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## balance of trade and balance of debt.

. During the period from 187 I to 1878 inclusive the Montreal Witness published regularly a "Financial Review" for every month. Each time the ground was carefully gone over, and the varying aspects of trade and finance wore presented in a manner that made these articles very interesting to business men. They bore upon their face evidence of having come from the pen of some one remarkably well posted on matters financial, and attracted general attention. There was a good deal of curiosity in the public mind with regard to their authorship, but to only a very few was the secret known. Within a few weeks back the author has been in a manner compelled by circumstances to avow himself, and he turns out to be Mr. John Hague, of Toronto, brother of the General Manager of the Merchants' Bank. The explanation can best be given in his own words, as published in the Toronto Mail:

## "A HISTORY OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE." "To the Editor of the Mail.

"Sir,-In your issue of the 7 th, under caption 'The Financial Outloo',' the writer says :-' The views of Mr. Smithers remind me of exactly similar views expressed by Mr. George Hague, general manager of the Merchants' Bank here, in i874, both in a daily paptr of this city (Montreal), and in a weekly Toronto financial paper. Had Mr. Hague's statements and logical reasonings been listened to, the crisis which followed would have been averted altogether.' At a later point in the article the writer states that a prominent Montreal banker 'took occasion to refer to Mr. Hague's articles, and said their reproduction now would be most timely, and exceedingly useful.' I feel exceedingly flattered by these complimentary words, as all the articles in the Montreal daily, the Witness, and a large number of those in the Toronto weekly, the Monetary Times, were the production of my own pen. The Witness series of 'Financial Reviews' were written by me from 187 I to 1878, and the authorship of them and their value may be judged by the following letter, dated Merchants' Bank, Montreal, August 29th, 1879 :-
" / My Dear John, - * * * I am specially sorry you have dropped the Witness article, and must beg of you ts resume the review which used to be so valuable. If I had a complete set for five years I would give a good deal for it. * * $\quad$ Yours, \&c.,

## 'Geo. Hague.'

"My anti-free trade views, however, prevented me from continuing those articles. The secret of the authorship of these reviews was to journalists an open one, for the very kind reception they met with in financial circles led to an offer being made me to contribute another series to the Toronto Mail, which will be found on your file for several years, and I had also the gratification of an offer from the Hon. George Brown
to write a third set for the Globe, and was paid for part in money and the balance in complimentary thanks. In the Globe review in 1874 I expressed, as in many others, views similar to those which your correspondent regards as evidence of forethought, good logic, and sound judgment. I am sorry indeed to have to make this statement, but it is not in human nature for a man who is conscious of the paternity of his children and proud of them, to have them attributed to another father, even though he be my excellent and fortunate brother, the general manager and saviour of the Merchants' Bank. It is my intention to publish selections from the above named reviews as soon as I can find the requisite leisure and complete my file of them, which is imperfect . Youis, \&c.,
'John Hague.
"Author of 'A History of Bills of Exchange.'
"Yorkville, Ont., 8th June, 1882. ."
The facts show that Mr. Hague was more than justifiedthat he was in a manner compelled, as we have said-to come forward and let the public know who really was the author of the Witness series of financial reviews, and the other articles mentioned. We hope that he may soon be able to publish these articles and reviews, or selections from them, in permanent form : and that the public may have the benefit of what he has further to say, from cime to time, on the very difficult and generally little understood subject of finance and national trade exchanges.

It is in connection with the much-vexed question of the balanre of trade that we now refer to Mr. Hague's series of monthly financial reviews in the Witness. He says, it will be observed, that his anti-free trade views prevented him from continuing them. Why so, it may be asked? The Witmess has always bsen on the free trade side, but why should this interfere with the discussion of bank circulation, deposits, and balances? Thereby hangs a tale, which let us tell as a supplement to what Mr. Hague informs us of. In one of the monthly reviews the writer boldl; tackled the balance of trade question, and gave what we have every confidence will yet be generally accepted as the true theory, somewhat to the following effect. The bare figures of a country's imports and exports, standing by themselves, are altogethet inadequate for conveying a true idea of how that country stands, commercialiy, with reference to others. They are, in fact, more apt to mislead than to inform the judgment. The vital point in each particular case is not the balance of trade, but the balance of debt. If any given country sends abroad two millions' worth of its produce, and gets in exchange a bona fide three millions' worth, without having to pay the difference in money, the transaction should be looked upon as making a gain and not a loss. But suppose
that the difference has to be paid in hard cash, or in what passes for its equivelant in l.ondon or New fork, ?uite an. another face is put upon the matter. If other countres are willing to keep on giving us every year it the rate of three millions' worth of their goods for two millions' worth of ours, or five for four, and call the transaction sepuare at F - year's eud, we shall not owe them anything, there will be no balance of debt accumulating against us. But if the odd millions have each and every year to be settled by bills payable or by government or municipal bonds and debentures, the case is very much altered indeed. Never min.? the apparent balance of trade; at all events do not take that alone as the basis of your calculations. But fix your a!tention on the halance of debt, which is the main point of all. Is yours a creditor or a debtor nation? If a debtor nation, is its debt abroad increasing or diminishing? Ascertan that beyond all doubt, get a reliable estimate of the gross amount of foreign debt, and of its increase or diminution from time to time, and then you have the key to the situation. Such was, in sub, tance, the explanation of the question given some gears ago by Mr. Hague.

The bearing of all this on the protection and free trade contoversy is quickly seen. Englands imports have long exceeded her exports, and yetfor commercial prosperityand moneymaking she leads the work. Therefore, snythefree traders, the adverebalance of trade idea is a bugbear to frighten timidpeople, whd the talk about manufacturing at home and keeping the money in the country is all "bosh." But if it be shown that the real balance of debt and not the apparent balance of trade is the thing to be looked $a$, then the tables are turned against the free traders. For in such case it is evident that what would be the right conchusion as applied to a creditor country, would be all wrong if applid to a delotor country. If Canada, for instance, gees in delet for the means of building great public works, we may have value reccived, aye, even more than the nominal value, to show for it, in the works themselves and in the growth of the country which they have promoted. But to the extent that our debt abrosd stands for things that perish with the using, for articles of extravagance and luxury, or for necessary articles which we might have produced at home, but did not, we have absolutely nothing but experience to show for the debt which stands against us.

Dircctly the " balance of debt" article appeared in the Wïness, a writer in the Toronto Mail took up the theme, and showed that if this were the true theory, then the free trade t'eory of the balance of trade must be wholly and fundamentally wrong, as applied to Canada. Canade being a borrowing country, a debtor country and not a creditor one, the inference was obvious. The Witness was challenged to reconcile its own free trade views with the true theory of the balance of debt, so ably set forth by the writer of its financial articles. To that challenge there neier was any reply on the part either of the Hitness or any other free trade paper. And we venture to say that there never will be any, from that side of the conirover:y. The same writer has on several occasions since presented the "balance of debt " explanation of the old difficulty, being carcful in every instance to give credit for it to the writer in the Montreal Witness, of whose identity, however, he was not info:med until it was made public a iew weeks ago. We hope soon to hear what Mr. Hague has to say, further, on a problem with regard to which he has already given us the true oferening.

## STEAM BOILER MANAGEMENT.-WHAT IS PRIMING?

In nearly all new boilers, when first put to use, the water is found to act in a very troublesome way. It will apparently rise up in the boiler, and sometimes be so violently agitated that it is inpossible to tell with any degree of accuracy what height the water is in the boiler. The plass water gauge of ordinary construction is almost useless in such an emergency, and the test cocks are equally unreliable, as at one instant stean may blow through the top gauge while at the next moment solid water comes rushing out. The danger of injury to the boiler, from the attendant being deccived as to the amount of water in it, is not the only one, as frequently such quaatities of water are carried overinto the cylinder of the engine as lead to serious breakage of the steam chest or cylinder.

