to which Mr. McFadden was invited. He hold out well.

came, and as the bank officers bowed down in the dust before him, he pondered over the bitter past, and his soul was filled with wild exultation. Before he drove away in his carriage that right, it was all fixed that Mr. McFadden was to keep half a million of that money, and to be unmolested if he returned the other half. He fulfilled his contract like an honest man, but refused, with haughty disdain, the offer of the cashier to marry his daughter. Mac. is now honored and respected. He moves in the best society, he browses around in purple and fine linen and other good clothes, and enjoys himself first rate. And often now he takes his in-fant son on his knee, and tells him of his early life, and instils holy principles into the child's mind, and shows him how, by industry and perseverance, and frugality and nitro-glycerene, and monkey-wrenches, and cross-cut saws, and familiarity with the detective system, even the poor may rise to affluence and responsibility.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, March 15, 1873.

All oil matters are excessively dull, in fact the bottom is out of all crude oil enterprise, either producing or developing. This is caused by the very low price of oil in New York, thus shutting out the great trade of exportation. Nearly all the refiners at London have shut down and none are doing over one-quarter their capacity. Englehart & Co. being the only one that is making up for old contracts. The Association have placed crude at 56c. per brl, and this with the bonus of 25c, makes

The Association have placed crude at 56c. per brl, and this with the bonus of 25c, makes crude oil only worth 81c per 43 gallons delivered at the station. The fact of the break up of the great oil ring on the other side, together with the production, there being in excess by 6,000 brls per day over this time last year has partly caused this fall in the market here. The combination on this side of both crude and refined hold out well.



killen, has proved a failure at 515 feet. Other outside wells in that direction are also reported dry holes. All that Canada has to trust to at present in her oil enterprise is the home con-sumption which at this time of the year is flat.

Quotations are :--Crude with bonus added quiet at from 60 to 75c per brl. Refined in lots London delivery 30c per gallon.

PUNCTUALITY IN BUSINESS .- How often we have heard business men censured for dilatoriness in keeping their appointments, or for failure in keeping their engagements, of for failure in keeping their engagements for the delivery of goods, etc. Tailors, shoemakers, milliners, and dressmakers seem to receive the lion's share of this censure; but it is by no means confined to them, being applicable more or less, to parties engaged in almost every branch of trade. The lack of punctuality is seemingly one of the least excusable evils to which humanity is addicted. It is astonishing, after all the bitter experiences to which people have been subjected, and the annoyances which associations, and even whole communities, have suffered through the lack of this one quality, which seems so necessary to the smooth running of the machinery of every-day life, that it should receive so little attention in daily affairs. Its value cannot be estimated by a single occurrence: or by one day's duration, but by its constant recognition in the innumerable transactions of a lifetime. Every man is to some extent dependant on his neighbor, let his position in life be what it may. It will thus be seen how important it is that his every engagement should be promptly met, in order that the utmost confidence may be placed in one another. On the other hand, the failure of, or delay in, the performance of his duty in this respect, not only possibly inflicts injury on those with whom he deals, but also upon himself by indulgence in so perincious a habit. Punctuality is of the debts (including interest) of all the others. This to surmount every di thing he undertakes.

They make rash promises without due consideration as to whether they can fulfill them; their procrastinating spirit makes them late in every-thing they attempt to do. Besides being a source of continual annoyance, such persons seldom rise to any eminence in life; we lose confidence in them, and thus the reverse of eminence is generally the result in their case. This fact, together with the record of many distinguished men who have attributed their chief success to the observance of punctuality, should be a caution to all to make no promises or engagements which they have not at least a reasonable prospect of fulfilling. By the ob-servance of this latter suggestion they will establish for themselves a reputation that will be at least pleasant and can but be beneficial.

TIME SALES .- While credit properly employed is sometimes desirable, it is in some respects materially misapplied, with much resulting loss. For instance :- suppose that a retail merchant has twenty customers who keep accounts with him, and that he knows from experience and observation that at least one of the twenty does not design to pay the bill which he runs up; another from bad management or misfortune will, in all probability, be unable to pay the final balance of his account, while others still will be very slow pay. He will also be obliged to give considerable time and labor to the keeping of accounts, and efforts to collect bills. On the whole, he is likely to lose the amount of sales which he makes to two of the twenty. But he does not know from which two his loss will come, so to the price at which he could afford to sell his goods for cash down, he adds enough to cover losses, and interest on delayed payments; enough to enable him to make the same profit with twenty customers that he could with eighteen cash buyers at reduced or cash prices. Thus he obliges each man to help insure the

cent. or thereabout. This is a fresh illustration of the expensiveness of dishonesty, as more than half the premium grows from the risk of non-payment or improper delay. But the whole system is faulty and harmful. Probably the majority of the twenty could, by prudence. majority of the twenty could, by prudence, foresight and temporary retrenchment, manage to pay cash down: a d when once this habit was established, they would find goods ten to twenty per cent. cheaper than under the old plan. The mischief of the latter goes farther than the retail store. The retailer—in con-sequence of giving credit—often cannot pay could for this nurchases from the wholesale cash for his purchases from the wholesale dealer; so he must either give up his trade to others, at least for a time, or buy at three, four or six months' credit. This necessitates inquiry into his standing resources, &c., and the wholesale merchant must include a like premium of insurance on his sales to the retail dealer, which the latter necessarily includes in his prices. If it is unavoidable to ask for credit, the better way in a majority of cases would be for the purchaser to borrow money on whatever security he can give, and pay cash for the goods. -Mercantile Yournal.

PREPARATION FOR BUSINESS .-- Business is based upon comprehensible principles and facts, based upon comprenensible principles and facts, a knowledge of which will promote efficiency in actual transactions. Practice only can impart skill in application; but practice enlightened by knowledge sooner acquires proficiency, and is saved from many errors and much useless labor. Success and advancement in any pursuit depend in a great measure upon the qualifications possessed when entering upon it, as the exactions of active life leave little opporunity to remedy deficiencies of preparation. He who would succeed must not wait until surrounded by the bustle, demands, and complications of actual business, any more than the captain should defer obtaining a knowledge of navigation until his vessel is at sea, or the physician put off the study of medicine until called upon to prescribe. He should go prepared into the busy walks of life, to surmount every difficulty and excel in everyTHE MONETARY TIMES AND TRADE REVIEW-INSURANCE CHRONICLE.



shown in forwarding to the press the usual reports on the trade, the finances and the public works of the Dominion. The trade and navigation returns are of the greatest value to business men and their appearance is always welcome even though eight to ten months elapse after the transactions to which they chiefly relate were concluded.

The expansion of our trade in the last fiscal year has been rapid; and following a series of years which have been characterized by the same process of extension the total trade of the Dominion is now swelled to grand proportions. The importations compared by provinces for two years were as follow:

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It will be noticed that the increase of nearly fifteen and a half millions shown above amounts to about 16 per cent and is distributed over all the provinces in pretty nearly equal proportions. Of course the figures for British Columbia appear for the first time in the returns.

We turn next to the other side of the ac- count and find the exportations to be:
EXPORTS.
Province. 1870-71. 1871-72. Ontario Fiscal year. Fiscal year. Quebec. 39,021,706 41,823,470 Nova Scotia 6,516,927 7,538,401 New Brunswick 5,517,930 5,719,734 British Columbia 1,912,107 1,912,107 Total \$74,173,618 \$82,639,663
Increase

*For 3 mos. only.

Against an increase of importations amounting to \$15,337,556 we have to place only \$8,466,045 of an expansion in exports; and the total balance against the Dominion on the year's operations, that is the excess of imports over exports is \$28,790,864! This is an enormous sum and may fairly be cited in explanation of the monetary stringency which has exercised so depressing an influence on trade for six months past. The extent of the strain upon our finances implied in the above adverse balance will be more fully appreciated when it is mentioned that it followed a similar balance of \$21,-695,810 in the previous year. It is apparent from the figures representing the trade of previous years that this is not the normal condition of our trade; in 1869-70 the balance against us was only \$1,361,831.

It is a matter of the greatest moment in considering the effect of those extensive purchases abroad, that they should be of necessary articles, the use or consumption of which would directly add to the producing power of the country. Take for instance iron and hardware. So far as we have purchased iron rails or machinery or tools, the investment must be held to be a productive one, since a large importation of these things implies activity in improvements and in production. If we compare the imports of these articles entered for consumption for the past year with those for 1869-70-a year, as we have shown, in which the balance against us was very light - the following result appears :---

 1869-70.
 1871-72.

 Iron and hardware, 15 p.c..
 2,366,265
 3,840,859

 Locomotive engines
 45,790
 408,772

 Iron, 5 p.c.
 1,793,876
 3,247,172

 Difference
 3,249,853
 3,290,872

The increase in the market *value* of articles under this head would account for the major portion of the increase here shown.

