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DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.	consignee, does not occupy the position of an innocent purchaser of the goods.	W. B. RIDDELL. CHAS. MILLAB. B. C. LEVESCONTE.		

LLOYD V. PRESTON.-A recently delivered judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States is to the effect that where the over-valua tion of property transferred to a railway company in pretended payment of subscriptions to its capital stock, was so gross and obvious in connection with the other facts in the to clearly establish a case of fraud, bona Ade judgment creditors of the company may ealorce actual payment by such subscribers of their unpaid subscriptions. Judgment creditors of the railway company, not privy to an arrangement whereby over-valued property Was taken in full payment of its stock, are not estopped from compelling from such stock-

Court of the United States holds that a bill of lading represents the goods named therein, and the transfer of the ownership, as well as of the right of possession, is made as effectually by the transfer of the bill, as it can be by a physical delivery of the goods. When the bill of lading is transferred and delivered as collateral security, the rights of the pledge under it are the same as those of an actual purchaser to far as the exercise of those rights is neces sary to protect the holder. A bank which makes advances on a bill of lading, has a lien to the extent of the advances on the property in the hands of the consignee, and can recover from him the proceeds of the property consigned, even though the consignor be indebted to the consignee on general account; and the consignee cannot appropriate the property or its needs to be appropriate the property of a its proceeds to his own use in payment of a prior debt. A verbal mortgage or pledge of goods accompanied by a delivery is good, at least, as against the consignee, to receive and well the sell the goods, and to whom they are shipped, but who did not advance any money on account of the shipment. A consignee who had notice that ald raft had been drawn by the owner against the goods consigned, and had been endorsed to the plaintiff, and this was

ROE V. LUCKNOW .- A novel case has recently been decided by the local judge at Lucknow, in the county of Bruce, Ontario, but it is very doubtful if it will stand the test of a higher court. The facts are that the defendants built an engine house within the village limits, on their own land, immediately adjoining the highway, for fire protection and street watering purposes, and placed a steam-whistle on the roof about twenty feet from the street. The whistle was intended to signal the branch. men when to take or cease taking water from the pipes laid through the village. The village stands on uneven ground, and if the pipes in bolders full payment on their judgments. the lower part of the village are left open after the engine stops pumping, the water escaping MRANS V. BANK OF RANDALL .- The Supreme will leave a vacuum in the higher pipes, and it is said cause them to burst when the water is afterwards forced into contact with the air in the empty pipes above. Hence defendants claim arises of the necessity for the whistle as a signal to close or open the pipes as occasion

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judgment to the extent of \$150.

requires. The road adjoining is higher than

the land on which the building stands, being

described as level with the top of the door case

of the engine-house, thus exposing the roof and

the whistle to view from the highway. On

the occasion complained of the plaintiff's stal-

lion, in charge of his servant, happened to be

coming out of the village along the highway,

and when about 120 feet from the engine-

house the defendants' engineer blew the

whistle. The noise and escaping steam

frightened the stallion, causing him to turn

suddenly round, upset the buggy and run

away, doing the damage complained of, and

for which the plaintiff sued and obtained

A recent decision by the Supreme Court of New York holds that the ordinary contract of a railroad company or other common carrier several hours before the goods were sold by the amount of their personal baggage, and not the tween Ottawa, Sherbrooke and Portland. of persons is to transport them and a certain feet of lumber required have been divided be-

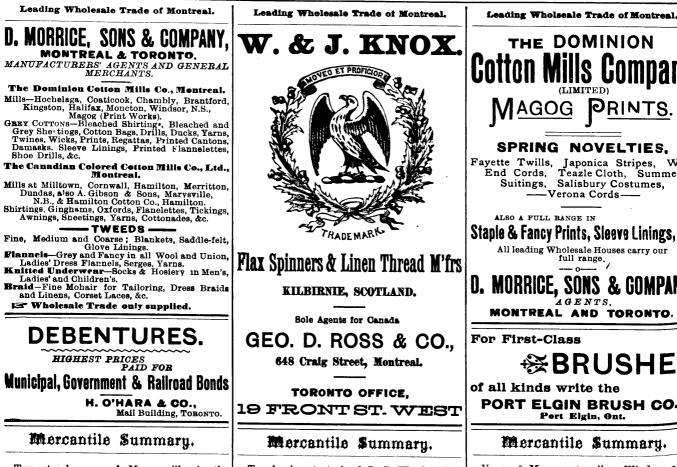
merchandise contained in the trunks of commercial travellers, and belonging to their employers, do not constitute a part of their legitimate baggage. Consequently where such samples are checked as baggage over lines on which passage is taken, and especially as the baggage of the commercial agents, no recovery can be had for their loss. Nor does the mere fact that an excess baggage charge on extra weight is demanded and paid, and the fact that the baggage agents are informed that the trunks checked contain samples, change this. Though if the carrier undertakes, by express or implied contract, to carry other people's merchandise as freight, they are liable as any common carrier of freight would be, and that is all; and such facts must appear from which it can be reasonably inferred that this contract of affreightment was entered into with knowledge of all the facts.-Railway Reniem.

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PENALTY FOR SMOKING.

The Italian correspondent of L'Argus refers to a case of involuntary incendiarism, where. in an establishment where smoking was strictly forbidden, an employe was discovered by the superintendent one day with a cigar in his mouth. He was severely reprimanded for this trespass upon the rules vigorously enforced. In his haste to conceal his disobedience, the workman, with still greater recklessness, cast his glowing cigar upon the ground, which alighting near some inflammable articles caused an instantaneous fire, which, before it could be extinguished, consumed property valued at 300,000 lires. He was arrested, found guilty, and sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment.

-The Cotton Co. at Valleyfield has placed most of the contracts for its new works. The stone work is already begun. The Dominion Bridge Co. have the contract for the steel girders; the orders for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ million square



THE storekeepers of Mansonville, in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, proclaim that on the first of the month they intend to enter upon the cash system.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that the Western Union Telegraph Company has over 739,000 miles of wire and nearly 21,000 offices, it opens an average of 600 new offices annually.

A NUMBER of the merchants of Learnington have adopted a strictly cash system of doing business, and are resolved not to give long credits under any circumstances.

THE partnership between Campbell & May, of this city, accountants and assignees, has been dissolved. Mr. Campbell continues at the old address and has associated with him Mr. I. G. Strong. Other premises have been taken by Mr. Geo. H. May.

Some time ago the council of Williamsport, Penn., passed an ordinance to tax merchants whose business netted them a certain amount. This law affected all the larger dealers, and L. L. Stearns & Sons decided to make a test case, and in the matter of the city vs. Stearns the Judge (Metzger) decided that the city has no right or power to tax its merchants in that way.

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THE bankrupt stock of G. S. Wood & Co. of St. Thomas (value \$8,508.83), has been sold to G. R. Pennington, of St. Thomas, for 57 cents on the dollar. The stock of Chowen & Yarco, Mitchell (value, \$2,030.85), was sold to J. W. McKay, of Elora, for 751 cents on the dollar.

AT a meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade, held last week, a resolution was passed expressing the opinion that the subject of direct telegraphic communication throughout the British Empire should, without delay, receive the earnest consideration of the home and colonial Governments.

An attempt is being made in Montreal to form a company to work the Cliff Mine, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland. We have heard that \$50,000 has already been spent on this mine by English capitalists, that it is advantageously situated near a water power, as well as a railroad and water communication. Mr. Foran says the lode is about fifteen feet wide, and has been explored on a distance of threequarters of a mile. The ore is said to give about four or five hundred dollars' worth of silver to the ton, besides a large percentage of lead.

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Mercantile Summary.

VIVIAN & MERRITT, jewellers, Windsor, after long negotiations looking to a settlement, have made an assignment to H. Barber & Co., Toronto. Some time ago an offer of 60 cents on the dollar was made, with interest, but this was not accepted.

A BAR of gold weighing 170 ounces, valued at \$3,350, was brought into Halifax, N.S., a week ago, from the Richardson mine, Isaacs Harbor. This is the first crushing of the mine and is said to be the result of twenty-two days work.

In Montreal city the failures for the week are few. J. L. Marcou & Co., dealers in furs and hats, have assigned, owing about \$3,500. This is the third time Mr. Marcou has proved unsuccessful.—C. Dube, a small contractor, has been served with a demand of assignment. Beginning life as a carter, he developed into a plasterer, and latterly into a contractor.-D. Favre, a small coal and wood dealer, has __`E· failed with limited local liabilities. -Blanchard, a tinsmith, also doing a small hardware business, is offering his creditors 75 cents on the dollar; 40 cents in cash, balance on time.—Alderic Gauthier, saloon-keeper, has assigned, and owes some \$5,600.

Brushes and Brooms.





THE Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company intends building new offices in Quebec, to cost some \$25,000.

THE Cuddy-Mullen Coal Company, of Cleveland, which claims to be the largest handler of fuel on the lakes, sold last year 140,000 tons of steamboat fuel, apart from cargo sales of coal.

THE stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur, on the 23rd February, were 2,718,617 bushels. During the week there was received 16,389 bushels and none shipped, leaving in store on the 2nd March, 2,735,006 bushels.

It is said that eighty-six, or nearly onequarter, of the 355 towns of Massachusetts contain no resident physician. Here is an opportunity for some of Canada's surplus practitioners.

THE stocks of Mr. A. T. Smith, at Springfield and Essex, amounting in value to some \$12,500, have been sold to Mr. T. N. White, of Essex, at 75 cents on the dollar; and to Mr. D. Bricket, of the latter place, at 68 cents on the dollar.

THE Bell Telephone Co. has bought the exclusive right to do business in Jondon for a term of five years by paying \$1,000 per annum. A franchise has also been given by that city to the Canadian General Electric Company.

It is proposed by the St. Croix Shoe Co. to make "leather garments," and stockholders were to meet on Wednesday, 8th inst., to consider the proposal, which, it agreed upon, will give employment to twenty by people.

At a meeting of the Bankery il mociation of Winnipeg on Monday it was decided that American silver would be received by the banks at the following rates of discount after April 1 next: Silver dollar, 80c.; half dollar, 40c.; quarter, 20c.; dimes, 5c.

AT the age of seventy-four, Mr. Charles Gurney, one of the founders of the stove concern of Hamilton and other Canadian cities, the E. & C. Gurney Company, died last week in Hamilton, after a long illness. In December, 1842, he and his brother Edward went first to Hamilton as young men, and in the following year they went into partnership in the stove business, as E. & C. Gurney. The success of the firm is the greatest evidence of the business ability and enterprise of the founders. Mr. Gurney was a good citizen and a staunch friend.

THE town authorities of Kincardine. Ont. are prepared to receive proposals for the establishment of such industries as a chair factory, canning factory, etc. The citizens are willing to take stock in any such enterprise, and offer every facility for making it a success.

THE following stocks of merchandise are advertised for sale : That of Samuel Leggatt, general dealer at Nelles Corners, on the 14th inst.; also the general stock of G. W. Woodland of Durham. The general assortment of A. J. Smith at Essex, Ont., was disposed of on Monday last.

THE appointment of Mr. R. G. Leckie as vice-president of the American Mining Association has given much gratification to his many friends and admirers in Canada. The New Glasgow Chronicle says : "We may add that this whole community will join the citizens of our mining centre in their appreciation of the honor conferred."

WE notice that the Northern Advance, published at Barrie, has adopted a novel plan of collecting accounts from its delinquents. It publishes a list of its debtors in the different localities, with the amounts they owe, and offers to sell their accounts. At the bottom of the list the publisher adds that "Other names of persons indebted to this office, and who will not pay their indebtedness, will be added to this list.'

THE manager of the Ferrona iron works. Mr. R. E. Chambers, went to see the new iron mines at Arisaig, Antigonish county. Satisfied with the iron-ore seam, he sent down several miners to open out two veins-one showing nine feet of ore and the other three feet. A tram road will be built from the mine to Arisaig wharf, and the ore shipped to Pictou Landing, thence by rail to the blast furnaces at Ferrona.

FOR pure gall, the Grangers of North Bruce take the cake. So writes, on Saturday last, a subscriber of ours in the county named. He adds: "Our town is run just now by Patrons of Industry and Grangers. One of these gentlemen came into the store of one of our leading merchants this week, threw two dirty hides on the floor, and requested the merchant to get a box, put the hides in it, take it down to the station and ship it to Lumbers, in Toronto, and to tell Lumbers to send up sugar for it! The merchant sent the box, for fear of losing the man's trade, but he had to scrub the store afterwards."

It is learned by the St. John's News that Mr. P. Beaudouin has resigned his position as manager of the Banque du Peuple at that place. Mr. St. Mars, of Longueuil, succeeds to the management of the branch.

WM. HENRY, dry goods dealer, Uxbridge, is in trouble, and has assigned to J. B. Laing. About five years ago James Hall succeeded his uncle in the clothing trade at Owen Sound. He has now assigned. This is a repetition of his first failure in April, 1891, when he compromised at 80 per cent.-David Phillips, agent, Tottenham, has assigned.

For many years Wm. West & Co. have carried on the shoe business in this city, but not always successfully. Chas. Langley has this week been placed in charge of the affairs. -W. J. Kinney, general storekeeper at Kenilworth, who a year ago claimed quite a surplus, has assigned.-Wm. Watson, oatmeal miller at Mitchell, has made an assignment.-—A compromise is offered to the creditors of A. W. Lawrie & Co., grocers at Port Dover.---- W. J. Traber, tailor, of Sarnia, has assigned.

THE Hamilton firm of Tunstead & Co., who have been several years in the business of hat manufacturing, are offering a compromise. -The offer of Bean, Peltz & Bean, variety storekeepers, at Harriston, has been refused, and they have assigned. The stock is offered -After being for sale to-day by the assignee .-ten years general storekeeping at Hastings, C. S. Ash, somewhat to the surprise of his creditors, has assigned.----A meeting of the creditors of Mrs. Wm. Magness, boot and shoe dealer, St. Catharines, has been called and she has assigned. Her husband did likewise some years ago, and has not received his discharge.

A FEW years ago the old grocery business of Berwick & Co., Rossin Block, Toronto, was bought by Robt. Kennedy, but evidently he has not been successful. Only last week he arranged a compromise with his creditors, the largest of whom became security for the —An old others. Mr. K. owes about \$9,000.real estate mortgage has been the cause of the troubles of F. C. Blake, stationer, and a meeting of his creditors was called for yesterday to consider his position.—Thos. B. Devaney is the sole member of the firm of Devaney Bros., who began the dry goods business on Queen street in the fall of 1886. He is in difficulties, and his liabilities, which are stated to be about \$30,000, are largely due one house.

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WYLD. GRASETT & DARLING



ABOUT five years ago W. H. Paulson & Co. began business in Winnipeg as hardware and stove merchants, apparently prospering and believed to have a surplus. Now we hear of their assignment.—_A. Walker & Co., general storekeepers at Fort McLeod, Alberta, are in difficulty and the sheriff is in possession. Six months ago the firm claimed a surplus of over \$8,000. Since then they were burnt out and now Walker is reported missing.----Quite recently Mr. McIntosh retired from the firm of H. B. Dumphy & Co., grocers at Winnipeg. We now learn that they have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand. They owe about \$2,000.

In the bank case against Zebulon Laplant, who was charged with the robbery of \$2,500 from the Merchants' Bank branch, in Windsor, while its caretaker, and who made what was supposed to be a confession of guilt, Judge Horne of Essex has given judgment. He finds that no evidence has been submitted other than the confession, and says it is evident Laplant had been arrested in Detroit for the purpose of getting a confession from him, which confession could not be received as evi dence. He found Leplant not guilty. He also refused to note, as requested by the prosecution, that there was reasonable or probable Cause for defendant's arrest. It is now stated that Laplant intends to sue the bank for \$5,000, and Manager Durand for \$2,000 for malicious arrest and false imprisonment.

