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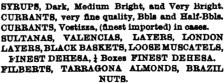
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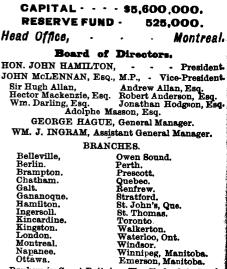
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An apple tree, if you take out every day for a number of days a load of loam and put in a load of sand about its roots—will find it out. And if you should take out of the powerful class engaged in trade a hundred good men and put in a hundred bad, or what is the same thing, introduce a demoralizing institution, would not the dollar, which is not much stupider than an apple tree presently find it out?—*Emerson*.

THE constitution of the firm J. & T. Bell, well known as manufacturers of fine boots and shoes in Montreal for many a day, has recently been changed. From Wednesday last, the partnership consists of Mr. Samuel Bell as special partner, and Messrs. Jno. T. Hagar and Jno. Stevens as general partners. The former of these gentlemen, who possesses good business qualities, was already in the firm. The latter has had experience, having been with the house since 1865, and is favorably known upon the road.

MARITIME Province traders in trouble include the following: Geo. Davidson & Co. crockery, Halifax; Jas. S. McDonald. Wolfville, and Chas Mason, St. Margaret's Bay, store-keepers, and John Hastings, St. John, grocer have assigned; Parker & McPhee, victuallers, Halifax, have failed. We regret to observe that by a large fire at North Sydney, W. Moore & Co. have lost some \$30,000, with insurance of \$11,000; John W. Ingraham. \$11,000, insured for \$5,000; J. L. Ingraham, Michael Connors, J. W. Peppet and John Smith also burnt out.

LAST year, long before this date, says the Quebec Mercury of last week fine blocks of ice 18 inches thick were being cut at the mouth of the River St. Charles. The ice, however, is this year now here over 3 inches in thickness. Yesterday there was almost open water nearly as far as the bridge. In fact, the channel of the river being still open all the way to Montreal, there is a constant flow of large fields of ice passing this city, to the inconvenience of the ferry steamer.

IN ONTARIO, the list of hotel keepers who are giving up that business appears to lengthen: we count seven more of them since our last. P T. Dunn, of Teeswater, has sold his hardware business; J. D. Carveth, of Tara, is selling his general stock and going to Manitoba, while J. W. Craig, of the same place, offers to sell out-In Toronto, we have to note the death of Mr. E Harris, dealer in paints and colors, and of Mr A. Crawford, crockery dealer. Mr. J. P. Billington, agricultural implements, etc., Dundas, appears to have been so crippled by being burned out last October that some arrangement is necessary with his creditors.

THE St. John N. B. Bolt & Nut Company held a special meeting last week. The report presented showed that although expenditure on equipment account had outrun the paid capital, the concern showed a net profit of \$1,894 or 144 per cent on six months' operations. More machines are needed, so varied are its orders; 1 bolt header, 1 rivet machine, 1 nut press and bolt cutter being required at once. The capital stock paid in is \$26,096, and over \$27,000 was

spent in construction and equipment; \$10,360 worth of goods was sold in the six months, and \$7,065 worth of manufactured stock remained on hand.

A WRIT has been issued under the Absconding Debtors Act against Valentine J. Slattery, store keeper of Gabarus, Cape Breton, under the following circumstances. A few weeks ago Slattery visited Halifax with a cargo of fish, butter, &c, which he sold to good advantage. He also called upon most of his creditors, promising to return and settle his various liabilities. Instead of doing so, however, he left town suddenly, assigning as a reason that his wife had fallen very ill. Since then nothing is known of his whereabouts, and it is feared that he has planned to defraud his creditors and been only too successful. The registry office shows a recent bill of sale to his brother for \$300, also a transfer of certain property to his father-in-law.

In the management of church finance the citizens of St. John are entitled, we think, to the first rank in Canada Shortly after the great fire in 1877, the large amount of insurance money that poured into the city led to building not only extravagent stores and dwellings but expensive churches. In many instances these tabernacles have yet to be paid for. Indeed some of the churches are yet unfinished and the trustees are at their wits' end to know how the work is to be completed. In one instance resort has been made to the issue of debentures bear. ing a fixed rate of interest and payable after a long period of years. Would it not be better to worship in tents, as in primitive times, rather than saddle a heavy debt on the next generation in order that we may make a big show of our religion.

THE London grocery firm of Horner & Somerville, which for some time past had been in financial straits and which met its creditors some days ago, was in business something like a dozen years. They occupied a large shop, em. ployed many hands, and did a large and very active business. Their place was often crowded with farmers and country customers; and they imagined that it was of more importance to attend to them than to look after their shelves and drawers, to watch leaks, and to take stock So they had not taken stock since about 1865. Now comes the sad sequel. They were compelled to meet their creditors on the 19th inst. and could show only \$10,000 assets or thereabout, against liabilities of say \$18,000. The reasons assigned for their somewhat startling position are various. It is suggested that they have been robbed, that they have lost by depreciation, or that their expenses have been too heavy. Any or all these may be the cause; some of them are very likely. The firm did not do their duty to either themselves or their creditors when they neglected to take stock.

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accounts some \$5000, which he had used in unfortunate stock speculations. Nothing was heard of his whereabouts for several years, until a short time ago, having made some successful speculations in South America, he wrote a party in Montreal, stating his desire to make complete restitution, and remitted a sum of \$6,000 for that purpose. In the interim, the firm of Evans & Riddell dissolved, the new firm of Riddell & Stevenson being formed, who claimed that all the assets of the old firm were transferred to them, and therefore they are the parties to receive the above sum. Mr. Edward Evans, the senior of the former firm generally denies the allegations of their plea, claiming three-fourths of the sum in accordance with the conditions of his partnership with Mr. Riddell. By the judgment just rendered, Mr. Evans' claim is maintained, but the probabilities are that an appeal will be entered.

BABNET LEVI, a person of very dubious antecedents, who has been doing a clothing business on St. Joseph Street, Montreal, for the last three years, is now prominently before the public as the chief actor in some disreputable proceedings which will likely result in the curtailment of his personal liberty for some time to come. Become unsatisfactory in payments of late, a seizure was prepared by a wholesale dry goods firm to whom he owed some \$800. Levi, somehow, got wind of this, and the bailiff upon proceeding to execute, found the bird had flown, taking his stock with him. Upon this becoming known other anxious creditors appeared upon the scene, one of whom holds as security, a note purporting to be signed by a Mr. St. Amour of Ottawa, who, upon being called upon for pay. ment, pronounced it a forgery. A warrant was thereupon issued for Levi's arrest, and he was finally traced to Waddington N. Y., to which place he had crossed from Morrisburg, in the vicinity of which town he had been endeavoring to realize upon the goods taken away with him, at any price. Strangely enough, Levi allowed the officers to bring him back without recourse to the extradition treaty, and he is now in custody in Montreal. He is supposed to owe a considerable amount, as he has evidently been arranging, for some time past, for a haul.

-The English Loan Company, of London, Ont., has declared a dividend for the half-year at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. Con' sidering the company's loss on Ontario Bank stock, purchased last July, the announcemen^{\$} was at least unexpected. This stock-\$62,760was purchased at a time when quotations ranged from 81 to 86. If we take the average of 83, the loss, measured by the present price of the stock, is nearly \$14,000. The amount which the Co. had loaned on mortgage, at the end of last year, was \$263,000; and if the loans yielded eight. per cent, the total earnings would be \$21,000. What the earnings may have been for the last six months, we do not yet know. The paid up capital is now stated at \$293,000; an increase of \$123,000. Of this increase more than half has gone into bank stock, on which

there was no dividend. The expenses of management, last year, were nearly 21 per cent., while it is not usual with such companies to put this item at more than 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; some companies doing a large business get off with less than even 1 per cent. This company, too, offers from 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for deposits; and it is difficult to see how profit can be made on money borrowed at these rates. Five per cent. interest on deposits added to two per cent. expenses of management, make seven per cent. Where then is the profit on this part of the business ? Looking at all these things, people ask whether the declaration of dividend made was justifiable. The new manager, Mr. Campbell, is a good and capable man ; but he has been in charge only a few months, and cannot have worked miracles.

-The Sovereign Fire Insurance company has been placed under the management of Mr. Fred A. Ball, well known as formerly of the British America, and who is now in charge of the London Lancashire and the English & Colonial Insurance companies. The office of the Sovereign is to be removed to the Mail buildings. Mr. G. Banks, who has been acting as Assistant Manager of that Company, intends retiring, to enter business with a brother as real estate agents, &c.

-The chief agents of the Lancashire Insurance Company, Messrs. S. C. Duncan-Clark & Co., have appointed Mr. Jos. B. Reed the agent for the city of Toronto. Mr. Reed continues to represent the Liverpool and London and Globe here, and will retain the name and services of Mr. Rogerson in his new city agency. Such consolidations of underwriting interests in good hands are steps in a right direction, as tending to lessen cutting of rates, and relaxing of rules, from which fire insurance interests have suffered



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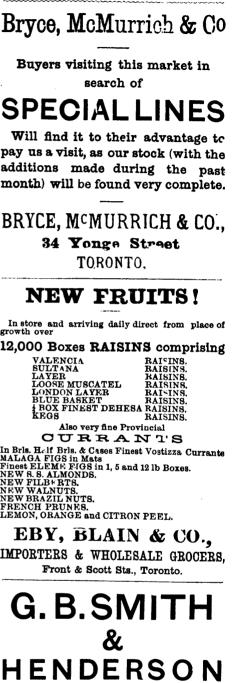
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THE RAILWAY POLICY OF QUEBEC.