Let us next take a list of articles that may be brought under the general heading of dry goods by way of comparison :--

	1869-70. \$.	1871-72. S .
Carpets Clothing	430.070	ф. 624,317 540,230
Cottons Fancy goods	7.330.002	10,182,154 2,843,590
Hats, caps, &c Hosiery	622.401	861,396
Linen Oil cloths	774,589 96,030	404,404 1,149,062
Shawls	1.372	132,048 90,584
Woollens	6,968,552	2,598,334 11,735,351
Total		

Difference......\$19,376,400 31,161,479 11,785,079

The increase in silks and velvets shown above is 103 per cent; woollens, 821 per cent; cottons, $38\frac{3}{4}$ per cent and the total of these articles shows an increase of over 60 per cent in two years! Let it be remembered that all these goods were for consumption and paid duty and do not include that portion of the gross imports which are re-shipped to another market. We think these figures fully sustain the view we have taken for two years past and which has been so often urged in these columns that dry goods are being imported into Canada in quantities entirely in excess of our wants or our present means of payment; and these goods could not be worked off into the hands of consumers were it not for the extraordinarily effective system of canvassing by travellers, in which way the great bulk of the business is now done, and also for another reason akin to that-the cheapness and ease of obtaining credit. In order to see that the trade in these goods has grown with greater rapidity than that in other articles it is only necessary to compare the total dutiable goods entered for consumption in the year referred to—1869-70 -which were \$45,127,422 with the figures of last year \$65,759,478. The aggregate increase is therefore 45 per cent. against 60 per cent. in dry goods.

If we institute a similar comparison with respect to leading articles in the grocery trade we find the following:---

	1869-70. \$.	1871-72. \$.
Coffee	186,756	186,023
Rice	35,017	191,299
Tea, Green and Japan	2,306,938	1,829,260
do. Black	1,147,360	894,969
Sugar	3,070,476	3,821,609
Molasses, refd	894,782	787,635
Brandy	373,566	562,480
Gin	206,595	250,420
Rum	104,827	107,644
Whisky	107,248	134,095
Dried, fruits, &c	480,434	741,719
Total	8,913,999	0.507.153

The falling off in tea is due to the fact that the duties were removed on the 1st July, 1872, and the tea was not therefore entered for consumption but suffered to lie in bond. Making every allowance, there was only a natural or normal increase in these articles.

THE FINANCES OF ONTARIO.

By an inevitable law of reaction, one extreme produces another. Seldom has this law been better exemplified than in the finances of Ontario. Knowing how popular it is to attack a Government for extravagance when the facts warrant, or seem to warrant, the accusation, the critics of the Opposition, under the Government of united Canada, made all the political virtues centre in economy. Their daily cry was waste, extravagance, jobbery, future financial ruin. When Mr. Sandfield Macdonald formed the first Local Government of Ontario, he resolved to utilize a political capital heaped up by his enemies. Economy was what the public wanted, and economy it should have to its heart's content. He would roll up a surplus of millions, and defy friend or foe to touch a shilling of it. He would show how much could be made out of interest on the mere savings. Every one would thank a minister who saved the public treasure at such a rate. The surplus would be a vast attractraction; for the minister in whose possession it was might always be expected to change his policy, and then an honest political adherent might expect to get his own. So Mr. Sandfield Macdonald acted-so he dreamed. He carried his economy hobby so far that his very enemies ventured to taunt him with shabbiness. But he could not understand that the public could ever have too much of a good thing; and was not economy the best thing in the world, the sole virtue that pointed the way to the political heaven? Reaction against it he could not be brought to believe in. But he lived to writhe under the taunts of his friends, in the hour of his downfall, that he would have been better off if he had spent the surplus, instead of leaving it to build up the political fortunes of his opponents.

This reaction against a too stringent economy was the fatal inheritance of Mr. Macdonald's successors. They were expected to reduce the surplus, to be the reverse of stingy, and to make everybody happy in general. The danger is of going much too far in this direction, and one against which it will be necessary to guard. The Estimates for 1873 reach \$2,771,028.71; being an important increase over the previous year. The increase in the expenses of the Departments of about \$19,000 implies additions to the salaries of the clerks, which both sides of the House seem to agree as necessary. It is thought that a similar move will be made at Ottawa. Mr. of medical men prescribing stimulants often Meredith, in an article in the Canadian proves the introduction to inebriety. They Monthly, did ill service to a good cause tell their patients to take stimulants, as

pay to Government employes chiefly on false grounds. His assumption of the decline of the value of gold is an immense over-estimate-about seventy per cent. more than the London Economist makes it. Still the better and more efficient of the public servants are greatly underpaid; and the example of Toronto may embolden the rulers at Ottawa to do a piece of justice which is always tardily rendered.

The increase in the Crown Lands is large, but it cannot be looked upon as an unproductive expenditure. The expenditure consists largely of colonization roads, which lead the way to settlement and production. The cost of the administration of justice goes up over \$30,000, irrespective of the salaries of the Judges, which are paid by the Dominion, and which are flagrantly inadequate. There seems to be an expectation that they will be increased. It would be an ill day for the country when the consideration attaching to great offices should cease to have greater attractions to generous minds than the mere accumulation of wealth. But men are mortal, and judges, being human, should not be paid less than greatly inferior talents in other walks will bring. The increase in the expense of the administration of justice chiefly consists in an advance of the salaries of the inferior officers of the courts, a circumstance which makes the pay of the judges somewhat invidious, and must lead up to an increase of their remuneration-

The Central Prison, at Toronto, is following the very bod example of an enormous increase in cost over the original estimate. Instead of \$150,000, the amount is likely to reach \$300,000. When estimates are so greatly under the actual cost, there must be great negligence somewhere. The London Lunatic Asylum presents a similar case. As we are going to build other public institutions-notably an Inebriate Asylum-there should be an end of these guess estimates. Let us have something like the truth to begin with. The object is a good one: and although such institutions are comparatively of recent date, we cannot agree with those who regard them as merely experimental. Their great value has been sufficiently shown by the experiments already made. No doubt they will require to be guarded with very strict conditions as to forcible admission. Though inebriety is not responsible for more than ten per cent. of the lunacy we have to deal with, it much oftener destroys men-and women, too-in other ways. The prevalent habit

to leave off-indeed they are seldom told to do so—and the habit, once formed, gets the mastery. If one disease has been cured, another, and often a worse one, has been developed.

Public works show, altogether, an increase from \$256,111 to \$276,662. After the experience of municipal indebtedness to the Government, one can hardly think of adding to it, for purposes of drainage. without a shudder. Any plan of the kind ought to be adopted, if at all, with extreme caution. Municipalities are aggressive and grasping; excellent institutions, in their own sphere, but it will prove extremely dangerous to give them the notion that they have a right to revenues they do not levy, or that they may refuse to repay loans made to them when the Government is creditor, and political influence can be brought into play. Municipal influence is likely to be disproportionately large in the Local House; and there is some danger that an adulterous connection may spring up, more objectionable than the dual representation which we abandoned with such a show of real horror. If a warden or a reeve, being at the same time member of the Local Legislature, could obtain for his county any advantage at the expense of the public, he would seldom scruple to do so. While this class of men go largely to make up the Local Legislature, loans to municipalities should be very sparingly made, if at all, under any conditions.

GOVERNMENT SALES OF EX-CHANGE.

In answer to an enquiry by Mr. Cartwright, M.P. in the House of Commons, Hon. S. L. Tilley, Minister of Finance, made explanations respecting the recent sales of exchange. It appears that owing to a desire on the part of the Government to effect a saving of interest in financing the Intercolonial Railway and the Northwest purchase, and to avoid placing the loans necessary to raise for these objects upon the money market at an unfavorable time, an arrangement was made with the financial agents of the Dominion in London for a credit; any advances made were to carry 4 per cent interest unless the Bank of England rate should be higher, in which case the Bank rate would be charged. This arrangement seems to have been made in or about the month of July of last year. No use was made of this credit until February of the present year. Meantime \$3,500,000 had been disbursed by the Government out of revenue moneys on account of the Intercolonial Railway, and by putting the demand for an increase of medicine, of course, but the patients forget \$1,500,000 on account of the North-west

purchase, making \$5,000,000 in all. It was then thought well to recoup the revenue in some measure by drawing against the credit arranged in London for \$1,500,000. Bills to this amount, as the public have already been made aware in these columns, were sold to eight different banks at rates ranging from $9\frac{3}{4}$ to $10\frac{1}{8}$, and the proceeds allowed to remain on deposit at 5 per cent interest. The time when these deposits may be expected to be withdrawn may be presumed to depend in some degree upon the rate of interest in England. Two reason's assigned for the sale of these bills in February were: 1st. The rates were high and netted the Government \$15,000 to \$20,000; 2nd. The money market was tight and there was danger of a drain of gold from the Dominion which would make matters worse. The fact that \$3,500,000 remains to be issued, and since the Government have initiated the policy of nursing the market in order to protect their legal tenders, it seems probable, notwithstanding the present stringency, that we shall have reasonably smooth sailing for some time to come. Importers should note this fact that were it not for the adventitious aid that these public loans afford in working the money market, we should ere this have felt with crushing weight the thirty or forty millions of an adverse balance of indebtedness against the Dominion which has been created by excessive importations. Twenty-eight millions against us in one year-a fact which is fully pointed out in another article-indicates a state of things which cannot possibly be continued. So long as we are borrowing heavily abroad we can make ends meet, but no longer. This is a fact that business men should not lose sight of if they desire to have an intelligent conception of our commercial position.