Among Toronto happenings are the following: Mrs. Irving, shoe dealer, has assigned. In 1888, her husband, Wm. Irving, failed, and his wife purchased the stock and continued the business.— E. Parrington, dealing in lumber, assigns with liabilities of less than 1,000. Last week a meeting of the creditors of E. Sullivan, restaurant keeper, involved by the failure of M. McConnell, was held, and an offer of 15 per cent. was made. All the oreditors except one have agreed.----The Toronto Drop Forge Co. has decided to go into liquidation, and it is expected that creditors will be paid in full. — The many friends of Mr. J. B. Boustead had hoped that some arrange ment would be made of his real estate obligations. However, one of his bankers becoming inpatient, he has assigned for the benefit of

HERE following are the failures for the week in the Province of Quebec, not including Montreal city. C. Lamb, a small general trader, at perce, has been served with a demand of

assignment. He compromised in 1890 at 30 cents.---Lebel & Co., general store, Ste. Flavie Station, are offering creditors 35 cents on the dollar; liabilities are stated at about \$6,000. Mr. L. was formerly in business, unsuccessfully, at Kamouraska, and has since been doing business in his wife's name. -Charron & Racicot, a leading general store firm at Windsor Mills, have assigned on demand. They got an extension of time last spring on liabilities of \$11,000.-J.A. Desilets, dealing in hardware at Louiseville, is seeking a composition at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar.----F. X. Dupre, hotel-keeper, and railway ticket agent, has assigned, owing about \$2,500.--J. B. Plamondon, doing business in a very small way at St. Louis de Bonsecours, has been asked to assign. He failed three years ago, settling at 30 cents, and now owes only \$1,000.--P. E. Caron, formerly a clerk in Sherbrooke, began business for himself just two years ago in Lennoxville, on limited capital, and his assignment is now reported.-J. & N. Dow, general store, Port Daniel, recently reported as offering a compromise, have assigned.---S. Sevigny dit Lafleur, a harnessmaker, of St. Flavien, who has been running a general store under the charge of his wife for several years, has had to assign, liabilities about \$3,000.----Genereux & Lachance, dry goods dealers, Quebec, have assigned to the Court, after a short career; liabilities about \$13,000, and assets stated at \$17.650.

COLLECTIONS.

Editor MONETARY TIMES :

SIR,-There is a general complaint among nerchants that lawyers and assignees keep merchants that lawyers and assignees keep the money of their clients, resorting to all sorts of quibbles, and refuse often to pay till threatened with exposure. I notice that Judge McMahon has lately make an example of one lawyer in this respect, and it does not come a bit too soon. The evil is getting worse and worse, and a vigorous article in your valuable paper might lead to good results. MERCHANT.

Montreal, 6th March, 1893.

-In the sawn lumber world, says the Ottawa Journal, things are beginning to stir in a lively Journal, things are beginning to stir in a lively way and sales have been more or less brisk. Last week another big sale to an American firm took place, the deal figuring between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. As there has been an exceptionally large fall of snow this season, humber an enderty look for a shundara lumbermen confidently look for an abundance of water for driving the timber.





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THE SITUATION.

On a motion made in the British House of Commons to exclude live cattle from the imports, a debate ensued in which Mr. Gardner, President of the Board of Agri-Calture, took part. He not only opposed the motion, but expressed the hope that the facts, which he is now examining, Would justify the withdrawal of the exist bg restriction in the case of Canada. He is studying the case of the Dominion as presented by our Government. The removal of Canada from the schedule would $g_{iv_{\theta}}$ her the freedom which would be best for her interests. If all our cattle could be fattened before they are sent over, a larger profit would be made than by shipping store cattle, and the farmer would have the benefit of the extra manure; but as this is impracticable at present, freedom to ship live cattle is desirable, and it is gratifying to learn that it is likely to come.

The treaty between France and Canada bas been laid before Parliament, at Ottawa. Canada, for her part, agrees to remove the ad valorem duty of 30 per cent. from still French wines up to an alcoholic streigth of 26 per cent., by Sykes-Hydrometer, and from sparking wines without regard to strength. On the latter class of wines, the specific duty of \$3.30 per dozen quarts, and on still wines 25 cents a gallon, will remain. The present duty on castile soap is to be reduced one-half, and on nuts, almonds, prones and plums, one-third. Canada andertakes to give France the treatment to of the most favored nation, in respect to tariff advantages. Any advantage which France is to give, under this head, is to be confined to any reduction of duty granted to another power, on the articles enuherated in this treaty. France, in return for these concessions made by Canada, admits a number of Canadian products, which now pay the highest, at the lowest

of the sea, the river, the forest, the farm and the factory. Canned meats, of which we are now considerable purchasers, are included, so that if we are to profit by this item we must begin the business of canning. Condensed milk, not less, points to a new industry. Of another article, fish preserved in the natural form, we import toothsome morsels, and must learn the Scottish art of making, say herrings, more palatable. All the other things contained in a pretty long schedule we are in a position to furnish. Of common paper we shall probably not Le able to send France much. if any. What constitutes common and solid furniture, which is also includel, may possibly give rise to some doubt.

British Columbia has a tax on mortgages to which considerable objection is at present being expressed. Public meetings have been held to protest against it, and a deputation has asked the Government to repeal it. The Finance Minister replied as if the chief or only question with him was how to replace the revenue which this tax produces. The deputation pointed out that mortgage debts ought to be deducted from the assessable value of real estate, as is done in the case of personal property. "The net capital," said the chief spokesman, "in each case, should be assessed." By the present mode of assessment, there is no doubt the nominal owner of the land pays on what he does not own; and it is also clear that the plan suggested is the most effectual one for removing the tax on mortgages. No question of the incidence of the tax can come up when the owner pays on what he does not in fact own. The question of chattel mortgages is also causing some perplexity. Chattel mortgages are just as legitimate as any other, provided notice of their existence is accessible to all who may be called upon to credit the mortgagors; and such notice is all that can be done, or that it is desirable to do.

Against the Dominion Coal Mining Company of Cape Breton the veto power is not to be used. When a proposal was made in the House of Commons that the bill of the Nova Scotia legislature to carry the agreement with the Boston syndicate into ffect should be vetoed, Sir John Thomp son took the ground that the measure being within the competence of the local legislature and sustained by a large majority there, it must be allowed to go into effect. No doubt it would have been difficult to interfere in this way; though on the ground that it is the policy of the Dominion to put down combinations which may produce monopolies, the exercise of some regulative power would have been in order, since the bill unites a number of mines which were before separate. The company has beyond doubt the means of creating a practical monopoly; and persons concerned in it do not hesitate to say that one object is to get rid of opposition. No doubt the working of the mines can be improved ; but this would have been possible without giving a practical monopoly to a coal company for the period of more than a century. There is a

price of coal to the consumer, and if this should happen it will be no more than has generally been done before under similar circumstances. True, some coal is produced in Nova Scotia outside the monopoly; but unless the Dominion Coal Co. be unlike similar organizations elsewhere, it will find means of crushing outside competition or absorbing rival mines. There are even now doubts as to the apparent independence of some mines not under the direct control of the Boston company.

Unfavorable comment on the resolution of the steamship companies to raise the rate of emigrant fares by the St. Lawrence 25 per cent. for the coming season, continues to be made. A full explanation would probably take us far beyond the consideration of the mere rise of rate. Last year, in face of threatened cholera, several Atlantic lines resolved not to bring emigrants at all. The same danger threatens for the coming season with increased intensity. And this is the year of the Columbia Exhibition, in which there will be an unprecedented increase in the num. ber of cabin passengers. Vessels which carry no emigrants will get the preference from cabin passengers, who pay best; and those which carry emigrants will be in danger of losing many of the more profitable class of passengers. But a reduction of 25 per cent. is only a half measure, and is not likely to bring success. If it be desired that it should prove prohibitory, why not make it so absolutely ? There are immigrants who would pay the increased rate, but they would not be numerous; while a few emigrant passen. gers would be likely largely to reduce the number of cabin. It is doubtful whether the steamship companies will find a mere increase of emigrant rates to have any other than a doubly disastrous effect on their own business. If they are not at liberty to refuse emigrants, would it not be better to carry only emigrants on some vessels and only cabin passengers on others?

A check has been opposed to the impetuosity of the Imperial Federation League. The Imperial Government decides that it is undesirable to summon a new colonial conference at present. Lord Rosebery, who is himself perhaps the most prominent of Imperial Federationists, was the channel through which the announcement was made in Parliament. One reason given against a new conference is the depression prevailing in Australia. Questions of colonial contributions to the defence of the empire would have come up, and in her present crippled and despondent state Australia could not be expected to respond with alacrity to such a proposal, which, if negatived, would get a decided set-back. It is pretty certain that nothing could be gained by a new colonial conference at present. Though the condition of Australia is the reason given for the negative decision, it does not follow that there is no other. If a conference had been called, the most prominent question of discussion soale of duties. Among them are products wick, that the new company will raise the and on this question Great Britain could would have been that of preferential trade;

not be expected to reverse the decision silver purchases have drained the Treasury given at the previous council. It is pretty clear that Sir Charles Tupper is of this opinion, when he concurs in the decision of the Government. The St. James' Gazette improves the occasion to suggest that an Imperial training ship for boys should be sent to Halifax to encourage Canadians to qualify themselves for becoming British officers.

Zanzibar, under a British protectorate. has just passed through a change of Sultans, caused by the death of Ali bin. A pretender, in the person of his son Kalid, appeared and tried to secure himself in the palace, but a strong force of British troops compelled him to open the gate, and he was marched from the palace under a strong guard. Hamid bin Thwain, a son of the late Sultan's brother, who according to Mahommedan law was heir to the throne, was proclaimed Sultan by the British.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S INAUGURAL.

True to his ante-election pledges, President Cleveland gives no uncertain sound on the currency and tariff questions. "The verdict of the voters," he says, "which condemned the injustice of maintaining protection for protection's sake, enjoins upon the people's servants the duty of exposing and destroying the brood of kindred evils which are the unwholesome progeny of paternalism." This "brood " includes bounties and subsidies, concealed and open; bounties to manufactures, in the form of high duties. War is declared against combinations, "which have the power to destroy." Many combinations the new President truly characterizes as " conspiracies against the interests of the people." A decisive reversal of the policy of protection has, he declares, become the duty of the legislative and executive branches of the Government; and moreover, the avowal is explicit, that the political party which has full control, in both these branches, is "pledged in the most positive terms to tariff reform;" and that they are bound by their mandates and their duty "to devote themselves unremittingly to this service." The Government of the United States, Mr. Cleveland affirms, takes for its guide the rule that "the necessity for revenue to support the Government fur. nishes the only justification for taxing the people." Here is no backing down, but a re-a sertion in the most vigorous terms, of the ante-election pledges of the Democratic party. How the currency is to be reformed is, of course, not stated ; but the inference that silver purchase will have to cease, is plain.

It is of course easier to make a programme than to carry it out, and many obstacles stand in the way of a return to a revenue tariff. The outgoing party has been guilty of almost every enormity which it is possible for a government to commit. The producers of silver and the manufacturers have been permitted to plunder the public, empty the public treasury and even to

of gold; combinations of manufacturers have, under favor of the tariff, been able to wring untold wealth from the people. The pension list is so enormous that the outgoing Secretary of the Treasury tells us, at the rate things were going on, \$50,000,-000 more would require to be added yearly to the revenue. The Cleveland administration, in its attempts to reach a revenue tariff, will find itself obstructed by the fiscal necessities of the government, which in the meantime must be met on the scale of the late administration. The cestation of the purchase of silver will put a check on the outflow of gold; but the vast mass of silver which bas taken the place of gold cannot be redeemed without an effort. Still there is no difficulty in connection with the currency which resolution and sound policy cannot overcome. The pension list stands like a giant in the path of tariff reform; and its reduction will be necessary to make any considerable progress possible. Tariff reform will of necessity march slowly at first, and it will do well if it reach the goal of a revenue tariff by the end of Mr. Cleveland's second term.

The foreign policy of the United States may be expected to be put on a more reasonable basis under the new administration. The policy and aims of the men by whom Mr. Cleveland has surrounded himself as cabinet advisers are directly opposed to those of the late Mr. Blaine. Mr. Carlisle, the new secretary of the Treasury, when the McKinley hill was before Congress, argued that real reciprocity, which could furnish a market for the agricultural produce of the States, was not to be found in South America. 'If," he said, "we are to find markets for the products of our farms we must look across the ocean to the people who want such products. We must look, also, to our English-speaking neighbors on the north [Canada], who, in spite of our unfriendly tariff, purchase every year four or five millions of dollars worth of our agricultural products in excess of the amount we purchase of them." A free exchange of the agricultural products of the two countries must, in this state of the trade, be as beneficial to the United States as to Canada. Both countries raise agricultural produce in excess of their own wants, and both have to find markets for the surplus in foreign countries, of which Great Britain is the chief. If either buys of this produce largely from the other, it has more of its own to export, and it makes a profit on what it handles in excess of its own growth. The excess for exportation caused by im. portation may not be in the same articles. For example, Canada, according to Mr. Carlisle, took in 1889 from the United States, 5,939,965 lbs. of canned beef, while we sent barley to the United States in exchange. It cannot be doubted that this exchange was an advantage to both countries. The total exchanges do not exactly balance one another. If we took four or five millions more of agricultural produce than we sold to the States, we had so much more to send to Europe; the excess represents the extent to which we handle and the speaker had characterized as a rest

being a disadvantage is a source of profit. To the Canadian farmer it matters not whether his surplus come into contact with that of the United States here or elsewhere. At one point or another contact is bound to come, since both couptries seek the same market for the bulk of their surplus produce. If, as Mr. Carlisle points out, we took 16,000,000 pounds of American pickled pork, in 1889, we had an excess of some other product, which it suited us to raise, to send elsewhere; and if what we raised to pay for the pork we bought, brought us more profit, we were gainers by the operation. The chances are that where trade is free, people will not make a mistake in selecting for growth what is most profitable. This is equally true of the United States as of Canada; and a free exchange of raw produce would be an undoubted benefit to both countries. Of course this would not be a reason why, if we were making a treaty of reciprocity, we might not go somewhat beyond the list of raw produce. It is obvious from these facts that the chance of our trade relations with the United States being improved, under the new administration, is distinctly increased.

QUEBEC, FROM A BANKER'S POINT OF VIEW.

The operations of La Banque du Peuple for 1892 have resulted in a net profit at the rate of 123 per cent. upon the paid capital, which is a very gratifying state of things to lay before the shareholders at the annual meeting. Per contra, the president had to tell them of the loss of the bank's appeal suit in connection with the Bryant, Powis & Bryant matter in Quebec, which will absorb the balance at the credit of Profit and Loss account, and more, too, However, the temper of the directors is cheerful; they appear to intend a larger distribution of profit?; and it is not an natural, when we recall that the average net earnings of the bank for the last five years have exceeded ten per centum yearly, that a larger dividend than six should be looked for by shareholders. Another fee ture mentioned by the president is the intention to erect a handsome building for a banking house and offices. It is apparent from this fact, if it were not made plain by the greatly increased figures of the year over \$7,000,000 of loans-that the bank has quite outgrown its present premises.

We turn to the remarks of the cashier with interest, for he has repeatedly shown in former addresses close observation and good sense. His references to matters concerning Quebec Province are made brief by reason of the time given to a retrospect of the bank's affairs; in these he finds food for interesting comparison. In 1887 the deposits were \$2,340,000 and the total loans and advances \$4,021,000, where a 1893 they are respectively \$5,362,000 and \$7,024,000 ; and the profits and the Rest are doubled. The bank has 700 shareholders, 10,000 depositors, 18,000 borrowers. As to the general mercantile position, the inh commercial outlook of March, 1892, which leave heavy obligations undischarged. The carry American produce, and instead of improvement upon that of several previous

years, has been, in his opinion, quite realized by the business of the twelve months. "It has been a year of good returns all round." Again Mr. Bousquet urges upon the people of Quebec Province the importance of enlarging the circle of farm products beyond the coarse grains, staple vegetables and hay which for so long have been their main reliance in that province. He urges improvement in dairying, and it is gratifying to learn that cheese making has made progress in Quebec during the year. It now remains to improve the butter, and a great step will have been gained if the bright and thrifty mothers and daughters of French Canada can be aroused to the possibilities of profit that lie in proper dairying. "The attention of our people," he concludes, "should be turned to pork production, which business is one of the most important in our agriculture, and it is hoped that before long a great many in this province will enter on this trade and will produce enough to supply our local wants, which are now provided for by Ontario farmers."

MONTREAL FIRES IN 1892.