Following the elections in Quebec and the opening of the legislature, the sale of the North Shore Railway will be in order. The desirability of selling was made plain by the Premier, M. Chapleau, during the electoral contest. He went into full particulars, even to the naming of the price at which he thought the Government would be Justified, with the consent of the Legislature, in selling. The road cost \$13,000,030, and M. Chapleau thought it ought to bring \$8,000,000. The difference of \$5,000,000 between the cost and the selling price is not more than the Government would have had to advance, if the original plan of building the road by a company had been carried out. Besides, the figure of \$5,000,000 would be reduced by payments to be made by munici-Palities in aid of construction. Montreal has already paid nearly \$700,000, and though Quebec and other municipalities are in arrears, it is expected that something will yet be received from them. A sale at \$8,-000,000 would reduce the interest account of the Government \$400,000 a year, and afford a sensible relief to the overburthened

But will a purchaser at this figure be found? Within a few days, an offer to lease the road, at \$350,000 a year, with a right of purchase, is said to have been made, at \$8,-300,000 at the end of three years. offer is not as good as would be one of present purchase at \$8,000,000. During the existence of the lease, the road might be considerably let down, and then the purchase might hang fire. And meantime, the rent Paid would not equal the interest on \$8,000,-000 at five per cent. On the other side, is to be set \$300,000 to the purchase money over and above the \$3,000,000. But we do not think it would make the offer equivalent to a present sale at Mr. Chapleau's hustings

election speeches gave notice, is based on some complications growing out of the railway system. The argument is that when the Canada Central Railway was subsidized to the extent of more than \$1,000,000, the reasonable assumption was that it would form the Western continuation of the railway system which the Government of Quebec has brought into existence; but that the acquisition of the Canada Central by the Canadian Pacific Company disappoints this expectation and places Quebec at a disadvantage, on which she did not count. As a consequence of this change, the Canadian Pacific Co. may even build a rival to the North Shore road, to the pecuniary injury of Quebec. But this state of facts is scarcely sufficient to found a claim of compensation upon. The Canada Central, it might have been foreseen, would be at the command of the strongest purse. It was not in the way of the Quebec Government to purchase a railway situated in another Province. What has happened therefore must, from the first, have been au event that might be looked forward to as not only liable but very likely to happen. The Government of Quebec cannot complain that it was taken by surprise, and that the acquisition of the Canada Central by the Syndicate set all ordinary calculations at defiance. Should the Canadian Pacific Co. build a road which might be regarded as a rival to the North Shore line, it will only be another illustration of the law of competition as applied to railways; a thing which must always have been liable to happen. The fact remains that Dominion money was put into the Canada Central and none into the North Shore road; and if Quebec has any equitable claim on the Dominion, we apprehend it will be found in that fact. It does not, however, follow that this could be made the ground for a well founded claim. But the question will bear discussion. In any such discussion it will not be forgotten that the North Shore railway was intended to be mainly a colonization road; and in this character its value remains all that it was ever capable of being.

The Quebec Government will probably be able to disburthen itself of the North Shore road, on terms which will be advantageous to the Province. Before the elections M. Chapleau had an expectation that, when events were ripe, an offer to purchase would be made. Should a sale be effected, M. Chapleau's Government will not refuse to make further advances on account of railways. The premier, at the recent election. distinctly made it a part of the policy of his The impending demand of Quebcc for struction of new railways. This encourage-"better terms," of which M. Chapleau's ment, principally of the construction of

branches to the main line, is not to be stinted and meagre, but generous and comprehensive. These branches would of course give additional value to the main line; and they would probably in the end fall to be worked by the company which acquired the main line.

The Province of Quebec has made great strides under Confederation, greater than she could have made under the old legislative union. Social jealousies and the fact that Ontario was by far the largest contributor to the revenue, would have made most of the heavy expenditure which Quebec has made for railways impossible. These expenditures were carried to the verge of imprudence, and it sometimes looked as if they were going beyond it ; but they would now be justified by a sale on fair terms of the North Shore railway. That such a sale should be made is in every respect desirable ; and that it will be made seems to be probable.

Quebec still possesses a wide area of uncultivated lands, which railway facilities will help to bring under cultivation. The branches of which the Government is desirous to aid in the construction, will specially serve as colonization roads. These facilities for settlement will now more than ever be necessary, in presence of the competition for settlers which the rich open prairies of the of the North West present. If the Frenck. Canadians are to be kept in the Province of Quebec, they must have the means of readily getting at the surplus lands. The phosphates of that Province promise to be an extensive source of wealth in future ; and for their profitable exploitation the railways are necessary. In various ways, what has been invested in railways will come back. and the return though indirect, will probably exceed by many times the outlay.

PARLIAMENTARY JURISDICTION.

It is almost an every day matter for our courts to have placed before them questions affecting the respective rights and powers of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments under the British North America Act. Some of these questions are of the gravest importance. A quietus has been administered to one of them, that has long been in dispute. by the recent judgment of the Privy Council in the case of Parsons against the Citizens Insurance Co. and the Queen Insurance Co. There the question was whether the Ontario Legislature had exceeded its power in prescribing certain conditions to be embodied in the policies of all fire insurance companies doing business in this province, whether owing their corporate existence to provincial authorities or any other. That

point is now settled in favor of the right of the Local Legislature to pass the enactment referred to.

Another question, quite as interesting if not so practically important, is that in dispute in the Mercer escheat suit, in which the Supreme Court of Canada recently decided against the right of the local authorities to take possession of lands left by persons dying intestate without heirs. In this decision the majority of the members of our highest court court overruled the unanimous decision of the Courts of Chancery and Appeal of this province. That case is being carried to the Privy Council also, and existing doubts will, it is hoped, in due time be removed.

Still another of these questions much mooted is that of the right of the provincial authorities to appoint Queen's Counsel. On this subject some members of the Supreme Court took occasion to express views adverse to the existence of that right. In doing so however, it is understood that they were giving expression to views not necessarily called for by the case before them. Hence that matter cannot be said to have thus far been judicially passed upon. Steps are now being taken, we understand, in the Province of Nova Scotia to bring the point squarely up for discussion.

Of the same nature is the doubt freely ex pressed in many quarters of the right of the Ontario Parliament to pass the "Creditors Relief Act," a measure intended to secure ratable distribution of assets among creditors. How far the government, in deciding not to bring that measure into effect, was swayed by the consideration that it might possibly be held unconstitutional, is a matter of conjecture. It is true, however, that as to the relative rights of the Dominion and Local Legislatures on such matters as those covered by the proposed enactment, there appear still to exist grave doubts and difficulties.

Akin to the last mentioned class of disputed points, is one raised by Mr. Justice Burton, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a recent judgment of that court. The suit was one against the late firm of James Shields & Co., of this city, under Section 136 of the Insolvent Act of 1875, charging them with fraud in procuring goods on credit, knowing themselves to be unable to meet their engagements and concealing the fact from the plaintiffs. The section in question is that which allows the imprisonment of the defendant in default of full payment, upon the establishment of the fraud indicated. It was objected in the Court of Common Pleas, where the suit was originally

contract having been made in England, the defendants could not be proceeded against therefor in this country, it being a rule of international law that criminal offences are punishable only in the country where committed. This view of the law was overruled by the majority of the Court of Common Pleas, which held that the section in question did not constitute such fraudulent conduct a crime, nor did it furnish a criminal remedy, but that it on the contrary merely gave an additional security for payment to creditors from whom goods had been fraudulently obtained.

From this decision the defendants appealed. The Court of Appeal takes the same view of the main point in issue, and affirms the decision of the Common Pleas. In delivering his judgment, Mr. Justice Burton, however, enunciated a view of the law that raises quite another question. In his judgment the section in question is beyond the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament to enact. The remedy given being for the recovery of debts in full which, it is contended, is contrary to the policy of in solvency laws which aim at a ratable distribution of assets among all the creditors of an insolvent. According to this ruling the section in question does not come properly under the head of bankruptcy and insolvency, in reference to which the Dominion Parliament admittedly has the exclusive right to legislate.

This contention, as it turns out, makes no difference in this particular suit, since the Insolvent Act of 1864, passed before Confederation, contains a like provision which Mr. Justice Burton holds is still in force, the Dominion Parliament having no power to repeal it. The other members of the Court preferred to abstain from expressing any opinion on the point thus raised. Its importance is, however, evident, and is scarcely lessened by the repeal of the Insolvent Act; since if the view thus propounded is correct, the law in question is still in force, and it is stlll open to creditors thus defrauded to take from the States. Pennsylvania, with her proceedings thereunder for the recovery of their debts, and to enforce payment of them by imprisonment of their debtors. We may probably yet hear of some creditor courageous enough to bring this question up, and run the gauntlet of all our courts with it.

IRON MAKING IN CANADA.

The activity in the building trade and in every department of the hardware and metals trade has been very marked in Canada during the past two years. Imports of pig iron, bar iron and steel have increased largely over charcoal is at hand in abundance. The comtried, that such an offence would constitute those of previous years, and values have been mon talk about having to carry mineral coal a crime; and that in this case the alleged steadily rising for months. It has been long distances, of which we hear so much,

found impossible, so great has been the demand for steam engines, boilers, shafting, car wheels, and various kinds of machinery, for the foundries and machine shops to fill all orders, even by working overtime. The additional demand for pigs may well impel Canadians to look about them and see what further can be done towards developing our own iron deposits and adding to the production of pig iron in Canada.

We have an important industry in the Londonderry Iron & Steel works in Nova Scotia, which give employment to some two thousand pairs of hands. And the Shawenegan or other forges in the Province of Quebec, long in a die-away condition, are now producing more largely than before. The manufacture of pig iron from the valuable deposits in the Marmora district, of which so many thousand tons of ore are annually shipped to the States, has been long upon the tapis, but we are not aware that definite steps have yet been taken for the erection of the projected works at Belleville or elsewhere. The real difficulty there probably is, the distance from whence we should have to bring Canadian coal, the duty upon British or American coal operating as a decided discouragement to such an industry. It is contended that Pig and bar iron standing in the place of the raw material of iron manufactures, the latter must suffer if the price of the raw material be raised by protective duties. But it is said in reply that without protective duties the production of pig iron and the making of bars would never have begun.

An article in the Ottawa Citizen recently pointed out that something more ought to be done in the way of making charcoal iron, which, that journal thinks, ought to receive legislative encouragement, and it finds the subject not a difficult one to deal with. The plan proposed is to put a specific duty on charcoal iron which, it is hoped, will immediately cause the starting of furnaces enough to make all we need and some to spare.

"All the charcoal iron we import comes coal and iron ore lying near together, has a great advantage; but in the specialty of charcoal iron Canada has natural advantages before those of any State in the Union. Where our principal iron mines lie, right there are supplies inexhaustible of the material for making charcoal. There are furnaces in the States that carry their supplies of charcoal over hundreds of miles distance; while here the ore and the charcoal material are on the spot together. North of the St. Lawrence and the lakes, also in New Brunswick, where the iron is, the wood for making

has no place in this connection. In this case it is not coal, but wood, which is the material wanted, and of this material we have 'more than we can shake a stick at,' and convenient to the firon deposits, too." Under these circumstances, the making of charcoal iron in Canada ought, if not at first, very soon to stand on its own feet.

The difference between charcoal iron and all other is marked, and an important feature is that Great Britain makes none from charcoal. Leaving the duties on other kinds of iron as they are, until we see our way to doing better, the specialty of charcoal iron might, it is contended by special advocates, be dealt with at once, without disturbance to any Canadian manu facture. By doing this, it is contended, an anomaly now existing would be removed. It is alleged that the present duty of two dollars per ton, which on the high-priced American charcoal iron counts only about five or six per cent., counts about 15 per cent. on English and Scotch pig. It must be allowed, however, that all kinds of American iron are made abnormally dear by high protective duties. Meantime Canadian ores are being carried across the border, over distances so great as to make them worth eight or nine dollars per ton at the furnaces.

UNDERWRITING IN NEW BRUNS-WICK.