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The traffic of the Northern continues to increase, the gross receipts for last year being \$894,774, against \$7/7,498 in the previous year. The receipts in 1859 were \$240,044, each year since showing a considerable gain on its predecessor. With larger receipts the percentage of working expenses has steadily decreased. Last year they were 59.06 against 59.33 per cent in 1871. The net revenue in 1872 was \$182,762.47, out of which all interest due on the Company's debentures has been paid, and a balance of \$3,532 carried forward. Owing to the existence of four or five different classes of debentures it has been found necessary to apply for an act to consolidate the capital account in order to simplify and banks has not yet been decided.

settle the Company's financial position. We are glad to learn from the remarks of Mr. Cumberland in explanation of the report, that it has been determined to reduce the gauge of the Line to 4 ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ in.—the American gauge. This will somewhat economize the working of the Road-will bring it into closer connection with the Great Western and the American lines, and ultimately with the Canadian Pacific -a matter of the utmost importance to Toronto. In order to facilitate the lumber trade, it is proposed to make a connexion with Oswego by a line of steam and sailing vessels. One hundred and twenty cars and five engines were added to the rolling stock during the year, and still more are required to accommodate the traffic.

MONEY MARKET .- The Minister of Finance proposes to amend the declaration accompanying the "bank statements," so that it will cover the position of a bank at any time during the month, and not merely at the end of it, which is sufficient to meet the requirements of the declaration as now This measure will have an worded. excellent effect. It will lessen the wide variations in the reserves of the banks, and will tend to check speculation. It has been noticed for a good while past that money has invariably been tight at the end of each month, followed by a corresponding relaxation at the beginning of the next. It is presumed that the explanation of this is, the lending by certain banks of their legal tenders on call at 6 or 7 per cent as soon as the statement is dispatched, and then bringing them in before the preparation of the next statement. This oscillation has been so regular that certain banks have, we believe, acquired the habit of buying exchange and drafts on New York for cash at the end of the month, thus taking advantage of the tide. The practice which the Minister of Finance seeks to restrain is no novelty in banking : it is merely an attempt by speculative bankers to evade the requirements of the law, and therefore ought to be prevented if possible. If certain reserves are required at the end of the month, they are also necessary at the beginning and the middle, and ought not to be loaned out and exposed to the risks of the market. Money is becoming much more stringent. Commercial paper is scrutinized more closely and culled more than for some time past. Brokers are larger borrowers, and pay 12 per cent. and upwards cheerfully, but cannot borrow to any extent. The case of the New York assessors versus the foreign

Northern Extensions Railway.--- A clear statement of the operations of this Company, and of the progress of the two undertakings in hand, is presented in their report. A difficulty has occurred in pressing forward the Muskoka line, owing to the failure of the municipalities to grant the expected bonuses. Attention is called to a somewhat important fact, which is worthy of attention, viz., that owing to the rapid rise in the price of materials the aid granted by the Ontario Government bears a much smaller proportion to the total cost of the railway than at the time the grants were fixed; and as the line extends into a new and sparsely settled territory, the Company feel that they have a just claim upon the Government for more liberal assistance. The difference in price of materials alone is nearly equal to the subsidy granted-\$2,000 per mile. We hope nothing will prevent this important line from receiving such aid as will ensure its extension as originally contemplated. A resolution was passed conveying the well-deserved approval of the shareholders to Mr. Cumberland, for his successful negociation of the Company's securities in England.

BEAVER AND TORONTO MUTUAL INSUR-ANCE COMPANY .--- The report for the past year shows receipts amounting to \$62,-227.66 and losses amounting to \$26,524.68. On the 1st January there were 18,300 policies in force, of which 11,996 were on the cash system; over 4,000 policies were issued during the year. The Company appears to be steadily recovering from the calamitous fire near Ottawa which swelled the claims of a single year to the sum of \$103,575; the fact that a mutual company could even survive such a trial affords much stronger proof of the soundness of the mutual system when well administered than many persons are willing to admit.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE BILL .--- We see from the amended bill as finally passed that the Ontario Government takes power to appoint one or more inspectors to examine into the affairs not only of the Mutual Companies but of all other companies transacting the business of fire insurance in Ontario. The original bill related only to mutual companies. We make an extract from clause 74, " and whenever it shall appear from such examination that the assets and financial position of such company are such as not to justify the continuance in business of such company the Attorney General may apply in a summary manner on motion, to one of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity, for an order requiring such company to show cause why the business

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of the company should not be closed." Then follow the proceedings to be taken in the winding up of such company. There are other important amendments which will require notice hereafter.

Pleetings.

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Northern Railway was held in Toronto on the 8th March, the President, the Hon. John Beverley Robinson, M. P., in the chair. There were also present—Messrs. F. W. Cumberland, Manalso present—Messrs, P. W. Cumberland, Man-aging Director; Thomas Hamilton, Secretary; C. W. Moberly, Chief Engineer; Geo. D'Arcy Boulton, W. Elliott, R. W. Elliott, R. J. Reekie, Montreal; Sheriff Smith, Barrie; G. P. Ridout, Joseph Ridout, John Hogg, Simcoe; J. Mc-Grath, F. C. Capreol, A. McLean, Ald. Hime.

The President having read the notice convening the meeting, the annual report of the Canadian Directors was submitted by Mr. Cumberland as follows :--

To the Proprietors of the Northern Railway of Canada :

Toronto, Friday, 7th March, 1873.

1. The Canadian Directors have the honor to submit their report for the year ending 31st December, 1872, with the usual appendices in detailed explanation thereof; observing that in consequence of the absence in England, and on the business of the Company, of the Managing Director, it seemed to be expedient to postpone the annual meeting until the present date.

2. The gross traffic receipts for the year have 2. The gloss traine receipts for the year have been \$894,774.40 (£183,857 155.9d. stg.) as against \$777,498.94 (£159,760 is id. stg) in 1871, showing an increase of 15.08 per cent. By reference to "Account No. 1," it will be seen that this increase has arisen in each important class of traffic, viz.: on the Passenger, Local and Through Freight Accounts respectively.

3. The ordinary working expenses of the year have been \$528,509.88 (£108,897 18s. 4d. stg.) as against \$461,316.44 (£94,791 os. 11d. stg.) in 1871, giving for 1872 a rate on the gross traffic receipts of 59.06 per cent. as in comparison with 59.33 per cent. in 1871, and showing a reduc-59.53 per cent. In 10/1, and showing a reduc-tion of 0.27 per cent. in the rate. Having re-gard to advances in the wages of labor, and in the price of most articles of railway supply, a rise in the rate of working expenses might have been expected, and would probably have oc-curred, but that the condition of the Permanent Way, the stock of rails on hand, and the expedient of local re-rolling, enabled the Directors to avoid any large purchase of rails at the high prices recently ruling; and although the larger the gross earnings, the lower the rate at which they may be earned, it may be prudent to anticipate some advance in future expenditure.

4. The expenditure upon necessary exten-sions and additions to works, buildings, rolling stock and general equipment, has amounted to \$185,723.48 (£38,162 7s. 2d. stg.) as against \$138,478.76 (28,454 10s. 9d. stg.) in 1871. The details of this expenditure will be found to represent very important, although quite insufficient, additions to the traffic of the Line. The station buildings and wharves have been extended in number and capacity-upwards of 21 miles of new sidings have been laid down-five locomotive engines have been added to the stockand 120 new cars of all classes (chiefly freight) have been placed on the line; and yet the executive is obliged to acknowledge that the equipment of the railway does not keep pace with the increasing demands of the traffic. 5. The net revenue carried to the account of in-

terest on the Company's debentures with the about \$650.

balance brought forward from 1871, amounted to the sum of \$182,762.47 (£37,553 18s. 7d. stg.) and all interest accrued due to date has been paid, and a balance of 3,532.87 (£725 18s. 7d. stg.) has been carried forward to the credit of 1873.

6. The leased lines of "The Northern Extension Railways Company" now in traffic operation represent a mileage of 45.34 miles, viz., from Barrie to Atherly 24.84 miles, and from Collingwood to Meaford 20.50 miles, and their earnings have already been sufficiently satisfactory to establish a certainty that they will be self sustaining; whilst, as "feeders" to the main line of this Company, they have exercised a very palpable and beneficial influence upon its earnings in extending the sphere of commerce tributary to the City of Toronto.

7. In presenting this satisfactory review of the operations of the past year, the Directors have nevertheless to express their convictions that much remains to be done before the railway can meet the pressing demands of the trade of the district, or secure the profits of it.