The cause of a new boiler priming is usually considered to be the presence of an unknown amount of grease or oil on the plates or tubes, and after this has boiled off and the plates either become thoroughly cleansed or sealed over with a little deposit, the difficulty usually ceases.
Sometimes, however, it continucs and becumes'a very serious drawback to the successiul working of the boilers and engine. as well as causing a considerable loss of fuel.

One very remarkable case of priming occurred with the boilers of I. M. S. Serapis, which look the Prince of Wales to India, in 1875 . Fight new boilers had been placed in the the vessel, and all the machinery overhauled to prepare her for the voyage to India and back. On attenpting to make a full speed trial at Portsmouth, priming occurred to such an extent that the trial had to be abandoned. On the voyage to Malta the trouble continued so that two boilers were disabled and had to be repaired a, Valta. Bafle plates about 3 in. above the normal water line were placed in several of the boilers, and in two of them planks of wood were placed to float on the surface, and were fixed with guides to keep them in place. But little improvement was found to have followed these alterations, and in one of the Indian ports they were all removed. At Calctita the boilers were all cleaned and filled up with fresh water, and with one exception no further trouble was experienced. The best skill at the command of the English navy was called in to remedy the difficulty in this case, and yet it all failed, and priming continued until a scale had formed on the plates and tubes.
Boilers which are so small for the amount of steam required that the fires have to be unduly forced, are very apt to "prime." In this case it is probably due to the violence of ebullition, throwing particles of water up into the stecm space, where they are caught by the curremt and carried on into the steam pipe.
The question as to what volume of steam space should be allowed in a boiler as compared with the volume of water, and extent of heating surface, is one on which these are wide dif. ferences of opinion among engineers and boiler-makers.

No doubt if the surface of the water be close to the steam outlet, there is a likelihood of more water being carried into the steam pipe than if the distance were greater, but just how far below the outlet it should be, and whether or not mere vertical distance be sufficient, are points which are still among the unsettled matters in stam engineering. A common oldfashioned rule was that the total vertical depth of the boiler should be divided into three parts, and that two of these
should be occupied with water. As applied to tubular boilers of modern constructuon, this rule is not of much value, as i: leaves out of the reckoning the factors which have most to do with the question, viz, the amoumt of heating surface, and the total weight of water which the hoiler will hold at the different " water levels."
"Priming" may be caused by the bollers being new, by the feed water being dirty or greasy, by the undue forcing of the boilers, or by some peculiarity in their construction. It is a serious evil, often a dangerous one. always a troublesome one, and frequently baffles the skill oi the boiler attendant.

The remedy must of course depend upon the cause, and as different boilers are found tu vary much in their behaviour under similar conditions, every woiler attendant should carefully study and accurately observe the boilers under his charge.

## WOOL.GROWING IN CANADA.

Although this journal is designed enpressly for a consturuenc; of business men, it would be well for every farmer in (anada to read and "take in" thoroughly the meaning of last week's article on "Fashion and its Inlluence on "lrade," by our Manchester correspondent. The writer, living at not only Eugland's but also the world's metropolis of textile manufactures, has every opportunity of knowing whercof he speaks; and he gives it as his opinion that the demand of fashion for soft, fine-woulled fabrics, instead of long-woolled lustre goods, for ladies' wear, is no mere accident of a day, but a permanent decree of the goddess, to stand like the laws of the Medes and l'ersians. He is able to add, in support of this opinion, that it is now being recognized in Bradford and other $p^{\prime}$.eses, where the manufacture of long.woolled lustre fabrics has long been the leacing industry. Taking the nation all together, the English are slow to change : and when we see hard-headed, practical Yorkshiremen, all their lives engaged in one particular manufacture, actualby convinced that times have changed so that they must turn to another, we may well believe that there is something in it. In the Bradford district extensive changes, the writer says, are being made in the machinery, in order to produce the soft and pliable fabrics that fashion now demands. Once the benelit from having the machinery changed is generally seen, the process is likely to go ahead very rapidly; for in no country in the world can changes in textile machinery be effected so speedily and so cheaply as in England.

There may be those who will say -what interest has a Canadian farmer-in the county of york or Weatworth, for in-stance-in changes in ladies' fashions in london or l'aris? The question seems a very natural one, but a little examination will show that whoever seriousl) asks it knows very little of the facts of the matter. Until a few years ago, fashion ran upon long-woollcd fabrics, the pruper raw material for which Canada produced in large supply. But fashion has changed, and now calls for fabrics made of fine, soft wool, of which particular kind we produce comparatively little. It is clear that we must produce the kind of wool the market calls for ; if we do not, we shall have to sell what we do produce at a low
figure. In other words, Canadian farmers will have to change their breeds of sheep, and the sooner the better. The price of mutton is now so high, and the demand for it so large and ste.dy, that farmers will never think of breeding sheep with regard to wool only, the carcase being so valuable. But the practical question will be -how to combine a good carcase of mutton with the production of the particular kind of wool that suits the market. On this point we have no advice to offer; we say merely that it should engage the earnest attention of those who are compctent to advise on the subject. And we may be permitted to suggest that our agricultural authorities, for the counties and for the provinces, might do the country valuable service by taking measures for having the matter thoroughly discussed at the approaching fall exhibitions.

## THE REVIVAL OF BRITISH MANUFACTURES.

One of the facts of the day, pointed out by our Manchester correspondent in our last issue, is--a great advance in British competition with foreign countries. It now appears that the refusal of France to adopt such a commercial treaty as Great Britain cotald accept is making a deep impression on the public mind Johu Bell feels hurt at the obstinacy and selfishness of foreigners, sets his lips hard and clenches his fist, and says to himself that he will just "go in on his nerve," and show these unreasonable fellows what he can do when he makes up lus mind to it. To a considerable extent he is throwing off some of his old-fashioned conservative habits, and is no longer ashamed to make changes in methods of manufacture that a fell years ago he would have stamped his foot at with scorn. The clange in lladford from one kind of machinery to another, already well begun, and elsewhere alluded to, is one remarkable instance. And other instances are not wanting. The story is told that once upon a time (this was a good many years ago, of course), a wooden pattern of an American axe was sent over to Sheffield, with orders to make so many just like it, all "bitted" with the best steel. The wooden pattern had no hole in it for the handle, and the axes, when received, were found to be far too faithful copies of the original in this respect. Whether true or not, this story will do for a joke on English slowness to understand and to meet foreign requirements in some lines. It is safe to say that nothing like it could happen now. American forests, equal to the area of severalt Sites, had to be cut down and cleared, and many decades of years had to pass, cre the Sheffield people could be induced to make an axe that the American chor.per would condescend to use. In South America, South Africa, and Australia, American axes were taken in preference to English some years ago ; but recent news is to the effect that in all these markets English axes are now taking the lead. The American paitern, with Englist steel and English work. manship, is what has done it. In many other tools besides, in farm implements, and various aricles of machinery, the adoption of American patterns and American methodsgenerally the most suitable for new countries, and sometimes for old countries too-is working a revolution in competition abroad. Years ago French printed calicoes used to be con-
sidered superior to Jinglish in desian and rolor．thongh other－ wise not so good．But of late years English calico printers． by spending moncy freely and doing what otherwise coukd be doace to improve the designing and artistit，depatment of their business，have left their lirench compettors entirely in the rear，while the Amercans，are nowhere in comparison． And in many uther lines of manufacture something similar has been going on of late years．What actually happened appears to have been somewhat ar foilows．lntil the first half of the priscit century had passed，the superiority of Fingland in momulactures was so gieat that foreign competition was deemed of hetke arcount．In tis5 the（ireat livhibition was hekl in landon，and foreigners were invited to come and sec．The came．took chose obocrsation of English mannat tuse and oi Eneglish methods of manufacture，too， as far as they culde，and wem home with their heads full of plans for bringing their own industries up to the levet of competition whth lingland lears，howewer，had to clapse before these new edors of theiss produced appreciable results． IVe should probalis not be far wrong were we to name ten years hach as about the time when forcign competition began to whe itself seriously Eelt in several important branches of manufacture，in which，betore that，England had things all her own way．As it had taken foreigners gears to work them． selves up to the kevel of competition，so a number of gears more had to pass ere linglish manufacturers got their cyes sufficiently opened to see what foreigners were doing．The failure of the bradford lustre goods trade，and the refusal of the lirench to make a fair treaty，appear to have constituted the great＂eye－opener＂of all．These two things together did the business effectually at last．And now not only the woollen trades，but many othei trades besides，are shaking themselves clear of old linglish prejudices，and are closely studying foreign requirements and foreign improvements，to the masiery of which British skill and capital are being assiduously applied． Idmonished by netessity，the IBritish manufacturer no lunger thinks it beneath his dignity to examine，and search，and try to find out in what particulars，if any，foreigners have of late been getting the advantage of him．He appears to be in carnest about it，too．And this is in substance the true explanation of the revival of liritish manufactures in varous branches， which has now without doubt fairly legun．