The New Brunswick Board of Underwriters, organized in St. John N. B. about six teen years ago, has done good service to the public of that city as well as to the insurance companies. But for the watchfulness of that board and its careful supervision there would have been an entirely different class of buildings in that fine city to-day. The good sense of the organization has been shown in the conduct of its affairs for some time past. The good examples it has set are worthy of imitation by Boards of Underwriters in some of our more pretentious cities. One thing which especially deserves remark is the fact that the Board has had sufficient stamina to carry out its own convictions. If its rates of premiums were low, which they sometimes were, the amount of premium was divided between the agent and the company, the broker rarely getting a slice. Indeed the companies always fought shy of brokers, who cared little for insurer or insured, the extent of their interest being simply to secure a commission. The consequence is that insurance brokers there have always had "poor pickings" and in that city you never could find such fat, sleek looking fellows as in

always lean and cadaverous. Thanks to the Underwriters" Association, the race is extinct in St. John.

Another good feature in the working of this association is that of fines for the infraction of its by-laws. These, as a matter of course, are never violated by the agents. Oh no ! If an extra hazardous risk chanced to find its way into the books of any of the companies, at a rate much less than that fixed by the Board, it was not an infraction of the rules, it was "simply a mistake" that might be easily explained by the smooth-tongued agent, if he were permitted to do so; but instead of this he is very properly fined.

A somewhat singular practice adopted by the board is that of not issuing policies on buildings in the city of St. John for a period less than one year. If one should be issued for three years, the annual rate is charged each year, and not two-thirds for the three years as is the usual custom. Isolated risks do not come under the working of the tariff.

While briefly noticing some of the principal points of working which came under our observation, it will not be out of place to glance at the history of the association. Its first brief classification of risks was made in 1866. In 1870, this was revised by Mr. C. E. L. Jarvis. This was in turn replaced by that of January 1873, which with slight changes continued in force until the great fire in June 1877 made it inoperative. This fire destroyed the books of the association, and it had much of its work to do afresh. At the first session of the Legislature after the fire the Board was instrumental in getting a good Building Act passed, and this has been pretty rigorously enforced. Now. again, Mr. Jarvis is authorized to make a thorough classification of the principal risks in the cities and towns throughout the Province. The work is very carefully done ; a general rate is fixed for each street, and all the exceptions are carefully noted. In St. John, Carleton, Portland, Moncton, etc., this is already done, and about the end of the year the whole work will be completed. The writer, in company with the Inspector, visited a number of manufactories and noted many of the practical recommendations offered by him. In nearly every instance these suggestions as to better precautions against fire, etc., were well received, and a promise given that they would be immediately adopted, a course that would result in bringing the cost of insurance down to the lowest possible point.

insurance brokers there have always had "poor pickings" and in that city you never could find such fat, sleek looking fellows as in either Montreal or Toronto; they were ducts of naptha used for illuminating manu-

factories and large dwellings. In doing this, he remarked that the insurance companies could to a great extent protect their own interests by increasing the rate of insurance, where such inflammable stuffs were used or stored.

THE CREDIT FONCIER AND THE RATE OF INTEREST.

The Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien has given notice of its intention to apply to the Legislature of Quebec for liberty to make its maximum rate of interest seven per cent. At present the company is confined to the legal rate of interest, which is six per cent. This demand, M. Chapleau will find it inconvenient if not difficult to deal with. The premier loses no occasion of publicly claiming credit for having been the means of reducing the interest on mortgage loans, through the Credit Foncier. In one of his latest utterances, he claimed to have been the means of reducing the average interest paid on mortgages by 21 per cent., and that the load which he had lifted from landed property was to be expressed by \$1,132,000 a year. This is of course a very great exaggeration. To accept these figures we should have to assume that the average rate on such loans, previous to the chartering of the new French company, was $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and that it is now 6 per cent. It is difficult to believe that either of these assumptions is correct ; the latter is certainly not. And, then, before the total amount of interest could be reduced by the figure which M. Chapleau names, we shall have to suppose that \$45,280,000 of loans had, in a few months, been changed from the higher to the lower rate.

There was no ground on which M. Chapleau, at the late election, asked the confidence of the habitans more confidently than that, through the Credit Foncier, he had been the means of so greatly reducing the rate of interest on mortgage loans. And now, when he has obtained an unprecedented majority, he is to be asked, in the first days of the Session, to consent to allow this company to raise its maximum rate by one per cent. According to his own arithmetic the effect of granting this liberty would be to cause the people of Canada to pay an additional amount in the form of interest of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year. The fact, however, would not be so. The language in which M. Chapleau denounced what he called the usurers was as strong as that which Ben Jonson or Shakespere ever used. or any to be found in any Pope's bull, in the course of centuries. He spoke of the five millions which the Credit Foncier had offered to Canada "to cure the cancer of

usury that was eating up the real estate," (le cinq millions que le Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien offrait au Canada pour guérir le chancre de l'usure qui rongeait le propriété foncier). These and similar expressions have put an obstacle in the way of M. Chapleau's granting the request of the Credit Foncier.

But the difficulty, which is of the premier's own making, will probably be got over. There can be no object in attempting to confine any class of lender to a rate of interest below the market rate ; and the attempt to do so, nearly always has the effect of compelling the borrower to pay more. There is always a strong feeling among the representatives of the French-Canadians on the subject of the interest on money, and they are not yet convinced, in spite of Bentham, that the rate of interest cannot be legally fixed at a low figure to the benefit of the borrower. Adding this feeling to the difficulty which M. Chapleau has made for himself, it may not be easy to obtain compliance with the petition of the Credit Foncier. But as common sense must rule in the end, these obstacles are likely to be surmounted. It is one thing to be at liberty to charge seven per cent., and another thing to be able to command that rate on all loans. The rate of interest must depend, in the future as in the past, on the average rate of profit and the equation between the supply and the demand of capital. The creation of new loan companies affects the supply, while the demand, except as far as it may expand under a lower rate of interest, remains the same. The demand of the Credit Foncier is reasonable and ought to be granted.

PAYING A HUNDRED CENTS.

It has been argued, we ourselves have heard the argument, that when a merchant fails to meet his obligations and effects a compromise with his creditors, he should never be expected to do more than pay this compromise. The plea is this: In every bargain for the purchase by one party and the sale by another of merchandise on credit, the buyer (say the retailer) risks his capital or his labor or both on an experiment. If it succeeds he pays in full. The seller (who is presumably the wholesale dealer) also takes a risk, and if the venture does not succeed he must bear his share of loss by the failure through which the retailer loses his capital or his time. The weak point of this specious argument is that while claiming equal rights for both parties to the bargain, it is left out of sight that both parties do not act alike. The seller agrees to furnish certain goods on credit, and he does furnish them. The buyer agrees to pay for these goods, but does not

pay for them ; so there is no equality in risk or loss. However, the general feeling on the part of those who fail, is that of desire to pay in full some day, and not, we believe, to set up the plea we have just stated. This praiseworthy intention, however, grows weak as years pass by, and we rarely hear of a failed trader who has prospered, voluntarily paying twenty shillings in the pound on his old obligations. A Philadelphia firm, whom we have already mentioned, (Messrs. Hood, Bombright & Co., dry-goods merchants,) were forced to compromise with their creditors some twenty years ago. The business went on, and since then, the older partners dying, younger men succeeded to the firm and carried on its affairs. A short time ago the creditors at the time of the compromise, were surprised by the receipt of the following letter, which tells its own honorable story :----

No. 811 MARKET STREET,)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17, 1881.

Kindly befriended by our creditors at a time when we were needing help, we, in after years, created a fund intended for their benefit. This we have pleasure now to offer them Covering in its equitable application more than the percentage abated in our settlement under the recommendation of their committee of creditors, the excess in each case will represent a pro rata apportionment of interest derived from said fund. In grateful remembrance, therefore, we inclose herewith our check for \$--. Trusting you will feel assured, alike of members no longer with us, as of those now composing our firm, that this action is the accomplishment of our constantly cherished purpose, we are yours truly,

HOOD, BONBRIGHT & Co.

In these days of bustling, shouldering competition, when "every man for himself" is the rule of life to so many, this last calm and noble sentence breathes a spirit which is a rebuke to selfishness and a stimulus to Tenderly maintaining the spirit high aims. and steadily carrying out the purpose of their predecessors, who had meantime gone to their graves, this firm of dry goods dealers, who we may be sure were not less busy, not ess worried by competition, and had not fewer temptations to say with respect to that old compromise business, "let the dead past bury its dead," kept their honorable goal in view and after a long struggle gained it.

Would any amount of money they could have made out by foregoing this peice of "Quixotism" as some persons will call it, give this firm the satisfaction that they must feel in the discharge of this most creditable resolve? There are yet some things that cannot be measured by money, and there are yet human souls who cannot be bought by money. This firm have made themselves, we venture to say, a name not in Philadelphia alone, which is more precious than the dollars they could have made by keeping back the amount they distributed among former creditors.

NORTH WEST LANDS.

New regulations for the sale of public lands in the North-west have been published. Among other things, they will facilitate farming on a large scale, and on that account will be likely to attract valuable settlers in the shape of experienced and well-to-do English farmers. With the choice of a new home before him, the English farmer has hitherto been inclined to give New Zealand the preference ; for in that colony he could obtain for cultivation an unstinted quantity of land, and he had no idea of crossing the sea to spend his life, in a new country, on a small piece of soil. Under the new regulations, one of the chief reasons which the Englishman had for preferring New Zealand will cease to exist, and Canada may be expected hereafter to attract a larger number of this class of emigrants.

There are two plans under which colonization may take place, numbered one and two. Under both these, the lands to be colonized are on the north side of the Pacific cailway, twenty-five miles distant. Under both plans, the purchase money is \$2.00 an acre ; payable, under No. 1, by instalments, under No. 2, the whole amount at the time of purchase. Whatever plan be adopted, settlement, which is made a condition, is rewarded by a rebate of one-half. Under No. 2, the required number of settlers in a township may be anywhere, and do not require to be on particular lots. Under No. 1, homesteading and pre-emption are preserved; and only when the homesteader does not elect to pre-empt, the right may be exercised by the individual or company who purchased all the odd numbered sections in the township. Plan No. 2 is the one that will be preferred by those who wish to farm on a large scale. Much land, we apprehend, will be purchased in class D.the one we have been dealing with-under the new regulations.

These lands are of course further from the railway than those of the Canada Pacific Railway Co., and on that account the price has to be put lower; \$2 against \$2.50 an acre. The rebate will make the difference less: \$1 against \$1.25. Nearness to the railway is always an advantage; a large quantity of land in a block, where farming on a grand scale is intended, gives the necessary compactness which is wanting when a farm is split up into separate parcels. In one way or another, every class of settlers can now be accommodated.

Grazing will, in some sections, precede tillage; and the grazier can get what any reasonable man could ask. He can get a lease of as much as 100,000 acres for twentyone years, at \$10 a year for every 1,000

acres, not 10,000 acres, as misprinted in the morning papers. But he must observe conditions of user, and not wrap his talent up in a napkin and put it in a closet. The lease carries the right of pre-emption at \$2 an acre of land within the leasehold for a home, farm and corral. In one way or another, a large part of the North-West will soon be under occupation.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS AND NEW METHODS.