There is scarcely an item in the equipment service in which (relatively with the trade and revenues offering) serious deficiencies ought not at once to be supplied, whilst the Directors only await additional financial powers to engage, as they propose to do without delay, in the changing of the gauge of the line necessary to put it and the district in unbroken connection with the western peninsula of the Province and with the American railway system. But with a capital account constituted as is that of this Company, it is simply impossible to keep pace with the demands upon the resources of the line, or to undertake the change of gauge, and the Canadian Directors have accordingly placed themselves in communication, through the London Board, with the body of proprietors resident in England, to ascertain how far they would concur in such a consolidation and re-arrangement of the capital account as would enable the Company to undertake the necessary works; and they are happy to state that, consistently with due protection to their existing interests (wholly preferential) the English proprietary has consented in a liberal spirit to whatever course may seem to be proper and necessary to the thorough efficiency of the undertaking; and, conditionally upon due legislation, to afford every assistance and support in raising such an amount of new capital as may be requisite thereto. Notice has accordingly been given of the intention of the Company to apply at the present session of the Dominion Legislature for such amendments to its Acts as may authorize the creation of new capital for the purposes referred to.

The Directors invite the concurrence of the proprietors to measures so obviously beneficial to local interests, observing that the adoption of the amended Act of course be subject to their authority before being in operation.

The Directors cannot close this report without bearing testimony to the continued efficiency of all departments of the service, and therein to the zeal and ability of the chief executive officers, and to the satisfactory and harmonious working of a contented body of employes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed), JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON, President.

> (Signed) FRED. CUMBERLAND, Managing Director.

-Respecting the late fire at Collingwood, March 5th, Mr. W. J. Frame had \$1,000 ot insurance on stock in his general store in the Western, and \$2,000 in the Lancashire. Loss

NORTHERN EXTENSION RAILWAYS COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the above Company was held in the Northern Railway offices in was held in the Northern Railway offices in Toronto, on the 19th March. The Hon. Frank Smith, President, in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. W. H. Howland, Noah Barnhart, Ald. Turner, J. G. Ridout, Ald. Hime, Joseph Rorke, F. C. Capreol, J. E. Foreman, Secretary, F. W. Cumberland, G. D'Arcy Boul-ton, C. W. Moberly, J. J. Vickers.

The Annual Report

was as follows :---

1. The Directors have the honor to present their report of the transactions of the Company to 31st Dec., 1872.

2. The total receipts on capital account to that date were \$351,740, exclusive of any issue of the Company's bonds which had not then been sold, and exclusive also of municipal bonuses and of Government subsidy still to be received.

3. The Directors have the pleasure to an-nounce that the Company's debentures have since been very satisfactorily placed with Messrs. Grant, Bros. & Co., of Lombard-st., London, to the amount of £129,500 sterling, at the rate of \$9,000 per mile of line, and it is realifying to observe that these deberture. gratifying to observe that these debentures are now quoted at a premium on the official list of the London Stock Exchange.

4. The expenditure of the Company amounted on the 31st Dec. to \$959,500.49, being on the Muskoka line, \$634,048.50, and on the North Grey line \$325,451.99.

5. The Directors have the honor to submit the report of the auditors on the above accounts.

6. The portions of the line finished have been duly opened for public traffic from time to time, as follows :-

1. From Barrie to Ocillia, 22.12 miles, on the 27th November, 1871.

2. Orillia to Mara, 2.72 miles, on the 30th September, 1872.

3. Collingwood to Thornbury, 12.68 miles, on

3. Collingwood to I hornbury, 12.08 miles, on the 1st September, 372.
4. Thornbury to Meaford, 7.82 miles, on the 25th November, 1872. The total mileage now in traffic operation being 24.84 miles on the Muskoka, and 20.50 miles on the North Grey line.

7. The works on the line between Mara and Washago are fully complete to sub-grade; the Severn River bridge is in an advanced state of construction; the rails are now being delivered and distributed, and there is every prospect that this important addition will be open for traffic early in May.

8. Although the contract has been let for the line between Washago and Gravenhurst, the Directors are not in a position to push the work with the vigour which it deserves. No steps have yet been taken by the district of Muskoka for the granting of the bonuses promised; indeed, there is a hesitation on the part of the local authorities which would seem to indicate a desire to evade any burthen in aid of the work. Again, the serious advance which has taken place in the cost of every element of rail-way construction has reduced the value of the Government subsidy to a proportion of the cost of the line far below that which the Legislature intended to grant. That subsidy amounts, over a considerable portion of the railways, to \$2,000 per mile, and over that part of them in actually unsettled territory does not exceed \$4,000 per mile; and yot it is a fact that since these subsidies were determined upon as sufficient public aid to induce railway construction the rise in the price of the materials of the track alone (rails, &c.,) represents within a fraction of \$2,000 per mile. Under these disadvantages, seeing that the municipal aid lingers, and that the parliamentary subsidy is wholly inadequate

(especially in view of the nature of the territory) to the objects it was intended to promote and hasten, the Directors are of opinion that the works within the Muskoka District should be prosecuted with great caution, and distributed over such period of time as may ensure financial safety. They submit this recommendation with sincere regret, because the completion of the line to Lake Muskoka would greatly contribute to the traffic of the whole undertaking by opening out a wide field for lumbering and agricultural operation, now only awaiting railway service; and their regret is all the stronger because the postponement of railway service for two or three years will be a serious injury to the district, and a bar to industries and developments of great importance to the Province at large.

9. The relations of this Company with the Northern Rallway of Canada, the lessee of these lines are of the most cordial and satisfactory character, and the Directors rejoice to report that their anticipations with regard to traffic have been realized to an extent which is an assurance that the lines will be self-sustaining, and will contribute to the main line and to the city of Toronto an important and highly valuable volume of trade.

The Northern Railway Company has officially intimated its intention to change the gauge of its line to four feet eight and a-half inches, and have invited the concurrence of this Company to that measure. I he Directors have expressed their cordial approval of the change, which, when made, must include the lines of this Company; and to promote that desirable object the Directors recommend the adoption of a petition to Parliament, praying that the necessary powers be granted to the Northern Company.

10. An arrangement has been concluded under which the steamer Emily May has been acquired in the interest of this and the Northern Company, and the Lake Simcoe traffic thus brought into combination and control. The Directors recommend that this measure be concurred in, and the necessary powers be granted to their successors to carry out the agreement referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK SMITH. President

JOHN E. FOREMAN, Secretary.

After explanations and remarks by Mr. Howland, Mr. Cumberland, and other geutleman, directors and officers were appointed for the current year: Hon. Frank Smith, President; Mr. N. Barnhart, Vice-President. Directors: Messrs. W. H. Howland, John Turner, H. L. Hime, Jos. Rorke, and Hugh Chisholm.

BEAVER AND TORONTO MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of this Company was held yesterday, pursuant to notice, at the Com-pany's office, Toronto Bank Buildings, 18th March, 1872. The President, C. E. Chadwick, Esq., of Ingersoll, was called to the chair. After the usual introductory proceedings, the following report of the Board of Directors for 1872 was read and adopted unanimously, after an interesting discussion :

ANNUAL REPORT.

Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company beg to lay before the members assembled this day, their Annual Statement of the Company's affairs.

The year 1872 has been a very exceptional

fires, the Board had initiated the system of the issue of cash policies, now too generally issuing farm policies for four years instead of three, as formerly. It follows that in 1872, all the three years' policies having run out, and the four years' policies having still twelve months to run, there was an interval of twelve months during which our agencies had no policies to renew, and were compelled to seek new business, or remain entirely inactive as respects farm insurance. They bestirred themselves very well under these rather discouraging circumstances, as our returns will show, the reduction in the number of policies in force being merely nominal, and the difference in cash receipts not material.

It will be easily seen that such a calamity as the Ottawa fires-which, added to the other claims of that year, involved a loss of \$103,-575.03, all drawn from our premium note capital, and partially anticipating its revenues for three years-must render the duties of managers very arduous indeed. And the pa year has been a trying one in consequence, i asmuch as the proceeds of assessments on premium notes were less, while the amount general business done was smaller (from t cause stated in the previous paragraph), the during any former year since 1869. Fortu ately, we have been favoured with a very r markable exemption from heavy losses by fir and have thus been enabled to reduce our in debtedness to the extent of many thousan dollars.

Taking all these things into account, you Board cannot but consider-and they believ the members will agree with them-that the prospects of the company are excellent, and is condition satisfactory.

The business of the year has been as follows Receipts, \$62,227.66. Expenditure, \$62,808.74 Policies issued, 4.007, covering property to th amount of \$2,393,956. Cancelled and expire policies, 3,252. Total policies in force 1st Jan policies, 3,252. Fotal policies in force to the uary, 1873, 18,300, insuring property to the amount of \$12,298,423. Of these, 11,996 policies cies are on the cash system. The average sur covered by each policy is, in the Farmers Branch, \$804; in the Mercantile Branch, \$74 No policies have been issued in the Househol Branch, which will cease to be in operation early in 1874.