The breaking out of a fire in the business quarter of Montreal, is always a matter of anxiety to underwriters, the streets are so narrow, telegraph and telephone poles and wires so abound, and in winter the climatic conditions are such as often tend to defeat the efforts of any fire brigade, or fire appliances. It appears from their re-Port, that the Montreal Fire Commissioners investigated the origin of 269 fires in that city last year, and that they were personally present at 175 fires whose origin was easily accounted for without any enquiry. The losses of the year in different branches of commerce by these 444 fires were, the report says, \$452,448, or over a thousand dollars each, divided into dry goods losses, \$178,506; paint shops, \$66,282; foundries, \$54,546; furniture shops and dwellings, \$39,361; fancy goods and toy shops, \$28,-963; fur dealers, \$17,591; hay, grain, and feed stores, \$14,469; boot and shoe shops, \$12,358; clothing stores, \$11,715. The remainder is made up of hotels and saloons, cigar shops, laundries, printing offices, stables and sheds, groceries and bakeries, etc. It is very satisfactory to conclude that incendiarism is on the decline in that city. In some years the Commissioners had a number of most reckless cases to report upor ; and the knowledge that suspected fires would be enquired into has doubtless frightened the fire-bugs, for only two charges of incendiarism were made during the year.

TORONTO TRADE FIGURES.

The foreign trade of Toronto, outwards and inwards, amounted for February to \$2,218,027, namely, \$1,932,845 imports, and \$285,182 exports, as against \$2,055,612 in the same month last year, when the im-Ports were \$1,609,808, and the exports \$445,804. This we gather from the Board of Trade bulletin, issued on Monday last. It is thus seen that imports were larger,

and exports smaller than in the corresponding month of 1892. The differences in merchandise brought in may be gathered from the following comparative table of imports:

IMPORTS.

Feb., '93.	Feb., '92
Cotton mnfrs\$163,190	\$232,426
Fancy goods 101,016	82,272
Hats and bonnets 95,057	32,753
Silk goods 114,763	96,316
Woollen goods 332,715	269,124
Total dry goods\$806,741	\$712,891
Brass and mfrs. of \$7,176	\$5,591
Copper " " " 457	3,281
Iron and steel goods 93,431	88,640
Metal, comp., &c 13,254	10,782
Lead and mfrs. of 267	4,488
Total metal goods\$114,585	\$112,782
Books and pamphlets 32,091	31,250
Coal, bituminous 31,586	39,453
Coal, anthracite	•••••
Drugs and medicines 13,524	16,114
Earthen and chinaware 11,165	13,028
Fruits, green and dried 25,282	18,533
Glass and glassware 10,859	10,492
Hops	11,721
Jewellery and watches 27,029	11,295
Leather and mfrs. of 22,397	13,211
Musical instruments 8,874	8,778
Oils 10,456	6,504
Paints and colors 6,811	2,261
Paper and mfrs. of 32,115	35,273
Spirits and wines 8,579	5,479
Wood goods 14,322	8,975
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Free goods imported last month amounted in value to \$335,548 as compared with \$256,851 in February a year ago. The exports of field products as well as of animals and their produce were smaller last month, but iron and leather show a marked increase under the heading manufactured goods.

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Produce of The Mine " Fisheries " Forest " Field Animals and products	122	1693. 376 ,743 ,565 ,052	Feb., 1892 \$ 6,366 248,729 105,024
Manufactures		,971	60,911
Total Canadian exports,	\$27 6	,707	\$421,068

THREE CENTS IN THE DOLLAR.

An importer sends us the statement issued this winter by the assignee in the estate of Moir & Mills, of Port Arthur, who, from the names of their thirty-four creditors, we assume to have been stationers and fancy goods dealers. The claims against them run from \$5 to \$1,000 in amount (the sum last named being claimed by James Moir). The receipts and disbursements were, in rough, as under : Realized from the sale of stock, fixtures, bookdebts, etc., \$1,388. The payments were : rent, \$470; wages, insurance and taxes, \$163; man in charge, \$35; solicitor's fees, postage, fuel, light, \$124.62; inspector's fees, \$30; assignee's fees, \$243; printing and advertising, \$112.43; fare and expenses to Toronto, \$89.50. A 11 these items run away with \$1,266 out of the \$1,388, leaving to divide among creditors \$120.22, or say three cents in the dollar. Our correspondent indignantly asks, "What is to be thought of a method of adjusting failed estates which necessitates or permits the spending of \$630 on the realizing of \$1,380, and the distribution of \$120? Forty five per cent. of the realized assets has in the present case been spent in the shape of fees and as. signee's disbursements-there are fees for solicitor, fees for inspector, fees for the man in charge, fees for the assignee of course (171 per

rent, wages, and taxes, nor at the insurance, which, large as it is, was possibly deserved. The printing and advertising bill, however, seems mighty heavy. It is enough to make a man swear he will sell no more goods on credit when his substance is swallowed up in this way." If a few hundred of our best importers and manufacturers would "swear" to sell no more goods on credit, it would revolutionize trade for the better.

MAKE AN EXAMPLE.

A proper step appears to have been taken in the prosecution at Saltcoats, N.W.T., of a merchant who, there was reason to suspect, had for some months been plotting to defraud his creditors. And the result of the prosecution was the committal of the man to the next Court, for attempting to obtain goods under false pretences. The story is told in the main as follows, by the Winnipeg Free Press :- In 1888 William Walley started a general store on \$1,200 capital at Saltcoats. In September last, he reported a surplus of from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Up to June of the year 1892, he had met his paper promptly, and established a good line of credit. From the evidence at the trial, it would seem that after the date last mentioned he set to work to beat his creditors. In February, 1892, he stopped keeping a cash book. In August and September he ordered heavily from the city wholesalers, and his payments were light. This continued for some time. No cash was demanded from him, and in January of this year he called a meeting of his creditors, and it was found that instead of having his reported surplus of \$5,000, he owed as much as \$20,000, and was unable to show assets to equal it. At a meeting of about forty of Walley's creditors, counsel was engaged to prosecute the latter on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences, and general misrepresentation of the true state of his financial condition. Walley got wind of this fact and evidently attempted to get away, but the mounted police found him, and he was tried on Friday before Justices Wilson and Mc-Naught at Saltcoats. It was a test case and resulted in the committal of Walley, who has been sent up for trial at the next court to be held in the eastern judicial district of Assiniboia." The way to prevent more attempted swindles of this kind is doubtless to do just as these merchants have done, proceed vigorously to arrest the first man who gives token of such conduct and make an example of him.

THE TELEGRAPH IN CANADA.

XXVIII.

Familiar as America is to-day with the building of telegraph lines, accustomed as we are in Canada to see the line-builders and repairers, French Canadian for the most part, digging post-holes in city street or country road, erecting poles and stringing wires by the score of miles, at a rate, and with a workmanlike spirit that one despairs of ever seeing in corporation laborers - it is not easy to look back in imagination fifty years, to the days when Alfred Vail and Ezra Cornell groped their way to the completion of Morse's first line. A correspondent in Guelph asks our authority for the statement about copper wires in last issue. Our authority is James D. Reid's book, which tells us how Morse, prepossessed with the notion that wires should be laid underground because that had been done in England, and because this method gave cent. in this instance). I make no kick at the him the impression of safety and permanence,

ordered to be made in New York forty miles of a five-wire cable, enclosed in lead, while Mr. Cornell invented a plough to make the trench for its reception. This cable was laid from Baltimore to the Relay House, seven miles distant; but on testing it, the escape of current was found so great that the necessity to abandon it was at once evident. And half the Government appropriation of \$30,000 was absorbed in the fruitless experiment! It was now determined to place the wire upon poles, and this was done, two copper wires No. 14, covered with cotton saturated with gum shellac, being used. The rudimental notions of insulating the wires are illustrated by Reid. One of Vail's, which is not described, but which Morse, as well as the scientist, Professor Henry, approved, was rejected. That of Cornell, which was at first adopted, was to place the wires, well wrapped with cloth soaked with the inevitable gum shellac, between two plates of glass on the projecting knob or crossarm of each pole, a wooden cover being nailed over, to protect from rain and to press the glass upon the wire.

It took a year to complete the first short line. The battery was 100 cells of Grove, which was renewed three times a week, and the circuits were left open when the wire was not in use. The public were slow to believe in the new messenger of commerce; it was a curiosity merely, and the enterprise dragged, when in 1845 a simple incident brought the telegraph into instant public recognition. The National Convention to nominate a President of the United States was in session at Baltimore. James K. Polk had been nominated for the Presidency, and Silas Wright, then in Washington, for the Vice-Presidency. Mr. Vail sent word of this over the wires to Mr. Morse, who at once told Mr. Wright. "In a few minutes the Convention received a message from Mr. Wright respectfully declining the nomination, and the presiding officer read the despatch. The Convention could not and would not believe it, but adjourned to await the report (by mail, presumably) of a committee sent to Washington to confer with Mr. Wright. But the committee confirmed the telegraphic message, and when the fact was known, the fame of the telegraph at once took wing."

At this time Mr. O. S. Wood, soon afterward the manager of the Montreal Telegraph Co., was connected with the engineering department of the State of New York. He was induced by his brother-in-law, Ezra Cornell, to give up his profession and enter the office of Professor Morse at Washington. In the winter of 1844-45 he received by wire the result of the presidential election in Northern and Eastern States, and spent much of his time explaining to Congressmen the working of the wonderful machine. A tariff of "one cent for every four characters" was imposed by the Postmaster-General upon public messages sent over this line. This was in April, 1845. On the 5th of that month the revenue of the line was 123 cents. "The 6th was the Sabbath. On the 7th the receipts ran up to 60 cents and on the next day to \$1.32." It was then that Morse offered the invention to the American Government for \$100,000, but the offer was refused. It was then, fortunately perhaps for the world, that the resolve was taken to offer the invention to the public. Amos Kendall, who was Morse's agent, L. D. Gale and Alfred Vail joined in the effort to enlist private capital. F. O. J. Smith, the other partner of Morse, determined to act for himself. Kendall was Postmaster-General under Andrew Jackson, an able, clear-headed lawyer of the old

school. He took steps to connect by telegraph Baltimore and Washington with New York. The list of original subscribers (of \$15,000 in all) to the enterprise is interesting. Kendall and Cornell were down for a modest \$500 each; Corcoran & Riggs, of Washington, for \$1,000; F. O. J. Smith for \$2,750. Incorporation was granted by the Legislature of Maryland in 1845, the first telegraphic charter issued in the United States. Poles 200 feet apart; glass bureau knobs for insulators; wires of copper; magnets weighing 100 pounds, enclosed in walnut boxes; a Grove main battery of 80 cells - such was the outfit. But the Morse alphabet then adopted has not in all the intervening years been improved upon. As Reid's poetic description says: " Its simplicity and availability are wonderful. It can be used by sight, by sound, by touch, by taste, by sense of feeling. Men can wink it with their eyes, can beat it with their feet. The prisoner can tap it on the wall or grating of his dungeon. Lovers in distant rooms can converse by it on the gas pipe. It's uses are endless. It is the telegraphic language of the world." Such is the alphabet still in use in the ten thousand offices of the telegraph on this continent and over a large part of the civilized globe.

OTTAWA BOARD OF TRADE.

The inaugural address of Mr. Wm. Scott before the Ottawa Board of Trade last month foreshadowed some topics for discussion by that body during the coming year. Referring to the municipal government of the city, he says, very aptly-and his words are applicable to other and even larger places than Ottawa: "The pail and water barrel of the days of Bytown have given place to a system of water works, the volunteer fire brigade of those days has given place to a paid efficient fire service, but still we retain the ancient mode of city government after our city has outgrown it.' A school of mines at Ottawa; a fire-proof building for the Geological Museum; the Torrens system of land transfer; a Government guarantee for registered letters, are matters deemed worthy the consideration of With reference to the market fees the board. and the tolls on roads, Mr. Scott drew attention to a resolution lately passed by the Toronto City Council, that as soon as the County of York makes free the tolls on the macadamized roads leading to the city, the city market fees will be abolished. In regard to the bonusing of railways and manufactories. he said "this board has already placed itself on record. It has not recommended the bribing of manufactories to leave other cities and come here, but has adopted the sounder policy of granting bonuses to railroads, so that raw material may be brought in, and the manufactured product be shipped out at a low rate of freight."

NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the New Westminster Board of Trade was held in that city on the 22nd February, Mr. T. J. Trapp, the president, in the chair. After some verbal reports as to the dredging of the Annacis Island bar had been made by the president, and after some correspondence had been dealt with by the board, the annual report was submitted by the secretary-treasurer. It noted an increase in membership from 72 to 78, there having been five withdrawals and thirteen new members during the year. The annual receipts are increasing and the board has \$1,140 money in hand. In 1892 the receipts were \$980 and the outlay \$557. The secretary explained that the report was necessarily brief, owing to lack of time, but that he would prepare a fuller one for publication, going into the work of the board for the year. On. motion, the question of printing the annual report in pamphlet form was referred to the council.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :---

President—T. J. Trapp, re-elected by acclamation.

Vice-president—Jno. Wilson, elected by acclamation.

Secretary-treasurer-D. Robson, re-elected by acclamation.

Council—C. E. Woods, D. S. Curtis, C. G. Major, E. A. Wyld, D. J. Munn, Jno. Reid, W. A. Duncan, and W. H. Keary.

Board of arbitration-W. J. Walker, E. A. Jenns, H. Hoy, and G. D. Brymner.

The question of the discount on American silver was brought up by Mr. Robson, who understood that the banks in Vancouver were charging 20 per cent. discount, and it was rumored that the banks in New Westminster city proposed doing the same. Two weeks' or a month's notice, he suggested, should be given of such a step.

Mr. Wyld, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, informed the board that a full fortnight's notice would be given, if it was decided to raise the discount in this city from 5 to 20 per cent. He also announced, to quiet a rumor, the fact that the banks had plenty of Canadian silver for circulation.

A petition from the bar of the mainland to the Minister of Justice was then submitted, setting forth the great inconvenience to which part of the province was subjected by the fact that only one out of the five Supreme Court judges resided on the mainland of the province; and requesting that the law requiring three of the judges to reside on the mainland should be enforced. On motion of Messrs. Major and Walker, the board passed a resolution, to be attached to the petition, strongly supporting the request.

OWEN SOUND BOARD OF TRADE.

On the 24th of February was held in the Council Chamber the annual meeting of the Owen Sound Board of Trade. The president, Mr. S. J. Parker, occupied the chair, and some thirty gentlemen were present. The report read by the president refers to the deepening of the channel and inner harbor of the port, which has been begun, and which when finished will accommodate the largest vessels of the Upper Lakes. Although \$85,000 in bonases had been voted in 1891 to the Grand Trunk Railway by Owen Sound, Sarawak and Keppel, to induce the extension of that railway from Park Head to Owen Sound, nothing has been done towards construction. The time for sotion expired in December last, but till 1st June, 1893, has been granted to the Grand Trunk in which to make a move if so disposed. The manufactures of the town are referred to. A paragraph deals with the steps proposed for maintaining the health of the town. Pare water, good drainage and periodical inspection of premises are recommended. The membership of the board is 63. The secretary's report shows that the C. P. R. steamers took from Owen Sound northward last season 42,382 tons, and brought down 45,680 tons, an inorease over 1891. Grain received at the elevator was 2,398,068 bushels, an increase of more than a

million. Lumber forwarded, shipments by way of Georgian Bay were 4,110.891 feet. Local shipments [we presume by rail], 2,019,-010 feet; also some 18,260 maple blocks. Coal received by C. P. R., 9,950 tons.

The reports having been adopted, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Parker having decided to retire from the presidency, after long service, Mr. James McLaugh lan was unanimously chosen president. For the vice presidency, Mr. Wm Keough was proposed, but declined, proposing in turn Mr. B. Allen for the office, who was elected. The secretaryship was resigned by Mr. J. R. Brown ; the proposal was made that Mr. J. H. Rutherford be secretary; others proposed Mr. Wm. Wilson. The office was given to Mr. Rutherford. A ballot being taken for members of council, it was found that the following ten members were elected : S. J. Parker, C. Eaton, J. C. Paterson, W. B. Stephens, S. Lloyd, M. Kennedy, W. Kough, John Wright, R. Wightman, W. Brown. The board of arbitrators appointed were : D. R. Dobie, Geo. Inglis, R. Edgar, John Harrison, R. J. Doyle, George Price, D. Rutherford, John Rutherford, H. H. O'Reilly, Jas. Wait, J. W. Redfern, and R. McKnight.

