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

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Banking House of the Institution on Monday, the Fifth Day of June next. The chair to be taken at One o'clock..

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E. S. CLOUSTON. General Manager,

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th of April next, both days inclusive.

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THURSDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, 1899.

The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May next, both days inclusive.

The annual general meeting of shareholders will be held at the banking house of the Bank in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 20 day of June next.

The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock noon,

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-A BRANCH of the Ontario Bank will shortly be opened at Tweed, Ont.

-THE real estate sales in this city recorded last month amounted to \$1-086.451.

-HAMILTON, Ont., is seeking governmental aid to the amount of \$200,000 in improving the harbor and the Burlington canal.

-From the vicinity of London, Ont., most encouraging reports of the fall wheat crop are heard. Prospects at present are for an extra vield.

-Advices from Buenos Ayres state that the wheat harvest has begun. It is estimated that over 1,500,000 tons will be available for export.

-THE last Canada "Gazette" contains an official notice that in future \$5,000 of the annual output of each mining claim will be exempt from royalty.

-For the first time in some years there is a scarcity in Toronto of moderate sized houses, and more sales of real estate than in any year since the boom collapsed.

-A QUEEN ANNE farthing, dated 1713, was sold at Christie's, London, recently for \$140, which is the value of 47,380 of the same coin now current. So much for the value put on rarity.

—A Спатпам, Ont., concern in the trading stamp line has "folded its tent." The recent action of the Grocers' Association in deciding against all gift schemes after May 1st doubtless had its effect.

-Penny-in-the-slot gas meters used in Derby, England, in 1898 were a success. Nine-and-a-half million cubic feet of gas were sold that way. For one cent 12 to 14 cubic feet are supplied through these meters.

-Ar a meeting of the Board of Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company held at Waterloo, Ont., on the 14th instant, the Hon. F. W. Borden and the Hon. J. T. Garrow were elected directors to fill existing vacancies.

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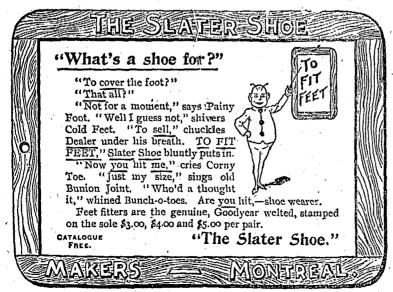
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- -A SETTLEMENT at 75 cents in the dollar has been secured by E. Pelletier, general dealer, St. Romuald, Que., previously reported as in difficulties.
- -Blight Bros., stationery, Toronto, Ont., reported some weeks ago as having assigned, are now endeavoring to compromise. Liabilities are \$5,300; assets \$3,800.
- -THERE is likelihood of a considerable advance in window shades owing to the advanced cost of the raw products. Prices have materially advanced in the U.S. markets.
- THE stock of Thomas Pethick, London, Ont., consisting of clothing, cloth, and men's furnishings was purchased by E. J. Pethick at 45 cents in the dollar. The total valuation was \$8,800.
- -Coloured border handkerchiefs, in men's goods, are again coming into the market, after an absence of some years. The styles conform to the patterns shown in the new coloured shirting designs.
- -A Canadian banker, who has recently visited Florida, says that he would not give a good farm in Canada for a large section of that State across which travellers pass en route to the well. known resorts in Florida.
- -Tun Grand Trunk Railway has just turned out a monster locomotive made at its Point St. Charles shops. It has ten wheels and is capable of hauling 60 loaded passenger cars, which is double the power of ordinary engines.
- -THE fruit district between Hamilton, Ont., and Niagara Falls gives promise of an excellent yield this season. Fruit trees are shown to be two to three weeks late in budding out, but no harm from the late severe winter is shown.
- -LIABILITIES of \$1,500 are shown against the estate of O. Lepage, crockery and fancy goods, Montreal, after an experience of about three years. Assets \$700. Some assistance was given him by his father on commencing. The estate will be wound up.
- -THE Lindsay, Ont., Town Council will consider the feasibility of meeting the proposition of a joint stock company who propose to establish live stock yards in the town, provided \$10,-000 be given, also a free site of five acres and exemption from taxes for ten years.

-For transformation scenes Montreal "beats the band"-but what that means we are not aware. Last week our main streets were covered over a foot thick with ice. On Monday all of it had gone, dust was blowing about, and the noise of watering carts was heard in the land.

- -A DEPUTATION in the interests of Canadian grown tobacco has sought the Minister of Internal Revenue with the object of securing assistance in finding a market for this product. Specialists in Sweden, Denmark and Germany have reported very favorably on the Canadian leaf.
- -THE appointment of Mr. James Thom, formerly of the Hamburg American Line, as manager for Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co., at this port, meets with the general approval of shipping men. Furness, Withy & Co., in the new arrangement, will act as agents for the Hamburg steamers.
- -Figures relating to the Irish flax-crop show that whereas it produced 34,000 tons in 1851 when they were only 390,000 spindles at work, and probably somewhat under 100 power-looms, the crop was returned at 20,000 tons in 1800 when there were 827,000 spindles and 26,590 power-looms.
- -The market prices of the securities of all the Crown colonies of Great Britain have advanced from 1 to 3 points since January, on a report that the Imperial Government was about to guarantee their debts. This is not the case, but the home authorities have a scheme in hand to enable the Crown colonies to borrow on more favorable terms.
- -THE steamer "Stella," sunk near the Channel Islands, is proved to have been going at great speed in a fog in order to beat a rival. Captain Lecky in his work on Navigation problems, declares that nothing can excuse high speed being kept up in a fog. He ridicules the idea of dead reckoning being reliable to keep a vessel in a safe position.
- -THE scarcity of good investments paying an acceptable rate of interest, has induced several prominent English insurance companies to join in floating a real estate company in London with capital of \$2,600,000. We have every confidence in the good judgment of the managers of the companies interested but hope their example will not be followed in Canada.

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-In our issue of the 14th inst. the name of Mr. N. Jalbert, harness, Windsor Mills, Que, was given as being in financial difficulties. The name should have been Pierre Jalbert. We are pleased to state that Mr. N. Jalbert of the same place has been conducting a successful business from the outset, and is in no way connected with Pierre Jalbert who has since assigned.

-A RECENT letter from Kingston, Ont. says: "This city has now four elevators—the M. T. Company's capacity, 800,000 bushels; Kingston Elevator & Transit Company, 550,000 bushels; Richardson's, 250,000 bushels, and Donoghue's, 80,000 bushels. Twenty million bushels of grain were handled here last season. The Frontenac mill has a capacity of 500 barrels of flour per day,"

-THE spring freshets, accompanied by heavy rains have swollen the Canadian streams much beyond the usual extent. At-Guelph, Brantford and Galt, Ont., the highest mark for many years has been shown. The damage will in some places be quite extensive as dams, bridges, etc., have been washed away, streets and cellars inundated and many factories compelled to

-THE acreage of wheat thoughout Manitoba according to recent reports from Winnipeg, shows an increase of 20 per cent over that sown a year ago. Oats show a like increase. The wheat prospect is generally favorable. The Ogilvy Milling Company are calling for tenders for a twelve hundred horse power engine which will be required in their expected output of three thousand barrels of flour daily.

-True National Sheep Breeders' Association of England is anxious to have communications from sheep breeders in Canada as to the pedigree of their flocks, containing also suggestions or information that may be of interest to breeders generally. In June, 1900, a Conference of representatives of this industry will be held at York. The secretary's address is, Fitzalan House, Arundel St., Strand, London, W.C. We hope Canada will be represented in this movement which is intended to improve the breed of sheep, which could be done in this country to very great advantage.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. Earnings Sth to 14th April :

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-Advices from Windsor, Ont., state that Sandwich is to have the largest wine manufacturing establishment in Canada. A new company with a capital stock of \$200,000 is being formed to take over and enlarge the wine-making business of E. Girardot & Co. Application for a charter has been made to the Ontario Government, and as soon as the incorporation is complete work on the extension of the plant will be begun.

-Tue remarkable productiveness of the land in Great Britain is shown by an official return of the crops in 1898, which gives the following statistics per acre, as quoted by the London Economist:-Wheat, 34.74 bushels; barley, 85.75; oats, 40.76; beans, 81.07; peas, 27.62. Potatoes, 6.26 tons; turnips, 12.04 tons; mangolds, 17.65 tons. Hay from 29.24 to 33.65 cwts., and hops, 7.17 cwts. The yield last year was above the average.

-THE Montreal Novelty Company, doing business at Montreal and Louisville, Que, has assigned. Jas. R. Cote is said to be the only partner, and has been conducting the business under the above title since Dec. '97. He was previously in partnership with J. B. Lalime. An expectation of a bonus from Louisville did not, however, mature owing to the concern not being a joint stock company. A fire last December did considerable damage.

-The production of coal in England last year was 147,811,478 tons; in Scotland, 30,237,295 tons; in Wales, 23,863,506 tons; and in Ireland, 129,965 tons; a total of 202,042,243 tons, as against 202,119,196 tons in 1897. The production of iron ore was 7,901,-046 tons; of fire-clay, 2,783,120 tons. The number of persons employed under the Coal Mines Regulation Act was 706,894, of which there were 503,910 in England, 92,022 in Scotland, 109,981 sin Wales and 981 in Ireland.

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-A HAMILTON, Ont., despatch states that the directors of the Hamilton Blast Furnace Company and the Ontario Rolling Mills have sanctioned the steps taken for the amalgamation of these two concerns. The new company will be capitalized at \$2,000,-000, and will take over the smelting works, rolling mills and forge works. A steel plant will be established at once, and the new concern will turn out pig iron, steel billets, iron and steel bars, angle iron and steel. The number of employees will be largely increased.

THE Dominion Cotton Mills Co. held its annual meeting on 13th inst. The profits for past year were stated to have been \$435,888. The goods sold amounted to \$2,825,000. The company had earned 10 per cent and paid a 6 per cent dividend on a capital of \$3,000,000, with interest on bonds. The mills of the company were being re-fitted with the most modern machinery, and the prospects were regarded very hopefully. The Hon. I. O. Villeneuve, who had retired from the Board owing to failing health, was replaced by Hon. L. J. Forget.

THE combination plumber and retail merchant seldom succeeds. He who is accustomed from early life to handling only the crude metals of his trade is scarcely the person fitted to engage in or direct the affairs of a mercantile business, which requires all the experienced skill and quick perception of the trained mind to bring to a successful issue. Yet occasionally we see this being tried, but as a rule the profits are in the shape of chilling remembrances. M. Vezina, a Quebec plumber concluded some years ago to add groceries to his trade, but not finding it successful closed out again about a year ago. Complications arose, however, and his assignment is now the result.

-Tur business experience of J. F. Therien, general merchant, St. Gregoire, Que., which is spread over twenty-five years, certainly shows its share of the shipwrecks endured by the average mariner. He was originally at St. Wenceslas. In '76 he became involved and obtained a settlement, removing to St. Gregoire in '84. In '88 he again got stranded and settled at 65 cents in the dollar in 12 months. In '95 debts once more aggregated too much for his capital, and this time he was let off at 70 cents in the dollar payable in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months. He is now in the same fix and asks his indulgent creditors to throw off 40 per cent of their claims to enable him to pay the balance in 8, 6 and 9 months.

BAY OF QUINTE NOTES-The Deseronto sawmill will start on Monday for the season-The Car Works at Deseronto, are building a construction car for the Hamilton Bridge Company-The ice bridge at Deseronto opposite the ship-yard commenced to go out on Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock and by early in the afternoon the Bay was clear of ice-The building on Main Street Deseronto, recently occupied as the Post-office has been renovated and furnished in magnificent shape, and is now occupied by A. G. Hamilton, the Deseronto agent of the Slater Shoe Company. -W. F. Fleming who has been running a general store business at Shannonville for some years past, has moved into the Malley bakery at that place-The steamer "Elia Ross" will make her first regular trip on Wednesday next, leaving Deseronto at 7.30 a.m. for Belleville and Trenton-The steamer " Deseronto" starts her regular trips on Saturday, leaving Deseronto at 7 a.m. and 2,25 p.m.

-Whether the United States will adopt their own system of weights and measures in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines remains to be seen, but with the growing population expected to be formed in a large degree from U.S. inhabitants it is more than likely the American system will come into use. In their new possessions the metric system is in force. "It would be a great pity," says a New York journal, "if the simple method of reckoning thus provided should be changed for the cumbrous mode of calculating which is so unfortunate a heritage from our British forefathers. Far from making our new possessions conform to the methods in force in this country, we should take a leaf out of their book by spreading throughout our home territory the system acquired from Spain, that country having in this instance been ahead of the United States."