Now，theie may be people who will address ourselves some． what to this effect ：＂Oi what use is it for yon，Canadians，to attempt through protective tariffs to build uf manufactures to compele with those of the mother country？During the time when English manufacturers were half asieep and careless as to competition abroad，you might have thought you could do something，with the help of your tariff．But，now lhat lingland has fairly waked up，and taken a fied stan，four chances of success will be slim．You had better cease the attempt，be content to buy your manufactured goods＂at home，＂as before，and devote yourscives to fishing，farming， and lumbering，the natural industries of Canada．＂At present we go no further than merely to state the objection，on anothet occasion we shall endeavor to give the Canadian answer to it．

THE WORDING AND PUNCTUATION OF TARIFF CLAUSES．
last week we gave at some length an account of the great American knt goods case，a bill dealing with which is now before Congress．In 1874 Congress passcd an act directing that the various tarif statutes then in force should be revised and ic arranged as one consolideted statute，but not authoris－ ing ans alteration of the duty on any article whatever．In the course of putting the new statute together the word＂wool＂was left out in two places，either by accident or clesign．＇ihe omission was wholly unauthorized，and was neverintended by Congress； such a thing was never proposed or even mentioned in any way in either the Senate or the House．But，the word having been omitsed in two places in the new draft，the bill passed hoth Houses and became law without any member detecting the omission．A New York lawger has distovered it，however， and threatens to bring the Govermment into Court for a refund of eleven million dollars duty collected between 1874 and 388 ，half of which he claims as his share of the plunder． This recalls another case in which the plain and well under stood intention of Congress was for a time defeated by an error in punctuation，apparently one of the most insignificant that could be imagined．

In 1872 an act was passed reducing duties and adding to the free list，and some time afterwards one of the clauses in the free list was found to read as follows：
＂Fruit，plants tropical and semi－tropical for the purpose of propagation or cultivation．＂

At the time of passing the act it was perfectly well under－ stood by everybody that what Congress intended to do was simply to allow ropical fruit－plants to bc imported free of duty，by the few persons whose curiosity，or devotion to ＂innce，or desire for rarities in their gardens or greenhouses， an：induce them to take the trouble of trying to cultivate or 1 opagate sucl：ex ics from warmer climates．But the law－ jens put their claws upon the clausu，and showed triumphantly that what it exempied from duty was not＂fruit－plants＂from the tropics，but Iruit－that is，all frait－and tropical plants． Numerous suits were instituted against the（ivvernment，and duties to a large amount were refunded by order of the Courts．In isi－f，however，Congress stopped all this nonser．e with an act dirccting that a hyphen be substituted for the comma between the words＂fruit＂and＂plants．＂Ever since then duty is collected on＂fruit，＂as Congress always intended it should be；white tropical＂fruit－plants＂are admitted free．

It seems a singular circumstance that all such mistakes should be against the Government and in favor of some pri－ vate interest．There is room for the sidspicion that something mere than mere accilent is the cause of this．Equally singu lar does it appear that the far greater proportion of Treasury decisions as to the interpretation of the baw are against the American and in favor of the foreign producer．English manufacturers know this，and are constantly getting up new articles，or old articles slightly altered and put under new names，with the express design of defeating the spirit of the Imerican statute，by taking advantage of the letter．Pethaps our own tarif is without a single loophole like those men－ toned；but who knows what might be discovered were New York or Philadelphia lawyers to set their wits to work at it？

## THE IMPERIAL BANK.

From the annual statement and the report of Wednesday's meeting, which appear in another column, it looks as if the Imperial might now fairly be placed among the "gilt-edged "banks. The most striking feature in the Directors' report is the addition to the rest of no less than $\$ 225,000$, after paying the usual dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, which brings the rest up to $\$ 400,000$; certainly a good thing to be done out of one year's business by a bank with only one million capital. To be sure, the capital of the bank was recently increased, but this did not take place until within three or four weeks of the close of the business year, and could scarcely have affected the year's results. The Bank of Montreal has a rest equal to 46 per cent. on its capital ; the Bank of Toronto and the Dominion Bank both come up to 50 per cent., the Federal Bank has a rest of 40 per cent. on its old capital of one and a half millions (now to be doubled), and the Imperial Bank has now a rest equal to 34 per cent. on its subscribed capital; which appears remarkable when we consider that it was only the seventh annual meeting which was neld the other day. During the year real estate other than bank premises has been reduced from $\$ 44,786.72$ to $\$ 27,482.12$. There is a large increase of deposits over what appeared in the preceding year's statement-\$312,661.27 on interest bearing and \$996,171.94 on non-interest bearing deposits. That the deposits are not lying unproductive is seen in the fact that the current discounts have risen from $\$ 3,338,502.98$ to $\$ 4,607,083.72$, an increase of $\$ 1,268,580.74$. This large expansion of business seems, further, to be on a sound lasis, for the overdue notes amount to only $\$ 21,343.22$, more than half of which is secured. The year's profits, after all deductions made, are $\$ 246,531.15$, against $\$ 142,284$. 3 for the year preceding. Determined to have its share of the business of the great North-West, the Imperial Bank has established an agency as far west as Brandon, a piece of enterprise which will doubtless bring its appropriate reward. In literary parlance, those who obsequiously devote themselves to the new king or the new minister are called worshippers of the rising sun ; but it is towards the setting sun, geographically, that we must look for the potential rising sun of Canada's future greatness. As long as there remains a market for wheat at fair prices, there remains also a sound basis for business in the North-West, and the healthy expansion of legitimate business there will continue for a time longer than we need care about estimating.

## OUR FOREIGN MARKET REPORTS.

For the present, our Manchester letter on English Textiles, our Dry Goods Trade letter from New York, and our Wool and Cotton Market Reports from Philadelphia ; also our Law Report of important Commercial Cases, will appear every alternate week-next week, of course. The same will also be the case with our Iron Trade letters from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, which appear in the present issue.