GODERICH BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of this board was held on the 13th February. It appears from the report that no meetings of the board had been held between March, 1892, and January, 1893, commercial matters requiring attention being dealt with by the executive committee. It is recommended to the town council that the steam fire engine be sold and a chemical engine purchased. A memorial had been sent to Government asking for a new survey of the easterly shore of Lake Huron, also the south shore of Manitoulin and Cockburn Islands. Improvements to the harbor are shortly to be begun. The general review of trade made in the report says that " trade has been healthy, failures unknown." Fully 40,000 barrels of apples were shipped from the town in 1892. While, as the report declares, eight pans such as are in use at Goderich would make all the salt that could be sold in Canada, there are to.day 24 manufactories in the following places: Goderich, Clinton, Seaforth, Kincardine, Blyth, Wingham, Brussels, Parkhill, Courtwright, Exeter, Hensall, Sarnia and Port Frank. The total consumption of salt in Canada is about 900,000 bbls. The total sale of Canadian salt is 300,000, leaving about 1 for Canadian producers; the balance or 3 is imported from England and the United States. The output of Goderich salt in 1892 Was 80,000 barrels. A sensible recommendation is made that the natural beauty of the town should be added to by street improvement and the planting of trees, and it is urged that the salabrity of Goderich, its mineral waters and the artesian water works system, render it a desirable site for a great summer hotel.

QUEEN CITY FIRE.

When the company was started many years ago its subscribed capital was \$100,000, but of this only \$10,000 (ten thousand) was paid up. It is a wonderful showing, that, without call ing in another dollar from stockholders, the Paid capital has been increased by earnings to \$50,000 Paid up, and a Reserve Fund of \$75, 000 has been accumulated. And year by year of which annually of late has been 25 to 50

per cent. of what they originally paid up. The Queen City has now accumulated over and above the needed reinsurance reserve, more than \$150,000 in real estate, bank stock, first mortgages and cash, besides which it has \$50,000 of uncalled capital. This exhibit of surplus assets is in strong proportion to the risks in force. The year's income was \$27,403 and the losses only \$3,995. With some apparent satisfaction the president referred to the fact that the Queen City had never been forced into a court of law. It is the boast of the managers of this company that they underwrite or refuse to underwrite properties upon their merits.

FIRE INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

The Fire Insurance Exchange, while it has not increased its business to the figures expected, gives a very good account of the result of the business it did last year. With risks under \$1,200 000, and a premium income of \$28,000, it placed to Profit and Loss a credit balance of \$13,396, its fire losses being only \$8,421. The President was able to make the announcement that the combined fire loss and expense ratio of the company since it began has been only 664 per cent., which is a most exceptionally low rate. The list of the company's guarantors includes, we observe, the names of more than forty well-known professional and business men, who appear satisfied that they are getting cheap insurance.

NEW STYLES OF SHOES.

The Parisian styles for spring shoes are more fanciful than ever. Clearly the season is to be marked by gorgeous and bizarre effects in footgear. A "Botte Mercure" is used for fancy balls. It is made of cardinal red leather. Wings of gold set with rubies and precious stones, sweep around the quarter. The boot is high cut, and a band of precious stones is at the top. The "cothurne Tunon" is a sandal whose sole is thickened with cork and the quarter is gilded leather embossed with roses. Gold straps cross the instep, which is entirely open; the toes and front of the foot are undressed. These two styles are reproductions of those of ancient Greece. A "Soulier," Louis XV, is a Moliere shoe with long, square tongue. The upper is mouse color, the heel bright red. This is a revival of a fashion two hundred years old, but yet modern as compared with the first two described, which are such as formed the footgear of Cleopatra. An Egyptian slipper is odd in style. The sole is moccasin shape, turns up around the foot. The toe is peaked and turns up. A little ball of fluffy silk is fastened to the extremity of the toe. Cloth in Oriental design and high colors forms the upper. Another shoe of blue silk, embroidered, is cut high at the back, and has only vamp enough to cover the toe. This is a party shoe to be worn without stockings ! says, with dreadful emphasis, the modest Shoe and Leather Reporter.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE of Politics, Science, Art and Literature. Ontario Publishing Co., Toronto.-This is a good magazine. Not only is it plainly printed and well proof read, nct only is it free from the thick padding of disagreeable advertisements-to put its minor (though to some people they are not minor),

good people write for it; they have something serious to say, and say it well, while there are lighter contributions of the nature of sketches, from life or fancy. For example of the latter, "An Open Window" is a strong story; "The Regenerators" has a pleasing, present-day flavor about it. Professor Clark's paper on "Conduct and Manner" is just what we should have expected of him, scholarly and kindly in its treatment of the theme, with, however, a firm tone where blemishes in national conduct or manner need to be dealt with. The New York Nation has admitted that, thanks to "the delusion that to maintain his Republican equality an American has to be surly or indifferent after the manner of hotel clerks and expressmen, or too often that of salesmen and 'sales ladies' in stores, we [i. e., the Americans] have probably the worst-mannered children in the civilized world." And the professor asks whether these remarks have any application to us Canadians? Unfortunately, as he shows, and as we know, they have. A paper by D'Alton McCarthy, M.P., discusses the present attitude of the Canadian Privy Council towards the Manitoba School Law with some asperity. The writer comments upon "the novel and unexampled proceedings now pending" before the body mentioned," with a view, if it be possible, to find a reasonable pretext to overturn the decision of the Judicial Committee, which affirmed that the Act was constitutional." But the raciest thing we have found in the issue is Principal Grant's arraignment of our rulers at Ottawa for their unpardonable tax upon knowledge in the shape of the import duty on books. He searches the countries of the Old and New World, but without avail, to find a parallel to this excrescence upon our much vaunted National Policy. "Why," he asks, "is a tax continued that is so useless as a means of raising a revenue, and useless as a protection to native industry, that is contrary to the object the National Policy professes to aim at, injurious to the best interests of the country, odious to the instinct of every educated man, and opposed to the practice of the civilized world? I cannot answer-I have never been able to get an answer." The Canadian deserves to succeed.

INSURANCE NOTES.

No more pitiful thing can well be conceived than the slow, steady, relentless burning of a wooden town on the prairies, which has no fire appliances. This is the fate which seems to have overtaken, on this night week, the new and growing village of Wawanesa, on the N. P. & M. Railway, in South Manitoba. The place had no adequate means of fighting fire, and so store after store, and house after house, took fire and burned before the eyes of the villagers.

An evidence of German thrift was exhibited in the main office of the Mutual Life the other week, when a good-natured representative of the Fatherland appeared with two large tobacco boxes filled with silver coin. They contained \$102 in half and quarter dollars. He said : " I pays dot premium efery veek. I puts in two tollars a veek into der box."

A life man tells this story: "The holder of an endowment policy for \$2 000 in our company came to the cashier's window last week and secured a cheque for its face and the additions. Said he: 'Do you know I took this policy just to get rid of the agent? I might as well have taken \$50,000 as \$2,000; I could attractions first-but, it is well written. Some have paid for it. I thought I could invest my

money to better advantage than the company. I've found out my mistake. You have done much better with it than I could have done.' '

The preliminary abstract of the business of Canadian life insurance companies for 1892 shows a decided increase in the business in Canada. The principal items in the tables are herewith compared with the previous year :

Premiums No. of new policies	1892. \$4,997,608 25,20 6	1891. \$4,492,675 20,830
Amount of new poli- cies No. of policies in	\$28,245,401	\$23,386,478
force		
Net amount in force.	151,551,528	\$1 48,342,966
Death claims paid	\$1,460,887	\$1,253,282

It may be learned from these figures that the amount in force in Canadian companies alone last year is twelve million dollars greater than the total in Canadian, British and United States companies in 1885.

MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

The figures of the Montreal Clearing House for the week ending March 9th, are: Clearings, \$12,147,087; balances, \$1,758,498.

TORONTO CLEARING-HOUSE.

Clearings and Balances of this clearing house (of which the Bank of Toronto is not a member) for the week ended March 9th, 1893, are as under :

March	3	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Clearings. \$1,067,342	Balances \$193.898
" "	4		1,073,906	102.75
"	6	••••••••••••	974,143	153,797
**	7		1,231,390	159,903
**	8	••••	1,339,059	209,018
"	9	•••••	1,015,425	163,642
Tota	1	•••••	\$6,701,265	\$983,011

HALIFAX CLEARING-HOUSE.

Bank clearings for week ending March 4th, 1893, were as follows, viz.:

	Feb.	27							1)11	4.(000	73	L
Tuesday	**	28				•				13	4.	161	98	
Wednesday	, March	1		• •			• •	• •		17	3,	388	61	
Thursday	••												12	l
Friday	**	3											91	ł
Saturday	"	4	••	• •	•	•	••	• •					84	
								•						l
								-	1	,2 0	3,0	690	19	l

HAMILTON CLEARING HOUSE.

Bank clearings and balances for the week ended March 9th, were as follows :--

Friday, March	3	Clearings. \$150,385	Balances \$29,749
Saturday, "	4	112,488	20,018
Monday, " Tuesday, "		136,051	22,454
Wednesday, "	-	170,538 130,272	31,351 4,763
Thursday, "		121,542	17,686
		\$821,276	\$126.021

-The original telephone patent of A. Graham Bell expired on the 7th instant. It is, perhaps, the only patent controlled, by the Bell Company which has not been disputed. It was granted on March 7, 1876, to run until last Tuesday, only. Its broad claim was: " The method of, and apparatus for, transmitting vocal or other sounds, telegraphically, as herein described, causing electrical undulations similar in form to the vibrations of the air accompanying the said vocal and other sounds, substantially as set forth."

-On Friday last, 3rd March, was held the annual meeting of La Chambre de Commerce de St. Hyacinthe, Que. The gentlemen whose names follow were elected officers for the current year : President, P. Payon; vice-president, C. Pagnuelo; committee, F. S. Jacques, E. H. Richer, E. R. Blanchard, H. T. Chalifoux, G. H. Henshaw, jr., J. L. Seguin, J. B. Brosseau and O. Gendron.

-It is understood that an office of the Molsons Bank will be opened in Ottawa in about one month. The bank has leased on Metcalfe street, between Sparks and Welling. ton streets, in that city. This site is close to the telegraph office.

Correspondence.

PRESERVING FISH.

Editor MONETARY TIMES :

SIR,—In the reference made by you to the new ranco Canadian tariff on page 973 of your issue of 17th Feb., I observe you mention the art of preserving fish as one that we have something preserving near as one that we have something more to learn about and improve. In this connection it may not be without interest to you and your numerous readers throughout Canada, if I enclose you a printed extract clipped from the Annapolis Spectator of 2nd Dec. last, describing at some length a process new being most encecedible method here for now being most successfully worked here for the artificial drying of fish by hot water pipes, and which I believe is the only one of the tind in operation in the world. I understand that Mr T. S. Whitman has already secured patent rights in the United States and Europe, as well as in Canada, for the process which he as well as in Canada, for the process which he has brought by continued experiment and trial to such a practical result. There is no doubt a great future before this country as a food-producing one for the millions of consumers on the other side of the Atlantic, and your advice to the Canadian former to reject all advice to the Canadian farmer to reject all efforts of protection for "his benefit" is so much to the point that we can only marvel else. Yours truly, A Reader. why he does anything else.

Annapolis, N.S., 22nd Feb., 1893.

[On another page of this issue will be found condensation of the article upon artificially drying fish to fit them for foreign climates.-ED. M. T.]

Meetings.

LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of La Banque du Peuple was held on Monday, 6th March, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the bank premises. The president, Mr. Jacques Grenier, occupied the chair, and among those present were Messrs. G. S. Brush, vice president; A. Leolaire, M. Branchaud, Wm. Francis, A. Prevost, J. Y. Gilmour, John Mor-rison, M. Bourque, Whitman, P. P. Martin, W. S. Evans, L. Armstrong, Nolan de Lisle, S. Bailey, E. Desjardins and J. Tasker.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the president explained that hereto-fore it had been the custom to appoint a chairman and a secretary, but he thought that they might adopt the system pursued in other like institutions, where the president in other like chair, and the secretary or cashier acted as the secretary of the meeting. It was, how-ever, for those present to decide.

The meeting unanimously voted in favor of the suggestion. Mr. Grenier then took the chair, and Mr. J. S. Bousquet, cashier, discharged the duties of secretary.

The president then read the report of the directors, to be submitted to the shareholders at the general meeting, to be held in con-formity with the sixteenth clause of our act of incorporation, at our office in Montreal, on. Monday, the 6th day of March, 1893, at three o'clock p.m.

The directors have pleasure in reporting to the shareholders the result of the operations of

the bank for the past year. The gross profit of the year, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and after having paid all expenses, leaves a net profit of \$155,220.72; to this must be added the balance from the previous year's account at the credit of Profit and Loss, \$12,441.21, making the amount available \$167,661.93.

Out of this sum we have paid dividends at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, amounting to \$72,000, and we have carried to the Reserve fund \$70,000, leaving to be carried forward \$25,661.93.

An agency of this bank was opened in May last on Notre Dame street west. The large amount of business and the various industries now progressing in that section of the city lead us to believe that a profitable banking could be carried on. A savings department has also been attached to that agency and the success realized so far has reached our expectations

We have also decided to open an agency in the city of St. Hyacinthe, feeling confident that a large amount of business can be had, for this city is very progressive in its various industries and its surrounding districts are rich in agricultural resources.

We have thought advisable to decide the closing up of our Coaticook agency; returns being derived from it were not deemed satisfactory enough to warrant its maintenance

We beg to acknowledge to the shareholders the good services rendered to our administration by the fidelity and attentive work of our officers.

The whole respectfully submitted.

J. GRENIER, President.

Montreal, 1st March, 1893. The cashier submitted the following financial statement :-

STATEMENT OF PROFITS FOR THE IST MARCH, 1893.	YEAR ENDING
Dr.	
Dividend, 3 per cent., paid Sept. 1st, 1892	\$ 36,000 0 0
Dividend, 3 per cent., payable March 6th, 1893 Amount carried to Reserve Fund	36,000 00 70,000 00
Balance of profit and loss carried forward	25,661 93
Total <i>Cr</i> .	\$167,661 93
Balance of profit and loss ac- count 28th February, 1892 Net profits of the year after pay-	\$12,441 21
ing expenses and providing for all bad and doubtful debts	155,220 72
	\$167,661 93
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GENERAL STATEMENT CLOSE OF B FEBRUARY, 1893.	USINESS, 202
Dr.	
To circulation	\$ 752,446 00
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 752,420 97 1,537,383 10
Deposits bearing interest	1,537,383 10 3,825,383 99 27,924 99
Amount due to other banks	3,825,385 37,224 99
Amount due to other banks	511-
Capital paid up. \$1,200,000 00	
Capital paid up\$1,200,000 00 Reserve fund 550,000 00	
Profit and loss 25,661 93	
Dividend No. 94.	
payable March 6,	
1893 36,000 00 Unclaimed divi-	
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dends 4,942 42	NI 016 604 30
	\$1,816,604 3 ⁵
1	\$ 7,969,041 71
Cr.	
By specie	106,539 08
Dy specie	$106,539 \\ 288,430 \\ 288,430 \\ 48 \\ 570 \\ 570 \\ 48 \\ 570 \\$
Dominion notes	$288,450 \\ 38,570 $ 48
Circulation redemption fund	001-
Notes and cheques on other	160,912 60 160,912 05
banks	$160,912 \\ 67,835 05$
Balances due by other banks	67,000
Call and short loans on stocks	04
and bonds	1,230,304 04
and bonus	
Immediately, and latte	\$1,892,591 13 5,703,932 33
Immediately available	\$1,892,591 5,793,932 21 037 16
Loans and discounts current.	5,793,952 31,037 16
Notes and bills overdue, secured	-0
Notes and bills overdue, unse-	16,436 28
cured	$16,450 \\ 83,206 75$
Mortgages and hypotheques	80,000
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Real estate Bank premises.....

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J. S. BOUSQUET, Cashier.

We, the undersigned auditors, named at the last general annual meeting of the sharehold-ers, after having examined the books, verified the specie and legal tenders on hand, in a word, after having taken cognizance of the assets and liabilities of the corporation of "La Banque du Peuple," have the honor to report that we have found the whole to be correct and deserving our approval. P. P. MARTIN,

NOLAN DELISLE,

Auditors. LOUIS ARMSTRONG,) Montreal, 1st March, 1893.

After some brief remarks by the president. who moved the adoption of the report, the cashier, Mr. J. S. Bousquet, then made the following statement :

THE MANAGER'S ADDRESS.

I have thought it desirable to shorten my remarks on the general trade of the year in order to enter, with probably wearisome minuteness, into the details of the growth of our bank since I first became associated with the responsibilities of its management; but such elaboration. I am convinced, will meet the approval of all the shareholders who watch our progress with kindly interest.

Any one who will contrast, however cursorily, the report and accounts now submitted with the similar documents of 1885, can hardly fail to be struck with the remarkable development which has been going on in this institu-tion, through good and bad years; and this progress has been accomplished in the face of keen competition.