For the details of Fire and Live Stoc. claims, reference can be made to the Inspector' report. The total losses of the year have been \$26,524.68. It is a remarkable fact, highly illustrative of the advantages of cheap insur ance, that the cost of conducting this large husiness does not exceed \$3 per policy per an num, including all losses and expenses. Availing themselves of the comparatively

lighter pressure upon the office staff, your Board have caused a close scrutiny to be made into every detail of the Company's transactions which resulted in the cancellation of many objectionable risks, and in other improvements of our system. A very large number of applications for insurance, on risks considered too hazardous, have been refused altogether. Few insurance offices, it is believed, have exercised greater caution and self-denial in all these respects.

Amongst other things, your Board have co-operated cheerfully with the associated Mutual Companies in the effort to improve the laws affecting Mutual Insurance.

The Bill of last session of the Ontario Legislature was placed in the hands of the Hon. The Board of Directors of the Beaver and Adam Crooks for completion. Under his auspieces it has been carried through the Legislative Assembly to its final stages, and will probably pass into law. By its provisions all the old obsolete regulations will be repealed, such one in our history as a Company. In the per cent. beyond the premium note, and others. State in Ohio s pring of 1869, before the memorable Ottawa A wholesome limitation will be established to pass the Senate. as the lien on real estate, the liability to one

prevalent, and the various requirements of the law will be more simple and easy of comprehension.

This Company, being incorporated under statute of the Dominion Parliament, is not necessarily affected by the new measure. But your Board are inclined to assimulate our powers to the Ontario law, which can readily be done under the Bill of which they have given notice, for the formation of a new City Branch for Toronto, in accordance with the resolution adopted at your last annual meeting.

The retiring Directors this year are Messrs. D. Thurston, Hon. O. Blake, R. L. Denison, and H. Rowsell, all of whom are eligible for reelection. The vacancy occasioned by the decease of Mr. John Snell, of Chinguacousy, will also require to be filled up by the election of a Director for one year only.

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The meeting then proceeded to the election of four Directors by ballot in place of those retiring by rotation, when the following gentle-men were re-elected: Hon. O. Blake, D. Thurston, Esq., H. Rowsell, Esq., and R. L. Denison, Esq.

After which, Thomas Bowles, Esq., 'Reeve of of Chinguacousy, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the decease of the late John Snell, Esq., of Edmonton.

At a meeting of the Board held subsequently, C. E. Chadwick, and D. Thurston, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President for the current year.

⁻A bill passed the Ohio House of Representatives on the 7th inst., imposing upon all insurance companies doing business in Ohio the necessity of investing 25 per cent. of the net earnings from premiums received within the State in Ohio securities. This bill has yet to

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.-St. John, N. B., Mar. 8.-A fire broke out in the millinery shop of Miss E. Moore on the Market Square and damaged or of Europe, for 1858 to 1871, were fromdestroyed half the stock valued at \$8,000; insured in the Queen for \$6,000.

West Zorra Township, Ont., Mar .- The dwelling of Henry Meadows was destroyed. House and furniture insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$300.

Montreal, 17th March .-- A fire broke out in the St. James Hotel, on Victoria Square. It was a five-story building, and the two upper stories were pretty much destroyed. The other stories being flooded the fire was checked. Several persons were injured, and one or more killed in trying to escape from the building. The insurances were :-- On the building-North British & Mercantile, \$8,000; Lancashire, \$6,000; London, \$4,000; Queen, \$4,000; Ætna, \$2,000; Montreal, \$4,000—Total, \$28,000. On improvements and rental-Queen, \$5,000; Scottish Imperial, \$2.00; British' America, \$5,000-Total, \$12,000. Cn furniture-Royal, Citizens, Commercial, Union, Lancashire, and Western, \$4,000 each-Total, \$20,000. On Benallacks stock of groceries-British American, \$4,000. Total amount insured, \$64,000. The loss is variously estimated at from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Quebec, March 14 .- E. Fitch's match factory and mills at Etchemin were totally destroyed with their contents. The cause of the fire is unknown. Insured for \$8,000. The building belonged to Geo. B. Hall of Montmorenci.

Picton, March 18 .- The steamer Quail was burned last night while lying in her winter quarters at Northport. She was insured in the Provincial for \$2,500.

Montreal, March 15 .- A fire took place here in the hat and cap factory of Messrs. Green & Sons on Queen street. On enquiry this morning I find that the amount insured on the stock -- Total insurance, \$16,500. About \$5,000 will cover Mr. Green's loss. The building was old cover Mr. Green's loss. and comparatively of little value, but it was pretty well gutted.

THE "DEPRECIATION" OF GCLD SINCE 1848.

According to the London Economist the average annual gold production of the world is estimated to have been :

1849-51 £ 9,278,000	
1852-56 29,176,000	
1857-61 22,930,000	
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The total production since 1848 has been	I.

about \$500.000.000.

The production of gold since 1858 has been about £300,000,000, which has been thus disposed of :

Retained in England	£68,000,000
Continental Europe, chiefly	
France	105,000,000
Portugal and South America	20,000,000
India	9 0,000,000
Australia	26,000,000

The total imports of gold into Grea	di.
Britain since 1858 were	£250,911,000
Against exports of	183,141,000

Retained in Great Britain £67,770,000 | ject.

The incessant movements of the precious metals between the industrial and commercial nations of the world are well illustrated by the facts that the imports and exports of gold between the United Kingdom and the Continent

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Hanse towns, Prussia		*
and Denmark	£4,631,000	\$12,492,000
Holland	575,000	1,453,000
Belgium	1,970,000	6,016,000
France	13,822,000	89,685,000
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Excess of exports	88,648,000	

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Great Britain, owing to her large foreign commerce, is the great reservoir into which the gold production of the world flows, which she afterwards distributes among the other nations of the world, retaining for herself only what she absolutely needs. Her banking system, like that of the United States, enables her to make her exchanges with less gold than the other Continental nations. The semi-barbarous nations of Asia require large amounts of the precious metals to effect their exchanges, as is seen by India absorbing more gold than any other nation of the globe except France, though silver, and not gold, is the main currency of Asia.

The main conclusions arrived at by the London Economist, after due researches, are :

First-That the circulation of coin in a country will vary in exact proportion to the growth of population and industry

Second-That if the coinage depreciated in value it would increase in nominal amount in greater proportion than the increase of population and industry combined.

Third-That the excess of such increase would be a measure of the depreciation which had occurred.

The increase of population in England and Wales, (Scotland and Ireland are omitted here, because they do not use a gold currency) has been 4,777,000 between 1851 and 1871; say 26 6-10 per cent. The increase of industry and production has no doubt been in a greater proportion, for the income tax was assessed in 1858 on £365,366,000, while it was in 1848 only $f_{229,868,000}$; an increase in 20 years of $f_{135,...}$ 498,000-say 60 per cent.

The population is one-fourth greater than before 1850 and, man for man, their industry is nearly twice as productive as it was then. This shows why wages have risen in England. It has not been due to trades unions and strikes, which only retarded and diminished the rise of wages. The whole rise was due to the increased amount produced by each man. Every increase of production is always divided between capital and labor in the end. The increase in the coinage of Great Britain between 1850 and 1871 has been about 3 per cent per annum, which is exactly the same increase as the taxed incomes between 1848 and 1868.

As to the depreciation of gold, the Economist estimates the rise of prices in England at only 10 per cent in the past twenty years; and if there has been any depreciation in the value of gold, as the past consequence of the gold discoveries, it must be only a very limited one. The calculations which have helped the growth of this popular conviction were not positive but hypothetical, and the subsequent facts having contradicted the hypothesis, the calculations £309,000,000 fall to the ground.

> -Hamilton hopes soon to have a street railway; a company having just been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000 to carry out that ob-

Building Societies v. Private Mortgages. It is sometimes stated that it costs less for interest to buy a house with the help of money got by means of a private mortgage, than it does to borrow the same amount from a building society, and make the usual monthly payments. In an excellent manual, entitled "Tables for the Use of Permanent Building Societies," the author, Mr. Joseph Forster, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, compares the two plans, and supplies an answer to the allegation. He says :-

Supposing two men to borrow £300, the first from a capitalist, at five per cent., and the second from a building society, on the terms stated in the tables, each of them to repay his loan in ten years.