One of the latest despatches from Washington says that advices received by the Agricultural Department about the crope are very encouraging from every section of the country. Wheat and oats are turning out even better than expected months ago. Reports in regard to corn are improving every day. The grass crop will be unusually heavy. <br> \section*{THE <br> \section*{THE <br> 1-4}

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Timely rains have fallen in Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory, on ihe Pacific slope, and all fears of a drouth there have been dispelled.

These ought to be good times for the farmers. An exchange says the demand for cattle, poultry, and all provisions has increased so enormously that all the farmers have to sell $i_{s}$ taken at once by eager buyers.

Figures published by the American Bureau of Statistics. show that for the tweive months ending May 31, 1882, the excess of exports over imports was $\$ 2,137,008$. For the twelve months ending May 31, 188 I , the excess of imports over exports was \$92,368,662.

American stove manufacturers anticipate a large demand the coming season, and are preparing to supply it. Most makers will offer their customers the choice of stoves either with nickel or without it, so that people's tastes may pe satigfied either way. It is thought by some that nickel has been too lavishly used of late years.

The big fusion scheme has rather startled the London. people, who have heretofore been specially favored in the way, of competition between the Grand Trunk and the Great Weatern ; and they are now pushing vigorously for a connection with the eredit Valley. We should fancy that they will probably get it, too.

The advance on west-bound freight from American Atlantic ports, which came into effect on the rst inst., is stated as under, for four different classes of freight respectively. We
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 tume age towed to 0sweso to prote their atemsue docks there. They were not prepared for hat which bellowedt-the imposition of a 35 per cent. ad anherem duty, amountug to a very large sum. The Camadian firm anticijated paying only 20 per cent.

It appears that the dimperur of Brasil has given Mr. Bentley, lice. Consul for liranl, instructions concerning the Provincial Whisition at Momreal, such as will permit him to make a grand show of Brarilian products. The Constul has asked for a whole building in which to deposit his exhibit, and the cxhibition committee will probably assist in makner 11 2 feature of the show.

The old establ shed firm of Messas Juhn Mlciluthir and Son Montreal, wholesale dealers in paints, oils, dye stuffs, \&c., wilh in future be known as MeArthur, Corncille \& co. The late firm was composed of Messrs. lames (i. McArthur, Mifon Pennington, and Chas. C. Corncille. Mr. Milton l'ennin;rton who has been a member of the firm since $186 \%$, now relires, and the name of the firm has been changed as above.

The Treasurer of the Province of Quebec adrentises in tenders for debentures to be issucd by the (iovernment under authority of the Act of last session empowering the Executive to contract a new loan of a million and a half dollars. The debencures are of $\$ 500$ each, bearing 5 per rent. interest, and payable after 30 years. The total cost of the bonds is not to be immediately paid, but will be received in instalments Tenders will be reccived up to the $22 n d$ inst., but none wilj be accepted at less than par.

A statement prepared by the agent of a Glasgow firm, for the week ending July ist, and published in the Gavelte, shows that Montreal again takes the lead in the shipments of live stock from the Atlantic seabord, during the past week having exported 720 cattle and 2.931 sheep, while from the United States the exports were only 710 cattle and Sco sheep, and they were from looston. The distribution of the shipmems from this side was as follow: :- Io liverpool, 8,30 catle and 1,710 sheep: to London, 391 cattle and 933 sheep; to (ilasgow, 167 cattle and 394 sheep, and ti Southampion. 42 cattle and 694 sheep.

In New Glasgow, N.S., complaint is mide of the high prices of meat and provisions, compared with the low prices which rule not very far off, in Prince Edward N land. Perhaps the glass factory has something to do with it. It very frequently happens that provisions are dearer in mining and iron-works villages in Penns!lvania than they are in Philadelphia or New York. Wherever large numhers of mill, mine, or factory workers are losated, with good wages regularly paid, provisiors ate bound to go up, because ot the brisk demand. 'lhe inference with iegard in the farmers' interest in the matter is obvious.

The Sherbrouke (iazelle tells hun some. Firench.Canadians, near Weedon, down there, have been victimized by a "very nice" insurance agent. The halutass have rather a prejudice against paying mones for msurance, but this agent was so nice a man that he "fot" them at once His company was on the mutual plan, and the "Joli:tte Millual" was its name. The ineured prories, who evpected to have little or nothing to pay, are now sted in the Monireal conts for the full value of their premium notes, the smallest action heing for $\$ 125$ and the largest for $\$ 700$. The company has collapsed, and will pay no more, but the signers of premium notes will have io pay all the same.

Somethang is to be done towards openiug up direct trade between the Maritime l'rovinces and the Nindward Islands. The llistern Chomicle (Kentville, N. S.) says that the cicadia Steamship Company has entered into an agreemem with a large, prominent house at Demerara to place on the line as above, to commence about sst October, a steamship of 600 tons, to carre about 5,000 barrels and 30 passengers. An. napoli-, N. S., will be headquarters at the Canadian end of the voyage, but it is proposed to call at St. John on the return home, so that the grocery and refining trade can import from West Indics direct, as W. I. goods can be delivered to Moncton or Montreal cia St. John, N. B., cheaper than aía Haliax.

A letter, written by some one just returned from Winnipeg, and published in the Ottawa Citzeen, says that there are now ten million dollars deposited in the Winnipeg banks, awaiting opportunities of investment. Now, surely, would be the time for weak holders for speculation to realize, at buyers' prices. On the other hand, some may say; now is the time to hold on and make the ten millions come to the holders. In any case the fact of there being so much money ready for the chances is caiculated to put a damper on small operators. For the probability is strong that the ten millions belong mostly to the big fishes, whose office and duty it is to swallow the little ones. such of the latter as realize enough to retire on comfortable farms will not be so badly off, after all, though their dreams of beconing millionaires may have vani;hed.

What our l'hilaedlphia corresprondent briefly states regarding the new railway combination is amply corroborated by columns upon columns that have appeared in the papers during some weeks past. The war of rates is over, and forty railway companies are now in combination. Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Nbert Fini, sitting in New York, are to lay down rules which all parties to the combination mest observe, fis rates as equitably as they can, and decide disputes as they arise. An advance of $\$ 2.40$ per ton is made on West bound freight, and passenger rates belween New York and Chicago will be raised by from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 5$. Further, an extra charge is to be made for passenger travel by fast trains, which, as has been reinarked, is in effect introducing the English system of divid. ing passengers into first, second, and third class. If the new arrangement lasts, the railway kings will make large additions to their "piles," which are counted by tens of millions already, and there will be a big boom in railway stocks,

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Among the notices of applications for charters of incorporation, in the last Canada Gasette, are the following :

The Keewatin Paper Manufacturing Company, Winnipeg; capital, $\$ 150,000$; Richard Fuller, Hamilton ; John Ross, Homer, County of Lincoln, Ont.; J. J. Foy, Toronto; Duncan McArthur and William Clarke, Winnipeg.

The Diminion Transport Company; capital, $\$ 500,000$. "The transport, on land, of vehicles drawn by horses, of goods, wares, and merchandise, in and about the cities of Montreal Ottawa, Quebec, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and other principal places throughout the Dominion." Chief place of business, Montreal. Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Compton, P. Que.; Henry Judah and Wm. B. Smith, Montreal.

Canada Pulp Company, Montreal ; capital, $\$ 50,000$. John Farman, John McKergan, Albert A. Ayer, John P. McLachlan, John Cassils, Hiram K. Joslin, all of Montreal ; Robert Meighen, of Perth.