-THE following table estimates the home consumption of wheat during the harvest year 1893-9, contrasted with 1897-8 and 1895-6:-

,	1898-9. cwts.	1897-8. cwts.	1895-6. cwts.
Imports—Wheat (29 weeks to March 18)Flour (29 weeks to Mar. 18)	33,117,300	34,803,800 12,401,700	36,974,000 12,463,500
	46,457,000	47,205,500	49,437,500
Add week ending Mar. 25— WheatFlour	-959,800	1,558,200 400,000	1,149,600 378,900
Total imports, 30 weeks Less exports - Wheat Flour	115,600	49,158,700 81,800 129,400	50,961,000 . 131,500 95,000
Net imports Add to this the estimated sale of home-grown wheat	S	48,947,500 21,508,300	50,733,600 11,410,100
Thirty weeks' home supplies	71,771,900	70,455,800	62,143,700
Average price of English whea per quarter Equals per cwt	. 25 4	8 d 85 4 8 2	8 d 24 10 5 8¾
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GROCERY NOTES.

Following in the wake of the U.S. augar refiners who have recently-been out-doing one another in their efforts at placing their respective products in various sized packages of one to ten lbs, before the busy retailers, comes an announcement from some quarters in the West that package sugars do more harm than good. St. Paul and Minneapolis Grocers' Associations are discussing the feasibility of boycotting them. This has led to discussions in many trade papers as to whether the package sugar is really a benefit. We venture to say that with few exceptions retail dealers will hail with pleasure any such move. In large stores serious loss is often encountered in the giving of overweight by some careless or new assistant, whose thoughts are liable to be some distance away from his duties. Often the scales are unknowingly placed wrong and in the weighing out of a barrel of sugar a direct loss is sustained, and sometimes never known in the hurried and various duties attached to the busy store. Another point is shown in the relief afforded the averaging retailer from the possibility of censure for short weight: a suspicion which will continue to live under existing conditions.

A London letter on the cheese and butter situation, bearing date the 7th instant says: The cheese market remains firm with business of a holiday character and prices are well maintained. Canadian and New Zealand, it may be noted, are both 13s per cwt. higher than in the corresponding week of last year. Present prices for Canadian and American are : Can., choicest, 53 to 54s; finest, 49 to 51s. Am., choicest, 51s to 52s; finest, 48 to 49s. Same date last year, Can. choicest, 40 to 41s; finest, 37 to 39s; Am. choicest, 38 to 39s; finest, 36 to 38s. The weather all over the United Kingdom and the butter exporting countries of Europe continues mild, but there is a decided want of rain, and though showers have fallen during the last day or two pastures cannot grow fast or become good without a considerable increased rainfall. Prices for choicest are: Danish and Swedish, 110 to 113s; Victorian, 96 to 100s; New South Wales, 96s to 100s; South Australian 96 to 98s.

A letter received from a leading Columbia river salmon packer dated April 7th says: "There is every indication that prices heretofore mentioned (on 1899 pack of Columbia River salmon) as being the probable opening figures, namely, \$1.25 for tails, \$1.40 for flats and 80c for halfs, will prevail. There is a strong probability of raw fish starting at 5c, and as long as it remains at such a figure the market for the canned product will not fall below the figures mentioned above, and even at those prices the packers would not come out as well as they did last year at \$1.05 for tails. Five cents per pound for salmon means that the best grade of chinook will cost 23 to 25c per dozen more than last year."

Reports from Los Angelos state that navel oranges are about exhausted.

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The proposed formation of a manufacturing and trading company, with the principal establishment at Honfleur, Que., on the Peribouca River, comes in a late report from Quebec. Among the articles to be manufactured are starch, and various lines of woodenware; also buying and shipping produce and conducting branch stores throughout the Lake St. John district.

Complaint is heard among handlers of maple syrup that the quality of syrup coming in from some sections of the Townships is very poor. It soon sours.

Mail advices from San Francisco report an easier market for lima beans, owing to the fairly good crop prospects.

Pineapples are said to be a rather heavy crop this season and values will hence rule low.

—A New form of joint stock company has been invented. Earl Warwick and the Countess have become the property of a joint stock company, or rather their life interests in the family estates, which they have handed over to a company for a "cash down" consideration. They hold part of the stock. Truth makes fun of this and asks, if the stockholders will take turn and turn about to vote in the House of Lords? Truth also suggests that on visiting cards the amount of the person's property ought to be stated. Thus a card would read; Arthur Pendennis: \$50,000, or, so much annual income. By this system Truth considers that every one could be graded socially on a definite and recognised principle, and such mistakes avoided as paying respect to frivolities like culture, high character, &c., in the absence of the solid worth of money!

The "Gaspesia" has reached a Newfoundland port being towed there by a sealing steamer after being locked up in an ice-field for six weeks. The rescue was timely as the vessel's provisions were within a few days of exhaustion. We much regret this disaster to the first vessel on the new route to Paspeblac as, apart from the loss to the promoters and suffering to the crew and passengers on the "Gaspesia," the incident has created prejudice against the Canadian route. No similar disaster ever happened to a vessel bound for Halliax, St. John, or this port.

—A FIRE at Halifax, N.S., on the 19th inst., destroyed the stock of Wm. Crowe, fancy goods dealer; W. H. Cabot, drygoods, and Angus Taylor, hats and caps. The total loss is between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

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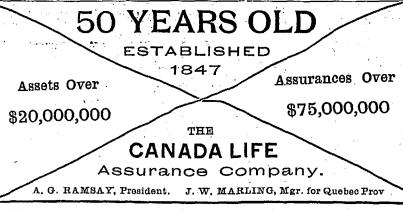
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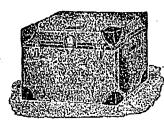
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IMPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1895 AND 1898.

The table below gives the respective amounts of the imports into Canada from Great Britain and the United States in the fiscal years 1895 and 1898. The statistics cover the bulk of the articles imported which are of the nature of manufactures, those not included being such products as coal, grains, tea, coffee, provisions, &c., which we import from Great Britain only on a nominal scale and for which there is practically no market in Canada for those of British origin.

It is very much to be regretted that the official returns of the Trade and Navigation are arranged on a different system of classification year by year. This: renders the work of comparing the imports of one year with another, not only exceedingly laborious, but, to a large extent unsatisfactory, so far as exactitude of comparison is concerned: The returns of 1898 are presented in an exceptionally difficult form. For instance, the articles coming under the general classification of "drugs, dyes, chemicals and medicines," are divided into 52 sections. Cotton goods are divided into 38 sections; fish into 47 sections; fruit into 32 sections. Manufactures of iron and steel are given under 128 different classifications, and manufactures of wool are divided into 36 sections. To get at the results necessary for making a comparison with other years involves an enormous amount of very tedious work. It is like the task of taking an army of 50,000 soldiers who are all mixed up, and picking them out by their uniforms to

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be grouped into their several military divisions by regiments. It has been claimed that the amended tariff simplified the old one, and did away with the confusion arising from so many sub-divisions. If, however, the tariff is to be judged by the elaborate tables issued of imports in 1898, as compared with those in earlier years, the changes made have been made by the introduction of very much more numerous and far more elaborate sub-divisions. Before being published the statistics of the Trade and Navigation Department should be overhauled in the Statistical Department, where they could be systematised and grouped in tables which would present the figures in a more intelligible and readable form.

Looking down the table below, it is only too evident that the American imports all along the line since 1895 have been increasing more extensively and generally than those from Great Britain. We are, however, satisfied that this is chiefly attributable to the comparative neglect of the Canadian market by British mannfacturers and merchants, in contrast with the energetic cultivation of the markets of the Dominion by American manufacturers and merchants.

It will be useless for Canada to have given Great Britain a preferential tariff concession, unless British producers study and take advantage of the opportunities such preference affords for enlarging their trade with this country. They have been granted a reduction of 25 per cent on all the duties imposed by Canada on imported goods, that is, a British manufacturer or merchant can put his goods in this market at 25 per cent less duty than is charged on goods which are not of British origin. We are satisfied that this advantage has not been fully realized by the exporters of Great Britain. By some indeed it has never been thoroughly understood. Trade is always apt to get into grooves, and British manufacturers are especially prone to follow each other along beaten tracks, when, by striking out into new ones, they could secure business which is being harvested by those who are more enterprising. If British manufacturers would put themselves and their goods more in evidence in Canada, if as we say on this side, they would hang out their "shingles" more prominently and so seek to attract the observation of buyers, they could largely expand their trade with Canada.

A country like this, which is one of the largest and most generous buyers of foreign goods in the world, in proportion to its population, and which has prospects of development exceeding in promise those of any other country, has existing and coming markets which are surely worth more assiduous cultivation by British pro-

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Income During 1898, \$8,134,327,27

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ducers. There is an immense advantage in an expanding market like that of Canada, acquired by those who have foresight and enterprise enough to get an early foothold. Trade, like a tree, needs to be planted early to get that grip of the soil which is necessary for growth into such strength as ensures permanence. Those who are waiting for the Canadian market to be larger before they seek a stand in it, are making a grave mistake. When they decide to plant their tree in our soil, they may find the ground so occupied that it will be impossible to find such an opening as they desire. We therefore urge British manufacturers and merchants who are postponing their efforts to acquire Canadian business, to take a leaf out of Uncle Sam's book, who, by not despising the day of small things is acquiring an advantageous position for enjoying the day of Canada's expansion.

Canada has done far more than her duty in giving 25 per cent preferential duty in favour of British goods. The promise of this was received in Great Britain with enthusiasm, but something more is wanted to secure trade than mere verbal appreciation. When the fabled waggoner was stuck in a rut, it would have been no help to him had Jupiter put planks for his wheels to run over and so get release, unless the waggoner had jumped on the vehicle and made his horses put out all their strength in pulling the wheels on to the planks laid by Jupiter. The manufacturers and merchants of Great Britain have had their course made easier in securing Canadian trade, but to obtain it they will have to put themselves and their goods before the buyers of Canada with energy and a determination to "get there" in competition with rivals. The Springfield "Republican," after publishing the statistics given in our last issue, remarks upon them:

"It is hardly to be denied that, with our Dingley enactment, we have provoked extreme retaliatory measures which the Laurier ministry will doubtless be forced to impose. At the same time we have placed effectual obstacles in the way of closer and more amicable relations with the Dominion. As an agency for arousing the ill-will of nations and disturbing the peace of the world, there is nothing much more effective than the tariff policies of the United States, Germany, Russia and France."

The following table gives the amount of the imports of the bulk of manufactures sent from Great Britain and the United States in 1895 and 1898, with the increase or decrease of each item. In 1895 there was no preferential tariff in force, in 1898 it had been force for nearly a year.

Dutiable Imports	100%	1900	decre	se or
Imports. Malt liquors G.B.	1895. \$102,68	1898. \$699,112	dec.	\$98. \$3,574
" U.S.	28,973	89,494	inc.	10,521
Baking powder. G.B. U.S.	667 17,018	154 103,468	dec. inc.	518′ 86,455
Belts, all kinds. G.B. U.S.	9,832 16,656	19,185 48,196	ine. Inc.	9,858 31,540
Blacking & inks. G.B.	28,638	16,275	dec.	12,363
Printed goods G.B.	81,868 218,025	87,830 183,005	inc. dec.	6,462 30,020
Boot &c. laces G.B.	499,581 25,423	566,948 45,183	inc. inc.	67,867 19,760
" U.S.	5,478	7,364	inc.	1,891 74
Braces G.B. U.S.	25,657 $44,077$	25,731 31,920	inc. dec.	12,157
Breadstuffs, &c. G.B. U.S.	34,846 25,216	7,970 41,267	dec. inc.	26,876 16,051
Brooms & brushes G.B. U.S.	11,518 27,667	19,457 49,623	inc. inc.	7,939 21,956
Buttons G.B.	42,575	28,030	dec.	13,645
Candles U.S.	41,433 13,386	49,982 8,978	inc. dec.	8,549 4,418
Carpets, rugs, etc G.B.	19,396 90,160	78,171 44,855	inc. dec.	58,775 45,305
" U.S.	38.106	10,242	dec.	27,864
Carriages G.B.	100,890 561,262	2,589 351,275	dec.	107,301 209,987
Clocks, &c G.B. U.S.	5,629 81,420	6,904 130,042	inc. inc.	1,275 48,622
Collars & cuffs. G.B. U.S.	87,465 11,471	41,704 8,863	inc. dec.	4,289 2,608
Combs G.B.	28,223	41,808	inc.	13,088
" U.S. Cordage G.B.	26,901 29,345	20,377 22,449	dec.	6,524 6,896
" U.S.	190,696 3,094,080	190,064 3,056,865	dec. dec.	632 37,715
Cotton goods G.B.	908,995	1,289,261	inc.	380,266
Curtains & laces. G.B. U.S.	655,668 179,112	786,806 93,418	inc. dec.	81,138 85,694
Drugs, &c G.B. U.S.	286,889 432,639	806,578 767,747	inc. inc.	70,230 335,108
Earthenware and china G.B.	388,476	483,311	inc.	94,835
china U.S.	47,042	76,747	inc.	29,705
Electric Goods G.B. U.S.	26,124 349,634	7,738 411,027	dec. inc.	18,386 61,393
Embroideries and braids G.B. Embroideries and	274,612	193,974	dec.	80,638
braids U.S. Flax Goods G.B.	68,871 1,251,287	97,819 1,301,399	inc. inc.	28,948 50,112
_ " Ŭ. <u>s</u> .	55,825	62,214	inc.	6,389
" U.S.	361,002 _51,876	206,932 56,806	dec.	154,070 4,930
Glass Goods G.B.	282,200 482,498	231,907 394,928	dec. dec.	1,383 37,565
Gloves and mitts G.B.	264,906	194,572	dec.	70,834
Rubber goods,&c G.B.	18,496 189,732	27,883 128,603	inc. dec.	9,387 61,129
Hats, caps, bonnets G.B.	202,318 839,132	259,181 781,943	inc. dec.	56,813 107,189
Hats, caps, bonnets U.S.	332,266	651,459	inc.	
Jewellery, plate,	99,854	79,917	dec.	19,937
Jewellery, plate, all kinds U.S.	434,144	485,828	inc.	51,184
Brass and copper goods G.B.	44,571	40,678	dec.	3,898
Brass and copper goods U.S. Iron and steel	321,839	374,368	inc.	52,529
pr goods G.B. Iron and steel	2,285,159	1,872,450	dec.	3 62,709
goods U.S.	5,067,180	10,622,396		5,555,216
Tin goods G.B.	5,839 35,644	8,467 67,962	inc.	2,628 32,318
Musical instrits. G.B. "U.S.	11,628 219,858	7,095 287,364	dec. inc.	4,533 17,506
Oilcloth G.B.	162,945 30,899	107,012	dec.	55,933
P.O. packages G.B.	224,591	3,904 75,311	dec.	-26,995 149,280
" U.S. Paper goods G.B.	684,968 286,816	305,584 380,758	dec. inc.	329,434 193,942
Silk and dress	620,506	981,563	inc.	361,057
goods G.B. Silk and dress goods U.S.	1,729,960 84,035	1,005,700	dec.	
goods U.S. Soap, spices, & starch G.B.	202,902	198,600 213,175	inc.	114,565
Soap, spices & starch U.S.	111,934	288,949	inc.	
Umbrellas, &c G.B.	184,009 8,916	107,012 8,904	dec.	76,997 12
Varnish & paints G.B.	221,190	230,915	inc.	9,725