It is owing to this most careful attention to and supervision of our business that we have been able, out of surplus profit year after year, to effect most important internal "betterments," to establish and to nurse during their infancy our branches, and to attain, as we now claim to have attained, a high position amongst the soundest banks in the Dominion of Canada, as we believe in the Becurity we offer to our customers, and in the class and proportionate amount of our investments.

Of course the dividends declared have not been large, but your directors felt sure that it was wiser to subordinate the question of large dividends to that of greater safety.

In comparing all the important items of our In comparing all the important items of our statement this year, we find that since the balance sheet was presented at last year's meeting, our deposits have increased by up-wards \$1,360,000, and it gives me pleasure to State that this increase is not made up of any State that this increase is not made up of any particularly large sums, but of comparatively small Small amounts, and to a large extent in cur-rent accounts, which shall result in a consider-

able increase in the Bank's business connection. In the item of circulation at \$752,446 there

In the item of circulation at an increase of \$17,592. Our "Reserve Fund" of \$550,000 is in-creased by \$70,000, and our net profit is \$56, 137.44 locate than that of last year, 137.44 larger than that of last year,

Turning to our assets we have specie and legal tenders on hand, \$394,969.03, or \$58,-980.17 more than last year; in money at call and short notice, \$1,230,304.03, an increase of \$782,428.65.

These immediately available assets, cash and call money, represent over 30 per cent. of our liabilities of \$6,152,437.36 to the public. Onlong loss of \$6,152,437.36 to the public.

Onton loans and discounts current, amount-ing to \$5,793.932.33, the increase for the twelve months is \$571,015.94. Now, if we contrast the position of the bank with that which it had attained in 1885, the interval representing eight years, one may interval representing eight years, one may feel strongly impressed with the success that has been achieved. In order to show at a has been achieved. In order to show at a glance the results obtained, I have prepared a comparative table of the three most important items in our statement.

1885.	Circu. lation.	Deposits.	Loans and Advances.
1087			\$2,765,284 39
1888	011,044	2,340, 919 76	4,021,074 62
1891	000,284	3,641,506 28	5,130,191 66
1893		3,961,792 73	5,548,134 92
<u>Т</u> Ъ.,	102,446	5,362,766 37	7,024,236 36

from \$277,359 to \$752.446; our loans from \$2,765,284.39 to \$7,024,236.36, and our profits from \$76,000 to \$255,000, are matters to be 85,077 68 66.760 44 grateful for.

We have now 18,000 persons to whom money lent, 10,000 depositors and 700 shareholders. is

The amount of our money transactions dur-ing the year has been over \$160,000,000, and the gross earnings have exceeded 331 of our capital.

In fact, so large has been the growth of our business that, as the president has just said a few minutes ago, we have bought the adjoining properties, and a building suitable to the advancing dignity of this bank is to be erected on them, which, doubtlessly, besides proving a profitable investment of the funds, will attract

prontable investment of the funds, will attract business by increasing the confidence and respect of the public. We shall have, I suppose, to pay higher dividends in those new premises. Anyhow, we hope that the new premises will even be more satisfactory than the old ones, and that we shall be able to meet you at all future times with the same satisfactory statement that we have presented to you to day.

In addressing the meeting of the shareholders of this institution in this very room last year, on the general trade of this province. I stated with regard to the failures that the large number and the large liabilities the annual list at that time disclosed, were due to unfavorable circumstances which had already then, to a great extent, passed into history and, furthermore, I stated that our iudustrial agricultural and commercial prospects and conditions were more than usually sound and

promising. This satisfactory outlook in March, 1892, was the result of our immense crops of 1891, and the high prices we had been getting for them.

The outlook has been fully realized. Even before examining any evidences of the volume and character of the business during the year which has just closed, no one would hesitate to say that 1892 has not proved far more pros-perous than either 1891 or 1890.

Stated in brief, if we were to gather accurately the consensus of the whole business community, the results obtained would support the idea that although this has not been a conspicuously prosperous year, it has been a year of good returns all around.

Consumption of almost every article of merchandise has been large; the grocery trade, in nearly all its branches, has likewise enjoyed a good share of activity, with fairly remunera tive prices ruling.

The dry goods trade of the country generally has not been in as good condition for years as it is now, after a very successful season. The distribution of goods has not only been

large, but they have passed into the hands of consumers, been paid for and remittances made to manufacturers; hence collection has been good.

This increased activity and improvement in values has been quite marked in manufactured goods, led by the great cotton goods industry in all its branches, the shoe trade and woollen manufactures.

Lumber, hardware and metals have also ex. perienced a year of activity, and in all the minor branches of trade there has been a noticeable increase in the volume of transactions

As to agricultural producers, the growers of live stock, and especially beef cattle, have not had a phenomenally good year.

Wheat raisers have suffered from extreme low prices, but their losses have been made up in part by their profits on other crops; but as I have already said, this Province does not produce much of either, consequently its local internal revenue, from an agricultural standpoint, has not suffered.

The hay crop of 1892 was a large one in the The hay crop of 1892 was a large one in the Province of Quebec and of fine quality; for-tunately, owing to a poor crop in Great Britain, the demand for it was good, and there has been an amount of money made in shipping hay to the English market, where our Cana-dian hay is giving great satisfaction. Our dairy products, chiefly our cheese, un-der the very important work done by the Dominion Agricultural Department through

the experimental farms and their directors and professors, and also with the aid given by the Province on the same line, are certainly assum-Therefore the growth of our deposits from \$1,305,868.37 to \$5,362,766.37; our circulation great and rapid advance in the dairy industry

amongst farmers of this Province. Our fellow-countrymen seem to have awakened, and worked to improve their system, so much so that only the very best of Ontario and Eastern townships can hold its own against them. They are determined even to improve on the good quality.

The total value of cheese shipped from this port during the past season was over \$11,000,-000, and the production has been larger than in 1891; according to returns, the total export figures indicate 1,651,798 boxes for 1892, as against 1,351,670 boxes in 1891, showing the large increase of 300,000 boxes.

Business as a whole has been done with atisfactory profit to the producers, and everything indicates that England would absorb thing indicates that England would absolv any amount of cheese that we could produce, as long as we send fine cheese, for, although our make this year has been the largest on record, the amount of cheese left on hand at the close of the navigation was smaller than ever. This should stimulate our farmers to keep up the quality of their goods. There are also no reasons why our farmers

cannot also excel in batter; although some of the batter exported is of splendid quality, we regret to admit that so large proportion of butter ranks below the finest.

Butter, especially, might easily be improved as a whole, and if a better quality could be produced this article would find just as easy a market as our cheese, and great profits could be derived from it by the farming community. No farmer need fear about the sale of his butter, and at a good price, if it is first rate.

Since dairying has received such an impetus in this country of late, the attention of our people should be turned to pork production.

The pork producing business is one of the most important in our agriculture, and it is hoped that before long a great many in this province will enter on this trade and will pro-duce enough to supply our local wants, which are now provided for by Ontario farmers.

Therefore, in conclusion, I may say that the mercantile and agricultural classes, as well as the industrial, have had a good year and are in good shape; the demand from foreign countries for all our produce is good and the banks of the country have ample funds for the necessities and new development in trade, and lack no confidence in the future business in any section, either agricultural, commercial or industrial, of the Dominion.

QUEEN CITY FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Report of the directors to the twenty-second ordinary general meeting, held at the offices of the company, Church street, Toronto, on the company, Church street, Toronto, Saturday, the 25th day of February, 1893.

REPORT.

The directors beg to submit to the share-holders the Revenue account and the Profit and Loss account for the past year, and the balance sheet showing liabilities and assets on 31st December, 1892.

The number of policies at the close of the year was 2,919, covering at risk, after deducting re-insurance, the sum of \$2,349,225.

By referring to the Profit and Loss account it will be seen that the total sum at the debit of this account on 31st December was \$42, 040.58, out of which has been appropriated the regular shareholders' dividend, equal to twenty-five per cent. of the original paid up capital, leaving a balance at the credit of this account to cover re-insurance reserve, etc., of \$39.540.58.

In accordance with Act of Incorporation all the directors retire and are eligible for reelection.

W. H. HOWLAND, President. HUGH SCOTT, Managing Director. THOS. WALMSLEY, Secretary.

QUEEN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

Dr.

To premium income and rents	\$23,026	3 9
Interest	4,376	90

\$27,403 29

By re-insurance Cancelled policies 1.752 15 \$3.187 12

Cr.

Salaries, directors' fees, stationery advertising, commission, rent		
and postage	7,450	75
Claims-fire losses	3,995	
Balance to Profit and Loss	0,990	
Derance to I tons and Poss	12,769	91
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	\$27,403	29
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT TO 31st	DECEMBE	R,
1892.		
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To balance carried over from 1891.	\$29.270	67
Revenue account, 1892	12 760	ăi
	12,100	
	810.010	20
	\$42,040	98
Cr.		
By Dividend No. 23 to shareholders (25 per cent. on original paid up capital)	\$2,500	00
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dard, 50 per cent \$14,741 37		
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sheet) 24,799 21		
51000/ 24,159 21		*
	\$39,540	98
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	\$42,040	58
BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER,	, 1892.	
Liabilities.		1
		1
To capital stock (50 per cent. paid		1
_ up)	100.000	00 I
Rest or Reserve Fund.	75 000	00
Dividend No. 23, share-	10,000	~~
holders \$ 2,500 00		- 1
Dividend No. 23, policy-		
holders 1,468 84		
<u> </u>	3,968	
Sundry creditors	89	85 I
Re-insurance Reserve. Government		
Standard, 50 per cent Balance—Profit and Loss, 1892	14.741	37 I
Balance-Profit and Loss 1892	94 700	51
	24,199	⁴¹
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2	218,599	27
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By capital stock liable to call\$	50 000	<u></u>
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building, No. 50, 52		
and 34 Church st\$ 68,050 70		
First mortgage on real		
estate valued at \$72,-		- 1
055 23,264 00		
Debenture, Freehold		- 1
Loan & Savings Co 10,000 00		- 1
Bank stocks-		
97 shares Imperial)		1
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Bank)		
Accrued interest and		1
rents 2,659 92		I
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Sundry debtors 3,163 22		
Cash on deposit, Do-		1
minion Bank 6,698 45		
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\$218,599 27

Ratio of surplus assets alone, over all lia-bilities, to amount of risks in force, \$4.24 per cent. A larger surplus ratio than any other purely stock fire insurance company transacting business in the Dominion.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have audited the books and examined the vouchers and securi-ties of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1892, and find the same correct, carefully kept and properly set forth in the above statements.

HENRY W. EDDIS, F.C.A., Auditor.

Toronto, February, 1893.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said: Among the many pleasing reminiscences in connection with this comreminiscences in connection with this com-pany none is so gratifying to me as the fact that the "Queen City" has never been forced into a court of law. As early as the second year of its existence, 1872, the well-known, to the law courts, "Elliot Fire" occurred, and of the eight companies interested in that claim this company was the only one that declined to be dragged into court and participate in the payment of costs, which amounted tos about \$20,000, in addition to the claim, which was sustained, amounting to \$47,500. A somewhat similar case conversed in a later

A somewhat similar case occurred in a later stage of our existence, and was referred to by

the Treasurer of this province in his Budget Speech on 14th February, 1889, in the follow

"I suppose the House will be pleased to learn "I suppose the House will be pleased to learn that the province has been successful so far in the suit with the insurance companies for recovering the loss sustained through the Lon-don Asylum fire. The House is aware, as I informed hon. gentlemen last session, of the fact that out of some twenty is companies fact that out of some twenty-six companies, two companies only (the "Queen City" and "Hand in Hand") acknowledged the claim and twenty four resisted it. We appealed to the courts, and judgment was given for the province."

Such facts speak for themselves.

The financial statements before you exhibit a position which we may well be proud of, having a ratio of surplus assets alone to amount of risks in force of 4.24 per cent., thereby placing this company at the head of the list of stock companies, in the protection it affords to its policy holders.

A resolution was moved and adopted, order-A resolution was moved and adopted, order-ing that an additional dividend equal in amount to the regular ordinary dividend, be paid forthwith out of the Profit and Loss Account of the past year.

In 1882 a bonus dividend of four hundred per cent. was declared to shareholders, thereby increasing the paid up capital to the sum at which it now stands, and during the past two years alone, dividends have been paid to them equal in amount to the total capital originally paid up, all of which has been accomplished without resorting to the forced attainment of an inflated revenue.

The report was adopted. The old board, viz.: W. H. Howland, Jas. Austin, Hon. Justice Macleman, Hugh Scott and Thos. Walmsley, were re-elected directors for the current year, and at a subsequent meeting of the directors, W. H. Howland was elected President, and Jas. Austin Vice-President.

FIRE INSURANCE EXCHANGE INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

GUARANTEE CAPITAL TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Established 1886.

The annual meeting was held at the offices of the company, 32 Church Street, Toronto, on Monday, 27th February, 1893. The presi-dent, Frederick Wyld, in the chair, the mana-ger acting as secretary, when the following report was submitted.

REPORT.

Your directors beg to submit the sixth general statement of the business of the company, comprising Revenue and Profit and Loss Accounts for the past year, and statement of assets on 31st December, 1892.

assets on 31st December, 1892. The number of policies in force at the close of the year was 415, covering, after deducting re insurances, the sum of \$1,146,409.25. The revenue of the company for the past year amounted to \$29,066.54, and after deduct-ing re-insurance and all expenses, including claims for fire losses, the balance remaining to carry over was \$13,396.17. By referring to the Profit and Lorg Accept

By referring to the Profit and Loss Account it will be seen that the surplus over all liabili-ties, including Re-insurance Reserve, amounts to \$21.649.38.

to \$21,049.50. The retiring directors this year are :--W. H. Howland, J. F. Eby, W. B. Hamilton, S. F. McKinnon and Hugh Scott.

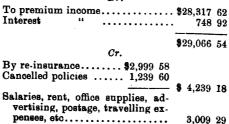
All of which is respectfully submitted, .

HUGH SCOTT, FRED'R WYLD Manager and Secretary. President.

THE FIRE INSURANCE EXCHANGE COMPANY. (MUTUAL AND GUARANTEE.)

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEM BER, 1892. .

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postage,	travelling	ex-		
			3,009	2

t Claims-fire losse	8	8.421	90
- Balance to Profit a	nd Loss	13,396	
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		\$28,310	05
	<i>Cr</i> .		
By directors' fees, 1	892 8	435	00
Re-insurance reserv	Ve	6 225	-
Balance surplus ov	er all liabilities	21,649	
	5	28,310	05
	Assets.		
Security to policy	v.holdera		
Guaranteed capital	deposited with		
Ontario Governm	ent \$2	000 000	00
Undertakings in for	rce \$ 10.370 10		•••
Debenture, M. & N	. W.		
Loan Co.	5,000 00		
Dominion Bank s	tock,		
55 shares	7.000.00		
Prince Albert bonde	2,200 00		
Office plant	262 98		
Standard Bank de	posit 5,211 75		
Debtors' and credi	tors'		
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balance 830 22 30,875 05 Assets available to meet claims.. \$230.875 05

Policy-holders' protection-Ratio of assets to amount of

of risks in force \$ 1.88 per cent.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have audited the books and examined the vouchers and securi-ties of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1892, and find the same correct, carefully kept, and properly set forth in the above statement.

HENRY WM. EDDIS, F.C.A. Auditor.

Toronto, February, 1893.

The president, in moving the adoption of this report, said : I have, as in the past, much pleasure in drawing your attention to this company's experience, as compared with that

company's experience, as compared with that of other similar organizations during the year 1892, which was so prolific of fires over the whole of this continent. Our fire loss ratio to net cash income was only 58.25 per cent., whereas the average fire loss ratio of other Canadian companies doing a general business throughout the Dominion was 71.21 percent and there is a loss was 71.31 per cent., and the combined fire loss and expense ratio of this company from its organization up to the close of the past year was only 66.26 per cent.

Such results on a limited business should, I think, stimulate the guarantors to make a special effort by not only giving their own business to this company, but also by in-fluencing others to do likewise, representing as their names do, the most prominent mercan-tile, banking and legal interests in this Province.

The vice president, on seconding the adop ine vice president, on seconding the adop-tion, added : Although, as the president has stated, we cannot boast of a large volume of business, we should be satisfied with such marked results at the close of such a year for fires as that of 1892. One very pleasing feature to me is that this company is, comparatively, to me is that of 1892. One very pleasing feature to me is that this company is, comparatively, in as prosperous a position at the same stage of its existence as was that of its consort the "Queen City," which can now claim as having an unprecedented record of prosperity from a limited business conducted on the same lines that govern this company that govern this company.