The Watson Manufacturing Company, Ayr, Ont.; capital, $\$ 250,000$. The old established concern of the Watson Agricultural Works, reconstructed as an incorporated company.

We avail ourselves of the Montreal Gazette's statement of the changes in the money order branch of post office business. The new rates for money orders on England and Newfoundland came into force on Saturday, July ist, and the rate of exchange is also reduced from $\$ 48.90$ to $\$ 48$ for the $\mathcal{E}$ ro sterling. The rate will be the same as on orders for the United States, and is lower than any of the rates which have been suggested. A new pattern of "order" also comes into use, superseding three others, and adapted for drawing on any - countrÿy with which Canada has now, or may hereafter have, a rate of exchange. Orders for all countries will be issued in "dollars and cents" only, and the conversion into foreign money will be effected at the chief office through which the outgoing relative advices pass. In like manner the English post-office will convert orders on Canada into dollars and cents before leaving England, so that Canadian postmasters will be entirely relieved of the trouble of converting into and issuing orders in a foreign money, a duty which has been the cause of many errors whereby the public suffered. The following will illustrate the advantage which will result from this change in rates. At present to send home $\$$ racosts $20 c$., and the payer in England receives $f_{2}$ os ind. To send the same amount now will cost only 10c, and the payer will get $\mathcal{E} 118$. rd., a total saving of 14 c . out of 20 c ., or say two-thirds off. Printed notices containing full information and tables, together with examples, have been prepared, and will be at once placed in prominent places in the various post offices throughout the country.

Mr. H. M. Jenkins, Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, writes to the Times on the subject of "imitation cheese." He received recently from Messr3. Burrill \& Whitman, of Little Falls, New York, twc cheeses, as samples of this article." One was made with "the bluest skim-milk mixed with lard, and the other with the same quality of skim-milk loaded with oleo-margarine." The letters announcing their despatch gave detailed information as to their mode of manufacture, and showed clearly that an extensive trade would shortly be established in these articles if their
quality proved sufficiently good for the English market. And he adds: "I published in England and wrote to my friends in America that in my judgment the oleo-margarine cheese was an excellent imitation of American Cheddar, but that it should be sold under its proper name. Competent judges in the City and elsewhere informed me that if they had not been told the contrary they could not have distinguished the oleomargarine cheese from ordinary American cheese, and it was variously valued at from 52 s . to 56 s . per cwt . wholesale, and from 8d. to 9 d . per lb . retail." The makers assured him that they intend to place on their cases and also on their enriched skim-milk cheeses a distinctive brand, which will include the words "imitation factory cheese," and which will also state their composition. If people could be assured that other makers would be equally honest, then, he says, the interference of the Board of Trade would be unnecessary, otherwise something will have to be done to protect the public. Evidently this "imitation cheese" business requires looking after.

A despatch from London says that the result of the poll of the shareholders of the Great Western Railway Company on the question of amalgamation with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, shows that 4,072 proprietors, commanding 83,492 votes, favored amalgamation, and eight proprietors, commanding 1,100 votes, opposed it. The amalgamation resolution was declared carried. Relative to the protest against amalgamation made by 'Mr. Loeock Webb, Queen's Counsel, at the Grand Trunk meeting lately, he now threatens to raise every legal impediment against it, but the directors are confident that his opposition will be of little importance. This seems likely enough ; the protest of eight proprietors against a thousand, and of one vote out of eighty against all the rest, will not amount to much. As somebody has remarked, the Great Western, for so many years the best railway in the Dominion, and the pride of. Western Ontario, is virtually wiped out as an independent road, and becomes part and parcel of its old rival, the Grand Trunk. The lion and the lamb lie down together at last, but to a dead certainty the lamb is inside the lion. We remark a singular circumstance, which will bear thinking over. The Great Western shareholders get sick of their property because it is not paying them, take the best offer they can get, and hand it over to the Grand Trunk. Immediately the deed is done the various American railway powers make a treaty of peace among themselves, an entirely new. arrangement is entered into, and the long and of-renewed war of rates ceases. Not only so, but the new arrangement is believed to be so far superior to anything of the kind ever tried before, that it is likely to last. Now, if Great Western proprietors had known that this was coming, would they have been in such a hurry to sell out? What mostly sickened them was the great railway war, which had for some time back been re. ducing their profits by something over half a million dollars per annum. How is it that the long war ceases, and that peace and partnership among the railways, with advanced fares and.freights and the certainty of big profits in consequence, become the order of the day, just at the time when Great Western proprietors have voted their company out of existence? Is this wholly an accidental conjunction-a mere coincidenceor is it the outcome of a design worked by some" "hidden hand ?"

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The Canadian Manufacturer will be pleased to receive items of industrial news from its readers in all parts of the country，for publication in these columns．
Notes of new machinery，improvements，increase in capacity，dc．，will be of special interest．All conmunications n．ast le accompanied by the wsiter＇s name as a guarantee of good faith．

Smalitig works are to be ereotel in Hull，Que．
Mr．Joha Lemis is about to establish a tool manufactory at Belleville， to which the City Council have granted exemption from taxes．

The last of the first ordar of ten losomutives for the Canade Pacific railway has been turned out of the Kingston Losomotive Works．These tan witneases of Kingston＇s meohanical akill will carry her good name very noon to the base of the Rucky Mouutaing．
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Irmars Biordon and Barber are in Ottawa for the parpose of inter． viowing the Government rulative to a lease of watar power for the now writing paper mill at Cornwall．It is said that the new paper mill at Cornwall will be in activa operation within two months．

Water was turnei on and the machinery of the cotton mill etartel on Friday evening，within a year of the laving of the corner stone．The隼卦cotion whan run through the machinery on Monday．Everytaing Werte emoothly and sutisfactorily．－St．Croix Courier．

Mr．Wilson，recontly from St．Thomas，is ereoting a lerge maw mill on $10480,8 \mathrm{th}$ con．of the townohip of $\mathrm{Dawn}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ，about three miles from Oil Eprings．Mr．Wilson will go into basineas pretty extonsively，and will apringa，martet for the major portion of his production in Germany．

Mr．E．L．Huating has opanel a knitting factory at Huntingville， Qid．We have seen sampled of hosiery made by Mr．Huating，a ad have no byatitation in reormmending th om at the best machine－mado goods no heme ever seen，and believe they are equally as good as hand－made． －ihtrorooke scaminer．

A．Marcis，Son \＆CJ．，of Brantford，intend areoting a manufactory on Copighatt＇s flats，whioh，when compieted，will be the larxest factory of itis Lidd in the Dominion．This change is necessitated owing to their pienent spacione promiees not being large enough to accommodate their rapidity increacing business．

The Greham File Worke of Toronto are being removed to more com－ modious premises， 150 Front－at．East．
Yif．T．Graham will be found at his office，the foregoing addreap，with vorformety inetreased freilitios，and is in hopes of overtaking the large anderis．which have been an hund for the peat fow months．

The Elazation Whig of a recent date says：－Capt．Culijr has returned． from a trip to the Eastern Provinces．He reports that the industrios thete are fourishing．It St．Stephen＇s a cotton mill is nearing com－ phetion．Ho whethrough the maguificent sugar refineries at Monoton． At thin places cotton mill is being oreoted．His own car works in Port Dover will be ready for operation in thirty days．

The enterprising firm of R．Bmith \＆Co．，Eleetro and Stereutypers， Torento，have got in a complete fitring－out of the latest and mont im． proved machines suoh＇as the Weaton lynamo－electro machine，Hoe＇s proved maching press，Hoe＇s routing machine．
Thip additional mgohinery necessitated an engine of greator power， whioh is baing supplied by one of Jno．Doty＇s improved uprighta．