This is the close of another year. Will our readers who are shop-keepers accept a word from us in the way of suggestion. It is that they shall ascertain their financial condition before they are a week older, if they have not already done so. To many, the dullness of the past week or two, occasioned by unseasonable weather, offered a good opportunity for taking stock. If any reply "we are too busy to take account of stock," we point them to the case of a grocery firm in London, which for years had done an enormous business, store crowded, salesmen exhausted, things "rushing" all the time. This firm was supposed to be making money, but they did not know whether they were or no, for they had not taken stock in five years. The firm has just failed, and cannot pay 50 cents in the \$, it is said.

To repeat the recommendations made a year ago, we would say: go over the ledger or blotter; write off such credits as you know to be hopeless, and put all doubtful ones to Suspense Account.

Make out your bills for collection and use every effort to get them paid, in part, if they cannot wholly be cleared off.

Estimate every account and every note; and avoid, by all means valuing your real estate at higher figures than it is worth.

Insurance should be carefully looked after; any defect in your premises which increases the hazard of fire and thereby enhances the rate of premium should be rectified without delay.

Lastly, find out what you owe, whether on open account, or in the shape of notes, and do not leave a stone unturned to reduce your indebtedness.

It has been well said that, in mercantile affairs, punctuality is as important as in military. Many are the instances in which the neglect to renew an insurance punctually has led to serious loss and embarrassment. With sound policy do the banks insist, under the penalty of a protest, on the punctual payment of notes; for were they to do otherwise, commercial transactions would fall into inextricable confusion. "Many and many a time has the failure of one to meet his obligations

brought on the ruin of a score of others, just as the toppling down in a line of bricks of the master brick, causes the fall of all the rest. Thousands remain poor all their lives, who, if they were more faithful in word, would secure a large run of custom, and so make their fortunes. Be punctual if you would succeed."

SCIENCE EDUCATION.

"Say, Joe, what is Science, anyhow?"

"Well, it's to know how to do things handily. It comes from the Latin root scio, to know, don't it ?"

Such is the conversation attributed to two American youths of an enquiring turn of mind, one of whom was puzzled by what puzzles many older heads: that is, the meaning of the terms in common usescience, scientist, and scientific; and the other of whom was able to give a boyish reply which is more easily understood and more correct than many wiser attempts at the definitions which are current now-a days. There are numbers of people who know how to do things, but the one who is scientifically taught knows how to do them handily; and that is after all what science teaches, viz. how to work intelligently and to the best advantage.

When the steamer Persia was added to the Cunard line of Steamships, some twenty-five years ago, she was considered a fine steamer and she was indeed, the best embodiment of the best ideas and the most advanced knowledge of the time. But she consumed six tons of coal in carrying a ton of freight from Liverpool to New York, and was a most expensive boat to run. The Arizona, of to-day. to say nothing of her increased size and accommodation, uses only one-fifth of a ton of fuel per ton of freight; and in consequence of the saving in the quantity of fuel consumed and in the room required to carry it she has several times the freight space of the other steamer. and can in consequence earn more money for her owners. What a waste of energy was represented by the difference in the coal-burning of the two ships, and what a waste of money in the extra fuel, to say nothing of the loss by the waste space given to coal bunkers. Imperfect combustion of coal, and extravagant use of steam in the Persia, have been corrected respectively by improved furnaces and draught, by the conjoint use of the high and low pressure cylinders of the Arizona. And this has been brought about by greater scientific knowledge, the more intelligent application of means to ends.

failure of one to meet his obligations one of the things to which prominence was the result of intelligent, skilled industry and

given in the recent address of President Daniel Wilson at University College, when that gentleman lectured upon the relation of science to every-day business. "The waste of energy, and the costliness of mis-directed industry as the fruits of unskilled labor," said the learned doctor, "more and more compel the anxious consideration of manufacturers. men of business, and statesmen of true foresight." We quote further from his introduction. "Economic industry more than ever demands the careful husbandry of all our resources, including the grand industrial army of mechanics, artisans, and all who bring pith and muscle to the labor market as an article of hire."

Time was when, to obtain a plank of wood of a given thickness or a square stick of a given surface, the muscular lumberman would hew away a segment of a log six inches deep by piecemeal. No such matter as economy was thought of, and the waste of chips was enough to keep Mr. James Little awake o' nights. The process reminds one of Robinson Crusoe's efforts to make boards with no implement but an axe. By and bye it was found that by sawing off logs-"four square," these segments could be util lized for scantling or fencing, and the laborious process of the axe was superseded by the more economical one of the saw, which was the more scientific, because the more saving as well as the more effectual plan. Again, the slow and dyspepsia-breeding process of sewing shoes, by means of the patient awl and wax end of the shoemaker on his stool, was superseded by the McKay sewing machine. The shoe-peg held in the fingers and driven home one by one with the hammer, was replaced by the steam pegging machine which drives pegs quicker than a man can count. Here again we see the operation of science.

A community or a nation which, in these days of invention and enterprise, desires to keep abreast of the time, must have an eye warily open for the discoveries and methods in use by other communities or nations, and must be ready to adopt these or to improve upon them if it would not lag behind in the race for industrial supremacy. Interchange of commodities alone, important as this may be, will not suffice to place or to keep a commercial people "in the foremost files of time." There must be interchange of ideas as well. It has ever been so. In the middle ages, the industrial energy and maritime skill of the ports of Italy were strengthened by contact with the inventive genius of their neighbors. Much was to be seen and something learned by trips to the Levant or to the Western Isles. Little states, inferior in extent to our smallest Canadian province, as

observation, by the energy born of freedom became able to furnish manufacturers, merchants, goldsmiths, artists, armorers, bank ers, and so became practically the masters of Europe. The little republics of Northern Italy, says a historical student, with their trade guilds and merchant- princes, were of more weight in the Councils of Europe than England under her warlike Edward III. or than France under the keen witted Louis XI. This was mainly due to the skill of an industrious community of workingmen; every workman was master of his craft.

If these results were possible in the days when book learning was so rare, school facilities so little known, and the acquirement of skilled labor a matter of so much greater drudgery, how much the more should it be possible to educate the artisan man to-day, having, as we fortunately do have, the results of centuries of intelligent enquiry and discovery to aid us? And is it not one of the axioms of this latter-day intelligence, that the humblest worker who puts his conscience into his work and does the best he can, is not only earning a living for himself and for those dependent on him, but is contributing to the well being and prosperity of his country ?

-It may be well to look at what is being done in the United States in the way of producing iron ore. There are, we believe, twenty-three States in which iron ore is produced. In these States are 805 mining establishments, whose capacity is 13,462,000 tons in twelve months. The quantity raised in the last census year reached 7,971,000 tons, or almost sixty per cent. of the maximum capacity, and the value of this product is stated at \$23,167,000. The following figures represent, according to the article we quote from, the value of materials, etc., employed in this important industry :----

Number of steam engines used	821
Total horse-power	24,838
Number horses and mules used	3,914
Number of employees	31,686
Value of machinery	3,211,558
Value of materials used	2,986.011
Wages paid	9,538,117
Cost of explosives used	484,432
Value of plant	8,657,375
Used as working capital	4,850,753
Value of real estate 4	8 274,149

During ten years the number of establishments and their capacity has doubled, and the number of employees more than doubled. The capital put into the work shows a gain of 247 per cent., and the number of tons produced is 135 per cent. greater. Forty per cent. more is paid for wages, and the increase in total product is, in tons, 135 per cent., and in value 75 per cent.

-We understand that the statements requested from the banks by the Treasury Board, have for the most part been forwarded to the government. Those from a number of the Toronto institutions or agencies went forward on Wednesday. The demand for particulars at first made by the official circular, and to which most proper exception was taken, has been modified to include only the details of such transactions as have bank stocks as security. The request which most greatly disturbed the bank people, and no wonder, was for information of their

Other current loans, discounts, and advances to the public, with full particulars as regards the currency of the loans, the endorsers, if any, and the securities held; being the same as column No. 16 in the monthly return rendered to the Canada Gazette, escept that the details are required in full.

But this request has been modified so that it now reads :

Other current loans, discounts and advances to stock-brokers and others for which bank stocks are held, either directly or indirectly, as security.

Transactions in the stocks reported in our Montreal stock list have aggregated 24,864 shares, 22,040 shares, and 26,303 shares. respectively, for the first three December weeks, and only 13,815 shares for the fourth week. It would seem, therefore, that the Treasury Circular has had a distinct effect in checking sales.

COTTON NOTES.

The proprietor of this journal, now in Florida, sends us the following memoranda, made in a cotton-growing section of the Southern States :

In York, Lancaster and Chester Counties, near the northern boundary of South Carolina. a large portion of the farmers originally came from Pennsylvania, and their operations have demonstrated that what is wanted in that country is a little more intelligent labor, and skill in farming. They can, by using fertilizers, produce as much as one bale of cotton to the acre, 400 lbs. acre, although this is more than the average. Last season, in the localities named, owing to the exceptionally dry weather. the crop fell very much below the average of former years. I have seen from the train hundreds of acres that were not considered worth picking. One man and a mule will cultivate from fifteen to twenty acres in a season, besides raising a little wheat and corn for family use. When this is ready for picking it requires about three men to pick one bale in a day. This is worth on an average \$40. At this work they can earn from 75c. to \$1.00 per day.

From the meagre information I was able to gather, passing through the country at the rate of 25 miles the hour, I would venture the opinion that Northern capitalists might do worse with their money than come down here and start cotton mills just where the cotton is grown. They would assuredly have the benefit

water power is available. I don't want you to suppose that I have turned Southern immigration agent; at the same time I cannot help thinking that some of our enterprising Canadians, who are determined to build cotton mills regardless of some important circumstances, would do well to turn their eyes in this direction and investigate before spending money in what may, in a few years, prove to some in Canada an unprofitable venture.

According to the report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, dated Dec. 16th, the condition of the cotton crop is poorer than that of any season since 1866. In 1874, which was a short crop year, the condition was 72, the average being 100, and in October last 66 was indicated by the returns, the drought of August having arrested growth and caused premature development of the bolls But at Dec. 1st an improvement was reported, sufficient to make the probable crop 4,900,000 bales.

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

One of the most difficult matters upon which courts of justice are called upon to adjudicate, is the decision of the question, who is to bear the loss in case of destruction or deterioration of goods pending their sale? The general rule of law is that the party who owns the goods at the time of the loss is the one who must bear that loss. The trouble is to decide in each particular case who did own the goods, in other words whether under the circumstances of any case the vendor had ceased to be and the purchaser had become the owner when the loss occurred. The circumstances under which sales may be effected, the nature and condition of the goods at the time, the subsequent acts of the parties, the intervention of the interests of third parties and a score of other contingencies, render it impossible to lay down any general rules. Each case must depend upon its own particular circumstances and the court must in each determine whether under those circumstances the title to the goods was before the loss vested in the purchaser.