" U.S. 168,845	297,247 inc.	128,902
Wood pulp U.S.	25,093 inc.	25,093
Wool goods G.B.,594,857 " U.S. 148,251	6,291,800 dec. 251,000 inc.	803,557 107,749

THE HARBOUR ELEVATORS.

The position in which the question of increased elevator accommodation in the port of Montreal rests, is not creditable to the spirit of enterprise supposed to be embodied in the business men connected with the grain and shipping interest centering in it, nor to the push and energy that might be expected from those who control the management of the harbour generally.

The season of navigation will soon open, and before it closes the St. Lawrence canals will be deepened and available for the large vessels drawing 114 feet of water, such as now pass through the Welland canal. That event will, in a large measure, revolutionize the grain trade, if our own people will take advantage of the splendid opportunity that will offer to ensure the benefits from it. To meet the changed conditions that will arise when these larger vessels arrive necessitates the erection of elevators into which they can discharge their cargoes should the ocean vessels chartered to receive them not be on hand to meet them. It will not pay those large vessels to lie idle in port. Hitherto they have discharged their cargoes into elevators in ports at the lower end of Lake Ontario without losing any time. The smaller craft that bring the grain from those places to Montreal can be so timed that, generally speaking, a direct connection can be made with the ocean vessel when it is ready to receive cargo.

It has been well understood for some time, that preparations must be made to meet the changed conditions that in the course of trade must arise. This was foreseen by the last Government, when the enlargement of the canals was undertaken, and the present Government have not failed to impress the fact on all concerned, that the business interests of the country require that more and better facilities than now exist should be provided at Montreal to meet the increased trade of the immediate future. The Harbour Board say something should be done. All the trade organisations say the same emphatically. The shipping interest and the grain men urge the necessity for these storage elevators, and yet, strange to say, so far as can be seen at present, we are no nearer the object sought for than we were months ago when the talk and unseemly wrangle as to who should build and control the elevators commenced.

When all are agreed on the main point, there should be no difficulty in uniting on the means to secure it. The cost of one good sized elevator is not beyond the measure of private enterprise. We find men from other places offering to do all that is required in that way without public aid, because of the profit they see in it.

Had the past generation of Montreal's business men, who built up the port to its present eminence, been obliged to face the conditions now arising, it would have required only a few days to organise and find a way of building it and keeping the control of the elevator in the city. The wealth is here and we are loath to believe that the public spirit of the past has departed from Montreal. The business men of the present day should be equal to the occasion, and keep up the character of the city for enterprise and progress that it has had for so many years.

The two great railways each has an elevator already. What is urgently required is one or more for waterborne grain. Without prejudice to the advantages of other sites, the one that has been so frequently mentioned of late, being between the lower basin and the Windmill Point wharf, seems to be one on which all could unite to begin with. The elevator there could take in grain on the canal side, and spout it into vessels of any size at the Windmill Point wharf. It is not at all likely that general cargo ships will often leave their regular berths to load at the elevators-simply because in the handling of general cargo it is, and always will be, cheaper to lighter the grain. The elevator then would not absolutely require the large wharf frontage that has been talked of, nor would it interfere with any vehicular or railway traffic that exists or may exist in the future.

These, however, are details that may well be left to the parties who may be interested, as well as all proper conditions and restrictions that may be fixed upon by the harbour authorities. The important matter at the present time is to bring about some feasible method of obtaining united action, and so cause a cessation of the useless bickering which can never secure the accomplishment of any great object such as is aimed at in the enlargement of trade on the St. Lawrence route.

THE ALLEGED DECADENCE OF FRANCE.

Whether France is in a decadent condition or otherwise, has been a subject of controversy between two prominent journals in the States. The question has been also discussed in Great Britain, and rather assumed than debated by some publications on the continent of Europe.

There are many now living who remember that a distinguished member of the provisional government established in France, after the revolution of 1848, issued a pamphlet entitled, "The decadence of England," in which M. Ledru Rollin proved to the satisfaction of her enemies that the old country was in a very "parlous state," was indeed passing away as a great nation. There is not a country existing which has not been shown by ingenious critics to be decadent, or drifting towards ruin. The role of Cassandra, is one quite popular amongst a certain class of pessimists, who cry Woe! Woe! "as naturally as pigs squeak," as Sir Hudibras is said to have spoken Greek. Even Canada we have read of as on the road to the "demnition bow-wows," to use Mr. Mantilinis' elegant phrase. A statesman who was in attendance on George IV, once heard that "Adonis of 50," as Leigh Hunt styled his Majesty and was imprisoned for the compliment, say, with tears in his eyes, "O! my poor country, what is to become of my poor country?" But the weeping King at the time was not as sober as monarchs ought to be. As to Turkey, we have known it time and time again declared ready for dismemberment, but Turkey seems to be the Mother Hubbard's dog of nations, while its coffin is being ordered it breaks out into laughter and snarls. While then we admit the possibility of a nation decaying, we have heard lamentations over too many that are to-day abounding in prosperity to feel at all inclined to "weep with those who weep" over calamities threatening the downfall of any great civilised power.

The chief evidence adduced to support the theory of France being on the decline is, the small or non-

increase of her population, which, it is alleged, is leaving France behind in the race of international competition and lowering her rank amongst European powers. This theory assumes that a nation achieves a a place in the race of international competition, and is ranked amongst the powers relatively to its population. This is manifestly not so, for, were it the case, Russia would stand first amongst European powers as having the largest population, double indeed the next largest, and two and a half times that of Great Britain. If extent of population is a test of a nation's progress, to what a marvelleus height of prosperity China must have reached with its 300 millions! Even Japan, in this respect, is ahead of England.

France has been so desolated by wars this century, there is no wonder at the heart of the people being stricken with dismay at the terrible domestic suffering contingent upon her military system. It will take France a long period yet to recover the effect of the Napoleonic, wholesale human sacrifices on the altar of Mars. By the Napoleonic wars over 1,700,000 men were killed off. By the loss of Alsace and Loraine France was deprived of nearly two millions of population. Both these tremendous facts were ignored by those who have been using the population question as proof of the decadence of France. They have described the smaller increase of the French in comparison with some other countries as a modern phenomenon. But, whatever the cause, the growth of population in France for two centuries has been remarkably slow. From 1806 to 1820 the increase was from 29,107,000 to 30,-491,000, only 1,384,000 in 15 years. The natives of America in regard to increase of population, are following in the footsteps of the French. But for immigration and immigrants, the United States, in the judgment of some writers, would have ceased to make any advance in this respect. The Bostonians regard three children as quite a large family.

Other statistical facts adduced to show the decadence of France are very poor evidence. It is stated, for instance, that the yield of wine in 1873 was 283 gallons per acre and in 1894, 200 gallons. That is no sign of national decadence, it simply shows that in 1894 the wine crop was not equal to that of 1873. The wine crop of France is subject to very wide variations, between that of 1867 and 1869, for instance, there was a difference of 31 million hectolitres, which equalled over 50 per cent. Another fact, which is made much of, is that in 1873 the exports and imports of France were \$1,465,000,000 and in 1894, \$1,385,000,000. Suppose we put a similar test to the States. In 1895 the exports and imports of the States were considerably less than in 1894. Did that decline indicate any national decay in 1895? Comparisons of single years are most mislead-In 1862, for instance, the exports and imports of the United States were \$369,000,000, whereas in 1857 they were, \$627,306,000, a falling off in five years of \$258,306,000, or forty per cent. Was that a proof of national decadence in the United States? If not, why should a decline in the foreign trade of France in a selected period be regarded as proof of her decay? The average exports and imports of France from 1865-69 compared with 1855-59 show an increase of over fifty per cent, there was not much decay there at any rate. But by picking out the statistics of selected years for comparison any country could be shown to be going down hill. The exports and imports of France large in proportion as those of the United States last

Another piece of evidence is the alleged decline in the amount of discounts in France between 1880 and 1896. The evidence for this is very doubtful. But if accepted, it is not conclusive, as it may be a proof of there having been such an increase in the cash resources of the French as to lessen their discount requirements. The French are probably the most thrifty people in Europe. The traders of that country stand in very high credit, largely because they are exceedingly cautious in entering into time obligations, which they avoid whenever possible. This may restrain enterprise, but it is no proof of national decadence for a people to pay cash whenever they can. Another evidence of France's decadence is her national debt. This is doubtless very large, but the money due to the French State is money lent to the State by the French people. The Republic of France is not the debtor of foreign nations as is the Republic of the United States. The difference is a vital one, for the debt of France does not drain the resources of the people in paying foreign indebtedness. If the financial and commercial strength of a nation is to be judged by its national debt then Turkey is the strongest country in Europe-enormously ahead of Great Britain-for Turkey's debt is the smallest in

The record of France in art, literature, science, commerce, has been so glorious as to be a pride to humanity. The decay of such a nation would be a disaster to man-

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Despite her failings, France is in no such danger. we regard that country as still so full of national virility as to give promise of a future as splendid as her past.

MARINE UNDERWRITERS.

A joint meeting was held on 14th inst. between the Corn Exchange Association, the representatives of the shipping interests and the Marine Underwriters' Association. The object of the meeting was to consider the recent increase of marine insurance rates to this port. A very bitter feeling has been caused by this increase, when those to the United States have been advanced only slightly. The discrimination against this port is considered unjustifiable, it is certainly likely to have an injurious effect upon Canadian trade generally and and Montreal in particular. The marine underwriters who were present, affirmed that the matter had been taken out of their hands by English companies, whose action had been taken on account of the heavy losses on the St. Lawrence route. Mr. E. L. Bond having been recently in England in regard to this matter, reported that nothing short of great improvements to the St. Lawrence route in lighting, buoying, and signalling would induce the English marine underwriters to consider a reduction of the present rates. A deputation was appointed to wait upon the Government, in order to pressf or such measures being taken as would remove the existing prejudice against this port. At this juncture when our canals are being deepened to facilitate the passage of heavier inland cargoes to Montreal, and when the movement is so hopeful for making this a

in the year which is put in as evidence of decay; were as national port, it is most unfortunate for anything to have arisen to counteract the development of ocean-

> The English Lloyds have advanced rates very heavily also, upon the American lake vessels by which they claim to have lost considerably in recent years. An advance also has been made on lake insurance by the marine underwriters on this side. In this class of business Lloyds are likely to meet with such competition from home companies and agencies as will give them the whole business on this side. It was thought that the loss of the "Castilian" had caused insurance rates to be advanced. This is not the case as the advance was decided upon before that disaster, and the "Castilian" was not on a Canadian route when wrecked, as she sailed from an American port.

THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

The 17th annual meeting of the above bank was held at Oshawa on the 12th inst. under the presidency of Mr. John Cowan. The net profits of past year were \$34,407, which exceeds 8.87 per cent on the paid up capital. This is a satisfactory result, though probably not equal to what was anticipated at the beginning of the year. The two half-yearly dividends of 31 per cent each absorbed \$27,022, leaving \$7,385 to be added to credit of profit and loss, the balance of which \$14,976 is carried forward. If feasible we would advise the capital being rounded up to say, \$390,000, as a broken amount of even one bank disturbs the even look of the total in the bank statement and causes extra trouble to those who base periodic calculations on the amount of the individual bank's capital which is not a round sum. We note an increase in circulation, in deposits, in securities, in assets readily convertible, and discounts over last year, so that the past year has been one of development in extent of business done by the Western Bank, in capacity to increase business and in strength. The low rates procurable for money sufficiently account for a slight decrease in the ratio of profits. The statement in full and report will be found on a later page.