Mr．Bobinson，of the Bothwall foundry，hat purohseed an intarest in the firm of Smale t Hasleton，and the new frm will do basiness in St． Thomas noder the name of Smale，Hasleton \＆Robinson．In order iono－ Thoman nodar tha nedate their increasing business they have purchased the Tuozer a gtaces shop，on the cornor of Catherive and Curtis streets，and are now ftring it up．The firm will run a machine shop，foundry and forge worles．

Eamiltoin Spectator ：－There arrived in this oity yeaterday the largent meam hompar in Canada；and its arrival was one of the direet results of the enataining of the National Policy at bue recent eleotion．The Eapilton Forging Works waited to tieo the reault of the oleotion，and， faring it to heve gone the right why，the big cteam hammer was im－ medfately ordered ly vetmereph．When the hammer gets into ponition will wigh，in inoi worls alone，no lens than twenty－five tons．

The Mesars．Crossley Bros．，of Manchester，England，the manufactasers of the celebrated＂Otto＂silent gas engine，are now represented in this manufacture in Cauada by John Doty，Torout ，engine and boiler maná facturer．
The＂Otto＂requires but a small jet of gas，the expanse of boiler and attendant being done away with．
At a comparatively small outlay a manufasturer osn have in nia up－ per room，if necessary，a perfoctly noiseless and c＇ean engine up to an great a power as $8.5 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$ ．Mr．Doty is n ）w making a spacialty of those of from two to eight h．p．

The natural roughness of and the scarcity of roads over the prairies of our great North．West has been always a cause of inconvenience in trana－ portation of the supplies for private and government use．

To modify this to as great an extent as possible，the matter of waggon and carriage supports has had the cons：duration of the authoritiea，and B．J．Thorne \＆Co．of Toronto are to supply the future c．nveyances of the N．．W．Mounted Police with their manufacture－the Johnston Gear． This gear has the extra advantage of the aprings being very long，and the bearing upon th $\in \mathrm{m}$ coming on the boly dispenses with the annoying side motion and secures great ease and comfort．Avd another adrantage， the body can le hang as low or high as may be desired．

The appearance is very light and neat，and combines the qualities of strength and durability．

The Montreal Gazette＇s Ottawa correspondent says：－＂The follow． ing is one of many instances of progress in this distriot：－The new ateam saw mill nearing completion on the Clyde in Lavant，owned by Mr．W．C．Celdwell，is one of the finest in the country．It is about 120 by 40 teel，with four boilers and one of Messrs．Graham \＆Beyer＇s best and largest engines，and closely resembles the mill in Oarleton Place，owned by Boyd Cald well at present．A track is being－blasted out for about half a mile in length to connect it with the main line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway．The grist mill owned by Mr．M． MacLaren of Osceola，was thoroughly repaired last jear．Subsequently the saw mill underwent repairs sloo，and new machinery was put in， including a shingle and lathe machine．Business improved consequent on everything being in firat－class order，and we now hear that this＇ foundation is being built for a tab and stave factory，whioh is expected to be in rurning order for the fall trade．Though a Reformer，Mr Mac－ Luren seems to be keeping pace with the times．Tue work is being principally doue by Mr．John Gray，of Renkin．＂

Yezterday a Gazette reporter had oocssion to make calls on a number of leading manufacturers and business $m \mathrm{n}$ ．The tour included repre－ sentatives of nearly every branoh of indastry，and though the object of the visits was not to gain information as to the state of business，it wes impossible to aroid being struck with the activity prevailing everywhere， and the volume of business which it was evident was being done．In overy aase employers stated，in response to incidental remarks，that they were full of work，and in the majority the difficulty was asid not to be to get orders or sell goods，but to keep up with the demand，In the came of a leading boot and shoe manufactaring firm，on the reportier re－ marking on the busy aspect of the place，the senior member of the firm faid：＂Yes，we are busy．I wish almost that we were not 80 pushed， but the fact is we have far more orders than we asn fill for some time to come．＂＂Have you any difficulty in obtaining hands？＂asked the re－ porter．＂No，not that ；we have all our building and michinery will admit of，but if we are to keep pace with our trade we must eniarge the place and make room for more＂The replies obtained from a loading wholesale clothier were much to the mame effeot．In the office of a latgo ornamental iron oworking eitablishment the proprietor reaponded to similar remarks by the statement that＂business was very good，very good indeed，and his orders on hand would keep him well employed for some time to come．＂So with the agents of several woollen manufo－ tarers．In one instance，one of these gentlemen took the yeporter through a lot of newly arrived goods，pointing ont the euperiority of style and make over those of former years，and informed him that they were alreads sold with as many more yet to come，and this apart frem their regalar orders．In every establishment visitel，without excoption， the same signs of prosperity were visible，and the evidence that businceis is booming indisputable．－Montreal Gasette．


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## MONTREAL.

## A Dull Time for Street Speculators.

## Money Easy and in Good Supply.

Richelieu Navigation on the Rise.-A Great Amalgamation Scheme in Prospect.

## Country Remittances Good-Very Few Failures.

## July 5, 1882.

After the holidays, financial affairs opened extremely quiet, although our Wall Street wore a busier aspect with the brokers all back in their places. None of them however entertained very buoyant hopes of great things in the immediate future, the general feeling being rather one of disappointment, more especially after the morning session of the Stock Exchange, where the demand for bank and miscellaneous securities was dull. This was partly accounted for by reports being received from several sections stating that the crops had suffered from the recent cold and wet $w \in a t h e r$, and there was a feeling that it would be better to wait a while before operating to any extent. The easier tone in the stock market foreshadowed in our last week's report has become more emphatic, and there was a decline in values all round. Montreal, which opened with sales at 208 , closed weak with business at $2073 / 4$, and more stock offering at that figure with $2071 / 2$ bid, making a drop of $3 / 4$ per cent. since last Thursday. Ontario was down 1 per cent., selling at 124 and closing at $1241 / 2$ asked $1231 / 2$ bid. Peoples was easier, receding $1 / 4 @ 1 / 2$ per cent., closing at 89 wanted and $883 / 4$ bid, sales taking place at both figures this afternoon. Molsons was offered $1 / 2$ per cent. lower, closing at 128 and 127 . Toronto was the exception to the rule, r per cent. more being bid than on Thursday. Merchants was off $1 / 2$ per cent., selling down to $1273 / 4$ and closing at 128 asked and $1273 / 4$ bid. In spite of the annual statement of the Bank of Commerce just published being considered fairly satisfactory, the stock sold down 1 per cent. to 142. Montreal Tellegraph after selling up $1 / 2$ per cent. $1311 / 4$ fell back tc $1303 / 4$ with sales, and closed with sellers at 13 I and buyers at $1303 / 4$. Richelieu was off $1 / 2$ per cent, the stock being placed at $751 / 2$. City Gas was weak and i per cent. lower, closing at $1661 / 2$ asked 166 bid. Canada Cotton Company was offered $3 / 4$ per cent. less money at $1401 / 4$, without drawing bids. St. Paul was $1 / 2$ lower at $1341 / 2$ asked, $1331 / 2$ qid. The sale was made of $£_{2,000}$ worth of Canada Central Bonds at 103 .

As is generally the case towards the end of the month, money was a little high during during the last week of June owing to the banks calling in loans in order to show the required complement of cash on hand in the monthly statement. Since then however money has become as easy as before, loans on good collaterals being obtainable on quite easy terms. We hear of a large amount being placed on call at 5 per cent., and we quote $5 @ 6$, Commercial paper presented at banks for discount has been rather scarce during the past week, and is readily taken at 6@ 7 , according to quality, gilt edge being discounted at the inside rate. Sterling exchange was quiet with business at 109 for round amounts of 60 day bills between banks, and at $1091 / 2$ at sight. Drafts were made on New York to-day at 1-16 premium; although some brokers quoted them at par.