The report was adopted; the retiring direc-tors unanimously re-elected; and, at a subge-quent meeting of the board, Fred'k Wyld was re-elected president and W. H. Howland vice-president president.

29,066 54 president.
Shareholders: W. A. Allen, C. T. Bate & Co., R. J. Devlin, J. M. Garland, J. C. Brennan, Ottawa; W. R. Brock, C. W. Bunting, Blain. Laidlaw & Co., Hugh Blain, A. H. Campbell, Thos. Dunnet, Andrew Darling, W. Elliot, E. Gurney, Robt. W. Elliot, J. F. Eby, W. J. Gage, Sir W. P. Howland, Jno. Hallam, 3,009 29 H. S. Howland, W. B. Hamilton, James

Hedley, Wm. Ince, W. H. Howland, A. S. Irving, C. Martin, Henry O'Brien, Donald Mackay, S. F. McKinnon, Elias Rogers, G. M. Rose, R. L. Patterson, W. W. Park, James Scott, Hugh Scott, J. L. Spink, Fred'k Wyld, James Watson, Wm. Wilson, Thos. Walmsley, John J Withrow, Hon. S. C. Wood, John Waldie, G. W. Yarker, Toronto; V. Cronyn, London; J. Muckleston, Kingston; A. T. Wood, Hamilton.

LONDON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The thirty-third annual meeting of this company was held at its offices in London, Ont., in February. The president, Capt. Thomas E. Robson, was moved into the chair. In his opening remarks he expressed regret at the death of the late Lames Armstrong. M.P. whose face the late James Armstrong, M.P., whose face has been very familiar to members of the board during the past twenty years, and who no doubt will be greatly missed.

The thirty third annual report of the board of directors was then read as follows :

REPORT.

This is the thirty third annual report of the company, and in presenting the same your board has in the general results of the year's business reason to congratulate the members, as also upon the healthy condition of the company. Notwithstanding the fact that the company. Notwithstanding the lass that year has been marked as more than ordinarily year has been marked as more than of losses by prolific in the number and extent of losses by prolific in the number and extent of losses by fire, your company came in for its full share, which is not to be wondered at, seeing that we carry a larger sum at risk in Ontario alone, and, with one or two exceptions, more than any other company in the whole Do-minion, the amount of our insurance realizing \$44.524.382 The particulars of each loss are \$44,524,382. The particulars of each loss are to be found in the appendix hereto, and the subject is treated of further on in this report, as also is the subject is the fire inspector to as also in the report of the fire inspector, to

Which your earnest attention is called. Policies.—The volume of business done has fully the policies. fully kept up to the average, 6,799 policies having been issued on the premium note sys tem and 6,138 on the cash system : in all 12,937, as against 12,823 policies in the year before and the system is a set of the system of the system is a set of the system before. This result is very gratifying, as a different one was anticipated, from the fact that two small mutual companies formed ander the Insurance Act of Ontario, and which before. companies had their headquarters in London, were obliged under adverse circumstances to wind up their business. This was an oppor-tank advantage of, and by every known false statement endeavored to poison the minds of the public by endeavoring to associate your old-established company with the defunct affairs, but in this, as in every other instance, our enemies have signally failed to remove that confidence your company has enjoyed for companies had their headquarters in London, that confidence your company has enjoyed for now over one-third of a century, a confidence your bardener to maintain your board will always endeavor to maintain by pursuing an honest and liberal policy with policy that will without doubt not only retain but materially increase the business.

Financial Statement. —Appended hereto will be found a full statement of the accounts of the the company for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1892, showing the assets and liabilities and receipte Asy2, showing the assets and liabilities and receipts and expenditures. The net surplus of assets are now \$356,666.98, a falling off as compared with last year, owing in part to an increase of business on the cash system, caus-ing a reduction of premium notes, and also from the fact that the losses paid far exceeded those of the previous year. those of the previous year.

Oficial Inspection. — The yearly inspection of be affairs of the company was made by Mr. Fitzgerald, the superintendent of insurance, and everything reported satisfactory.

Special Audit.—In consequence of the death in the early part of the year of W. R. Vining, Esq., treasurer, and other changes having been made in the financial staff of the com-pany, your directors took advantage of the your directors took advantage of the opportunity, both for their own and the members' satisfaction, to have a special audit made by made by a person totally independent of the company, and they selected G. A. Savage, Req., a member of the Chartered Accountants, ing a therman undertook the task, makand that gentleman undertook the task, mak-ing a thorough examination and reporting that he had found everything correct, the books well kept, and further, that this com-tooks well kept, and further, that this com-

pany had no connection with any other insurance company whatsoever. This special work of course, entailed some additional expense your board considered the money wisely vet spent, as too great care cannot be taken by a board of directors to place the correctness of management beyond even the shadow of a doubt.

General Audit.--The board appointed John Overell, Esq., as the sole auditor of the company, with a view of having more time devoted to the important duties of the office. Mr. Overell makes a monthly report for presenta-tion at each meeting of the board. His certi-ficate of correctness is attached to each account.

Losses.—The losses paid for during the year amounted to \$96,564.88—of this sum \$7,801.47 was for claims unadjusted and awaiting proof at the end of the previous year when the books were closed. The claims under this head for 1892 are very much smaller, the losses being 1892 are very much smaller, the losses being settled up closer, so that but a trifling balance comparatively will be carried over. The report of Mr. L. Leitch, fire inspector, deals fully with the subject, and is well worth perusal; it will therefore be only necessary to sal; it will therefore be only necessary to point out specially the very destructive loss by lightning, amounting to \$25,266.39, being \$9,047.87 in excess of the previous year, also beyond the average in amount. The loss by \$9,047.87 in excess of the previous year, also beyond the average in amount. The loss by the use of steam threshing engines reached \$7,247, a sum of \$4,247 over the year 1891. The loss from defective chimneys, sparks on roofs, etc., entailed an increase of \$6,006.54 over the previous year; the total excess from these three causes amounting to no less than \$19,301.41, a sum which, if placed on the other side of the account, would have shown such a handsome surplus of earnings that the direc-tors could with confidence promise an early tors could with confidence promise an early reduction in the rates of insurance. The three causes of loss just enumerated may be classed -the first as uncontrollable (lightning), and even this, as our experiecce shows, may be brought under subjection by the use of well. constructed lightning-rods: while the other two are now placed almost under certain control (threshing engines) by using the "jack," or rope transmitter. Sparks on roofs, etc., are checked from doing damage by using a coat of paint or cement such as cantell, and the Industrial and Western fairs last fall, and perfectly fire proof. The which appeared perfectly fire proof. The people are lax in taking these precautions, and only when a fire occurs they find out their ĩt is mistake.

Fire Waste.-The loss to the country annually by the ravages of the "fire fiend" can hardly be realized by any one outside of the business of insurance. Meetings have been held by representatives of companies, urging on the Government, amongst other things, the utility of causing a registration of fires, mak. ing it compulsory on everyone having a loss to register with the clerk of the municipality the particulars of his loss. This could be done in the same manner as births, marriages and deaths or poor monitored the deaths are now registered, at no more cost ; by this means, perhaps, the eyes of the legislators would be opened to the necessity of taking action to at least check the waste. Hitherto nothing has been done, although the Association of Underwriters have time and time again urged the matter of fire registration, the use of steam threshers, the simplification of the acts relating to insurance and the condition of of policies or contracts, etc.

Convention of Agents.—In order to become personally acquainted with the agents, your board called a meeting at the office last Sep-tember, which was well attended. It found there a very intelligent body of men, and a The underwriters asked for bread and were

given a ragged edged stone in the shape of an act passed last session, entitled "An Act respecting insurance corporations," an act mix-ing up the business of co-operative and life insurance and fire insurance in such an extraordinary manner that the sting is only found out by fire underwriters when they are called upon to register, which simply means a back door method of levying a tax on the insuring public.

Economy of Management .- The directors have Economy of Management.—The directors have endeavored in every way to keep down ex-penses. The result shows that the expendi-tures, outside of losses, amount to but 8 cents per \$100—a less sum than any other company,

to announce the death of James Armstrong, which occurred on the 26th January. He was for many years a director, which position he held until the time of his death. He occupied held until the time of his death. He occupied the president's chair for several terms, until his retirement became necessary on account of Parliamentary duties. His colleagues at the board, the officials and clerks, will miss his wise counsels, genial presence, and withal stern adhesion to duty. All in all, it will be difficult to find anyone to fill his place. His family have our warm and sincere sympathy in their affiiction.

Retiring Directors .--- Three directors will have Retiring Directors.—Inree directors will have to be re-elected, two in the place of John Geary, Esq., and Thomas E. Robson, Esq., whose terms of office expire, but are eligible for re-election; and the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Armstrong has to be filled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. E. ROBSON, President. D. C. MACDONALD, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Assets. Amount available on premium notes No. 31 14,492 78 Balance due by agents, secured by agents' bonds and members' due bills receivable..... 8,785 28 1.583 89 Office furniture.... Municipal and loan com-panies' debentures de-1,190 01 posited with Receiver-General for security of policy-holders-City of Hamilton, par value \$10,920, market value\$11,140 00 City of St. Thomas, par yalue \$22,600 value \$22,600, market 25.990 00 value \$6,500, market velne 7.475 00 Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, par value \$7,800, market value Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, value 7,800 00 par value \$7,800, market value ... 7,800 00 60,205 00 505 05 Accrued interest . Real estate and office buildings .. 14,825 81 Due by other companies, re-insurance..... Cash in Molsons Bank..... 1,000 00 2,068 85 in treasurer's hands and Cash postage stamps..... 593 55 Gross assets \$359,059 15 Liabilities. Losses adjusted in 1892, but not due until 1893\$ 2,392 17 Net surplus of assets\$356,666 98 CASH ACCOUNTS. Receipts, 1892. Cash balance from 1891...... \$ 907 30 Balance in Molson's Bank 4,738 49 46.607 97 82,882 94 55,000 00 3.663 63 311 42 214 22 00 71 8 Assessments in advance..... **2**65 336 00 250 00 Re-insurance..... 63 56 Conscience money Real estate..... Old assessments 125 00 150 00 184 18

Disoursements, 1892.		
Losses of 1891 paid in 1892\$	7,801	47
Losses of 1892	88,763	41
		36
Loss and agency inspection	2,617	28
Commission to agents	19,011	70
Salaries of officials, auditors and		
clerks	8,853	18
Special addit and gratnity to former		
auditor	285	00

IME MONETARY	TIMES.
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Directors' fees	1,242	85
General postage	1,225	
Agents' postage	516	
Printing, advertising and stationery	1,586	
Solicitors' fees and law expenses.	543	
Re-insurance (on large risks)	412	
Returned premiums	222	•••
Taxes	458	
Discount on stamps and fined let-	400	00
ters	=0	
Expansion of a genta' comparation		81
Expenses of agents' convention	328	35
Sending annual reports and assess-		
ment notices	179	
Ontario Government license fee	105	
Dominion Government inspection	66	
Fuel and light	165	97
Petty expenses, telegrams, water		
rates, etc	360	16
Paid to agents in settlement of ac-		
_ counts	741	28
Interest	1,749	17
Bills payable	55,000	00
Keal estate	760	35
Balance in Molson's Bank	2,068	
Cash in treasurer's hands	593	
Total\$	195,708	42
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I have examined the books and vouchers of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and find the above statement correct in accordance therewith.

JOHN OVERELL Auditor.

London, Jan. 31, 1893.

The president moved the adoption of the several reports as read, Mr. John A. Leitch, of Brantford, seconding the motion, which was adopted.

The election of the three necessary directors The election of the three necessary directors to the board was then proceeded with, John A. Leitch and Duncan Macmillan acting as scrutineers. The retiring directors were Mr. John Geary and Capt. Thos. E. Robson, both of whom were re-elected, and both returned their sincere thanks to the directors for the compliment.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Armstrong, Mr. Sheriff Brown, St. Thomas, and Mr. J. W. Cameron, of Napier, were nominated. Mr. Cameron withdrew in favor of Mr. Dugald Brown, who was then unanimously object to fill the particle unanimously elected to fill the position for the next three years. Mr. Brown thanked the directors for elect-

ing him and stated his intention of fulfilling his duty to his utmost ability. The usual votes of thanks to the officers and agents of the company were passed. Mr. D. C. Macdonald and others expressed thanks.

A hearty vote was also accorded the presi-dent, Inspector Leitch, and the managing director.

ODD CAUSES OF FIRE.

We have heard the story of a fire caused by an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Cleveland at the time of his former election to the Presidency. As a token of rejoicing, rockets were resorted to, and one, in the course of its flight, found its way down the chimney of a spinning mill, with the result that might have been ex-pected. Another instance of an accident that could have been less easily foreseen is afforded by a fire caused by a railway truck, the axle of which had "fired," leaving the rails at a crossing, and setting light first to a petroleum tank, and then to an adjacent factory.

The spontaneous ignition of oily waste is well known, but its ignition may be brought about by different means. A bucket of greasy waste was standing near a driving belt in waste was standing near a driving belt in motion, in such a position that it was touched by the sag of the belt, and the friction thus induced proved sufficient to set its contents on fire. A fire that made its presence felt in a comparatively harmless way, was caused by the self ignition of oily waste and wooden chips thrown by workmen who were looking for a convenient dumping ground, into the fire-box of a locomotive standing disused in the shed where they were at work, the first intima-tion of what had taken place being given by shed where they were at work, the first intima-tion of what had taken place being given by the noise of the engine blowing off steam. Even the use of heavy mineral oils, and the removal of oily waste to a place allotted to it, are not an actual guarantee against accident, for in a factory where both regulations were observed an arrant cockbafer became on observed, an errant cockchafer became en-tangled in the waste, and, succeeding in free-ing himself, made straight for a gas jet, killing

himself and destroying the building, the flames being propagated by the filaments of greasy cotton that still adhered to him. 85 78 60

38 Photographic lenses are credited with acting Photographic lenses are credited with acting as burning glasses upon numerous occasions —an eloquent argument in favor of keeping them in proper cases when not in actual use. Bright tin plates may similarly act as concave mirrors, and apparently are well known cul-prits. Another instance is that of a plumber who tasted a newly made joint with a flame 58 99 27 60 who tested a newly.made joint with a flame, 35 and not observing that a small blue jet made its appearance, replaced the boards and left the place. After six weeks, during all of which time the jet continued to burn, the leak in-creased somewhat, and eventually the flame 88 00 60 97 became large enough to char the board above it, the pungent smell caused thereby attracting 16 attention and preventing what would have been a fire returned in the category "cause 17 unknown." 00

An inexpert joiner, striking a nail obliquely, projected it into the conveyer of the raw mate-rial in a jute factory, and a spark caused by the contact of the nail with the drum set fire to the place. Nailing down a board is not, therefore an expression a space of the place. therefore, so harmless a proceeding as it looks. The heat given off by the rapid oxidation of finely divided iron is considerable, and it was this circumstance that led to a fire in a factory that was swamped by a flood, a mass of iron filing and combustible rubbish getting damp and "heated like a hay stack." An effort to extinguish a fire more accelerated by data extinguish a fire may actually lead to one, an example occurring in New York, where a small building having caught fire, a stream of water was directed on it, and a neighboring shed containing quicklime thus accidentally got wet, with the unpleasant result of providing fresh work for the hose on the spot.—Leicester Daily Post.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY.

The organization meeting of the Dominion Coal Company took place at Boston, on Friday last, when the following officers were elected:

President.-H. M. Whitney, Boston. Treasurer.-John S. McLennan, Montreal.

General Manager.-F. S. Pearson, Boston. Resident Manager.-D. McKeen, Nor North Sydney.

Sydney. Secretary.—B. F. Pearson, Halifax. Directors.—H. W. Dimosk, New York; Robert Winsor, of Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Alfred Winsor, president of the Boston Tow-boat Company; W. B. Ross, barrister, Hali-fax; Sir Donald Smith, W. C. Van Horne and Hugh McLennan, Montreal. The business will be managed by a com-mittee of four, who will almost have the same powers as the board of directors. Nothing has been settled as regards the Halifax agency.

has been settled as regards the Halifax agency. Mr. B. F. Pearson will not remove to Boston, but will continue to reside in Halifax.-Eastern Chronicle.