1. An ordinary mortgage of £300

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The cost of borrowing on a private mortgage would be increased by the difference between the cost of an ordinary mortgage deed and that of a building society, the former of which is always more costly than the latter, which is free from the statop duty if not exceeding £500. In addition to which it should be noticed that, if the lender should require his money to be repaid. more than one mortgage deed would be required during the ten years. On the other hand, the building society's interest would he lessened by the deduction of whatever bonus or extra profit may have fallen to the member's share during the ten years over which his borrowing extended. Of course, the private borrower would only be allowed to pay off his loan in the lump, while the society's advance is repaid by driblets, and the borrower is therefore entitled to a propor-tionate decrease in his interest. This reduction could not be obtained from a private lender. whilst the building society gives its members the full benefit of it, and hence the great difference in interest between the two cases of private and public borrowing as shown above.-Manchester City News.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA .--- At the annual meeting of shareholders, it was proposed that the directors be authorized to increase the stock from \$560,000 to \$1,000,000—the additional stock 950 shares of \$200 each to be issued at 20 per cent. premium. The resolution was adopted and the calls extend to Dec. 31st of this year.

RIVER DU LOUP RAILWAY .--- It is asserted that arrangements have been made to raise \$1,000,000, on the Bonds of the Company. The work of construction is said to be progressing; 24 miles of rail have already been laid, and ten miles of the road are graded. The work will be prosecuted vigorously in the spring.

-- The average rate of speed on nine of the principal lines terminating at London is 473 miles per hour. A train on the Great Western runs 76 miles, at the rate of 531 miles per hour. The journey from London to Bath over this road is the quickest in the world. The distance is 106_{4}^{3} miles; the train is timed for 2 hours and 13 minutes, including 10 minutes stoppage at Swindon. This makes the running time a little over 53 miles per hour.

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MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, March, 18. 1873.

The weather has been fine and spring like for the most part of the week. We had a heavy gale of wind accompanied with snow on Sunday but yesterday was calm with rather hard frost during all the day. The sun to-day is warm and doing good work in melting the snow, the roads all round town are in bad order for travelling.

Trade is beginning to get active and from present appearances the Dry Goods Houses anticipate a much larger business than was at one time looked for. Hardware is active and holders are very firm at outside quotations. Drugs and Chemicals are quiet. Groceries in fair demand. Breadstuffs dull and very little transpiring. Provisions firm with advancing tendency. Ashes steady. Ashes.—Pots.—There is no new feature to

notice in this market, firsts have kept very steady all week the prices obtained ranging from \$6.90 to 6.95 some parcels were said to have been sold a shade under our inside quotations. The market to day closes quiet at \$6.85 to 6.921 seconds are scarce and nominal at \$6,00; thirds \$5.60. Pearls .- Receipts very small and not many offering just now. Firsts being \$8.50 and seconds \$7.50 to 7.55. The stocks now in store are pots 696 brls ; pearls 285 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- A very fair business is reported to have been done during the week just ended espically in orders from travellers, prices do not show much variation. We continue to quote :--Men's Kip Boot \$2.25 to 3; Split Brogans \$1 to 1.20; Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2; Prunella Boots \$1.25 buff Boots \$1.15 to 1.25; Womans Split Boots goe to \$1.10; ditto Prunella Boots 75c to \$1.75; ditto enamelled Buff Slippers 60 to 75c; Childs Buff Boots 60 to 70c; Infants shoes \$2 to 6 per doz. pair.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- This market has ruled very quiet this week and transactions have been on a small scale. Sal Soda 21 to 21c; Soda Ash 33c; Alum.-Has been moving in small lots at 21 to 21c. Sallpetre .- Is steady at \$10.50 to 11, at which prices a few sales are reported. Bi Carb.—Is in good demaud with a decided upward tendency and a number of sales have been made at \$5.57‡ to 5.75, and is now held at our outside quotations. Sulphur 34 to 34c; Blue Vitriol 74 to 84c; Cream Tartar ground 30 to 33c. Bleaching Powder,—Is in for demond of 34 to 34c. Cottower the powel fair demand at $3\frac{3}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{4}$ c; Copperas $1\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. In other goods their is very little movement and prices are unchanged.

DRY GOODS. -Wholesale houses report trade as active and beyond what was expected especially have the orders from travellers largely increased, indeed much beyond what was anticipated. A number of Western buyers are also in town, who though buying carefully having large stocks on hand are sanguine of doing a large spring trade. The orders coming in for Fancy Dry Goods are large, and prices of all goods in this trade are reported satisfactory. Clothing active both from buyers on the spot and orders from travellers on the road.

FISH.—This market is very firm and characterized by a good deal of activity, but prices do not exhibit much change since our last report. Dry Cod.—Is scarce especially good fish, which can be placed at \$4.75 to 5. Green Cod.—There is none at present in this market. Salmon.-Is also scarce and commands from \$15 to 16; Labrador Herrings \$3.50 to 4; Split Herrings \$2.50 to 3.25; Round Herrings \$2.25; Mackerel nominal \$6 to 7 ; Sardines unchanged.

very little business doing at present here. The report of the London sales have not all come to hand. At the sale on the 8th inst. the price realized for skunks was 25s under the prices for the same time last year. Martin 15s under. Bear brought the same prices as last year, as did also Racoon. The collection of Muskrat offered was short of last year, consequently prices advanced about 15s. We hope to have the full report of the sales for next weeks report. Montreal quotations Weeks report. Montreat quotations are. —Beaver \$2 to 2.50 per lb; black bear, \$ioto 12; fisher, \$6 to 7; silver fox, \$25 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox. $\$r.62\frac{1}{2}$; lynx, \$i.75 to 2; dark marten, \$5 to 7; pale marten \$2are to 2.50; dark mink, §3. to 4; mink, prime, 2d \$1.50 to 2; fall muskrat, 8e. to 10e winter do., 15c; spring do., 20c: racoon, 40c to 50c; skunk, 25c; otter, \$10 to 12.

FLOUR.-Receipts for the past week 10,700 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 88,828 brls, being a decrease of 2,861 brls, on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of Millers on the morning of the 15th inst was 57,813 brls against 54,617 brls on the 1st inst. and 100,734 on the 15th of March 1872. As will be ob-served from these figures the demand has not been equal to the imports and the stocks in store are steadily increasing. The market keeps very quiet, although a moderate business has been done quotations show very little change since our last, and at the close of the market to-day they were if anything a shade easier : — Extra \$7 to 7.20; Fancy \$6.40 to 6.50; Ordinary supers from Canada wheat \$5.92} to 6.00; Srrong Bakers Flour \$6.10 to 6.25; Canada No. 2 \$5.60 to 5.70; Fine \$5 to 5.25; Middlings \$4 to 4.25; Pollards \$2.25 to 3.00; Upper Canada Bag flour \$2.80 to 3.00; Oat-meal has been sold in round lots during the week at from \$5 to 5.20 according to quality.

Cornmeal \$3 to 3.15. GRAIN.-Wheat.-Receipts during the week 11.200 bush ; total receipts from 1st January to date 87.880 bush. being an increase of 33.805 bush, on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the the morning of the 15th inst were 123.866 bush. against 123.354 bush. on the 1st inst. and 17.400 bush. on the 15th of March 1872. The business has not yet begun to open out, and only I or 2 car loads of Upper Canada Spring have changed hands at \$1.371, all other grade in the meantime are nominal. Maize.-Stock in store on the 15th inst 356.360 bush. market quiet at 59c for car loads. Stock in store 9761 bush. Nothing doing at present nominal price 80 to 82½c. Oats.—Stock Peas. in store 64697 bush. Market dull and nominal at 30 to 31c. Barley .- Stock in store 9700 bush. We hear of very few transactions the latest reported was at from 45 to 6oc according to quality. Timothy seed easier sales from \$2.90 to 3.00. Pot Barley \$5.75 ; Pearl Barley \$10.00.

GROCERIES. -Tcas.-For fine and medium Young Hysons and uncoloured Japans there has been a fair demand the following are about the prices at present obtainable in this market. Fine Young Hysons 70 to 85c ; medium do. 50 to 60c ; Imperials 40 to 60c ; choice Gunpowders so to goc; fine uncoloured Japans 50 to 5c; medium do. 35 to 45c; good Twankays 32½ to 35c. Coffee.—The principal stocks in this market are of Java, Rio. Ceylon, and Laquagra which are sold at 23 to 25c; 20 to 21c; 21 to 25c and to to 20 c respectively. The quantity 23c and 19 to 201c respectively. The quantity changing hands has been by no means large. Accounts from Europe still show an advancing market. Sugar.-The market is rather dull at Rico 8²/₄ to 9c; Montreal refinery prices are un-changed. Spices.—Have met with a fair demand Pitch \$3.00. FURS.—There is no change in this market, and prices are well maintained. We quote.—

Black Pepper 16 to 17c; Cassia 22 to 24c; Cloves 22 to 24c; Nutmegs 85 to \$1.00; Jamaica Ginger 19 to 20c. Molasses .- Are in fair demand especially for the choice grades. There has been sales of Centrifugal at 18 to 19c; Clayed 19 to 20c this grade is scarce at present. Trinidad has been freely offered at 30 to 321c, but we have heard of no transaction. Fruit .-Market dull and inactive. Layer raisins are hardly enquired for price is nominally \$1.50 to 1.52½; Valentias are more asked for and sales are made at 5 to 61c in lots; Sultanas 11 to 111c; Currants 53 to 61c ; Walnuts 8 to 81c ; Filberts $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$; Prumes scarce 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c according to package.