Speculation in bank and miscellaneous securities has been unusually tame in this market for weeks past, and the stirring times which made St. Francois Xavier-street famous for extensive stock transactions find scarcely an echo in the quiet hum-drum operations of the present period. The flying rumors of "the street" which one day hammered this stock down, and the next day bolstered that stock up, have now no mission to perform, speculation having for the time being subsided. The spirit, however, is still here, and would require very little fanning to set its latency ablaze. The "boys" are still on spot who make things lively in such stocks as Montreal, Merchants', Commerce, Ontario, Telegraph, City Gas, and Ričhelieu when occasion offers. That there is no chance of doing anything just now arises, it is said, from the fact that the major portion of speculators are on the "bull" side with pretty big loads, waiting for an opportunity to unload. More especially is this said to be the case with Montreal and City Gas, nearly every one you meet having a few shares of the latter.

Whatever may be said of the new management of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, it has improved the value of its stock about 25 per cent. since it took hold of the affairs of the concern. Four months ago the stock was a drug on the market at or about 50, whereas now it is patronized as a healthy investment at 76, and some of its sanguine supporters appear to have confidence in its ability to reach par, before the present management has had any lengthened term of existence. The recent advance has certainly not been due to accident, or to speculation, as it has been of too steady a character. The late success has no doubt been the result of an increase of business, combined with the strictest economy in ranagement. If report be true, the new directors are not content with the improvement they have already made, but are negotiating a grand scheme of amalgamation between the North Shore Railway and the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company's boats, on the one hand, and one of the imost powerful railway corporations in the Dominion on the oiher, which will ensure an amount of traffic to the steamers such as they have never before been in a position to control.

One of the healthiest signs of the times is the satisfactory nature of country remittances generally. Even in dry goods, where slow payments would be excusable, owing to the large stocks carried over from list fall and spring, I learn from leading houses here that remittances have far exceeded what could reasonably have been expected. In a number of other wholesale line 3 payments have been exceptionally good, an extensive improrter of general merchandise informing your correspondent that the great difficulty is to get paper from a large number of customers, as they prefer cash payments for the discount. A prominent banker here states that the pap:r of country merchants is being retired with much greater promptness than formerly. This improved condition of things, however, is no more than what ought to be looked for, considering the unprecedentedly prosperous times through which farmers have been passing, almost every article of farm produce having commanded extraordinarily high values, and if old arrears due country merchants are not liquidated now they ought to be.

A pleasing feature in the financial world is the comparatively few failures which occur in business, and those few are on the decrease, for, according to Bradstreet's latest returns, the number of failares in Canada for the second quarter of the present year is only 137, with liabilities amounting to $\$ 937,064$, as compared with 225 failures during the first quarter of the year, with liabilities of $\$ 2,594,004$, exhibiting a decrease during the last three months of 88 failures, and a decrease in liabilities of $\$ 1,656,940$, a very pleasing deficit. In this city, on Monday last, Benjamin R. Deacon, dealer in paints and oils, was compelled to assign with liabilities of $\$ 15,00$, and I now learn that the business is to be wound up for the benefit of the creditors, who do not expect 50 cents on the dollar, although the assets are nominally as large as the liabilities:
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Hudson Bay stock has gone back on its holders this week, having declincd from $\leq 3+\frac{1}{2}$ to 32 . This has created a little uneasiness, but it will tikely find many buyers if it goes to $x \rightarrow$ Much higher prices are anticipated for this stock, and Camadian holders have every confidence in it. The depresston is attrihuted to the gencral easiness of foreign secu. rities in london on account of the Egyptian troubles. A first call of 5 per cem. has leeen made on the stock of the Duke of Manchester's North-llest I.and Company. Both here and in Montreal subscribers have paid up promptly.

The loronto Stock Fxchange is increasing in numbers and influene, and there are now thirty members The memberjhip fee is now $\$ 1,000$, and the latest member added to the roll is Mr. S. A. Denison.

Very little can be said of the business transacted on Change the past week. In a few instances stocks are higher, and in others lower than last week. The differences, however, are sligh:, and the feeling is more "bearish" than "billish." Ilontreal sold today at 2073 and $207, \frac{1}{4}$, closing at 207 bid. Merchants sold on Tuesday at 120 , ind Commerce yesterdey at $1+3$ and to day at $1+2$. Federal has been sellines ex-alloment since Tuesday at $145,147 \%$ and $146 \frac{16}{6}$, or equal to 156,155 , and 153 . Imperial sold at 1350 on Wednesday and at 13510 day, the first sales for some time. Dominion continues very lirm, notwithstanding that many operators think it "toply::" Sale, were made on Tuesday, W'ednesday, and to day at $19312 . \quad$ Standard remains very quet, the only sales rejpoted being on Wednesday at it3. Hamiton is casy, the fully paid-up stock offering at 122, and the fifty per cent. stock wanted at 112 , with no sales reported. Lonan Companics' shares have been inactive, there being apparenily litule demand and few offering. Values show few changes from last week, and transactions the past theee days were as follows: Building and l.oan at 104, Real Estate at $98!5$, london and Canadian at 131 and 130 , and Ontario and Qu'Appelle at int and 135 . Miscellaneous shares have been exceedingl; dull, there being no sales reported. Insurance stocks anci Consuniers' (;as are rather easier than a week ago.

The follouring are the yllotations of stouk denlt in at the Toronto Stock Excha:ge at the cloce to.day, as compured with lant Tinureing: -



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Waiting to see what the: Crops will. ief.

## Early Dry Goods Travaliers on the Kionb.

Country Buyers of Iron Hobimsg Ote for bamer Prices.

Mostreal, July 5th, 185:
The boliday" of the paot fow days have conpletely unthinger the buai nean of the week in wholesale circles, dry kouds and grooerses having shown extrense quietnees, as well as irousind hardwury and outucr lewding liner The only department in which therc call be waid to be any ucticity it the boot add stoce manifacturing butinens. liduittance:s. howiver, mid genamally satisfeclory, but muoh will yet depend upon tho natare of lut coming harreat belore a good fall busumens is aururul.

Dax Goobs.-Travellers are now gencrulys on thi road, but as yet tlere has not been sufticient time to form gryy ivea as wh she natare of the trip. A fow onders have been reccised from tbove zravellors wi:o wook the road carly, but there weems th twe a heucral dispesitiun on t!e part of comntry merchanta to await uuti $u$ more dufiuibe iden can bo formed of the crope, before andering misy extenaive limes of inll gouds. The snlos of damagel noods in this city during the vicix have been well atiended, but moes of the purchages verc mado by city remilits.
 irou, we western buywe are atill lioldini of in the fond bope tint sinmething rouct eventualls tara up uctuect now and the fall, ethur in the shape of lower freighte from the wher side, or in a tumbie in the prioe of iron in Great Britain. Last year, if we rensmber sizully, ils.ly purpocd the same policy, but with what resulta we belierset they are the lxat judges. Sales are reported of 150 tone of Giarisherrie at 8:175; 50) tonn
 C-dtanat is almo reportad at $\leqslant$ ins In liar iron tbe suarket is finn at $\$ 2$ in $\$ 2.18$ tor Staflordatire crown and equal bramds. Therchavelneen

 and equal brands. (ieneral husdware is quiet and prices aro stemdy, a fen fail orders having been received fr. in travellera. Jhemittancer aro reported Inir.
Gnocxulig.-This has been one of the guicteat mecks experienced in Wholeacle grooeries for mome time part, troils an rexnards the city jobbing and coutory trale In apger tbere bas lreti a circline of de. in granuinhert, latent tansactiona beins mported at 94 wisk athe refinerict. In zam stigar, however, there has beet nore duinp at 7ic th filc. for hright Barbmivest abd Porto Dicos in ruend lois. mone amo hohde. lanvina changed hande at tuoes figurw. Xulasen are quiet and firm, with ales
of liarbadowe at 52\}: lu iic., a lot of Antigua melling at 4030., axd I'riuidad at 47c. In fcuit the season is about over, and in thas the mar. ket is tiat, the only shlun of any moment boing in low grade and common Japanis at lije. to:lc. Coffet is quial, and apion are frm at quotativas. Ilive has changed hands at $\$ 3.60$ to 83.75 .