A peculiar case of this kind was tried sometime ago before the Ontario Court of Chancery, and was subsequently appealed and finally carried to the Supreme Court, where judgment was recently delivered. There the property in question was a cago of corn, the vendor was a commission merchant residing in Toledo, Ohio, and the defendants distillers resident in Belleville Ont. The goods were purchased by the Toledo commission merchant for, and shipped by him in good condition at Toledo to the Belleville distillers. The bill of lading and the insurance policy were then transferred to the National Bank, Toledo, through whom the vendor drew at 10 days upon the purchasers of the goods. At the same time the bill of exchange was endorsed over to the bank for the purpose of vesting in it the ownership of the corn to be to be held for the vendor until the bill of exchange should be paid, on the understanding that in default of payment the bank should have the of a larger market, and I am told that plenty of | right to sell the goods and reimburse themselves

the amount of the bill of exchange. This bill was daly forwarded and accepted in Belleville. Between its acceptance and maturity the cargo arrived and was found to be heated and useless, having deteriorated in the passage Delivery was refused, and the vendor afterwards sold the cargo for the best price he could obtain, and gave credit for the proceeds to the purchasers on account of their acceptance, and sued them for the balance thereof with interest.

Under these circumstances it is held by the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Strong dissenting that the purchasers never became the owners of the goods, that the title to them remained in the vendor and his assignees the Bank, and that the damage having occurred before the title became vested in the purchasers they would not be made to bear the loss. It was held that the acceptance of the bill of exchange made no difference, and plaintiff's action was dismissed.

DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' ASSOCIA-TION.-The annual general meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday evening in the Mechanics' hall, Montreal. About sixty members were present; Mr. J A. Cantlie in the chair. The annual report was submitted by the Secretary, Mr. R. C. Simpson. The total membership is now 1,133, a gain of 256 on last year, with a capital of \$22,670, an increase in the resources of \$5,000. The report was adopted on motion of the president. The chairman referred to the benefit scheme adopted last September, which he pronounced a decided success, one feature of which is that the amount of insurance to which a member is entitled is increased \$100 for each year he has been in the Association, up to a certain time limit. But it seems to us somewhat difficult of proof that the surplus from an uniform annual subscription is the proper consideration for \$100 paid-up insurance. How. ever, theirs is their own view of "what to do with a surplus." They are to be congratulated on that surplus, and on the proportions to which the society has attained. The officers were installed, as we have already given them, viz :-President, A. Gowdy, Vice-President, F. Massey, Treasurer, Geo. Sumner, each of whom made a brief speech, acknowledging the honors conferred upon them A motion to give \$200 to the Montreal General Hospital was defeated by the presence of a number of French Canadian delegates, who wished a sum given to the Notre Dame Hospital, a Roman Catholic institution. The sense of the meeting then declared itself against any further donations in the direction of these charities. After taking up a subscription for the widow of a member lost at sea, the scrutineers reported the following directors elected :-- Chas. Hutchison, 267 votes; J.P.Beal, 202; R. B. Hutchison, 261; J. A. Cantlie, 297; John Black, 187; Lewis McIldowie, 186.

-The London & Ontario investment company has declared a dividend of three per cent. for the six months ending with December.

INSUBANCE ON FREIGHT.-The Court of Appeal for Ontario recently gave judgment in an action of the Anchor Marine Insurance Company vs. The Phœnix Insurance Company. The dispute arose under the following circumstances. The plaintiffs were the insurers of a cargo of grain, and the defendants insurers of the hull and freight of the vessel containing it. The vessel sank during the voyage, and the grain was damaged. The ship's master refused to deliver the damaged cargo to the plaintiffs until his freight had been paid. The plaintiffs thereupon paid the freight, and took an assignment of the defendants' policy. Both the plaintiffs and the owner thought it more prudent to take the cargo to Buffalo instead of Kingston, its original destination, the chances of effecting a sale being considered greater at the former port. This was accordingly done, and the defendants, denying all liability of freight, suit was brought against them for recovery of the amount by the Anchor Company.

This snit was tried before the Ontario Court of Common Pleas, which rendered a decision in From this judgment the defendants' favor. plaintiffs appealed without success, the Court of Appeal now affirming the decision of the Common Pleas. The ground of this ruling appears to be that the insurers of the cargo, by taking an assignment of the policy insuring the freight, acquired no greater rights in re-pect thereof than the owner had, and that the owner could not have maintained an action, having sustained no loss, inasmuch as he had been paid his freight. Verily, insurance law is full of perplexing intricacies.

--Some figures as to the foreign trade of the United States, furnished by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington will be found interesting. The value of exports of merchandise from that country during the last fiscal year amounted to \$902.377,346. It exceeded the value of such exports during the preceding fiscal year by \$66,738,688, or say 71 per cent., and was also larger than during any previous year. The value of imports of merchandise was \$642,664,-628, which was less than the value of such imports during any preceeding year except 1880. Bread and breadstuffs exported during the last fiscal year were less in value than during the preceding fiscal year by \$17.704,316. The exports of all the products of agriculture during the last fiscal year, however, amounted in value to \$729,-650,016. This sum exceeded the value of such exports during the preceeding fiscal year by \$43,-688.025 and it was the largest ever known. The total foreign commerce of the United States during the year ending June 30 amounted to \$1,675,024,318, and was larger than during any previous year in the history of the country.

—The traffic receipts of railways in the United Kingdom for the week ending Nov. 19 (the latest published) amounted on $16,688\frac{3}{4}$ miles to £1,215,811 and for the corresponding week in 1880 on $16,536\frac{1}{4}$ miles to £1,166,739, showing an increase of $152\frac{1}{4}$ miles and of £49,072, The

receipts this week (ending Nov. 19) average £72 17s. 0d. per mile against £70 11s. $1\frac{3}{4}d$. in the corresponding week last year. The amount and increase of traffic is shown in the following list of the receipts of the principal lines for week ending 19th. Nov :

	1881. £	1880. £	Incr. £	P.C.
Caledonian	52,730	50,461	2,269	4.30
Glasgow and S.W.	19,634	18,787	847	4.57
Great Eastern	57,015	55,003	2,012	3.54
Great Northern	68,081	63,864	4,217	6.20
Great Western	136,873	130,081	6,792	4.95
Lan. & Yorkshire	72,597	70,269	2,328	3.20
London & Bright.	35,679	32,216	3 463	9.70
London C. and D.	19,579	17,807	1,772	9.08
London & N. Wn.	43,685	41,010	1,775	2.90
London & S Wn.	183,144	177,738	5,406	3. 3
Man. & Sheffield	35,220	34,398	822	2.33
Metropolitan	11,496	10,883	613	5.33
Midland	139,602	136,026	3,576	2.55
North British	49,274	45,369	3,905	7.93
North Eastern	126,722	125,398	1,324	1.04
N. Staffordshire	12,640	12,140	500	3.96
South Eastern	33,822	32 071	1,751	5.18
Taff Vale	12,746	12,043	703	5.53

-The British Mortgage Loan Co. of Ontario, has declared a dividend for the last half year of 1881, at the annual rate of 8 per cent.

MODERN SHIPPING.

As the times change we, of course, change with them, and it is not to be supposed that ships are any exception to the general rule. In their construction, their dimensions, and the manner in which they are navigated, constant variations appear from time to time. There is also the continuous development of the numerous contrivances which are intended to effect the saving of labor, but which, unless watched with untiring care, constitute occasionally a new element of danger. All these things make the position of the navigator one of increased responsibility, necessarily involving unwearying and continuous vigilance To underwriters the changes are important in more than one sense. The risks of fire and collision have in more cases than one. tended to equalize the general run of risks. No amount of core or judgment on the part of an underwriter can save him from these losses, which are apart from those which a good register and honest ownership may save him from If. any argument were required to emphasize this assertion, it would be sufficient to advance the fact that shipping wholly or partially uninsured has suffered in nearly the same proportion as that fully covered. This we find in the most that fully covered. favorable season of the year, as far as the northern hemisphere is concerned. A large number of losses are reported which cannot be traced to any intelligible causes. In such cases, people cast about for a reason, the natural result of which is undoubtedly the inclination to find a remedy, and it is to that we would address ourselves.

We must therefore state that we find in the construction of modern vessels a want of certain conditions. Amongst these may be mentioned, in the first place, handiness. Ships are most distinctly more out of hand now than at any previous state of our marine history. There is a deficiency in effective control, owing to the impossibility of placing the complicated machinery of many ships under efficient guardianship. Add to this that there is also the desire for great speed rather than absolute safety. But these are not the only reasons. Great size means not only inordinate length but considerable depth. Thus, as we have repeatedly observed, it is often dan-

gerous for ships, in consequence of the large draught of water they now require, to approach coasts where to a previously existing class of vessels, intimation of their exact position would be unnecessary. Now, however, vessels are piloted as much by the lead as the rudder. To show how rapidly other dangers are increasing, we have only to point to the class of docks which are now being constructed. Liverpool has just opened one of great magnitude, and boasts that it will be able to take vessels of eleven times their beam. London, although not so far advanced, is constructing large docks, many miles from the capital, the one at Dagenham fulfilling all the conditions necessitated by vessels of large dimensions, whilst at Tilbury, opposite Gravesend. the East and West India Dock Company are initiating works of great magnitude in this direction. Port after port, both at home and abroad is being rapidly closed to vessels of a size now rendered familiar to us. Under all these conditions, is it fair to blame modern seamen, without a good deal of reserve, or visit them with the severe and exceptional penalties to which they are at present rendered liable? Is it not rather the character of the machine than the nature of the men that is the fruitful source of the disas-We do not wish to excuse carelessness. ter? still less intemperate habits; but because we find some of the most reliable captains making mistakes, we can only come to the conclusion that this results from overtaxed powers of physical and mental endurance. If, however, as far as the assurer is concerned, one good thing is emerging from this Pandora's Box, it is that, as big ships cannot navigate small rivers or shallow harbors, the risk of collision will be reduced. This is, however, but a small consolation, be cause when it does happen there will be little hope of salvage, as the accident will necessarily take place in deep water.-London Review.

TORONTO AND NIPISSING RAILWAY AND THE CONSOLIDATION.

An agreement has been entered into for the amalgamation of the Midland with the Toronto and Nipissing, the Whitby, Port Perry & Lind-say, the Victoria and the Grand Junction Railways, and with the Toronto & Ottawa Railway, which is now under construction. The new corporation will be known as "The Midland Railway Company of Canada," and will, it is understood, have direct interest in the line now being built between Toronto and Sault Ste. Marie. When the new lines have been complet. ed, and links formed between certain points on the existing railways, the reconstructed Midland of Canada will cover an important region of country, of which Toronto will be the principal commercial centre. Connections will, by-andby, be formed at Sault St. Marie with the United States lines now being pushed forward to that point, and at Ottawa with existing railways running to the seaboard. It is believed that when the plans of the Midland have been completed the results will be beneficial to the country at large.