ONTARIO WHEAT PROSPECTS.

Although the crop of winter wheat is not as important a part of the total yield as it once was, it forms a very valuable section of the wheat harvest. At this season there is always more or less anxiety as to its condition, as the disappearance of snow from the fields enables a judgment to be formed as to the condition and prospects of the crop. The past winter has been unusually hard upon wheat in an extensive area. Snow has fallen at such wide intervals and so unusually late in the season that thaws have taken place followed by frosts, by which the snow blanket which shelters the early blades, has been converted into an ice sheet which is liable to be destructive to whatever it covers. The better prices ruling the last two years have encouraged farmers in Ontario to increase the area devoted to wheat. The official report of the Provincial Government gives 1,048,000 acres as the extent of the fallwheat fields in Ontario, which is over 9 per cent larger than in previous year. This year a larger extent of land is devoted to fall wheat, probably 30 or more per cent more than in 1897.

ing in Ontario is not less than from 16 to 18 millions of dollars, allowing for very moderate prices ruling when the grain has to be marketed. The area devoted to fall wheat is estimated to be about 11 millions of acres. Last season the yield was reported as 24 bushels per acre, but the prospect of this being again realised is not encouraging. Reports of the condition of wheat are unusually at variance, the weather having been so irregular that in counties adjacent to each other the crops show wide contrasts in their condition Judging by advices from different parts of Ontario, we should say that the crop of fall wheat will probably yield less than that of last year, although the area sown was considerably larger. The favourable change which has taken place in the weather in the last fortnight will be helpful in restoring the crops to a better condition, though, of course, the "winter killed" will have to be abandoned. Happily there is time to utilise the land where frosts have been fatal, for later crops.

AN AMERICAN CURRENCY DIFFICULTY.

Our friends to the South are just now having a lesson about currency, forced upon their attention by certain existing conditions, which they have obstinately refused to listen to when presented by the arguments of experience and of common sense. American banks are allowed to issue notes in proportion to the amount of government bonds which they hold. The notes are thus protected by the amount due by the Government to the bank issuing them. If a bank desires to still further extend its circulation when up to the limit fixed by its holdings of bonds, it has to purchase more bonds. This is a very clumsy and at times an unprofitable operation, as the revenue from the investment in bonds is too small to compensate for having so much capital locked up. When the bond market is favourable, the banks naturally sell out to secure the profit between the price at which they bought them and the current market price. This has been done since January last during which period the national banks have put over 10 millions of dollars on the market, and proportionately lessened their power to circulate notes. This has been profitable to the banks, but it has been inconvenient to the country. While business transactions have been increased from 40 to 50 per cent, the circulation has only been enlarged about 3 to 4 per cent, with a consequent scarcity of currency which has been a restriction upon and grave inconvenience to trade. In Canada the circulation acts automatically in-response to the demand for current money. When currency is demanded by the public, it flows out according to the demand, when it is not any longer needed it flows back, the supply being regulated by the demand, not by any artficial law about the amount of bonds held, as in the States. Prosperous times in America naturally raise the price of bonds, and banks consequently take advantage of the rise to realise on their holdings, although thereby their circulation limit is thus lowered. So we get this absurd condition; when currency in the States is most indemand, owing to prosperous times, its outflow is liable to be more restricted than in times when it is least required for business purposes. To base the note issues of banks upon the amount due to them by the Government, which debt is represented by bonds, is the most irrational currency system ever designed by perverse ingenuity. Yet Americans cling to it when its folly and injurious effects are being constantly exposed and continually experienced by traders. The New York Journal of Commerce says: "The vast transactions now going on and the volume of business that must come in the autumn, must impress every observer with a sense of the imperative need of a larger volume of paper currency and of some means of expand-

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THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

Beyond the natural interest attaching to Imperial affairs, there is nothing in the trouble which has arisen in Samoa to affect Canadians. It is well though to expand our horizon beyond the boundaries of Canada, which, wide as it is geographically, is very narrow in other respects. The Samoan islands, 9 in number, lie south of Japan to the west of the northern coast of Australia. Their population is about 40,000, who are nominally Christians, but their civilisation has not been so far advanced as to exterpate some barbarous customs, though most of the Samoans can read and write owing to the zealous efforts of English missionaries. They are physically a fine race, and, though polygamy is practised, the women of Samoa regarded, socially, as the equals of men. Though neither discovered nor civilised by Germans, the bulk of the trade is done with German merchants on the plantation of one of whom the recent conflict took place, in which an English and an American Lieutenant were killed, by reason of which friction arose between England and Germany. A natural question is, what, in such a locality, is there to bring the war-ships of three great powers into a Samoan harbour? The trade is too insignificant to quarrel over, but, there are in the islands some of the finest harbours in the Pacific, especially that of Pango-Pango, or Pago-Pago, which is in the direct line between San Francisco, British Columbia and Australia. At Apia, where all the foreign consuls reside, is another noble harbour, the place itself being a mere village dominated by German interests in the local trade in dried cocoanuts and in the cotton plantations. In 1875 a monarchy was established, a German being the king's chief official. The recent trouble arose and more is probable, over the election of a new king. The story is a very tedious one, considering indeed the local conditions, it is a case of "Much ado about nothing." As the local harbours of Samoa have great value as coaling stations, as well as for strategic purposes in view of their proximity to China and Japan, it is important that the fleets stationed in, or which visit the South Pacific, should have those harbours kept open; their crews free from molestation; and the white population assured of safety. The war-ships of England, Germany and the United States, are there simply in the interests of law and order; the political question, of which so much is being said, is entirely a subsidiary one. To those nations it is a matter of absolute indifference who is king of Samoan islands so long as the inhabitants keep quiet, if they won't do this without, they will be made to do it by force. The Americans having the Philippines, and Great Britain Australia near at hand, they need only free harbours at Samoa. Germany needs them more, and may be plotting to acquire a protectorate over the islands, but before this is accomplished Great Britain and the States will have to be consulted or reckoned with.

THE OLDEST SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

Quite a storm has been raised in England over an announcement that a paper was about to be issued each Sunday. The proposal has been denounced all over the old country, as an innovation on established usage, and a new form of violating the day of rest. The British Colonial Printer and Stationer in a recent issue, shows that a Sunday newspaper is no novelty in London. Ever since 1791 the Observer has been published every Sunday morning. Its history is a highly in-

teresting record of British newspaper enterprise. It shows that early this century news was collected and published with as great energy, and issued as promptly as it is now by American papers, which sneer at the slowness of English journals and under far greater difficulties as well as greater cost. In 1821, the Observer, in order to get a "scoop" on all its contemporaries of the daily press, issued a special Sunday edition containing the details of the coronation of George 1v, the stamps on which edition alone cost \$10,000. When the Rush murder trial was going on at Norwich, the reporter for the Observer was instructed, if a verdict was given on Saturday night, to engage a special train and bring the news up to London, there being no telegraph in those days. When the French surrendered at Sedan, this paper was the first to publish the news, as it did also an account of the outbreak of the Commune at Paris. When a favourable turn took place in the illness of the Prince of Wales, the first paper to publish the bulletin was the Sunday Observer, and the sale of it was enormous, indeed unprecedented. The murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish in Phonix Park, was first announced in that paper, as were other historic incidents. It was really a Sunday paper as work upon it was continued all Saturday night up to Sunday morning. The price of the Observer up to far into this century was fivepence, but occasionally was tenpence, and in 1842 was raised to sixpence, then it was threepence, then fourpence at which price it remained until 1895. The conductors from the first recognised that it was proper to keep the Sunday edition free from party animosities, or matter likely to arouse bitter feelings. After a career of 108 years the paper continues to prosper, as it deserves, for it has a high position for the ability of its editorials, its freedom from personalities, and the entire absence of objectionable matter in its columns. We should decidedly prefer that no papers were issued on Sunday, but if all of them were as clean as the first ever published, the objection to them would be moderated.

THE SPRING FRUIT SALES.

The annual fruit sales to be held upon the arrival of the fruit steamers from the Mediterranean next month, will, from all appearances, depend largely for their success upon the attendance of American buyers. Although fruit men have been granted the boon of cheap railway fares from Canadian points, there are circumstances in the present state of the market for oranges and lemons—and particularly the former—which will equalize this advantage, so far as it is a factor representing a reduction in the cost of parcels.

For some months now prices in the principal U.S. markets have been far above those in Canada, and at the moment the former market is generally 20 per cent higher than this. In New York fancy navels are selling from \$3.65 to \$4.10, as against a range of \$3.30 to \$3.50 here. And in this comparison as well, the market across the line is active under limited stocks, whilst in Montreal, oranges are on the whole a slow sale, and supplies, if not heavy, are certainly ample to meet a heavier demand than exists.

There are about 42,000 boxes of Messina oranges on the fruit boats coming here, and under ordinary conditions, some rare bargains would be picked up. But the outlook for large buying on U.S. account would indicate that prices will rule at least as high as last year.

The American people, in one of those bursts of extraordinary demand for luxuries, which sets in whenever the masses are "flush" of money due to good wages, are buying oranges as though for the festive season, and there is little doubt that to meet this consumption, there will be brisk bidding by U.S. dealers when the fruit auctions begin.

Last year the average price obtained for Messina oranges was around \$2 a box, and at this figure U.S. buyers can pay the duty of 75 cents a box, and sell at a fair profit as the market now stands across the line.

In some quarters it is hinted that an effort will be made to depress values by holding off from making bids, and of en-

gineering a glut; but this is not a prospective happening it would be safe to wager upon. The fruit sales shortly to be held, point to an unusually keen competition on the part of our neighbours from the South, the effect of which will be, rather to tone up the local market for oranges and lemons, than the reverse, and in this event, Canadian buyers will be obliged to pay full rates, or do without the fruit.

PROFITABLE MAIL-ORDER GROCERY SCHEME.

A circular recently sent out by a Chicago concern purporting to be in the manufacturing line will be read with interest by many whose knowledge of how a mail order business is sometimes worked up "out West" has not been drawn from actual experience. This concern apparently expects to derive its trade chiefly from the rural districts whose inhabitants often imagine that anything purchased direct from a large city house must of necessity be a bargain. We add a third column of figures to the copy of the circular here given, to show the wholesale cost of these goods in grades carried by Chicago retail stores. This firm may send a better grade, but as no distinguishing names are given we leave it open for conjecture:

We want to know you. We want you to know us. Therefore we make this offer.

FREE.—This No. 1136 heavy quadruple silver-plated tea pot—hand engraved—full size—correct pattern—8¾ inches high. Retail price \$5.00—absolutely free with the following grocery order at wholesale price.

OUR GREAT GROCERY OFFER!

Our Cash

Actual

	Usual Retail Price.	with order Wholesale Price.	wholesale price.
40 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar	\$2,40	\$1.60	\$2.00
6 lbs. Best Laundry Starch	.48	.36	.14
10 lbs. Mocha and Java Coffee	8.50	2.50	.70
2 lbs Rice	.20	.14	.09
2 bottles Root Beer Extract (each			i e
bottle makes 5 gallons	.80	.22	.12
1 bottle Cherry Phosphate	.45	.30	.031/2
1 lb Sweet Chocolate	.40	.30	.20
10 bars Laundry Soap	.50	.40	.20
1 Scrub Brush	.15	.09	.03%
1 pkg. Corn Starch	.10	.07	.031/2
12 bars Toilet Soap	1.20	.65	.24
1/2 lb. Ginger, ground	.25	.21	.08
1 lb. Shredded Cocoanut	.40	.84	.11
1 pkg. Stove Polish	.10	.06	.04
1 pkg. Pepper, ground	.40	.81	1 lb05
1 bottle Machine Oil	.10	.07	.021/2
1/2 lb. Cinnamon, ground	.25	.20	.09
1 bottle Lemon Extract, 4 oz	.60	.45	.05
1 bottle of Vanilla Extract, 4 oz.	.60	.45	.08
1 ball Bluing, will make 1 gal	.15	.11	.08
2' Clothes Lines	.30	.23	.11
10 dozen Clothes Pins	.50	.32	.07
1- bar Scourene Soap	.05	.03	.03
1 box Blacking	.10	.02	.03
1 dozen Lamp Wicks, No. 2	.15	.08	.02
1 lb. Baking Powder	.50	.34	.05
1/2 lb. Mustard, 'ground	.25	.20	.07
1/2 lb. Whole Nutmegs	.40	.34	.00
Total	\$14.78	\$10.50	\$4.88
Tea Pot	5.00	$= f^{\prime} = f + \frac{1}{2}$	1.75
	\$19.78		\$6.58

WE PAY THE FREIGHT.