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The whole amount of Dominion Coal Com-The whole amount of Dominion Coal Com-pany's stock allotted to Nova Scotia has been subscribed. The Bank of Nova Scotia, it is understood, disposed of over \$200,000 worth, and the balance was sold by James C. Macin-tosh, Farquhar, Forrest & Co. and W. L. Lowell & Co. A large amount of stock was taken throughout the province of Nova Scotia direct with Boston, and it is understood the International Coal Company has taken the entire amount of the purchase money from the entire amount of the purchase money from the sale of its properties in stock in the new concern. Nearly a quarter of a million dollars worth of stock was subscribed in Halifax city alone.-Halifax Chronicle.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTBEAL, March 8th, 1893.

STOOKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Bellers.	Buyers.	A verage. 1892.
Montreal Ontario People's zd Molsons J. Cartier Merchants Commerce Union M. Teleg	2311 125 125 176 2581 1671 148	125 117 174 258 166 147	2 341 24 5 42 118	2343 126 120 160 261 169 149	2331 124 118 175 2581 1661 1471	1124 985 1675 329 151 135
Rich. & Ont Street Ry " New Stock Gas C. P. land b'ds N. W. Land Bell Tele Montreal 4%	1536 749 190 234 875	153 713 189 231 841 161	65 2760 275 1102 1734 	154 74 190 2303 653	152 73 188 230 85 109 1604	134 601 177 207 891 163

-A London newspaper relates that a few days ago Queen Victoria was greatly pleased with a piece of music performed by a band playing in public at Osborne. She sent one of er attendants to learn the name of the piece. With some embarrassment the attendant re-ported that the piece was entitled, "Come where the booze is cheaper !"

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, March 8th, 1893. Asnes.—There are hardly any ashes coming forward just now, and it is a difficult matter to give correct quotations, because one operator seems to be trying to get hold of all the stock

A. ALLAN, President. J. O. GRAVEL, Secretary-Treasurer. F. SCHOLES, Managing Director.



available and has been making somewhat fancy bids in certain quarters. Probably an available and has been making somewnaw fancy bids in certain quarters. Probably an ordinary quotation would be \$4.55 to 4.65, though even higher figures have, it is said, been offered; seconds would probably now be worth \$4. In pearls no recent transactions are reported.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS .- Sales of English cement in hundred barrel lots have been made at \$2.40, smaller lots \$2.50; Belgian, \$2.25. Some large import orders have been placed, calculated to cost \$2 to 2.10 laid down. Fire-bricks are selling at \$17.50 to 26 as to brand

DAIRY PRODUCTS .- Business in cheese is con-DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Business in cheese is con-fined to a local jobbing trade; prices are very firm at $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c. There is steady fair demand for butter at firm prices; we quote creamery 22 to 24c.; Townships, dairy, 20 to $21\frac{1}{2}c$; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Western, 17 to 20c. per lb. Receipts of fresh eggs are larger, and prices easier at 23 to 24c. per dozen.

 $D_{\mathtt{Ry}}$ Goods.—The fine sunny weather we are now enjoying, suggestive of spring, is calcu-lated to make retailers cheerful, and the store lated to make retailers cheerful, and the store windows, freshly dressed with new spring goods, are being eagerly scanned by lady shop-pers. Wholesalemen are still busy, and seem quite satisfied with the trade doing. The 4th of March is not now a particularly heavy day for payments; not so heavy as February or April 4th. As far as we learn, from 55 to 60 Per cent. of customers' paper was provided for; this is the verdict of three of the larger houses. Fues __The market for raw fues continues

FURS.-The market for raw furs continues quiet, and quotations as revised last week will Idet, and quotations as revised last week will stand. We quote: Beaver, \$4 50 to 5.00; bear, large, \$12 to 18.00; small, \$8 to 10.00; cub, \$3 to 6.00; fisher, \$3 to 4.50; marten, \$1 to 1.25; mink, \$1.25 to 2.00; red fox, \$1.20 to 1.40; muskrat, winter, 15c.; spring, 20c.; skunk, 20 to 80c., according to stripe and quality; coon, 20 to 80c.; otter, \$8 to 12.00. stand.

GROCERIES.—There is a general complaint of dallness among the wholesale houses in this line, which by this time ought to have been to some extent relieved. Teas are particularly quiet; the country demand is light, and brokers ay they have much difficulty in bringing about any transactions between wholesale men. Local values are however steady. London

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advices say that China teas are a shade weaker, and Ceylons and Darjeelings barely steady. Sugars remain without change of any kind. Molasses is easier: quotations on the island have receded a cent, the figure now being 13c. first cost, and 25 puncheon lots are quoted locally at 32½c. per gal. It is said that orders have been placed for about 2,000 puncheons to arrive in June. Quotations for new season's rice will be made this week; the figure will be slightly below that of last year. Dried fruit is very dull, but a little stronger in New York, owing to an advance in California fruit: Valencia raisins are quoted at $4\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}$ c., cur-rants $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$ c.; prunes soarce at $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. lb. Canned goods are still neglected: it is said there have been some recent shipments to Chicago. One French house is reported to be offering tomatoes at 80c. in the country.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal levators were as follows, on dates given :

Wheat,	bushels		Mar. 6, 1993. 561,406	Feb 27, 1893. 557,562
Corn	**	· · · · · · · · ·	13,877	2,877
Oats	"		492,959	481,745
Rye	**	• • • • • • • • •	33,794	33.794
Peas	**		354.343	322,270
Barley	**	•••••	84,083	70,380
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The stock of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last, 6th instant, was 54,088 bar-rels, as compared with 51,319 barrels on the previous Mond: y.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The market for green hides is very quiet just now, and the stock offering is pretty grubby. Prices are without change. Calfskins are active, and firm at 6c. per lb.; lambskins, 95c. to \$1.05 each. Tallow rules very firm at 5c. per lb. for rough, and 8 to 84c. for rendered. 8 to 81c. for rendered.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are all shipping spring goods freely, and re-port a better than ordinary trade. Tanners are stiffening prices of pebble, some of them asking nearly a 5 per cent. advance. Splits are steady, but not a great deal doing. Some wood lots of way and grain ways have are steady, but not a great deal doing. Some good lots of wax and grain were sold last week, one buyer taking two thousand sides. We quote :--Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter; 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British to ak sole. 38 to 45c.; wared upper light and

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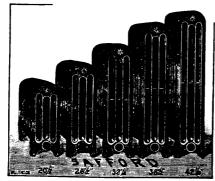
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dian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; har-ness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle. 45 to 55c

METALS AND HARDWARE.—While no very large transactions are to be noted in metals, &c., still there is quite a fair amount of trading in a quiet way. The home iron market is very still there is quite a fair amount of stating in a quiet way. The home iron market is very dull; a circular just to hand says that no im-provement in business can be recorded, and that a period of such widespread depression has been rarely experienced. Warrants are cabled at 40/7d.; makers' prices are not altered. No. 1 Summerlee has been quoted at \$19 for opening of spring, other brands \$17 to \$19 for opening of spring, other brands \$17 to 18. The Siemens people are said to have stiffened prices a little owing to the local scar-city of Scotch iron. Plates of all kinds are quiet; sinched pices a fine owing so the local star-city of Sootch iron. Plates of all kinds are quiet; a good many Ternes here, and they seem hard to move. Tin, lead and copper are very quiet. We quote: --Coltness pig iron, \$21; Calder, No. 1, \$20; Calder, No. 3, \$19; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21; Eglinton, \$19;50; Gartsherrie, \$20 to 20.50; Langloan, \$21; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, \$20; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offer-ing; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$19 to \$19.50; ma-chinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$12; bar iron, \$2.05 for Canadian; car lots, \$2; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates-Blaina, or Garth, \$2.50 to 2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.25 to 7.75. Merchants' roofing, 14x20, \$13.50. Blaok sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 24, \$2.50, there no plates of the start of the start coal, \$6.00; charcoal I. C., \$3.85 to 4; P.D.



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Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I.C., \$3.20 to 3.30; coke wasters, \$3 to 3.10; galvanized sheets. No. 28, ordinary brands, 5c. : Morewcod, $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$ c. ; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to $6\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 26, $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{3}{4}$ c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 11c; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, $10\frac{1}{4}$ to 12c; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 22 to 23c; bar tin, 25c; ingot copper, $13\frac{1}{4}$ to 14c., sheet zinc, \$5.50 to \$6; spelter, \$5.00 to 5.50; American do. \$5.50. Antimony 12 to 13c.: bright iron wires Nos. 0 to \$, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.55; the trade discount on wire is $7\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Coil chain. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, 5c; $\frac{1}{3}$ in., $\frac{4}{3}c$; $\frac{7}{4}$ in., $3\frac{1}{4}c$, $\frac{1}{4}$ in., $3\frac{1}{4}c$, $\frac{1}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{4}c$; $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Ours. Putter and Gauss. Define a case now

upwards, 3c. OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Leads are now being sold according to the revised price list, pure being \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.87¹/₂. Linseed oil and turpentine are steady, but without further advance. English advices report great firm-ness, at advanced prices, for all oils, except olive, which is about the cheapest of any, but as there has been heavy buying ahead, an advance in this line is probable. We quote:—Turpentine 54 to 55c. per gal.; Lin-seed oil, raw, 62c. per gal.; boiled 65c.; olive oil, 95c. to \$1; castor, 7 to 7¹/₄c. in cases ; smaller lots, 8c.; Newfoundland cod, 42 to 45c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 55c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.87¹/₂; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 44 to 44c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.45 for second break; third break, \$3.25. Wool.—Some pretty large transactions are

Wool.-Some pretty large transactions are reported in London since the close of the regular sales, a rather unusual occurrence. French manufacturers have been the principal buy-ers, at figures slightly in advance of closing prices. Local men are not buying very much just now, but the market is pretty bare of all kinds. Cape is quoted at 14 to 15½c.; Natals, 16 to 17½c.; unsorted domestic, 21 to 22c. per lb.; of fleece there is none here.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 9th, 1893.

DRY GOODS.—The number of people who have visited the wholesale houses during the have visited the wholesale houses during the last week has been much smaller than during the previous week. The large retail firms have mostly sent their representatives to the city, while but comparatively few of the smaller firms have done so. They are expected during the coming week, when stocks will be more complete, especially such articles as gimps, dress trimmings, parasols, and printed challes. Many of the smaller firms have been buying very cautionsly, and appear to be wait-ing to see how the spring opens up before placing their full orders. The enquiry for silk and lisle gloves and sewed embroideries has set in. Prices of all goods are firm, with an upward tendency. Payments have been

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Tuesday, 25th Day of April, 1893.

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River. And also (by arrangement with the Collins Inlet Lumber Company), the two following Timber Berths, viz.: Township of Goshen, and Berth No. 59, in the Districts of Algoma and Nipissing, containing in all 22 square miles.

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of tend-rers. An accepted bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent, of amount of tender, must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order,

E. F. E. ROY, Secretary. Department of Public Works, { Ottaws, 7th February, 1893. }



INDIAN SUPPLIES.

INDIAN SUPPLIES. SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under-signed, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of THURSDAY, 20th April, 1893, for the delivery of Indian Supplies, during the fiscal year ending 30th Jane, 1894, duty-paid, at various points in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Forms of tender, containing full particulars rela-tive to the supplies required, dates of delivery, &c., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg. This advertisement is not to be inserted by any newspaper without the authority will be admitted. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. L. VANKOUGHNET, Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs. Ottawa, March, 1893.



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fair; but many renewals have been sought, especially from the North-West : this has been due, we believe, to the disappointment in the prices realized from the crops. But merchants in the North West speak hopefully of trade prospects for the spring of 1893.

FISH.-Stocks appear to be somewhat limited FISH.—Stocks appear to be somewhat limited and many of our quotations are higher. We quote: lake herring, 4c.; cod fish, 5c.; steak cod, 7½ to 8c.; smelts, 6 to 6½c.; flounders, 5c.; smoked finnan haddie, 7 to 7½c.; salmon tront, 7½ to 8c.; white fish, 7½c.; British Columbia salmon, 13c.; black bass, 8 to 9c. per pound. Of white fish, Manitoba, we believe, are the only kind now held here. There are some freah-caught lake herring in the market, worth resh-caught lake herring in the market, worth \$3.00 per hundred.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The movement in flours is far from active and prices remain unchang-ed ; a special brand of strong bakers, for which dealers are asking \$4.10, is meeting with favor. The stocks now held in the eastern market The stocks now here in the case in intractive would appear to be very heavy, as dealers re-fuse to buy. The feeling in oatmeals con-tinues to be strong; rolled standard and granulated are worth \$4.25 per barrel. Again we report an advance in bran; those mills which are not frozen up are doing well in this line; millmen report that many of them are buying for their own use, while the ice in the ponds is so thick that they fear trouble from a sudden thaw.

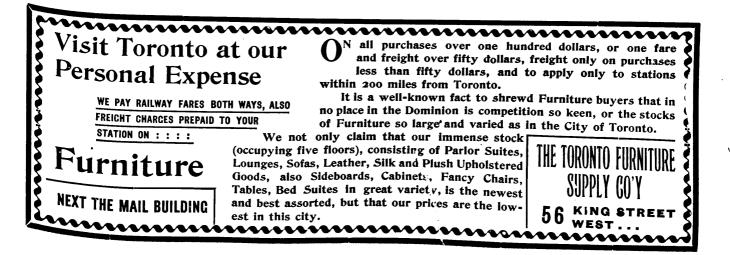
FURS .- Business is very active, and the outlook for good goods is very promising. New York cloak men are expecting during the next winter a continuance of the rage for fur capes and fur-trimmed goods. There is every prob-ability that all lines will be dearer during the next season. In Canadian furs this will apply chiefly to mink, skunk, beaver and coon. Dealers have many complaints to make in regard to the bad handling of goods before they reach the market.

GRAIN The feeling in the foreign wheat market still remains weak, and prices here are unchanged, at the lower figures quoted last week; the demand is confined to the mills. During the week there has been a sale of 90,000 bushel of No. 2 barley, at 41 to 42c. per bush., according to its location; it will be shipped to Russia via New York, and is to be used for seeding purposes. Oats are coming in very freely, and as a result, are 1c. per bush.

WATER POWER.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Min-nedosa, Manitoba, invite correspondence from parties willing to undertake the construction of a Dam and Working of Water Power on the Little Baskatchewan River, on the basis of a report and plan prepared by George H. Webster, Esg., C.E., Chief Engineer to the Manitoba and North Western Railway Company. Mr. Webster's report provides for a Reservoir or Power Canal 600 feet long, 150 to 200 feet wide and of a minimum depth of 13 feet, with four good mill sites adjacent thereto, and states that there is every opportunity for the utili-zation of a splendid water (power, estimating that the revoue derived therefrom at the low rental of \$10 per horse power from the tour hundred horse power to be provided, will probably repay the whole outlay in three or four years. The report and plan may be examined at the office of ERNEST W. PEARSON.

ERNEST W. PEARSON, Clerk and Treasurer.



lower. The movement in peas, rye, and correstill remains very limited. The stocks of buckwheat are very small, but it is wanted at quotations.

STOCKS IN STORE.

Toronto stocks of grain on the 6th inst., and at a like date last year, were as follows :---

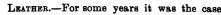
			Mar. 6,	Mar. 7,
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	ush.		186,458	61,175
Spring "	**		45,942	78,596
Red "	"	• • • • • • • • •	nil.	5,300
Goose "	"		6,000	9.000
Hard "	**		86,655	nil.
Barley,	**		83,852	143.052
Barley, 2 rowed	"		nil.	nil.
Oats,	**		49,388	7,192
Peas,	"		3,440	3,549
Corn,	"		1,227	nil.

Total bush. 462,962 307,909

GROCEBIES. — Merchants report wholesale business during week as very good, and we believe most of them are doing a little more than their average season's business. In coffees there is but little doing; the market, however, continues firm. Our price list quotes almonds higher, Tarragona 17 to 18c., Ivica 15 to 16c. There is a strong feeling in syrups and molasses, but as yet no quotable advance. Sugars are not moving very freely, but prices have not declined. For teas of all grades there is a good general demand. Payments are hard to get, especially in the city; the difficulty seems to lie in the failure of the retail trade to collect.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market still continues to be without any very marked features. Calfskins are coming in more plentifully; prices are steady. Sheepskins are not finding ready sale, as prices have been pushed up beyond a buying figure. Tallow in feeling is much weaker here; there has been a decline in the United States and dealers are expecting one here very scon.