Our chief concern, however, is with respect to the future of the Toronto & Nipissing railway. The people who for some ten years past have been so well served by the T. & N. R. R. are intensely interested and anxious in reference to the railway line which has been built, in part with their money, and operated with such manifest advantage to the various interests and in-dustries of the extensive country lying between Toronto and Coboconk. The railway has been recently laid with new steel rails, placed at the standard gauge, from Toronto to Midland Junction, and we are credibly informed that shortly the road will be equipped with first-class broad gauge passenger and freight cars The

With respect to the transmission of freight the company has kept faith with the public. Facilities have been furnished for sending to market cordwood, cedar posts, railway ties, grain, farm products, and everything else, at fair and satisfactory rates. Every reasonable and necessary accomodation has been supplied. If any grievance has arisen, it has been promptly and carefully enquired into, and ample justice has been secured.

The question of vital importance is whether, under the altered circumstances, the Toronto & Nipissing will continue to serve the section through which it passes as well as it has done under the present management. Our hope is that by the contemplated change we shall not be deprived of any of the railway advantages which have been afforded by the T. & N. in the past. These remarks are made because it is usually understood that on great through lines more attention is paid to through traffic than to local freights.

Mr. Wm. Gooderham has been the manager of the Toronto & Nipissing from its commence ment, and it is beyond question that, to his personal exertions, sustained by the wealthy firm of Messrs. Gooderham & Worts, the success of the railway is mainly due. Mr. Gooderham's management has been marked by thoroughness, tact, and economy. As a business man of great promptitude, and as a wise and considerate manager, Mr. Gooderham has gathered around him an efficient and painstaking staff, loyal to their respected chief and attentive to the patrons of the railway. The immediate outcome of that gentleman's management has been that the people using the railway have been well served in every respect, and that there has been remarkable immunity from accidents to life and property. Mr. Gooderham is now in the prime of life, and is possessed of large experience in relation to railway matters generally. His many friends on the line of the Toronto & Nipissing, and elsewhere, would be very much gratified to learn that his services had been secured in connection with the future management of the railway with which he had been so intimately identified since its commencement. Uxbridge Journal.

THE FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.-Belleville, 16th -Stable of J. B. Graham destroyed, with contents, owned by The stables and sheds of Doyle's hotel Cook. burnt, and a dwelling house of Graham's slightly damaged. Doyle insured for \$1,000 and Cook for \$400. Graham had \$700 insurance on the Dec. 19th.-An unoccupied house building. owned by Francis Clarke was burnt ; incendiarism suspected; loss \$700, insurance \$350.____ Moulinette, Dec. 19th --J. S. Snetsinger's saw mill and machinery destroyed ; loss on building and machinery \$2.000, insured for \$600 in Queeu's. S. Z. Bisbee, cabinet machinery \$1,000; no in--Ćobourg, surance; incendiarism suspected .-Dec. 21 .- Abont 500 feet of sheds in Agricultural grounds burned; loss \$500; insured. Dec. 23. -Cole & Sanders dry goods store took fire. Stock damaged by water ; loss considerable .-Campbellford, Dec. 21st.-Jasper Lack's barns with contents burnt.--Richmond Hill, Dec. 23rd.-John Gilroy's residence destroyed by fire. Loss about \$900; insured in Western for \$500. Picton Dec. 26.—Eyre's block destroyed. Insured on building in Western \$2000; Oddfellows' hall, on contents, Lancashire \$2000; J. F. Pringer, on stock in Lancashire \$800; O E. Hubbs in British America \$1,200, and in Nor-wich Union \$400; P. W.Post in British America, \$1000; Mrs. Nagle and W. A. Carron's stocks destroyed by removal.----Alvinston, Dec. 26.-The Commercial House, owned by Mrs.

Furniture insured in Standard of Hamilton for \$500.-Beaverton, Dec 27.-The stables adjoining Hamilton House damaged \$300 supposed insured. W. J. Watson, proprietor of hotel, loss about \$500, partially insured; Cooper & Tisdale, loss by fire and removal about \$1,500; insured. Fire incendiary .---- Port Dalhousie, 27 inst.-G. A. Clarke's barn burnt with contents. OTHER PROVINCES -Beauharnois, Que. Dec. 21.-The cabinet wareroom of Messrs. Kilgour Bros. totally destroyed by fire. Loss about \$3000; no insurance.—Halifax N. S., Dec. 21. -The wrecking steamer "Albert" owned by F. C. Stevens, laden with cotton from the wreck of Steamer " Rackdoll ; took fire through the breaking of a lamp and was completely destroyed with cargo.——Richmond. Que., 26th.—A dwelling house owned by Chas Bedard, totally consumed by fire, loss \$1,200; insurance \$700.----Levis Dec 27.-Mr, Gilmour's office destroyed by fire, loss not known.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, December 27, 1881.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Transac'n inWeek.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, like Date 1880.		
Montreal	195‡	1973	2931	196	196	168		
Ontario Consolidated	59	604	1700	59 <u>1</u>	60			
People's				90	93			
Molson's	118		220	1181				
Toronto	162	165	240	163	166			
Jac. Cartier		110	8	1104				
Merchants	125	127	938	124		117		
Commerce	139	1413	3655	1381		1363		
Eastern Tps				ве				
Union				ВC				
Hamilton								
Exchange				140				
Mon. Tel	125	125	1650	1253	1261	133		
Dom. 'Tel					98			
Rich.&O.Nav	49	54	1789	51	514	61		
City Pass	123	1234	44	121	125			
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OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA DEC. 27 1881

-The Crude oil market still continues quiet and the tendency is downward. Values seem to have settled to \$1.45 f.o.b. and \$1.40, in tank. Some opinions are that \$1.25 will be the point to which the market will settle, but the production and small amount offering will we think keep it above that point.

Refined oil is quiet on account of the stocks piled up at the chief points of distribution. Our quotation is same as last week, viz. ; 17c.

THE BICYCLE AND ITS RIGHTS .- In his forthcoming new edition of his work on Highways, Mr. Cook says of bicycles: "The use of the bicycle as a means of travel is so recent that in this State there is as yet no adjudication as to the rights of travellers employing it upon the highway. In England it has been held that one riding a bicycle upon the highway at such a pace as to be dangerous to passers by may be convicted of furiously driving a carriage, under a statute forbidding such an act. Taylor vs. Goodwin, L. R., 4 Q. B. D., 228. The right to use a bicycle in a proper manner on the highway was not questioned in the case, and the Court by its decision indirectly admits such right. In the absence of any legislative enactment forbidding them, riders of bicycles would seem to have the the same right upon highways as those using any other vehicles, and the validity of any train and mail service have been satisfactory. Little, and leased by George Oldish, burnt. municipal ordinance prohibiting the use of

bicycles in those parts of the public streets where carriages may go would be very doubtful.--Albany Law Journal.

—SPECIAL METHODS IN ADVERTISING.—There is virtue in a special style of advertisement if the advertiser knows how to get it up rightly. It is as sure to tickle the fancy as it is to strike the eye. And when a buyer's fancy is tickled he is the more rerdy to buy. We find in a north Ontario daily, a pretty good specimen of the literary advertisement, as under, with names altered:

-"It adds a great deal to the force of an opinion to know that there is a man of mark and likelihood behind it."-Emerson

ABNER VAN MALDER Is determined to do the DRESS GOODS TRADE of Jonesville and claims to be the largest importer of these goods, New and Fresh Goods, and the latest colourings, with Extra good value, must tell with the ladies.

-"In this world a man must be either anvil or hammer."—Longfellow.

ABNER VAN MALDER Seems determined to do the BLACK CASHMERE TRADE. He keeps the largest and best selected stock of Black Cashmeres to be found in any retail store. This equinon is confirmed by the very large quantity sold daily.

"Indeed I am in the waist two yards about; but I am now about no waste; I am about thrift."-Shakespeare.

The ladies of Jonesville have found it to their advantage to buy their CORSETS at ABNER VAN MALDER'S, where they are saving 25 to 40c. a pair.

"To most men experience is like the stem lights of a ship which illumine only the track it has passed." Coleridge. Some dry goods men never profit by experience.

ce. Many of them go along in the old rut or groove, selling English made Cashmeres for French, but the public soon discover the fraud, and buy elsewhere.

A story is credited to the "Texas Siftings" which locates a trial for chicken stealing before an Austin justice, in which Uacle Mose was put on the stand and made out a bad case against Jim Webster, testifying to having found some of the chickens in Jim's possession, and identifying them by the peculiarities of the breed. The prominent lawyer then undertook to make Uncle Mose weaken on the cross examination. "Now, Uncle Mose," said the lawyer, "suppose I was to tell you that I have at home in my yard half "What would I say, boss?" "Yes; what would you say if I was to tell you I've got that same kind of chickens in my yard?" "I would say, boss, dat Jim Webster raid up ver fee wid my boss, dat Jim Webster paid up yer fee wid my chickens !" and a pensive smile crept around the old man's ears and met at the back of his head. Upon this the Detroit Free Press remarks : "As originally told the story had point. The lawyer, thinking to shake the peculiarity of the breed part of the testimony, said: 'Why, these chickens are not so peculiar. I heavy, these chickens are not so peculiar. have several of them in my chicken house." 'Dat's bery likely,' retorted the witness, "Dese are not de only ones dat hab been stolen jrom

-Brockway, the most skillful counterfeiter in the United States, has invented a form of check for national banks which he claims will be a complete protection against counterfeiters and forgers. If he can't counterfeit or alter it, it will be a success.

The eccentric on a stationary engine derives its name from the fact that it is situated on the crank-shaft.—Boston Globe.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTBEAL, Dec. 27, 1881.

The past week has been a holiday one, the corn exchange, a number of wholesale houses, especially among the leather trade, closed on Friday and did not open till to-day Tuesday. There having been but little doing, most houses are busy balancing up for the year, Christmas week is unusually a quiet one with the wholesale trade, but the mildness of the weather and the want of country winter roads, make this Christmas more so. The river is quite clear of ice, no vestige of snow on the ground and the flower buds of the maple beginning to swell. The retail trade of the city report a better trade this Christmas than for some years past.

ASHES.— Fots.— Demand moderate, but the market has had a downward tendency, \$4.90 to 5.00 are about the limits to-day. *Pearls* are offering at \$6.50, but without any sales reported. The stocks at present in store are Pots 694 bbls., Pearls, 256 bbls.

Boors & SHOES.—Business is still quiet, although travellers are on the road, and a fair amount of orders for Spring are being received. Very little sorting demand. Prices continue as under:—Men's stoga Boots \$2 to 2.90; ditto Kip Boots, \$2.50 to 3.25 ditto French Calf \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto Buff Oongres, \$1.70 to 2.40; ditto Split Brogans, \$1.00; to 1.10; Boys' Split Brogans, \$5 cents to \$1.00; ditto Buff and Pebble Congress, \$1.35 to 1.60; Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals, \$1.20 to 1.50; ditto Prunella Ka's, 50c. to \$1.50; ditto Prunella Congress, 5°c, to \$1.60; Womens' Split Bals, 85c to 1.00.