Special Offer. For a limited time only we will include with every order at above wholesale prices, the heavy quadruple plated Tea Pot, described and illustrated above, without extra charge. This offer good only when full cash payment is received with order. Remember, we pay all freight charges to your nearest railway depot.

When above grocery outfit is ordered with any goods of our manufacture, selected from our illustrated sheets or catalogues, you may deduct 50 cents from the price.

Remit by Postal or Express Money Order or by Bank Draft to Dept. G., Chicago.

The list was gotten up with apparently slight regard for either wholesale or retail prices, but was, nevertheless, decidedly in favor of the firm as regards doing a safe business. The idea of putting sugar below cost as a tempting and convincing proof in a combination assortment is not of recent origin.

Offers such as the following are occasionally advertised by Chicago retailers and sometimes even adopted by the grocery department of large establishments, but while they serve to attract a share of attention, and prove in some instances a winner, there are many who hold aloof from these methods believing that the veil is too thin and that the deal borders on a "catch."

BIG DOLLAR BARGAIN SALE.

For one day only. Brown, Peterson & Co. will deliver to the following list of staple groceries, each article fully guaranteed, for one dollar:

1 Loaf bread	1c
5 lbs. Granulated sugar	5с
1 Peck best potatoes	1c
1 quart best navy beans	6c
18 lb can best tomatoes	9c
1/2 lb best Japan tea	25c
1 " Java and Mocha coffee	38c
4 " pure pepper	IOc.
* " mustard	10c
	

The wholesale cost of the above would be 70c, giving a deeidedly satisfactory profit to the merchant, yet no article in the list being of such questionable testing quality as to solicit censure from the receiver. An explanation of the apparently great sacrifice generally accompanies these offers, such as: just opening up business; enlarging the store; wanting to introduce tea and coffee department, etc. Occasionally a list similar to the above is advertised but instead of the first three items there is given a sack of the best brand of flour (24½ lbs.) for 1 cent. What can the consumer infer from such a list of prices? He knows the flour is worth fifty cents or over and being offered it for one contlooks pretty tempting. The other staple goods are each guaranteed to be thoroughly satisfactory, so there the mystery ends so far as he is concerned. He believes the advertisement to have been gotten up in good faith an I showing a loss to the merchant. Consequently he is satisfied with his dollar purchase.

SUGGESTIONS TO RETAILERS.

It is a subject which is likely to remain undecided, which is the better policy to pursue in answer to a caller's request to be shown an article which is carried in various qualities. A salesman of twenty years' experience was heard to remark that. aside from the opinion to be gained from the oustomer's appearance it was best to show a good grade first. Another merchanof many years' experience claimed it was safer to show the low est grade and immediately follow up with something decidedly better. The contention of the high-priced merchant, however, was that in fully one-half such instances the oustomer would have selected the better grade in which there was a fair profit had not the really cheap been shown, and as inferior goods are always more or less deceptive on first appearance, the purchaser of such goods was likely to avoid that store afterwards owing to having received an unsatisfactory article, at any price; besides advertising it as a store that carried trashy goods.

If there happens to be a web or two of goods on the shelf that somehow has never caught a customer's fancy and persists in eventually turning into a fixture merely to fill space, take them out and place them in as shown a manner as possible in the most conspicuous place on the display department. Mark them down to nearly cost or even below cost with a bright tag and notice how soon they will begin to turn into cash. Should they still insist on remaining, offer the store assistants 2c a yard premium for selling them and watch them disappear.

One of the latest original ideas in retail advertising is shown by a St. Louis, Mo., shoe house. A card in the show window reads: "A pair of \$3.00 shoes given away with 30 shines." The conditions are printed on the back of a card folder upon which thirty shines are marked off and read, "we charge you ten cents for each shine and this will apply as purchase money on a pair of \$3.00, \$3.50 or \$1.00 shoes. Shoes may be had at any time upon the payment of the balance of any unused coupons." The dealer figures that only fifty per cent of the people who begin will complete the entire number of thirty shines, thus the bootblacks will be paid and excellent advertising be given the store at very little cost.

With the advent of spring weather every article in use throughout the store should be brightened, or improved in appearance wherever possible, or if shopworn, replaced by new and improved requirements. The constant attention to trade, and the continuous hours of duty in the average grocery or general store too often prevents a little time being given to improving appearances in general. Whatever detracts from the new and enticing appearance of the stock should not be allowed place. To begin the season with new and bright delivery baskets or boxes; papered receptacles for in or outdoor display, and new window and shop signs will greatly assist the efforts so necessary for increased Spring trade.

A NEW USE OF ACETYLENE.

On the continent of Europe it is becoming common to use acetylene as an enrichment of oil gas to extent of 25 per cent by. which a brilliant and cheap illuminant is obtained. It is stated on scientific authority that the mixture is free from any danger of explosion. On the railways in Prussia this mixture is used to a large extent with most satisfactory results. It is expected that 10,000 tons of carbide will be used this year for this purpose. Experiments have been conducted before officials of the British Home Office, which resulted in authority being granted to use oil gas mixed with 20 per cent of acetylene under a pressure of 150 pounds to the square inch. The effect of mixing 20 per cent of acetylene with oil gas was tested in a large number of railway carriage lamps, which showed that the illuminating power was increased over 110 per cent. Further experiments showed that a gas can be made with an illuminating power of 12 candles at a cost of 20 cents per 1,000 feet which could be distributed and burned in the same way as coal gas, and be even safer. An eminent chemist has declared that with cheapened carbide a gas will be made for distribution which will be more attractive and very much cheaper than that now in ordinary use.

INCENTIVES TO BURGLARY.

Prior to the days of the so-called burglar proof safes, the protection of money was secured as it is to-day by the careful accountant who deposited his daily receipts in the bank. Against the extra security claimed for the modern safe, however, should be reckoned the increased skill and enlarged facilities of the modern burglar, who frequently proves that he has been keeping thoroughly in pace with the genius who seeks to build against his encroachments. Whether the full amount of cash reported to have been stolen was actually in the safe is sometimes open to doubt. But the conclusion that it was makes the case of the owner more liable to censure.

Why sums of two hundred to a thousand dollars or over should be allowed to remain in the keeping of a retail dealer in groceries, liquors, etc., when banks are located at most every street corner, is unknown save to the owner. Such sums are not needed in the ordinary routine of business, and the lessons of the past week in this city and Toronto may go far toward proving the same at an expense equivalent to the amount involved.

CANADIAN SECURITIES TO BE TAXED IN ENGLAND.

In order to increase the British revenue the Government proposes to subject all foreign securities negotiated in England to a stamp duty. It has been decided that all bonds and other securities issued in Canada and sold in Great Britain will be liable to this new tax. Some years ago a similar proposal was made by Mr. Goschen, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, but Sir Charles Tupper, who was then High Commissioner, succeeded in having the securities of the colonies exempted. It is hoped that Lord Strathcona will be equally successful, but, as the need of more revenue is much greater to-day than when this tax was first proposed, he may not have the luck of his predecessor.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

The liabilities of Wm. Cooke, shoe dealer, New Glasgow, N.S. whose failure was referred to in last week's issue, are \$14,100; assets \$8,183. The Montreal creditors are :- George D. Ross & Co., \$200; Marion Patterson, \$824; J. & T. Bell, \$584; George T. Slater & Sons, \$234; L. H. Packard & Co., \$62; Thompson Shoe Co., \$352; J. & T. Pellerin & Sons, \$352,

The assignee is in possession of the jewellery business of Sophia Fitzsimmons, St. Catharines, Ont. Her husband, T. H. Fitzsimmons, who has been managing the business lately failed some years ago. A chattel mortgage was given in '96, and from under this depressing load the business has been latterly striving to free itself but without success.

With liabilities of \$8,000 and assets of some \$300, L. Girard & Co., plumbers, Montroal, offer to pay 20 cents in the dollar cash to get clear. The present firm dates from Dec. '95. Girard was formerly of Blouin, Girard & Collard who came to financial grief at St. Louis de Mile End in Nov. '95,

Originally in the grocery trade, which did not prove a success, E. Marois, stationery and fancy goods dealer of some 18 years standing, at Quebec, has been forced to assign. The latter business was supposed to be in a prosperous way but some legal claims of late proved it otherwise.

Succeeding to the grocery business of her brother, Best Feir, who failed at Cobourg, Ont., in Nov. '97, Miss E. J. Feir is now incapable of meeting her demands. She was the largest creditor at the time of her brother's failure, he being manager of the business for her since then.

N. Gienier, hotel, Grand More, Que., has assigned. He has been at his present location only since last winter. He formerly kept hotel at Louisviile, subsequently operating a saw mill at St. Alexis des Montes.-Gus Lund, saloon, Revelstoke, Que., has assigned.

With some assistance rendered him by his parents, F. A. Blouin began a general business in a small way at St. Marie de la Beauce, Que., in the summer of '98; but without the mature judgment that accompanies more experienced dealers he has

As a culmination of legal proceedings latterly instituted against him, Matthew Donovan, general dealer in a small way at Osceola, Ont., has assigned. He began in his present location in April, '98, being previously in Cache Bay, also at Mattawa,

The assignment of John N. Laird, general merchant, Foxboro, Ont., is announced. He began in the spring of '83, succeeding E. W. Ashley. He became embarrassed in May '94 obtaining a settlement at 40 cents in the dollar.

R. M. Ballantyne, tailor, Atwood, Ont., has assigned. In April, '03, he got beyond his measure and eventually settled at 60 cents in the dollar on liabilities of about \$4,000. In Oct. '98 he claimed a liberal surplus.

-Our Cornwall correspondent writes: The population of the town of Cornwall has increased 600 over last year, and to all appearances is bound to increase more rapidly in the future as the Canada Coloured Cotton Company are soon to increase the capacity of their plant.—Operations on the N. Y. and Ottawa Bridge will commence about 1st May. The company are doing an increasing husiness in both passengers and freight.—The Street Railway are placing new cars on the different routes and when in operation a much better service will be given to the public.— The Montreal & Cornwall Navigation Company's fleet are being thoroughly overhauled, and will be ready for the season as soon as the water is all in the canals.—Their new steamer "Filgate" as the water is all in the canais.—Their new steamer "Filgate" has been fitted out with a fine saloon with rooms for a limited number, besides the machinery and hold having been put in first-class shape. She will ply on the Valleyfield line in place of the "Garnet."—The cheese factories will be in full operation 1st May. A good outlook is shown so far for a successful season.—The Cornwall Cheese Board will hold their annual monthing April 189th. meeting April 28th.

-Tur British Court of Appeal has decided that a workman who was killed in an attempt to stop his employer's runaway horse, he not being its driver, was not acting so far outside his duties as to render his accident insurance policy invalid. The same Court decided that a ladder used by a workman in doing work outside a bullding is not "scaffolding."

Tile St. Henri, Que. town council has decided in favor of granting a bonus of \$35,000 to Tooke Bros., shirt manufacturers of Montreal; 600 hands are to be employed

-LACHINE, Que. will give a bonus of \$10,000 to the Siver Shoe Company of Montreal, for the location of their plant there.

-On the 24th May Her Majesty will attain her 80th year.

Meetings, Reports, etc.

THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Western Bank of Canada was held at the head office of the bank Oshawa, Ont, on Wednesday, April 12th, 1899.

The following shareholders were present :- John Cowan, Esq., W. F. Allen, Esq., Thos. Paterson, Esq., Dr. McIntosh, Thos. Conant, Esq., J. A. Gibson, Esq., Thos. Miller, Esq., John McLaughlin, Esq., Richard Foster, Esq., Richard Souch, Esq., Robert Swan, Esq., C. W. Scott, Esq., W. F. Cowan, Esq., and T. H. McMillan, Esq.

The President, John Cowan, Esq., occupied the chair, and Mr. T. H. McMillan acted as secretary to the meeting.

REPORT.

The directors have pleasure in submitting the seventeenth annual report for the year ending 28th February, 1809.

The earnings of the bank have been reasonably satisfactory. The net profits of the year have amounted to \$34,407.87, or about nine per cent upon the average paid up capital of the bank, which added to the balance carried forward from the previous year of \$7,501.41 amounts to \$41,753.01.

From this sum two half-yearly dividends of 3½ per cent each have been paid absorbing \$27,022.75, leaving a balance of \$14,976.53, which has been carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account.

and Loss Account.

The Deposits of the bank have increased \$134,444 and the circulation \$35,445 over the previous year. The losses of the year have been of an average nature.

Two new branches of the bank have been opened during the ear, one at Pickering and the other at Tavistock, Ont. The year, one at Pickering and the other at Tavistock, Ont. The agencies of the bank, when last inspected, were found in a satisfactory condition.

John Cowan, President.

Oshawa, 12th of April, 1899.

Past Due Bills....

Office Safes and Furniture.....

Real Estate.... Mortgages on Real Estate....