IBON AND HARDWARE.—Trade in the country is good, and in the city, while there is not the same degree of activity, there are signs of improvement. Prices have altered but little; we give the changes in our price list. Bar iron, ordinary is higher at \$2.05 to 2.10; galvanized iron, best No. 2 (higher), 4% to 5c. A decrease in the price of plain wire has enabled manufacturers to lower barb wire; galvanized we now quote at 4½c. Although the manufacturers have made no reduction in the price of tin plates, city firms are selling at lower figures. We quote: IC coke, \$3.50 to 3.75; IX charcoal, \$5.25; IXX, \$6.25; IC M.L.S., \$6 to 6.25. In payments there has been, during the last month, a slight improvement; as soon as the weather breaks up a brisk trade is expected.





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THE MONETARY TIMES.

TORONTO PRICES CURRENT.-March 9, 1893.

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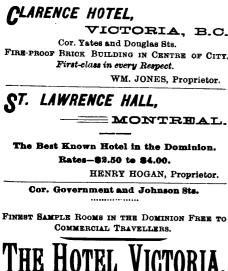
that stocks of sole leather were excessively large; of late, however, they have become somewhat diminished, and this week we report an advance in Spanish soles; they are now worth as follows: No. 1, 23 to 25c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c. per lb. The outlook would now appear to be much more encouraging. There is a fair demand for both light and heavy harness leather; this is somewhat different to the condition last year, when light harness was not wanted. Payments are but moderately good.

PROVISIONS.—Trade continues good. Choice butter is worth from 19 to 21c.; the little bakers' that is offering is worth from 15 to 18c. per lb. Cheese is firm and unchanged. We quote Sept. 12c.; July, 11c. per lb. Both dried and evaporated apples are quiet, but, at present, evaporated have the preference in demand. Hops are moving; we quote new 18 to 20c., yearling 15 to 17c. per lb. Hog products are firm and unchanged. Dressed hogs are worth from \$8.25 to 8.35 per 100. The supply of fresh eggs has rapidly increased, and they are now worth 20c. per doz., while pickled are out of the market. The demand for beans has improved very much of late, and they are now quoted at \$1.45 to \$1.55 per bushel.

SEEDS.—The indications are that the crop of red clover seed is pretty well marketed, but a few lots are still offering at \$8.50 to \$9 per bush.; as forecasted early in the season, the crop has been unusually light; prices have been too high for export, and so the bulk of the red clover seed has remained in the home market. The crop of alsike clover has proved somewhat disappointing in quality, while in quantity it is below the average. The wholesale men arellooking for a brisk trade in clover as soon as the weather opens up. The growers of timothy have been expecting an advance from a sympathy with the high prices paid for clover, and so to a considerable extent have been holding their stocks. Buyers here are paying \$1.50 to \$2.50 for common to choice seed; occasional lots of choice flail-threshed have been bought at figures above our outside quotation. But, as yet, in both clovers and imothy, the wholesale men have been engaged in buying, rather than selling.

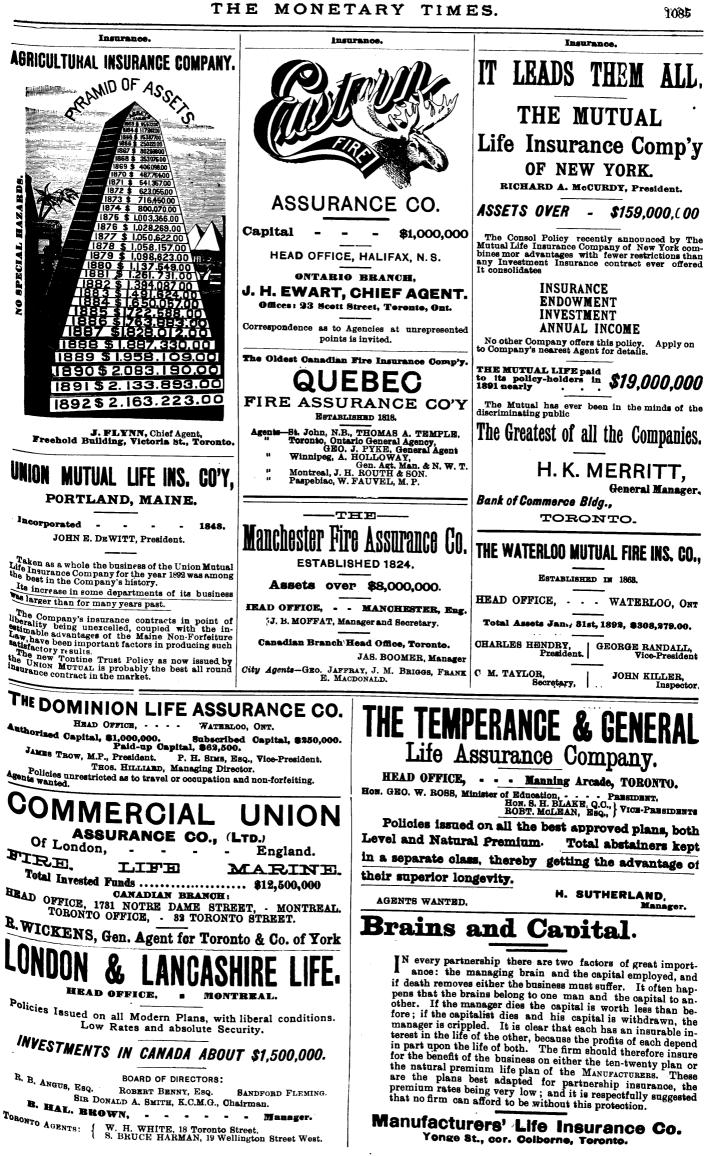
WOOL.—There is nothing doing in fleece wools; prices are unchanged and nominal. For pulled wools there is only a moderate demand from the factories, while quotations are unchanged. A very moderate demand exists for foreign wools.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.		
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ONTARIO LOAN AND SAVINGS CO.

The twentieth annual meeting of this com-any was held at the office of the company, The twentieth annual meeting of this com-pany was held at the office of the company, Oshawa, Ont., on Wednesday, February 15th, 1893. The following shareholders were present: Messrs. W. F. Cowan, W. F. Allen, R. S. Hamlin, John Cowan, J. A. Gibson, Thomas Paterson, T. H. McMillan, Wm. Readwin, John Carter, H. T. Carswell and Rev. S. H. Ecatman Eastman.

The president occupied the chair, and Mr. T. H. McMillan acted as secretary to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the chairman read the annual report of the affairs of the company for the past year, as follows :---

The directors beg to submit for your con-sideration the twentieth annual report of the affairs of the company as on the 31st of Decem-ber, 1892.

REPORT.

The business of the company, as you will ob-serve from the accompanying financial report, has been well maintained and the interest on the securities promptly met.

The rate of interest has remained low, but the earnings have been sufficient to provide for any losses incurred in disposing of properties against which we have been compelled to take action, to pay our usual seven per cent. and add \$2,000 to the Contingent Account.

The Rest Account now stands at \$75,000, and the Contingent Account at \$8,000. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. COWAN

President. Oshawa, February 15th, 1893.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

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Jan.	1, To balance	4,128	24
Dec. 3	31, Repayments on		
	loans\$64,918 98		
**	Interest receiv-		
	ed on loans 35,804 13		
		100,723	11
44	Interest received from	100,720	**
	banks	664	01
64	Deposits received	100 000	07
**	Debentures issued	299,200	87
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	Payments on stock	95	
	Revenue account	5,114	79
••	Debenture interest reserv-		
	_ed	44	55
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	_paid		50
**	Loans on mortgage, etc	90,350	06
44	Interest paid	21,736	54
**	Dividends Nos. 38 and 39	20,950	
**	Expense account and com-	-	
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44	Bills payable	55,000	00
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66	Western Bank,		
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		6,919	09
44	Cash on hand	359	
	\$	498,922	74
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Dec. 31,	By interest earned	\$4.641	5
**	Revenue account	5,114	
**	Bank interest received	664	

1892 .	Dr.		
Dec. 31,	To interest paid	\$21,736	54
	Dividends Nos. 38 and 39.	20,950	73
"	Expense account, includ- ing commission and	·	
"	loans Amount transferred to	5,733	11
	contingent account	2,000	00

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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Office furniture	500	
Cash in banks	6.919	09
Cash in hand	359	
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Liabilities.

Dec. 31	To Capital stock	299,389	85
**	Depositors	302.968	26
"	Debentures	205,400	00
"	Debenture interest re- served		55
**	Contingent account	8.000	00
"	Rest account	75,000	
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T. H. MCMILLAN,

Secretary-Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the above statement contains a correct representation of the affairs of the company as shown by the books Decem-ber 31st, 1892. We have examined youchers We have examined vouchers and securities and find the same correct.

G. H. GRIERSON, Auditors.

J. P. Owens, Oshawa, Feb. 13th, 1893.

The President said : When presenting the annual report of the company at the close of last year's operations, I ventured to express the opinion that one, or possibly two, repetitions of the bountiful harvest with which the country had been favored in 1891, would be required in order to restore confidence in the values of farm lands in this choice section of Ontario. This desirable condition of things I much regret has not resulted this autumn, but, on the contrary, the harvest of 1892 has been emphasized by a meagre yield of all cereal crops, coupled with unprecedentedly low prices for the limited product available for market. Despite these untoward facts, however, I am pleased to be able to state that the matured engagements of our clients have been met in the main with unexpected promptness, and that a careful investigation of our securities warrants a continuance of our confidence in their intrinsic value, and consequently in the future progress of the company's business.

Twenty years having now elapsed since its formation, a retrograde glance at some of its financial aspects might not be devoid of inter-est to you. The principal feature in this di-rection being the fact that one and a quarter millions of dollars have been actually earned derived that make the actually earned and a second a second and a second a second and a second and a second a second and a second a second and a second a second a second and a second during that period upon an average paid up capital of \$225,000, and that this large sum, less the amount standing to the credit of the Rest and Contingent accounts, has been dis-tributed amongst its shareholders, depositors, and employees.

As otizens of a comparatively small com-munity amongst whom the major portion of the earnings are dispensed, it is not a matter of surprise that more than an ordinary in vestor's interest is very generally felt in the welfare of an institution which has so long afforded them a secure and convenient re-

ceptacle for their surplus earnings or income. With the hope that the company will long continue to fulfil its obligations to the satisfac. tion of all who have any stake in its success, I beg to move the adoption of the report.

Mr. Allen seconded the adoption of the re port, which was carried.

664 01 \$50,420 38 Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Paterson, moved that the sum of \$150 be paid the anditors, Messrs. Grierson and Owens, for their services

for the past year, and that they be appointed Carried. auditors for the current year.

Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Readwin, moved that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby tendered to the president, vize-president, di-rectors and secretary-treasurer for the very satisfactory manner in which they have con-ducted the affairs of the company during the past year, and that the sum of \$300 be presented to the president, and \$200 to the vice president, for their services to the company. Carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Carswell, the meeting proceeded to elect by ballot seven directors to fill the place of those retiring, Messrs. John Carter and Wm. Beadwin being constitution Readwin being appointed scrutineers.

Chair resumed, the scrutineers reported the following seven gentlemen, who were duly de-clared elected directors for the ensuing year: W. F. Cowan, R. S. Hamlin, W. F. Allen, J. S. Larke, J. A. Gibson, John Cowan, Thomas \$936,816 83 Paterson.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman and the meeting adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors W. F. Cowan, Esq., was unanimously elected president, and W. F. Allen, Esq., vice-presi-dent.

ARTIFICIAL DRYING OF FISH.

The improved process of drying fish, patented by Mr. Thos. S. Whitman, of Annapolis, is said to be giving satisfaction to those engaged in the fish trade. He claims a new process for drying fish, independent of the sun or fine outdoor weather, and during the winter he laid in stock about 20,000 quintals of green salted cod, haddock and hake, which he dried successfully by his new process, quite independent of out-door weather. Attempts have been made be-fore this to dry fish artificially in Newfoundland, where money and time have been spent to accomplish this much desired end. But in every case, the result has proved an entire failure, and large quantities of fish have been spoiled.

The main features of Mr. Whitman's process are that, having discovered that air when heated takes up moisture like a sponge, and cold air (which expels moisture) coming in contact with heated air, partakes of the heat and with it moisture: so in passing cold air over warm fish the fish gives out its moisture as it is cooled by the air, and the air in turn takes up the moisture as it receives heat from the fish.

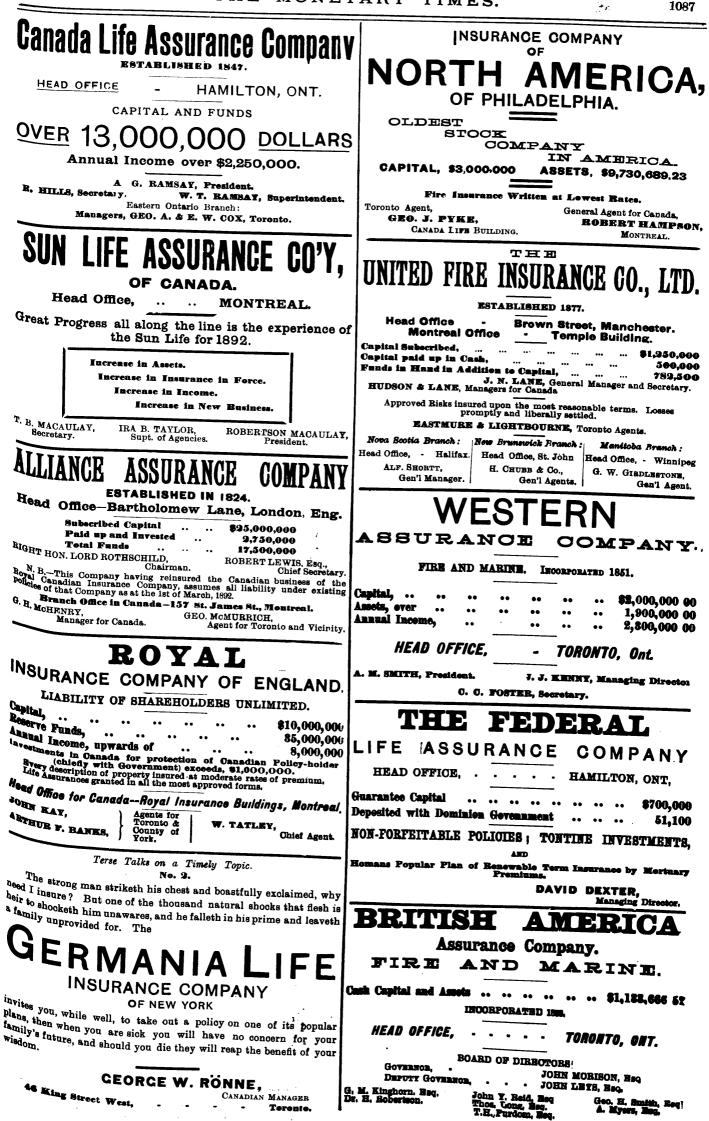
Fish, and particularly codfish, have in them a glutinous substance which, if properly dried or evaporated, becomes very tough. But if subjected to heat, say over 85 to 90 degrees, it loses its toughness and becomes either soft and oily or brittle. "I place my fish," he says, "on wire net trays, over iron pipes warmed by hot water, all encased with flues at the top to carry off the moisture and opening at the bot-tom to admit currents of cool or cold air.

"To force these currents of air over the fish in imitation of a strong cold wind on a bright sunny day, (such as would be a good fish dry-ing day at Gaspe, in June), I place in the main shaft or flue (to which all the flues lead from the several compartments), a large ex-haust fan which is driven at hich spead (say haust fan which is driven at high speed (847 naust fan which is driven at high speed (say 1,500 revolutions per minute), by a small oil engine or water motor; or it may be by a windmill. This causes a strong ourrent of cool air to pass constantly over the fish spread on trays in the several compartments and steady evaporation is the result, taking from thirty to forty-eight hours to dry the fish hard.

"To make fish suitable for Brazil, Havana or the British West India markets, I extract more or less salt from the fish before placing them on the dryses and the fish before placing more or less sait from the fish before placing them on the dryers, and prefer to only partially dry them. Then give them four or five days on sweat pile, or they may remain in this half dried state for months in cold weather, and can be prepared for shipment with ten or twelve hours second drying."

Mr. Whitman lights his premises with elec-tricity, and is informed that a hot water ap-paratus can be worked by electricity, at much less cost than by the present mode by coal. He has tested the West India climates with his new process for drying fish.—Annapolis Spectator.

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