DRUGS & CHEMICALS.—There has been a speculation demand for quinine, and prices have advanced. Business in general goods has been very quiet, and till Winter sets in very little improvement is expected. We quote-Iodide of Potash \$2.80 to 2.90 Bicarb soda, \$3.25 to 3.50; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to 1.75; Bichromate of Pot; ash, 14 to 16c; Arrowroot, 14 to 25c.; Borax, refined, 16 to 18c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 29 to 30, ditto ground 31¹/₂ to Tartar Crystats, 29 to 30, alto ground $31\frac{1}{2}$ to 33c; Caustic Soda, \$2.25 to 2.50: Sugar of Lead 12 to 15c.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to 1.60; Alum, \$1.70 to 1.80; Copperas, per 100, 9(c. to \$1 00; Fowers Sulphur, to 2.87 \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; Epsom Salts. per 100 lbs. \$1.25 to 1.50; Sal Soda. per 100 lbs., \$1.10 to 1.25; Saltpetre, per keg, \$9.50 to 10.; Sulphate of Copper, 5 to 7c. Sulphate of Quinine, \$2 25 to \$3.50; Whiting 50 to 60c. Ovium \$4.75 to 5 00 : Morphia, 2.50 to 2.75; Castor oil, 10 to 11c.

DRY GOODS.—We have no improvement to notice in the state of this branch of trade. The want of good winter roads destroys business, and travellers who are on the road on a sorting up trip have done badly this week, and the dullness usual at the holiday season has caused the past to be the dullest week of the year, and till after New Year things are likaly to continue dull. A large number of houses are still busy stock-taking. Retail stores have been doing an active business, more so than during the Christmas week for many years past.

FURS.—Owing to the state of the weather, and bad condition of country roads, the fur market has been very quiet, indeed there have been very few skins offering, and these have generally been of a poor quality. We quote :—Mink, \$1.00 to 1.25; Marten prime 1.00 to \$1 25; Bearver prime dark per lb. 2.25 to \$2.50; Bear blk. prime large \$8 to \$10; ditto small \$4 to 6; Red Fox prime \$1.25; Musk rat ditto. 10 to 12c.; Lynx prime large 1.50 to \$2; Skunk prime dark large 50 to 75c. ditto prime

white large 25c.; Raccoon prime 25 to 50c.; Fisher prime 5 to \$7; Otter, prime dark \$8.00 to 10.00.

FISH.—At this season the demand for fish seems to be supplanted by poultry, and the fish market is neglected. Prices are nominally unchanged as under: Labrador Herrings, \$6 25 to 6.50; No. 1 Cape Breton Herrings, \$5 50 to 5.75; other grades of herrings, \$4.00 to 5.00; Dry Cod—Stocks are small, and prices wellmaintained at \$4.50 to 5.00; Green Cod, No. 1, \$5.50; ditto No. 2, \$4.50; large drafts \$6.00; Salmon is unchanged.

FLOUR.-Receipts for the past week 6196 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date. 804.915 brls., being an increase of 88 952 brls. on the receipts for the same period of 1880. Shipped during the week, 2863 brls. Total shipments from 1st. Jan. to date, 620,977 brls., being a decrease of 112.361 brls. on the shipments for the same period of 1880. We have very little to say about this trade as there has been little or none done since this day week, the corn exchange has been closed on account of Christmas since last Thursday and any small lots changing hands were within our range of quotations. The exchange opened again to day, the following were the nominal quotations: We quote Superior Extra, 6.15 to \$6 20 ; Extra Superfine, \$6.10 ; to 6.15; Fancy, \$6.00 to 6.05; Spring Extra \$6.00; to 6.05; Superfine. \$5.70 to 5.75; Strong Bakers' Flour. \$6.50 to 7.50; Fine, 5.00 to 5 10; Middlings \$4.00 to 4.10; Pollards, \$3.60 to 3.80; On-tario Bags \$2.75 to 2.90; city bags, \$3.60 to 3.75; Oatmeal, \$5.15 to 5.25; Cornmeal, \$3.75.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts for the past week 27,610 bushels. Total receipts for 1st Jan. to date were 7,468,711 bushels, being a decrease 1,950,722 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1880. Shipped during the week, 23,-160 bushels. Total shipments from 1st Jan. to date, 6,444.256 bushels, being a decrease of 2,820,895 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1880. The business in grain has been quite at a standstill all week and to day the quotations are nominally as follows: Canada white winter, \$1.38; red winter, \$1.43 to 1 45; $Peas, 76\frac{1}{2}c;$ (Jats, 38 to 39c; Barley, 60 to 70c; Rye, 90 to 92c.

GROCERIES .--- Teas .-- The uncertainty as to the duties still interferes with business and almost none has been transacted this week and last week's quotations still hold good. Coffee.—A fair retail demand has been experienced, but nothing of a wholesale character transpiring; prices remain steady for ordinary quality, Mocha 30 to 32c; Old Govt. Java, 23 to 26c; Singapore 16 to 20c; Maracaibo, 16 to 20c; Rio, 121 to 19c. Sugar.-The market for refined is decidedly weaker but not quotably lower The competition with beet root sugar has doubtless something to do with this, the demand has been very light. Granulated 93 to 93; Yellows 74 to 84c. Raw Sugar. There is none in stock just now. Molasses are if anything a turn easier than last week but we can hardly quote any lower, Barbadoes 52 to 53c; Sugar House 35 to 374c. Spices are unchanged but firm at late quotations. Fruit. The demand has been rather disappointing and the market has been generally weaker all round. For round lots our quotations might possibly be shaded. We quote We quote Layer Raisins, \$2.75 to 2.90; Loose Muscatels, \$3 to 3.15; London Layers, \$3 to 3.25; Valen-cias, 83 to 9c.; Sultanas, 10 to 12 c.; Currants in moderate request at 64 to 63c.; Figs, 6 to 124c, and for some very choice, 134 is asked. Tarragona almonds, $7\frac{2}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$.; Trebizond fil-berts, 8 to 8c.; Sicily filberts, $9\frac{1}{4}$ to 10c.; Bor-deaux Walnuts, 7 to 8c.; Grenoble Walnuts,

131c. HARDWARE.—Business generally at this season of the year is dull, and merchants are finding plenty to do with stock taking and balancing their books; prices continue very firm and higher

prices are looked for still There is nominally no change in prices, and we repeat those of last week as follows: Pig Iron per ton, Coltness, \$24.50 to 25.00; Gartsherrie, \$24.00 to 24.50; Summerlee, \$24.00 to 24.50; Langloan, \$24.25 25.00; to 25.00; Eglinton, \$22.50 to \$23; Carnbroe, \$23.00 to 23.50 ; Siemens, \$24 00 to 24.50 ; Bars per 100 lbs, Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2 to \$2.05; best ditto, \$2.25 to 2.30; Swedes, \$5.00 to 5.50; Norway, \$5.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor & Bowling, \$6.25 to 6.50. Canada Plates per box, Swanson & Penn, \$3 25 to 3.30 ; Hatton, \$3.00 to 3.10 ; Arrow \$3.30 to 3 35; Clifton \$3.25 to 3.30; Tin Plates per box,—Charcoal IC, \$6.00 to 6.25; ditto, IX, \$8.00 to 8.25; ditto, DC. \$5.50 to 5.75; Coke IC., \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned sheets*, charcoal best, No. 26, \$10.50 to 11.00; coke ditto, \$9.00 to 9.50; Galvanized sheets, Morewood's Lions No. 28 per 100 lbs. \$7.00 to 7.25; other brands No. 28, \$6.50 to 6.75; hoops and bands, \$2.50 to 2.60; sheet best brands, \$2.60 to 2.75; Steel. cast, 121 to 13c; spring per 100 lbs. \$3.25 to 3.50; tire ditto, \$3.00 to 3.25; sleigh shoe, \$2.25 to 2.50; Boiler plates, ordinary brands, \$2.75 to 8.00; best ditto, \$3.50 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7 to 8; Cut nails, per 100 lbs., nett Bowling, \$7 to 8; Cut nails, per 100 lbs., nett cash, 10d to 60d, (3 in. and larger,) \$2.45; 8d and 9d, ($2\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{3}{4}$ in.) \$2.70; 6d and 7d, (2 and $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.) \$2.95; 4d and 5d ($1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{6}{4}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in.) A P \$3.20; Spikes, pressed, per 112 lbs., \$3 50 to 4; Ingot tin, 28 to 29c; ingot copper, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19c; Horse shoes, \$3.65 to 3.75; Proved coil chain, $\frac{5}{4}$ = 24 + 5 + 5 = 50. A show the show t in. \$4.50 to 5.00; Anchors, \$5.50 to 6.00; Sheet *sinc*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Lead*, pig, \$4.50 to 5.00; sheet, \$5.50 to 6.00; bar, \$5.00 to 5.50; shot. Canadian, \$6.00 to 6.50.

LEATHER.-Business continues quiet and with the incoming of the holiday season no improvement need be expected for a week or two. Sales are limited to the moderate requirements of the moment at our former quotations. We quote: Hemlock Spanish Sole No. 1, B. A., 24½ to 26c. ditto No. 2 B. A., 23 to 24c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25½c.; No. 2 do., 22 to 23½c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 29; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 36 to 40c; do., heavy, 35 to 37c.; Grained Upper, 35 to 38; Splits, (27 to 36 lbs.), 70 to 85c.; ditto., (18 to 26 lbs.), 65 to 80c.; Sheepskin linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 26 to 34c.; Buffed Cow, 14 to 16c.; Enamelled Cow, 14 to 18c.; Patent Cow, 14 to 15½c.; Pebbed Cow 12 to 15c.; Rough, 25 to 28c.

OILS.—Petroleum.—The market is fairly active but easy at lower prices due in a great measure to the heavy stocks here. We now quote for car lots $20\frac{1}{2}$ in store, broken lots $21\frac{1}{2}$ to 22c, and single barrels 23 to 24c, the price in London is now $17\frac{1}{2}$. Lineed oil is steady at $72\frac{1}{2}$ to 75c for raw, and 76 to 78c for boiled. Fish oils.—Since the large sale of steam refined seal mentioned in our last report there has been nothing done and prices are unchanged as follows: Cod oil, A Nfd. 44c; Seal pale, $42\frac{1}{2}c$; ditto straw, $37\frac{1}{2}c$; ditto steam refined, $47\frac{1}{2}c$ per wine gallon. Palm oil 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}c$ per lb.; Olive oil, \$1.25 to 1.30.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.— Receipts for the past week 2078 pkgs. Shipments, 1,070 pkgs. Choice butter is easily sold at full prices but inferior is neglected very little business done this week on account of the holidays. Creamery butter 21 to 26c for medium to choice; Eastern Townships 18 to 21c; Morrisburg 17 to 20c; Western dairy 15 to 17c. Cheese.—Receipts 4,693 boxes shipments 8,785 boxes. The market is a little firmer for choice qualities, and we quote choice September and October make 12 to 12½c; fair to medium qualities 10½ to 11½c. Pork.—There is a moderate local demand but outside of this there is really nothing doing. We quote new Western mess \$20.75 to 21.00. Lard has been in some demand owing to easier prices. The Anohor brand has been sold at 14c. and Fairbank's 14½ to 14%c. Dressed hogs \$7.76 to 8.00 per 100 lbs. SALT.—The advance noted last week in Coarse salt is maintained, 65 to 70c. being the current rate, but this week the demand has been almost *nil*.