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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Statement of Profits for the year ending 28th of Fe	hrnary 1890
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the 28th of February, 1898	\$7,591.41
Net Profits of the year	84,407,87
	\$41,999.28
Liabilities.	
Capital Account	\$ 387,739.77
Rest Account	118,000.00
Notes in Circulation	
Deposits with Interest	301,145.00
Due to other Renks in Conede	1,502,917.72
Due to other Banks in Canada.	1,526,79
Due to Royal Bank of Scotland	10,905.27
Dividend No. 55	13,570.87
Reserved Interest.	1,378.33
Profit and Loss Account	14,976 53
	\$2,352,160.28
To Dividend No. 32	\$ 13,451.88
. 33	13,570.87
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account	- 14,976,53
	\$41,000.28
ASSETS.	Ψ==,000.20
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Specie	\$ 27,287.58
Legals	28,449.25
Notes and Cheques of other Banks.	20,886.06
Due from other Banks in Canada	347,403.21
Due from Banks in Foreign Countries	14,372.78
Deposit with Dominion Government to secure Cir-	
culation with Interest	19,055.86
Doubling Government Stock	21 220 a7.
Municipal and other Debeutures	743,823.28
	
Assets Readily Convertible	1,227,607.49
Dills Discounted Current	1,037,009.79
Past Duo Billa	00.0=17.40

\$2,352,160.28

29,657,49

43,907.96 4,250.00

9,727.55

T. H. McMillan, Cashier.

Moved by the president, and seconded by the vice-president, that the report as read be adopted, printed and circulated among the shareholders—Carried.

Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved, that the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president and directors of the Bank for the Bank for the president and the affairs of the Bank for the president and the affairs of the Bank for the same and the affairs of the Bank for the same and the affairs of the Bank for the same and the affairs of the Bank for the same and th

the president, vice-president and directors of the Bank for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Bank during the past year—Carried.

Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Conant, moved, that the thanks of the shareholders be given to the cashier and other officers of the bank for their attention to the interests of the Bank—Carried.

Mr. Conant, seconded by Mr. Swau, moved, that this meeting do now proceed to elect, by ballot seven directors to fill the place of those retiring, and that Messrs. C. W. Scott and John McLaughlin be scrutineers for said election, and that the poll re-

main open for one hour to receive the votes of the shareholders, but that should five minutes elapse at any time without a vote having been taken the poll shall be declared closed, and that the scrutineers be paid \$4 each for their services—Carried.

The scrutineers reported the following seven gentlemen as having received the unanimous vote of the shareholders; viz.:—John Cowan, Esq., R. S. Hamlin, Esq., W. F. Cowan, Esq., Dr. McIntosh, W. F. Allen, Esq., T. Paterson, Esq., and J. A. Gibson, Esq., who were duly elected directors for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was then tendered to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair, and the meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Board, John Cowan, Esq., was unanimously elected president, and R. S. Hamlin, Esq.,

vice-president.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

ONTARIO-W. O. Otto, groceries, Carleton Place, commenced business; Wm. Thompson, general store, Elgin, commenced business; Chase & Co., woollen mill, Paisley, dissolved; Wm. Thompson, tailor, Phillipsville, moved to Elgin; Wm. Knapton, general store, Birr, sold out to Freeman Talbot; R. Nichols, general store, Melbourne, succeeded by Nosworthy & McGougan; John Gay, general store, Big Springs, succeeded by J. Bell; John Metcalfe, groceries, Blyth, retiring from business; C. J. Nortworthy, general store, Orwell, sold out; D. K. Millard, general store, Springfield, advertises business for sale; J. A. King, hardware, Chatham, style now King, Cunningham & Drew; H. Klie, groceries, Harrow, out of business; John Farmer, general store, Lake Talon, succeeded by T. Cahill, Jr.; Alex. Grant, shoes, Teeswater, giving up business; Homuth & Bowles, general store, Wingham, dissolved, style now Homuth & Son.

QUEBEC-W. E. O'Brien & Co., grain, &c., Dunham, new copartnership; J. J. Sournis, general store, Joliette, commenced business; S. Armstrong, general store, Radford, sold out; W. Theoret, saloon, Montreal, will commence business May 1st; Union Clothing Mfg. Co., Montreal, new co-partnership; L. A. Trempe, groceries and hardware, Valleyfield, will commence business May 1st; N. Gagnier, saloon, Maisonneuve, commencing business; N. Mercier, men's furnishings, Montreal, commencing business; Pregent & Gagnon, general store, Montreal, commencing business; Glackmeyer & Frere, importesr, Quebec, commencing business; C. Charest, hotel, St. Johns, commencing business; J. A. Pinault, general store, commenced business; Mrs. L. P. Bishop, general store, Bishops Crossing, commenced business; M. Daignault, general store, Chambly Basin, commenced business; Tison & Grignon, publishers, St. Jerome, commenced business; H. A. Green & Co., traders, Montreal, new co-partnership.

MAN. & N.W.T .- J. Kochler, general store, Altona, sold out; F. S. Moule, general store, Dunrea, giving up business; Allaire. & Co., general store and lumber, Somerset, dissolved; W. R. Robinson, hotel, Emerson, sold out; R. C. Robertson, blacksmith, Pilot Mound, out of business; Jerrard & Lewis, printers, Winnipeg, dissolved; J. P. Shannon & Co., hardware, Glenboro, succeeded by C. Armitage.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-Greenwood Canning Co. Ltd., Elburne, incorporated; Mrs. C. E. Masters, drygoods, &c., Wellington & Nanaimo, closing out business at Wellington; Clarke & Jardine drugs, &c.; Ashcroft, dissolved, style now Clarke & Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK-J. A. A. Marchand Co. general store, Edmunston, sold out to F. Michaud; Thos. White, confectionery, St. John, succeeded by White Bros.

Nova Scotia-Dunlop Bros. & Co., general store, &c., Amherst, sold out to G. R. Smith; McGillivray & McGillivray, general store, Antigonish, succeeded by McGillivray & McIntosh; D. Johnston & Co., general store, &c., Westville, Daniel Johnston, only partner away.

LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended April 18, 1899.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$800 and upwards, (Montreal, from \$175 and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records. It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defences may exist in cases of writs, &c.

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Burlington—McWilliams & Everist vs H. S. & E. R. \$600.	
Hullett Tp—M. Braithwaite vs H. Riddell Ottawa—G. E. C. Brown vs Ed. King dmgs Rossland, B.C—J. Parkes vs A. R. Walker Toronto—R. H. King vs Wm. Paterson, \$509; Well & Co.	2,000 1,000 401
M. Watson, \$519.	
Wiknemikong—Knox, Morgan & Co. vs Jas. Peltier R. P. Gilmour vs Dominion Brewing & Malting \$1,108.	#608 g Со.,
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Chatham-W. McGarvin vs E. Smith & J. Walker	1,420
Crosby S. Tp-C. Forgie vs J. L. Knowlton	2,701 1,376
Ingersoll—National Wall Paper Co. vs F. Thompson Lucknow—J. Wilkinson vs J. Learoyd	310 2,802
McGillivray.—T. Grubber vs P. Mittelholtz. Madoc Tp.—Canada L. & N. I. Co. vs W. H. Conly Mattawa—Lewis Bros. vs T. Lapointe	787 875
Mattawa—Lewis Bros. vs T. Lapointe	372 o. Ltd.,
\$1,026; Canadian General Electric Co. vs J. R. Sco Ltd., \$2,982.	tt Co.
Osnabruck Tp—A. W. Ault et al exrs. vs I. J. Cramer Seymour—J. Crosson vs J. A. & W. A. O'Connor	1,650 727
Stirling—D. W. Kearn Co. vs John Conely	361
J. J. C. Thomson vs J. H. King, \$897; Confed. Life	A88n.
vs C. S. Macdonald, \$2,942; W. F. Stewart vs Toron eral Trusts Corp'n, as exrs. \$1,200.	in the second
Wabigoon—Beal Bros. vs W. T. Potts	617 558
April	
Cornwall—T. Irving vs W. H. & N. E. Craig	365
Cumberland TpJ. Armour vs R. W. Morrison et ux London TpJ. Eedy vs C. F. Eedy, dmgs	500
Montreal & Toronto—O'Neil & Co. vs Jos. & Wm. Jacob, \$800.	dmgs.,
Ottawa—A. McCormick vs Shepard Morse Lumber Co Pembroke—A. McCormick vs J. P. Miller	440 674
Toronto—Pellatt & Pellatt vs W. G. Bender, \$1,489; W. ton et al vs Geo. Woodrington et al, \$516; E. Floyd	
Woodrington et al, \$412. Whitby Tp-J. Brown vs S. Medland	548
Whitchurch—M. Hill vs A. W. & H. Hill	
Judgments Rendered, Ontario. April	19
Almonte-S. Pearsall agt T. A. & P. Pearsall	\$ 527
Peterboro—J. J. Lundy agt J. Halpin	530 700
April	15.
Adelaide Tp.—C. S. Raison agt F. Parker	701 700
London—J. H. A. Beattie agt S. H. Craig	418
Toronto—J. Parkes agt C. C. Campbell, \$1,076; Doull & agt H. J. Doells, \$1,310; Ontario I. L. & I. Co. ag	Gibson
Jones, \$8,917. York Tp—E. B. Osler agt J. W. & W. W. Moyes	
Wallaceburg—R. C. Struthers & Co. agt D. & C. Dobie	540
San Francisco—F. Spittal agt Thos, McClure	842 880
April	
Ancaster Tp-J. A. Shaver agt J. A. Smith	376 445 .
New York, U.SA. DesRoches agt T. Hanrahan JUDGMENTS RENDERED, QUEBEC.	1,397
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Durham—Dme. C. Ployart agt F. Ployart	334 Lebeuí
agt C. Devlin, \$200; Banque Hochelaga agt D Loranger, \$205; The Queen agt J. Marion, \$400	me.O. H.R.
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\$271; The Queen agt H. Wilson, \$200.	
April Montreal—J. Beattle agt Baie des Chalcurs Ry. Co., \$1	15. 5.715: J
Roy Fils & Co. agt E. W. Desparois, \$500: N	Iontreal
Loan & Mortgage Co. agt R. Guertin, \$286; E. H. ton agt R. E. Hughes et al, \$287; Ogdensberg	Coal &
Towing Co. agt J. Power Jr., \$880. St. Marthe—T. McCabe et al agt Thos. Milmore et al	
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Asbestos—Dme. O. Durand agt Asbestos & Asbestos Co. Ltd.,

\$2,000. Dudswell—J. P. Gendron et al agt P. A. Lassard, \$339; C. Ö.

Genest et al agt P. A. Lassard, \$789. Eaton—Mrs. A. M. Farnsworth agt Dme. C. E. Wright et al, \$851.