HIDES AND PELTS. -'E'rade at the present is very light and quotations present no change since last week. We still quote :since Salted hides \$9.50 to 10; No. 1 green, \$9 to 9.50; No. 2 ditto, 8.50 to 9; No. 3 and bulls, \$7 to 8; sheep and lambskins, \$1.50 to 2.

HARDWARE .--- There have been large contracts made in this market for Pig Iron on Western States account deliverable on the opening of navigation. Bar iron has been also sold to a large extent. We do not alter our quotations this week as holders are rather chary about giving quotations at present, one thing seem certain that it will not be possible to replace stocks which are now getting very low at the prices now current here, and buyers will have to make up their minds to greatly enhanced values very soon. We still give the following nominal rates. *Pig Iron* — Coltness, none in market, Gartsherrie, \$48.00 to 50.00 ; Summerlee \$48.00 to 50 ; Glengarnock, \$47 to 48 ; Laug loan, \$19 to 50; Eglinton, \$45 to 46; Clyde, \$43 to 44; Hematite, \$50 to 52. Bars-Scotch or Staffordshire, \$70 to 75; best refined, \$80 to 85; Swedes, \$100 to 120. Hoop and Band, \$4.50 to 6.00. Sheets, \$6 to 7.50 Plates—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor or Bowling, \$9 to 10. Nails—Cut, \$5 Lowmoor or Bowling, \$9 to 10. 19445-041, 5 to 6.50; pressed, \$7. to 11.00; pressed spikes, \$6.50 to 7; Canada Plates-Hatton, \$7.25 to 7.50; \$6.50 to 7; Connada Plates-Hatton, \$7.25 to 8. Tin Swansea, S8 to 8.25; Crown \$7.25 to 8. Tin Plates-Charcoal IC, \$13.00 to 13.50; ditto IX, \$15.00 to 15.50; coke, IC, \$12.50 to 13. Sheet Lead, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7. Zinc-Spelter, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.50 to 8. Galvanized Iron, 11c to 131c. Cast Steel, 14c to 16c; spring do., 6c to $6\frac{1}{2}c$; sleigh shoe, $5\frac{1}{2}c$ to 6c. Window Glass-For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50.

LEATHER.—There is not much demand at preent for Spanish or slaughter sole, the stock of which is pretty low; to effect sales a shade under our quotations would have to be taken. Waxed upper of good qualities is in demand, but nothing doing in inferior lots. Harness is neglected, for light and medium splits a light demand has been experienced. We quote-No. 1 Spanish sole, 27c, do. No. 2, 24 to 25c ; Buffalo sole No. 1, 23c; do. No. 2, 21c; slaughter sole No. 1, 28 to 31c; light waxed upper, 37¹/₂ to 42c; heavy do. 36 to 38c; grained upper 38; to 42c; large splits, 28 to 32c; small do. 25 to 30; sheep-skin linings, 30 to 40c; harness, 28 to 30c; buffed cow, 15 to 17c. pebbled cow, 15 to 17c; patent cow, 19 to 20c. LIQUORS—There is no speculative demand

just now, purchasers only taking what is wanted for immediate requirements. No change can be made in the quotations given last week. High wines-Are very active with large sales of Upper Canada at \$1.50, Montreal brands bringing from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 more.

NAVAL STORES .- Spirits of Turpentine keeps very quiet and prices are now almost nominal at at 821 to 85c; a good demand exists for Rosins in small parcels and sales are reported of strained present and prices are much the same as for at \$5.00; No. 2 \$5.25 to 5.50; No. 1 \$6.00; last week viz. Cuba Grocery $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{2}{4}$; Port Pale \$6.50 to 7.50; Pine Pitch and Tar is in limit-

OILS .--- Market has a downward tendency but

the demand during the week has been light. Cod oil has moved in small lots at 56 to 57c; Pale Seal 621 to 65c ; Straw Seal 56 to 58c ; steam refined nominal seal oil generally is very firm, holders being anxious to have information as to the quantity obtained at the Fisheries; in other kinds of oil there is very little movement at present and prices do not exhibit any change since last week.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Receipts during the week 2353 kegs, shipments 3439 kegs. Market active and outside quotations are readily obtained for choice lots, but any inferior lots are difficult to move, we quote store packed Western 10 to 12c; fair Western dairy 14 to 18c; good to choice ditto 20 to 22c; Cheese.-Receipts 515 boxes ; shipments 5 boxes, not much doing in this article and prices steady at 12 to 121c, for fine factory and 13 to 14c, for finest new cheese. Pork.-Receipts 200 brls; shipment 5 brls, market moderately active and advancing. We now quote new Cana-da mess \$17.25 to 17.50; new Western mess sold at 17.50 and old ditto at 16.00; Thin mess \$15.50; Beef quiet prime mess \$15 50 to 16.00; Hams in small supply, City canvassed bring 151 to 16c; Cincinnati sugar cured 18c; Dressed Hogs. \$6.50 per 100 lbs. per car load. Lard is firmer and holders are asking g_2^1 to 10c; *Tallow* has also become firmer and it cannot now be bought under 7³/₄ to S¹/₄.

SALT.-Very little business doing just now and market very dull, only some small sales are reported of Coarse at \$1.75 to 1.80; Fine \$150. Western salt is now offered at \$1.40 per barrel.

WooL .- Small sales are reported of Canadian wools within our range of quotations and some Greasy cape at 24 to 25c. Our quotations are without change :-Fleece wool, 40 to 45c; Pulled wool super 32 to 36c; ditto No. I 30 to 34c ; ditto Black 30 to 34c ; ditto unassorted 32 to 34c.

TORONTO MARKET.

FORONTO, Mar. 20, 1873. The spring trade may now be considered as having prettly fairly opened, the principal demand so far being for dry goods, boots and shoes, and certain classes of heavy hardware.

Provisions have been quiet, and produce has been decidely inactive, In the latter there will probably be little movements until the opening of navigation permits of its going forward to market. Leading cereals are now said to have been almost entirely cleared out of farmers' hands, but stocks at all shipping points, both inland and on the shores of the several lakes, are understood to be heavy. Money continues in demand, but there is not much commercial paper offered outside of the banks, and there is now little reason to apprehend much further increase in the financial pressure.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Manufacturers have been steadly busy in booking and filling orders, trade so far this season having proved of a very satis-factory nature. Prices remain firm and without change.

CATTLE.-Beeves .- The supply of first-class cattle has been on a limited scale during the past week, and for these higher prices have been paid, say from \$4.50 to 5. The receipts of lower grades, however, have been fair in excess, if anything of the present restricted local demand. Second-class are quoted at \$3.50 to 4, and in-ferior at \$3 to 3.25. Sheep.—Very few have come in, and for these full prices were paid. First-class are quoted at \$9 to 10, second-class, \$6 to 7 and third-class \$4 to 5. Lambs.-The few in sold readily at prices ranging from \$3 to 8. Calves .- Except of inferior quality there have been few coming in, and there has been little change in prices, which are \$8 to 10 for first-class, \$6 for second-class and \$3 to 4 for third class.

DRUGS .- Business has been less active during the past week, and prices remain generally without change. A further recovery, however, is noted in Potass Iodide from the recent heavy decline, present quotations being \$6.25 to 6.50.

DRY GOODS .- New goods have been coming forward more freely during the past week, and the assortment is not now far from complete. Buvers have also been making their appearance in considerable numbers, and have been purchasing steadily though in most instances with prudence and caution. Stocks throughout the country are represented to be generally, though not universally, pretty well sold down, but a good many winter goods will undoubtedly have to be carried over to another season. There can be no question, however, but that the reduction in the value of im this year, as compared with last year, will leave the dry goods trade in an improved position, if the effect be not counterbalanced by increased importations later on.

FLOUR AND MEAL .--- Flour --- A decline of 6d., which took place in Liverpool in the early part of the week, had a depressing effect on this market, and very little business has been done. No. I Superfine has been selling to a very limited extent at \$5.50, at which there are now few sellers but no buyers. Fancy has moved to a moderate extent, selling steadily at \$5.90. Extra has been in very small request, but a few lots have changed hands at \$6.45 to 6.50. The stock on hand on the 17th instant was 26,781 bls., against 14,947 brls. on the corresponding date of last year. Oatmeal - Late sales have been at \$4,70 to 4.75, but is now offered at the inside figure. Bran-Nominally worth \$12 to 13 by the car-load, but no recent transactions are noted.