WOOL.—The demand for foreign wools has been better, but domestic wool is still almost neglected at 31 to 35c for Super, and 29 to 30c. for unassorted pulled; Australian 23 to 30c; Greasy Cape 18½ to 20c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto Dec. 29th. 1881

Old residents are kept busy comparing notes and memories to find a parallel for the continued soft weather. One tells us it is 21 years, another 36 years since such a green Christmas was seen in this part of Canada. Persons in the city and suburbs of Toronto were sitting in summer houses and on verandahs, on Christmas day enjoying their book, or their cigar, or their wine, and a number of pleasure parties in small boats rowed round the Island. But all this although a novelty is not a desirable one. The weather is unwholesome, and its effect upon business is disastrous, Druggists and doctors

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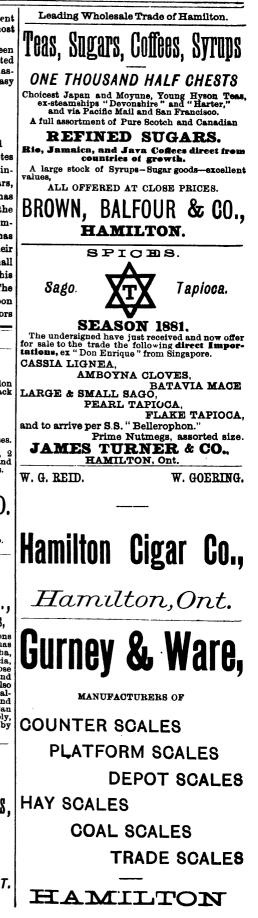
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may find some impulse to their wares through it but no other business does, save a possible demand for umbrellas and overshoes

Monday was observed as a holiday, here and elsewhere. On Tuesday the market opened quiet after the ex itement of last week, with a weak feeling in bank shares. For Bank of Montreal 194 was offered, and for Toronto 162; Standard fell three per cent. to 109, and Federal four per cent., with numerous sales from 1521 down to 150. A better tone was observable in other banks: Sales of Commerce were made at 139 and 139¹/₂; Merchants and Ontario rose slightly in bid; Dominion sold at 186¹/₂, closing at 187¹/₂; Imperial sold at 129¹/₂, and closed ¹/₂ higher. There were no transactions in loan or insurance shares. Western rose 1 point, and Imperial 2. Huron and Erie offered at 154. For London and Ontario, which has just declared a dividend, 116 was offered, holders asking 120. Building and Loan has sold at 1031 during the week, on the strength of its recent dividend. Freehold brought 168, and Canada Permanent 210xd. There were a few transactions in Consumers Gas at 152 and 154, and in Montreal Telegraph at from 1261 to 128.

BOOTS AND SHORES.—The prolonged slush and dampness has occasioned a good demand for shore and the shore a state of the shore of the sho shoes and rubbers in towns and cities, where retailers have been fairly busy, but in country places farmers cannot get about, so wretched are the roads, and business in this line is dull. Some manufacturers are working full, time, mainly on spring orders, others have slackned down to take stock. All pronounce the payments of customers good for the season.

DEY GOODS.-Heavy woollens are the sore subject at present among our wholesale dealers, as they probably are amongst retailers who may happen to hold heavy stocks of them. Rapid sale of overcoatings and naps cannot be expected when for a fortnight the mercury has ranged from 48 to 68 in the day time, marking even 78 in the sun on Christmas Day in this city. As a consequence, these goods drag; we have heard of one importing house which has seventy per cent. of its heavy woollen cloths on its hands unsold. Blankets, however, have gone off well, and earlier in the season, probably because the Country was bare of them; flannels, too, have met with good sale, and there appears no overstock of them. Underwear, the stocks have been reduced to a low point; for these goods, as Well as hosiery (both of them more largely than ever of Canadian manufacture), there has been very ready sale. Cotton goods continue to move steadily, as do many other lines not affected by the mild weather. The short assortment of which most houses have had to complain throughout the year gives force to the suggestion made by a large dealer that, however desirable it may be to increase the variety of cotton fabrics made within our own borders, it would have been more satisfactory to the trade had the mills, in so active a season as the last, given their whole attention to filling their orders for sheetings, and let experiments wait.

FLOUR. -- Market still quiet with rather more offering, stocks in store 2,865 bbls as compared with 3,045 bbls last week and 6 200 bbls at a like time last year, we do not alter quotations which are for the most part nominal. Oatmeal no change to note from former quotations. Bran

steady with a sale reported at \$14.00 on track. GRAIN.—The Liverpool market is steady and What is the Liverpool market is successful the West firm with a moderate movement. This market is dull and the stock increasing. Wheat.—Fall.—Stocks in store 137,941 bushest at against 134,969 bush last week and 68,851 bush. at a like period of 1880. Prices nominally unchanged, we hear of only No. 2 offering at about \$1.26. Wheat.—Spring.—Stocks in store 39,861 bush. as compared with 41,886 bush, last week, and 54,565 bush, at a like time last year. No. 1 has offered at \$1.83 on track here, and No. 2 at \$1.31

without business resulting. Oats.-Stocks in store 3,523 bush., same as last week. Sales of car lots on track have been made at 42c. but our outside figure has not been paid, the demand is There is some demand for barley at slight. about our quotations, sales have been made at 90c. for No. 1. and 85c. for No. 2. Stocks in f.o.c. store 293,743 bush. as compared with 241,331 bush. last week and 477,891 bush. at a like time in 1880. Peas nominal at quotations. Stocks in store 8,384 bush. against 5,964 bush. last week and 45,099 bush. at a like time last year. Rye.—Stocks in store 12,145 bush. against 12,030 last week and 10,860 last year.

GROCERIES --- The week has been a slack one, orders small and of a holiday character only. Teas.-Blacks are reported by cable a penny the pound dearer, while latest letters say that there is more enquiry for Young Hyson 1sts. Sugars are no lower, but no demand exists at the moment. Fruit is weaker, as the holiday season passes; competition in Valentia raisins has brought down the inside figure to 8ªc. Spices are steady. Liquors.-A good demand has prevailed for small parcels of choice brands of

wine and old brandy. Prices are well maintained. HIDES & SKINS.—The market is quiet; prices paid for green hides have fallen half a cent, the price now paid for cows is 8c. and for steers 9c. Cars of cured and inspected offer at 87 without takers; for small lots, from 9 to 91c. are prevailing rates. For Sheepskins, 90c. to \$1.30 is being paid. Tallow is easier, 74c. is now paid for rendered.

PROVISIONS.—The movement is strictly of a holiday character, and very limited at that. Prices are unchanged, Chicago market being fairly steady. Dairy produce is meantime dull. WooL.—Prices of Canadian are easier; some

fleece has been bought by dealers during the week at 22c and 23c is as high as they are disposed to go. Pulled super we quote at 27 to 27c and for extra of which the quantity moving is not large the quotations vary from 32 to 34e. A sale is reported on Wednesday at 311c.

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	Per cent.	Name.	Per cent.
Ætna Life	4.74	Confederation	
USUBOS	6 00 1	Briton, Edinburgh	15.00
Equitable	7.21	L. CLADCAShira	15.61
1 ravenera	0.55 1	Uluzens, Montreal	1 75
Union Mutual	10.05	Sun, Montreal	. 20.12
	10.07	Tororto, Toronto Mutual, Hamilton	. 22.44
Star, of London	12.32	Average of all Companies	18 51

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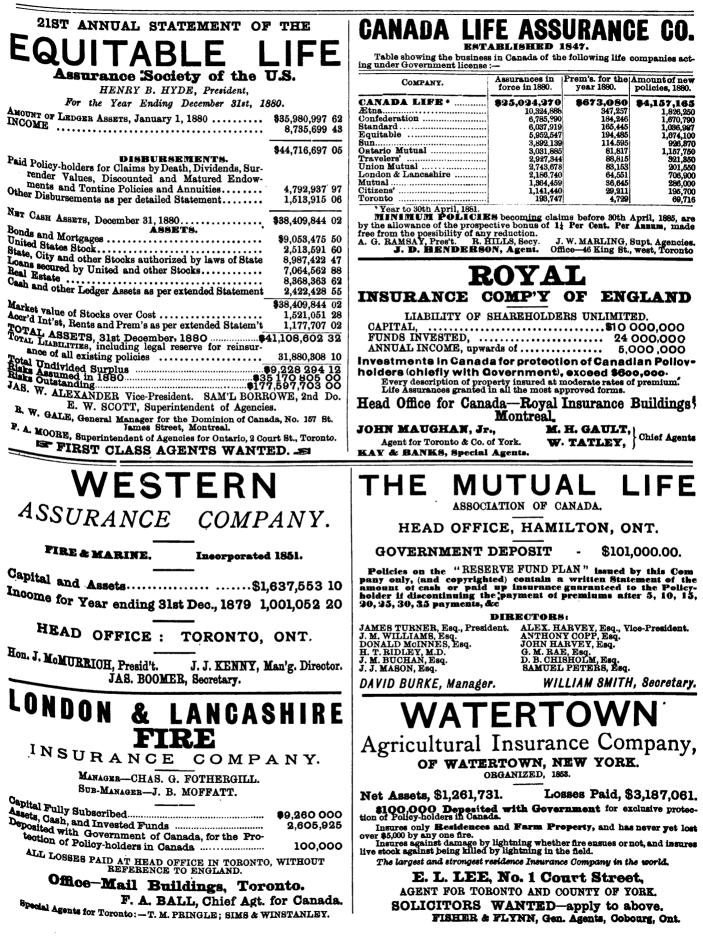
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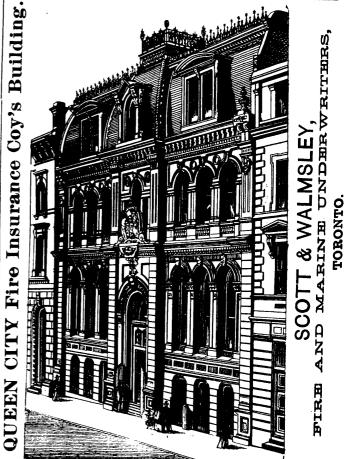
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