Longueuil-A. Venne agt H. Christin

Montreal-R. Charlebois agt John Crowe, \$197; C. H. A. Guimond	April 15.
agt H. Jeannotte, \$821; J. Greir et al agt J. Irvine, \$695; A.	Brantford—Brown Bros. to M. Hebden
M. Foster agt R. A. Mainwaring, \$1,894; Z. Arcand agt C.	Caldwell Tp-F. Watson, Sons & Callaway 4,332
Pominville, \$885; Royal Institution agt J. A. Rafter esql.,	Guelph—Jas. Stirton to J. A. Tovell 900
\$5,050; L. Galibert agt A. St. Martin, \$1,856.	Hamilton-W. H. Hughes & wife to Grant Lottridge Brew. Co.,
St. Laurent-W. Blackwoods et al agt Dme. A. E. Hickland et al,	\$1,400; Mrs. E. McKeown to G. Bazzard, \$612; T. M.
\$758.	Power & wife to H. Kuntz, \$944.
Sherbrooke-F. Codere et al agt E. P. Conley 560	London-J. D. Fleming to Carling Brew. & Malt. Co 1,640
Sherbrooke—Eastern Twps. Bank agt W. R. Gardner et al,	London Tp-W. H. Hunt & wife to S. W. Fawcett 666
\$17,589.	Madoc-Mrs. A. Caverly to S. A. Gardner 2,450
JUDGMENTS RENDERED, B.C.	Mitchell-H. James to R. Stewart 926
April 18.	Ottawa—Mrs. E. Rogers to L. C. Mitchell
Victoria—J. D. Warren\$ 988	
JUDGMENTS RENDERED MAN. & N.W.T.	Prescott—W. S. Brown to H. N. Brown
	Rat Portage—J. C. Brady to W. G. Camerou
April 18,	Sidney—M. & M. Gallivan to F. P. Marshall
Winnipeg-F. Brownrigg \$ 309	Stratford—A. Maclennan to A. E. Pavey & Co 1,301
JUDGMENTS RENDERED, N. S.	Toronto—Jos. Heighington to J. Stark: \$1.245; E. McConnell to
April 13.	Supreme Court I.O.F., \$8,458; Mrs. W. Page to J. J.
Annapolis-M. B. Saiter \$ 869	Page, \$1,122; W. Page to J. J. Page, \$1,122; S. Richman
Halifax—A. N. Brennan, \$914; J. N. Verge	& wife to M. Gorfinkle, \$856. II. Schofield to Lyman Bros.
New Glasgow - Wm. Cooke	& Co., \$3,093; F. Tremble to Cosgrave Brew. Co., \$1,586;
North Sydney-K. R. McKenzle	F. Tremble to L. Reinhardt, \$1,570.
April 15.	April 18.
	Almonte-M. Dixon et ux to I. Forgie 1,167
Whitehead—W. & W. S. Harris et al. 374 Windsor—W. H. McInness. 310	Barton Tp-J. Pratt to H. Kuntz 2,000
	Brantford Tp-F. & J. Petrie to F. H. Boulton 694
April 18.	Cornwall—J. T. Kirkpatrick et al to Relyea & Co 12,976
Little Narrows - M. McKay 344	Innisfil-J. P. & E. E. Lemon to G. C. Allan 550
New Glasgow—Wm. Cooke	Maidstone-Mrs. E. Ridsdale to D. Farrell 2,060
Picton—P. M. Jenkins	Port Arthur-Northern Hotel Co. to Can. Perm. L. & Sav. Co.,
EXECUTIONS QUEBEC.	\$5,850.
April 13.	St. Catharines-Jas. Fitzgerald to Security L. & S. Co. 4,748
Hamilton-W. E. Mulr agt A. Onderdonk, \$477; Can. Switch &	Saltfleet—Mrs. P. & J. Carpenter to C. I. Palmer 1,700
Spring Co. agt A. Onderdonk, \$611.	Sidney-H. & W. K. Mabey to P. S. Denyes 1,185
Montreal-D. Wilson agt Jas. Harold, \$250; Sun Life Assur. Co.	Toronto-R. C. Harlock to A. M. Mitchell, \$600; Wm. Magill &
vs F. X. Mandeville et al, \$319; R. Aumond et al esql. agt	wife to W. J. Thomas, \$790; W. J. Urquhart to J. G.
A. Renaud, \$399; L. Villeneuve, et al agt. John Ryan et al,	Minnie, \$750.
\$193.	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MAN. & N.W.T.
April 15.	April 18
Montreal-J. Charbonneau agt J. H. Bernard, \$277; T. C. Bul-	Rathwell—A. Forbes
mer agt D. A. Hagart, \$289; Bank of B. N. A. agt W. La-	
porte, \$1,600; Banque Hochelaga agt E. Levigne, \$5,362;	April 15.
H. T. Chalifour agt O. Tuhotte, \$200.	Rosebank-W. B. Read
April 18,	WinnipegD. O. Bricker
Montreal-J. Laurence agt Louis Beaudry, \$518; T. Bastlen et	
al agt A. Bourbounais, \$180; E. C. Hamilton agt M.	April 18. Brandon – Wilson Bros
Guerin, \$1,036; F. H. Green et al esql agt M. Guerin.	Regunde — Milson Blos
\$1,261; Hon. G. C. V. Buchanan agt Dme. A. E. O'Brien.	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, N.S.
\$3,500; W. T. Virtue agt Dme. J. A. Pelltier, \$327; G.	April 13.
B. Burland agt J. E. Webster, \$199; W. F. Lighthall agt	Digby—H. B. Churchill
E. R. Whitney, \$3,504.	Halifax—Casson & Chisholm
CHATTEL MORTGAGES, ONT.	
•	BILLS OF SALE, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
April 18.	April 18.
Brighton—J. M. Bound to G. White & Sons Co \$ 817	Byng Inlet-Holland & Emory Lumber Co. to Standard Oil Co.
Carling—J. C. Huff to G. G. Gladman	\$6,888.
Edwardsburgh Tp—S. Shaver to M. A. Selleck 1,575 Etobicoke Tp—M. & T. P. Gracey to R. A. Montgomery 580	Toronto-M. J. Gillard to G. Gillard \$ 589
	April 15.
	Hamilton-J. M. Lottridge exr. to W. H. Hughes 2,80
Tilsonburg—Mrs. M. Matheson to R. F. Williams 1,000	Huron Tp-J. T. Anderson to W. Anderson 60
Toronto - Chas. Cameron & wife to L. Reinhardt, \$1,000; D. Fitz-	BILLS OF SALE, N.B.
gerald to Cosgrave Brewery Co., \$1,346.	April 18,
Walters Fails-W. J. Shopherdson to J. Gardner 1,399	St. John—J. F. Dunlop
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Thursday E'vg. April 20th, 1899.

The enormous expansion which has taken place in the formation of joint stock industrial companies, is creating a very uneasy feeling in financial circles in the United States. That these vast aggregations are over-capitalized is universally recognized. While business is booming, as it now is in the State, there will be no trouble, but, as soon as production and profits begin to decline, and dividends become conspicuous by their absence, there will be such a movement to unload the stocks issued for organizing these colossal companies, as will be very disturbing. Another disagreeable condition is the failure of the effort to bring the Philippines under subjection. It is now known that at least 100,000 soldiers will have to be engaged in that work before any success is attained, and the expense of the campaign and permanent occupancy of the islands by a large army, will so seriously enlarge the national expenditures as to affect the prices of U.S. securities. The local stock market has been fluctuating under bull and bear skirmishes in which honors were about even, Pacific was freely sold at an advance which ran up to 89%, an impression prevailing that its course will be upward for some time, but why is not quite clear. Montreal Street seems to have met with a check, sales going from 382 down to 3281/2. A stock which only realizes 3 per cent. is surely no such great catch as to justify buying for a rise, but there are some sanguine enough to predict the continued advance of Montreal Street, and no doubt, they will work hard to have their prophetic wisdom confirmed. The movement to secure the practical prohibition of imports of Canadian lumber into the States, puts another obstruction in the way of reciprocity and counteracts the progress made by the Joint High Commission. Call loans stand at 5 per cent., and mercantile remain unahangad

The following is a comparative table of stocks for w. e. April 20th, supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal.

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MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

Total for week End-

ing April 20, 1899. Clearings. Balances \$14,119,019 \$2,046,003

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Corresponding	•	
Week of 1898	12,263,517	1,866,658
" " 1897	9,359,845	1,218,165
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS MONTREAL, April 20th, 1899.

Business in general is beginning to assume that air of early summer activity which is characteristic of the departing frost and sunny walks. Dry goods and millinery are both fully in line with the opening season. Retailers are busy, those among them whose tact and push are in keeping with the necessities of the times. Groceries are moving steadily, the feature of the week being a rise of 5 cents per 100 lbs. on all grades of refined sugar. These prices are likely to still give way in the near future for a higher figure, as raws are advancing and supplies are not generally heavy in second and third hands. There is a better inquiry for teas under generally. light supplies. Molasses shows an advance, and a firm market is at present noticed. Hardware shows much higher prices on manufacturers goods. The opening of navigation will witness much added life in export goods while increasing in a larger degree the trade of seaport cities by the employment usually afforded.

BUTTER.—There has been a better feeling existing in the market owing to an export demand springing up, which has increased sales of finest creamery and caused prices to harden fully 1c lb. Finest

fresh made creamery in boxes brings 17½ c. The improved prices for creamery has forced a better demand for fresh dairy goods, finest townships now selling well at 14 to 15c. In old butter there is little doing, and difficulty is experienced in pushing sales even though holders accept lower prices. The market is overstocked with roll butter of all kinds, the demand being largely checked by warm weather; prices rule from 11 to 18c.

Canned Goods.—Corn is easy at 85 to 90c for round lots; tomatoes are steady at 87½ to 90c. Canned lobsters are expected to rule high again this year, as packers have already extensive orders for Continental consumption, which invariably means a firm domestic market. There is nothing doing in salmon as yet.

CEMENTS, FIRE BRICKS, Etc.—The market here is opening very quiet. Although considerable inquiry is heard there is an absence of transactions as compared with former seasons. The backward spring largely accounts for this, as some Montreal streets are still under cover of the winter ice. The opening prices for cements and fire bricks will be found on another page.

CHERSE.—The market has been topheavy, the last few days showing a very weak tendency. Holders are more anxious to clear stocks and prices are quoted & to % c lower. Finest quality is now offered freely at 11 to 11% c.

Chemicals, Oils, Etc.—While the same firm tone dominates the market, assisted largely by the continued advance in metals, no actual changes have occurred. Business at the moment is inclined to be quiet pending the opening of navigation, and following the temporary rush of orders after the 1st instant. Liuseed oil shows a stronger tendency without, however, producing any change in prices. New York advices say: The position of the linesed oil market continues strong. Seed keeps high in price and is offered sparingly. The demand for oil, on the other hand, continues free and competition between the combined and independent crushers is temperate. Very little oil if any can be secured at less than 49c here at the moment.

DRIED FRUITS.—Very little '98 fruit is held, and this for the most part, of the kind that will command outside figures until new crop arrives. Crop reports convey the usual speculative gossip as to the future, but these are not much attended to by the trade at present, for it has been proved many times that drought, caterpillars and phylloxera troubling the vines, at this early date should be taken with a grain of salt.

FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL.—A fair local trade has been transpiring in flour, but the opening of navigation is awaited for the introduction of the season's heavy business. Prices are a shade firmer without quotable change. Feed is in good demand, the late season having its effect; prices are firm at last week's quotations. Oatmeal is inclined to dulness but firmer prices rule. Prices are: Winter wheat patents, \$3.75 to \$4.00; straight roller, \$3.50 to \$3.65; and in bags, \$1.65 to \$1.75; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.10; strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.80. Bran, Manitoba, \$16; do. Ont., \$16.50; shorts, \$16.50 to \$17; mouille, \$19.50 to \$20; oatmeal steady but firmer in tone at \$3.70 to \$3.80 per brl., and \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag. Baled hay is showing a good demand, and better prices. No. 1, \$6.00 to \$6.50; No. 2, extra, \$5.00 to \$5.25; clover and mixed, \$4.00 to \$4.75.

GREEN FRUIT, ETC.—With the advent of warm weather a better business is being done in a general way. Varieties are in-

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creasing, prices are decreasing toward the summer level, and in another week or two the full summer activity is expected. Quotations are: Apples, Northern Spies, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Baldwins, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Russets, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Valentia oranges, \$5.50; Florida's, \$4.75 to \$5.00 case; California Navels \$4.00 to \$4.25; lemons more plentiful at \$2.25 to \$3.00; a few bananas are arriving and are held at 75c to \$2.00; Cape Cod crauberries \$6.00 to \$7.50 per 100 qt. brl.; pine apples, 15c to 30c each. Florida tomatoes, \$8.00 carrier; grape fruit, \$5.00 to \$6.50 per box. Vegetables.—Green radish, 50 to 60c doz.; lettuce, Canadian, 25 to 40c doz.; do.; Boston, \$1.25 doz.; new Havana potatoes per brl. \$8.00; Catawba grapes, 15 baskets to crate, \$8.50; Florida colery, 5 to 10 dozen in case, \$7.50. Sweet potatoes, \$4.50 brl.; blood oranges, \$2.50 per \$6 box; strawberries (American) 45c bo

Hardware.— The market is settling down to a steadier tone after a period of unusual activity. Some advances have been made during the past week, but the greater number of lines which had been the most roadily influenced by the advance in the raw product have ruled steady. Barb Wire shows an advance for the week to \$3.00, f.o.b. Montreal; Bar Iron \$1.70 in car lots; less quantities \$1.75; Tire and sleigh shoe steel have gone up and are now worth \$2.40; spring and machinery steel \$2.50. Toe calk has advanced to \$2.80. Copper rivets 35 per cent. discount.

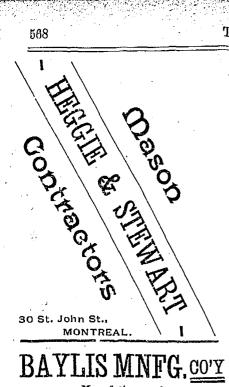
HIDES AND TALLOW.— The market for hides is quiet with little stock receiving. Prices show no change. Tallow remains steady at 4%c to 4%c in barrels; cake, which is difficult to quote on its real merits, is offered at 4%c to 5c lb.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Under a continued firmness in price the market for sole leather has shown a slight advance this week. As a rule, however, trading is quiet. Shoe manufacturers are keeping busy, and report trade from distant points as very satisfactory. In the New York leather market, Hemlock showed a decidedly strong tone, much activity being displayed in the demand. Union showed a fairly brisk trade and the tone of the market was firm. Cut soles showed a good demand, manufacturers generally being fairly free buyers, paying fuil values.

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THURSDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st May, both days inclusive.
The angual general of the Shareholders will take place at the Head Office, on Thursday, the 15th day of June next, at Noon.

By order of the Board.

M. J. A. PRENDERGAST, General Manager,

Montreal, 18th April, 1899.

MONTREAL. CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be, held at its office, St. James

TUESDAY, 2nd MAY NEXT,

At ONE o'clock p.m.,

for the reception of the Annual Reports and Statements, and the Election of Directors. By order of the Board,

HY. BARBEAU,

Montreal, 1st April, 1899.

Town of Salaberry of Valleyfield.

TENDERS WANTED for DEBENTURES.

Scaled Tenders addressed to C. A. Lavimodière, Sectedary Treasurer of the Town of Satuberry of Valleyfield, and marked "TENDERS FOR DEMENTURES," will be received up to 7 o'clock, in the atternoon, on Friday April 25th inst., for Debentures of the said town, to the amount of \$124,500,00, of which \$35,00,00, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. and \$89,500,00 at a rate not exceeding 3½ per cent. Which said Debentures will be lessed in virtue of the By-Laws Nos: 136, 142, 113 and 151 of the council of the said town, and will be payable 25 years after date.