GRAIN AND SEEDS .- Wheat .- The stock of spring wheat in store on the 17th inst. was 256,-350 bush against 136,272 bush on the corresponding date of 1872. The market has been verv quiet, holders as a rule appearing disposed to hold until the opening of navigation rather than accept less than cost price. One lot changed hands in the early part of the week at \$1.26 in store, there are now sellers to a limited extent at \$1.27 and buyers at $\S_{1,25}$. Of fall wheat the stocks on the 17th inst was 158,319, a decrease of 41,663 bush, as compared with the corresponding date last year. There has been very little movement during the week in any grade of white wheat, sales being confined to a few cases of No. 1 at \$1.45 and No. 2 at \$1.35 to $1.37\frac{1}{2}$. Peas.—The receipts continue light, and the market is firm, with sales of No. 1 at 67¹/₂ to 68¹/₂ and buyers now at the latter prices. The stock on the 17th inst was 45,781 bush. Barley .- The enquiry has continued for a trifling character, but there has not been much offering and prices if anything are firmer than they were last week. For No. 1 68 to 70c has been paid and for No. 2 62 to 63c. Oats.—A few car loads have changed hands at from 39 to 41c according to quality. Rye.-Steady at 65c. Corn.-Sales at 49 to 50c. Clover.-Is quoted at \$5.50 to 5.70 according to quantity and quality. Alsike.—Selling at \$8.00 to 8.25. Timothy. -Sales in quantity have been made at \$3. to 3.15 for ordinary to good, and in a retail way at \$3.50 to 3.70

GROCERIES .--- Coffee--- Quiet, with small sales at late rates. The market here remains firm, as stocks are small, notwithstanding an easier feeling in the New York market. Fish-There are few or no lake fish now held here. Herrings are selling in small lots at quotations. Dry Cod inactive and nominally unchanged. Fruit -Sales of layer raisins have been made in quantity at \$1.523, but are generally held at \$1.60 to 1.75. Valentias are steady at 6c to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c, but but there is very little doing. Currants quiet and firm at quotations. Rice-Only a very limited enquiry at unchanged prices. Spices-Very little doing, the principal enquiry being

for black pepper, which is scarce and firm. Sugar-Refined sugars have been moving pretty freely during the past week, but at a rather lower range of prices for yellow sorts. Scotch yellow can now be had at 8½c for round lots, but held at 83c to 91c for smaller lots, according to quality. New York whites have been taken to a fair extent at 113c to 12c. Raws have been quiet, with only small sales at late rates. Tea has been in light request, with transactions to a limited extent, principally in low and medium grade, Young Hyson, a few Japan and black teas being also taken. Tobacco-Firm at nominally unchanged quotations.

HARDWARE .-- There has been rather more doing during the past week, with a steady enquiry for nails tin, copper, galvanized sheets &c. Pig Iron—Has moved to a limited extent only, but holders are firm at late quotations. Bar Iron.—Selling at \$3.75 to 4.00. Hoop Iron.— Has advanced and is now quoted at \$4.25 to 4.75. Cut Nails.—There has been more activity but holders are inclined to meet the views of buyers and large sales have been made at something under quotations. Iron Wire.—Holders are asking more mony, No. 6 being now quoted at \$3 50. Copper.-Steady at 25 to 27c for in-got and 28 to 30c for sheet. Tin.-Is offering at some reduction from late rates, now quoted at 37 to 38c. Galvanized Iron .- Meets a good demand, and with light stocks prices are very firm. Tin Plates .- Steady at \$12.75 to 13 for IC charcoal.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Hides .- Few coming in and prices firm and unchanged. Calfskins.-The supply is now tolerably liberal, but there is ready sale at quotations for all offering. Sheep. skins .- There is little competition to buy, but late prices are still being paid.

Hops .-- Quiet and nominal at 35 to 40c.

LEATHER. The market has been quiet, with a continued demand for spanish sole, buff and pebbled and russetts, other descriptions of stock meeting no attention. There is no change whatever to note in prices.

PETROLEUM.--There is now an active demand for Canada refined oil, but prices are without change.

PAINTS AND OILS .- Trade has been quiet during the past week, and quotations are generally unchanged. Spirits Turpentine, however, are the turn easier now quoted at 85 to goc.

PROVISIONS.—Butter. Inactive with very limited receipts of desirable quotations, and only a light demand from shippers. Choice would command 17 to 18c for local consumption, and small sales have been made at these figures, but ordinary is hard to move at over 8 to roc. Cheese.-A sale of four cars fair quality is noted at 11¹/₂c, but 12 to 13¹/₂c is being paid in a retail way. Dried Apples .- Quoted at 7 to 8c according to quality and quantity. Eggs.—Fresh are now worth about 20c in lots. Lard.--Held at 9½ to 10c. Bacon.—Cumberland cut is quoted at 7½ to 8c and smoked 8½ to gc. Hams.-In salt held at 101c. Smoked are quoted at 12 to 13c and canvassed at 131c. Pork.-In small supply and firm at \$16 to 16.50 for mess.

-The total quantity of coal raised by the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company in 1872 was 134,902 tons, against 55,798 tons in 1871. The following Montreal gentlemen were elected Directors for 1873: Geo. A. Drümmond, Peter Redpath, Gibert Scott, Henry McKay, H. A. Budden, D. L. MacDougal, J. Hickson, J. Hope and Andrew Wilson.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of John Thomas, an Insolvent. A first an i final Dividend Sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the 3:st day of March, A.D. 1873, after which Dividend will be paid. JOHN SHAW, Official Assignce.

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Acting under Charter for the Month ending February 31st, 1873, according to Returns furnished by the Banks to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

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Notice.

Is hereby given that a; plication will be made to the next session of the Dominion Parliament for an Act to incor-porate "THE ENGLISH AND CANADIAN FINAN-CIAL ASSOCIATION," for the purpose of purchasing Debentures, Bonds, Bonuses, Mortgages, Shares, Stocks and Obligations of Governments, Corporations, or Per-sons, and of seling the same, and of negotiating the pur-chase and sale of the same, and of borrowing and lending money, and for other purposes Obstance of the same and selection of the same and selection WILLIAM KERSTEMAN.

Toronto, 26th February, 1873.



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and en-dorsed, "Tenders for New Custom, House, Toronto," will be received at this office, until Wednesday, 26th day of March next, at noon. for the erection and completion of a new Custom House, at Toronto, P.O.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the office of R. C. Windeyer, Esq., Architect, Toronto, on and after Monday, the 10th March.

The signatures of two solvent and responsible persons, willing to become sureties for the fulfilment of the con-tract, must be attached to each Tender.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,

F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 27th Feb., 1873.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of George W odland and Joshua George Woodland, as individually and as partners, trading un-der the name and style of G. Woodland & Sons, Insolvents

I, the undersigned, John Kerr of Toronto, have been I, the undersigned, Jonn Kerr of Joronto, nave been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are re-quested to file their claims before me within one month, and are kereby notified to meet at my office in Court Street, Toronto, on Monday, the fourteenth day of April, 1373, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the public ex-amination of the Insolvent, and for ordering of the affairs JOHN KERR, Assignee. Toronto, 11th March, 1873. of the Estate generally.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of James Lenihan, an Insolvent.

In the matter of James Lenihan, an Insolvent. I, the undersigned, John Kerr of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are re-quested to file their claims before me within one month, and are hereby notified to meet at my office in Court Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of April, 1873, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the pub-lic examination of the Insolvent, and for ordering of the affairs of the Estate generally. JOHN KERR, Assignee. Toronto, 12th March, 1873.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1860.

In the matter of W. L. Hubertus, an Insolvent. In the matter of W. L. Hubertus, an Insolvent. The Creditors of the Insolvent are hereby notified to meet at his place of business, Esplanade Street, Toronto, on Monday afterno n, the Seventh day of April next, at three 0-lock, for the purpose of a thorising the sale of the entire Estate and effects of the Insolvent, real and personal, in one lot, either for a gross price or at a dollar rate upon the liabilities of the Insolvent, and upon such terms and conditions as may be consider. d advantageous; and also to consider an offer of composition to be made by the Insolvent. by the Insolvent.

JOHN KERR, Interim Assignee. Toronto, 17th March, 1873.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of G. Woodland & Son, Insolvents. A first Dividend Sheet has been prepared, open to ob-jection until the Thirty-first day of March, 1873, after which Dividend will be paid. JOHN KERR, Assignee.

Toronio, March 14th, 1873.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of William Louis Hubertus, an Insolvent. The In olvent has made an assignment of his Estate to me, and the Creditors are notified to meet at his place of business in Toronto, on Monday, the Seventh day of April, 1873, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, to receive statements of his affairs and to appoint an Accience Assignee.

JOHN KERR, Interim Assignce. Toronto, 14th March, 1873.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869, AND AMEND-MENTS THERETO.

In the matter of Thomas H. Taylor, an Insolvent. A first and final Dividend Sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the twenty-fifth instant, after which dividend will be paid. Dated at the City of Toronto, this 7th day of March,

A.D. 1873.

WM. F. MUNRO, Official Assignee.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of Richard Hills, an Insolvent. I, the undersigned, John Kerr of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are re-quested to file their claims before me within one month. JOHN KERR, Assignee.

Toronto, 10th March, 1873.



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