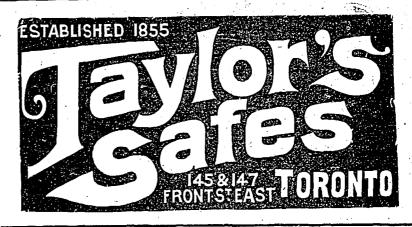
The lowest tender nor any tenders not necessarily accepted by the town.

N. Langevin, Mayor.

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Salaberry of Valleyfield, April 17th, 1899,



MAPLE PRODUCTS.—Syrup is in small supply and sells readily at 5½ to 6½c per lb. Tins, wine measure, 60 to 65c; imperial, 65 to 75c.

Molasses .- The market is somewhat excited. Old stock in first hands has been bought up, and with Barbadoes quoting 1c advance at 12c, the expectations of importers has been upset. It was believed that a waiting game would bring the mar-ket around to a more favorable basis for buying, but these calculations have been Another bull feature is the heavy buying on the part of refiners owing to the scarcity of low grade cane sugars. Recent sales of Barbadoes spot have gone through at 28½c, but none can now be had under

POTATORS. - The demand, as experienced for some time past, holds good and prices continue firm. "Rose" in car lots 60c to 65c per bag; "White Stars," 50c to 55c. There are several orders in waiting from Western points, but not sufficient stock here for accommodation.

PRODUCE. - Edgs. Receipts show a heavy increase owing to the warm weather, and with the promise of added production prices have ruled weak and show a decided downward tendency. The market opened up the first of the week at 14 to 14½c, dropping later to 12½ to 13c, and at present writing are quoted at 11½ to 12c. The markets at all Western points are reported lower, buyers now paying only 10c.

Provisions.—There is a lack of animation in the local market, transactions being of an indifferent nature and showing little volume. Quotations are: Canadian pork, barrels, \$15.00 to \$15.50; hams, 10c to 11%c; bacon, 10%c to 11c. Pure lard, pails, 6% to 7%c; compound refined, 5c to 5%c per lb. Fresh killed hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; held \$5.00 to \$5.40.

RICE.-Guild quotations remain unchanged, and there is nothing new to note in demand. Cable advices have continued to report a firm market for Japan rice. Patna also has advanced and new crop Burmah has been reported offered rather sparingly. We quote: B standard \$3.40 to \$3.50; Patnas, \$4.12½ to \$4.75; Japans, \$4.50 to \$5.00: Carolina, \$6.00 to \$7.00.

Sugar.-Refiners on Wednesday put up the price on all grades 5c per 100 lbs., quotations being now: granulated \$4.50 to \$4.55; yellows \$3.90 to \$4.80 per cental at factory. London cables the best market strong; during the last seven days beets have advanced equal to 9c. The demand is fairly brisk on spot.

TEAS. - A somewhat unique feature of the tea market is the enquiry from London, which sounds like sending coals to Newcastle, yet a Toronto firm have made a shipment of 650 half-chests Indians and Ceylons across the water during the last few days, and Montreal firms could do the same if they had the teas wanted on the other side. This demand from the U. K.

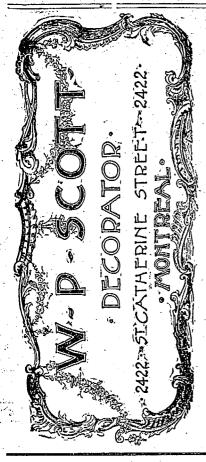
is for common to good common kinds which are and have been for some time past, cheaper here than there. Congous and China greens show similar disparity, and it is possible these sorts as well will find sale in England if buyers here fail to find sale in England if buyers here fail to respond to the prices asked. On the other hand, doubtless encouraged to practice a little of the principle of "give and take," from the example of London, there has been quite a few orders cabled for fine teas,—which Mincing Lane is always looked to to supply—and on the whole business in teas is healthier than it has been for a long time. Advices from London state "the feeling is that higher prices will be seen for all kinds of tea in prices will be seen for all kinds of tea in the near future."

Wool. -There is an absence of transactions on the local market, which is not expected to change before the third series of London sales open the 2nd of May. Prices are expected to open at least 1c higher for goods wanted here. Canadian fleece is lower; a quantity of the old stock not being removed makes the outlook for the new clip look gloomy at anything like a fair price. This, however, does not in any way affect the finer wools which are firm way affect the fluct wools which are fifth in tone. The "American Wool and Cotton Reporter" says: "The feature of the market during the past week has been the sale of a considerable amount of Territory wool for export, which was taken by English parties, who are supposed to have paid for the same about 35c clean. There have been free exports of Australian wool also, which had been held here in bond, purchasers paying from 40 to 45c clean. The market certainly presents a remarkable condition of affairs. With a duty of 11c per pound on fine wools we behold the singular spectacle of the domestic product selling at such a low price as to warrant its exportation. The general market has been fairly active, the sales for the past week aggregating nearly 5,000,000 pounds. The demand has been chiefly for Territories grading fine medium. Prices are steady and unchanged, but any attempt to secure an advance instantly checks negotiations between buyers and sellers. The sales of the past week have been made at as low prices as have been seen this year for the same quality of stuff."

MARKET NOTES.

Eccs.—The necessity to bring American eggs into this market which was an incident of the egg situation the other week, will not be forgotten in a hurry. Those who handled this commodity declare that more attractive stuff on the outside and worse stuff on the inside they never came across. However, the experience of these imported eggs has convinced dealers here that our friends to the South know exactly what they are doing in buying largely of the Canadian article, and it has become understandable why the British market has of late given more favor to Canadian eggs than American, at slightly higher prices for the former.

EGYPTIAN ONIONS.—A Liverpool cable of Wednesday to a local importer quoted 5s 1.o,b, or equal to about \$1.95 per cwt. laid



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down in Montreal. This is about 2s cheaper than Egyptian onions were offering at this time last year, when there was a scarcity. There is no unusual movement to bring in supplies, and it is expected_the cheapness will make little impression in total quantity brought forward. 'At the quotation named, jobbers will sell at about \$2.50 per bag.

PINE APPLES.—It is remarked that the quality of the pines being received at the present time, is much ahead of those which came to this market last year, and better quality and size can now be bought for 17c, than could then be obtained for 25c. The Cuban crop is being marketed this season, where, tweive months ago, it could not reach the outside, because of the war.

Apples.—There are still some choice lots of Spies on the local market, for which holders are asking from \$5 to \$5.50 a barrel. As showing the great improvement that has been made in packing; (after earnest efforts had been made by the Dept. of Agriculture, and the trade press as well, to remedy this defect) most of these apples look in better condition at the present time, than was formerly the case as early on in the season as Christmas. This is entirely due to the better care exercised by 3 orchardists, and, of course a more intelligent plan of storage in warehouse, thanks to the lessons taught by cold storage.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. (Revised by Telegraph).

TORONTO, April 20, 1899.

There has been a good trade in wholesale lines this week. The favorable weather has been beneficial to drygoods, and a large sorting up business is reported. Cottons and woollens are very firm. There is an improvement in hardware and metals, with orders greatly exceeding those of last year at this time. In groceries business is said to be fair. Leather in good demand and firm. Drugs are selling well. The money market is unchanged, with prime commercial paper discounted at 6 to 61/2 per cent, and call loans 5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm. Stock market quiet with tone generally firm. Latest sales :-Bank of Commerce 150, Ottawa 210, Dominion 271, British Am. Assurance 127 Ont. & Qu'Appelle 62, C.P.R. 801/6, Tele' phone 178. General Electric 154, Twin City, 713%, Canada Per. Loan 1121, Crow's Nest Coal 178, Cariboo McKinney, 137%, War Eagle 3601/2, Dunlop Tire pr. 115.

BUTTER &c. — The butter market is quiet and steady. Choice grades in fair demand, with the best tub quoted at 13 to 14c, and medium at 10 to 12c. Large rolls 12 to 14c, and pound rolls 14 to 15c per lb. Creamery is quoted at 20 to 21c for rolls and at 18 to 19c for tub. Eggs are easier at 11½ to 12c per doz. in case lots. Cheese is firm at 11 to 12½c per lb.

DRESSED Hocs—Receipts are small and the demand moderate. Prices continue to rule steady with choice selections \$5.15 to \$5.25, and heavy \$5 to \$5.10.



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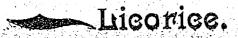
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FLOUR AND GRAIN - Flour quiet and firm, dealers asking a little more than last week. Straight rollers in wood west are quoted at \$3.05 to \$3.15, and Ontario patents \$3.25 to \$3.35. Manitoba patents \$4 to \$4.15 and strong bakers \$3.80 to \$3.90. Bran is firm at \$14 here and shorts \$16 on track. Oatmeal 20c higher at \$3.80 in bags and at \$3.90 in barrels on track. Wheat is firm with offerings limited. Red winter and white are quoted at 68 to 69c north and west, and goose at 67c low freights. No. 1 Manitoba hard is firm at 74c Fort William, and at 84c North Bay. No. 1 Northern 81c North Bay. Rye firm at 53c west. Buckwheat scarce and firm at 50c west. Oats are higher, with white selling at 32½c north and west and at 33½ on Midland. Peas 64 to 65c at outside points. Corn is firm, with Canadian quoted at 36 to 37c west and American at 41½ to 42c on track here. Barley dull, No. 1 being quoted at 41 to 42c west, and No. 2 at 38c

GROCERIES—Trade is moderately active, with prices the same as last week. Sugars are firm, with granulated quoted at \$4.58 to \$4.63 per 100 lbs., and yellows at \$4.03 to \$4.43. Molasses, West India in barrels, 32 to 45c. Teas in fair demand and firm. Rio coffee 8 to 12c, and Java 30 to 32c.



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HARDWARE-The demand for hardware and metals is good, and prices are firm all round. Cut nails are now \$2.05 per keg, Toronto, with 5c rebate. Tacks, bolts, rivets, shovels and spades are higher. The base price for smooth steel wire is 5c higher. Pig tin and solder a cent dearer. Barbed wire \$2.75 f.o.b.

HIDES AND SKINS - The hide market is quiet with cured quoted at 8%c. Green unchanged at 8% for No. 1, 71/40 for No. 2, and 61/4c for No. 3. Calfskins are steady at 8 to 10c. Sheepskins are quoted at 90 to \$1.10. Tallow rules at 4 to 41/2c for rendered.

LIVE STOCK - Receipts of cattle are moderate and the export demand fair. Choice shippers 434 to 4%c per 1b., and medium 41/2 to 45%c. Bulls sell at 33/4 to 4c for heavy and at 31/2 to 35/sc for light. Butchers cattle are steady, with sales of good to prime at 4 to 41/4c, medium at 31/4 to 31/4c and inferior at 3 to 31/4c. Stockers and feeders are steady 31/4 to 4c per lb. Calves \$4 to \$10 each. Milch cows \$30 to \$40 each. Sheep unchanged, with sales of ewes at 3½ to 3½c per 1b., and bucks 2½ to 3c. Lambs 4½ to 5½c per 1b. Hogs are unchanged, with choice bringing \$4.87½ per 100 lbs.; light bacon \$3.87 to \$4.00; heavy \$3.76 to \$3.80; sows \$3 to \$3.25 and stags \$2 to \$2.25.

Provisions - Trade is fair in cured meats, and prices rule firm. Mess pork is quoted at \$13.25 to \$13.50 short cut at \$14 to \$15, and shoulder mess at \$12.50 to \$13. Bacon sells at 61/2c in car lots for long clear, and at 7 to 71/2c for small lots. Breakfast bacon 10 to 10%c, and smoked hams 91/2 to 101/2c. Rolls 81/2 and smoked name 1/2 to 10/2c. Rolls 81/2 to 81/2c. Lard is steady; therees 61/2 to 61/2c, tubs 7c and palls 71/2c.; compound lard 51/2 to 6c. Beans are quoted 70 to 80c for ordinary, and \$1.00 to \$1.10 for hand-picked. Dried apples 5 to 51/2c in quantities, and 6c in small lots. Apples \$2.50 to \$4.00 per barrel. Potatoes 75 to 77c per bag on track.

Woor.-The market is dull for coarse wools. Fleece is quoted 13 to 141/c, and unwashed at 8 to 81/2c. Pulled wools 17 to 180 and extras 20 to 201/c.

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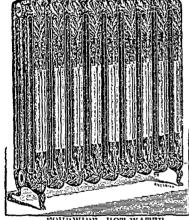
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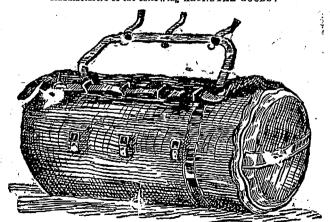
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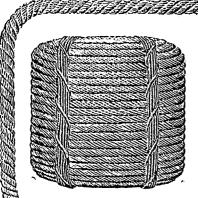
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