Dnvan ash Chкxtcans. - Alvices juat received frome Finglamd state large malos of bioarb. suda hive been made in Liverpool on Montreal aocollit, at t'S 103. A wlight improvament hao takon placein caustic ade un the uther side, and $u$ tew cabie orders from this side have recently been filled at current ruted. Herd the sales are reported of a larga lot ot bicarb., at 82 ! 10 , und a round lut of caustic soda at $\$ 2.25$ Tuere is a
 Bleschiog powder in tirimat 81.60 to 81.65 lholl aplphur has beon pluced us 10 a as $8:(0)$, and 11 wer of sulphur at $\$ 2.76$ to 32.80 , for round quantities. Sal sodulhas met with gome inquiry at gics. to \$1.00. In drugs thers is no material change.

Olis. - The past wouk has beell productive of no important altaration in thit line, the dymend being slack sinl yrices firce owing to sman stooks, which are not likely to bo augmented to any extont. A fow salee
 foundland cod oil has beeu placed in suall quantities at 61 c . tw 623 , and
 is nteady at 19 c . \$o 19łc. in cur lote.

Leales and l'alyth. - A fair butineat lizs been dono in white bead in ail
 up to ijic. and 6 . for beat qualities. Rod lead, dry, is atendy at ta to 5 c .

Howrs and Shora. - The improvemant in this department of the wholesale trade nosiced in our previous repors has been emphacived during the weok, and manufuctarers report a mach brisker buinem at a result of increncing ordore from travellers who are now saking tall ordera. A lew wentorn jubberx have sluo seat in some good-nised oriera, aud altogether the outlook firr tho fall businens is better than was expectod a short time siuce lwnittancu are fair.

Lisathak.-Although boot and khoe man are bugy tarning out harge quantitios of goodu they apprear to be, in a groat measurt, independeat of leather dealern, as they had provioasly laid in good stooks at low freurea. A few naull manufecturary, however, have been baying, and probubly a litile better volume of busianes in leathor may bo zoportad, bat not guticient to warrant any improverneot in leather. Thare have been
 to 223 c . In black leather the situation whows littlo or no improvemant upou that of the pasi fow woeks. Waxed upper and splite are atill quiet and in excets of the detaand. Obber kinds are nnchanged.

IItires and Skins. - Sales of No. 1 grean hiden are reporsedat $8 \mathbf{8 . 0 0}$ and three cars of westera hides ut $\$ 9.2$ for No. 1 , ear of No. 1 cared untive hides selling at 39 371. Skins are anchanged.
Wojk--Here if a shedy fecling in foreign woold, owing to the consinued Grmnens in the Colonial wool menes in loondon, and the atmady tone of she Ausican murkete for fine gradien. In this markot wo har of sales of Cipe lots of from 6.000!be to 15,0001ba., math at 188, to
 $t 0$ :ifc for tow grades, and 281 c . to sic. for gand to choios oombineVintive wowls are atill vary dull, fence being quoted at 23c. to 21c. Uaacsorted Cianada palled is quiat and nomianal.
Coul.-On Monday laxt dealeres adreoced the prioe of anthracite conl 25c. to 30. per ton, to \$i.25 for tove sad chmant, and 88.15 for exs. In shatn coal thery huvd boea sates of a large lot of 8eotoh at 88.25 about 1520 tons changing hands. Pictom is atealy at 8.50 to $\$ 4.75$, and Cape Breton at $\$ 1$ so $\$ 4.25$ per grom ton, ex ahip.
l'humchate. -During the past weak the barque Wimmera cook out a part cargo of phuapluste for Landon, beides what ne: been takeo by tcearnent and owing to the improved dumand for Canadien phouphate abrowd, dealera here are making great efforts to get all the ore they gop sibly can belore fraighte go much higher. We guote 73 per ount. pliosphate f.o.b. Nontreal at $\$ 13$ to $\$ 19.50$, and 60 to 85 per cmal phouphate at $5: 1$ to 82:3 per ton. About 7,010 or 8.000 tons heve alrindy bewe -lupped from this port. There is a pood enquiry for high grade phowphaic for (ieresang.

Jciank -- Within the peat ten lays or 2n, throe miling roung tham left port with deals for Woet Hartiepool, Einland, one for Loodon, and one for Cardiff. I'no vemels have also lefs with cargoes of labsber for Souch Amerion. Shipping colls are scarce, and ales are reported at $\$ 11.00$ in large lots, and at $\$ 15,0$ (x) to $\$ 16.0 \mathrm{~N}$ for jobbing lote from jarda. The saly of a lot of ash for the American market ie reportad at 820.100 . and nales of mhite and red pine have takon place at 820.01 to $\mathbf{2 5 . 0 0}$. lut of very choice bringing an high as 830.00 per 1,000 feet. Tinere in still a goud demend fu whice pine for Wismipes, aporal oar loeds har. ian beeu shippril to that city doring the week. The yardan being filled up with acw aason's hard and soft lamber, and prices remain geberally frm. Hinck walnut, per 1,000 gets, $\$ 8020 \$ 100$; ank, per 1,000 ft., \$as Io $\$$ C0; maple, per 1,000 th, $32510 \$ 35$; birch, per ), 000 ft ., $\$ 20 \mathrm{to} 335$ roek elew, per 1.000 ft . 830 w $\$ 35$; anh, per $1,000 \mathrm{ft}$. . ह20 to $\$ 25$; bet terout, per 1,000 fi., ss5 zo \$tw ; cherry, per 1,400 is. \$00. Soft Wood. - Heatock, per $1,000 \mathrm{fL} .89$ vo 810 ; spreoe, per $\mathbf{3 , 0 0 0}$ ft. 810 to 312 ; Lagawood, por 1,000 it. Slis to $\$ 18$; Pica, 1st quality, per 1,000 it., \$35 to 810 ; pime. 2.di quality, per $1,000 \mathrm{tt}, \mathrm{V} 20$ to 300 ; Pine, mill colie. per 1,000if., 810.50 to $\$ 12$; Sbipping culla, pex 1,000 It, 815 to 816 ; Jickings po $1,000 \mathrm{ft}, 820$ so 825 , firt and acoed quatition, per 1,000 $8 t ., 85010840$

## PIIODUCE AND PROVISIOAS.

Improvemirnt in Flolr-Grain Quikt-Provisions Firm - Dairy Pronucy Quiet-Eggs Firmer-Ashes Steady -Hops Fikm at the Advance--Stir in Dried ApplesGrfen Fruit Active-Potatoes Easier-Hay lower.
Finck. - Since our previous report a decidediy better tone has charac. terized the fiour narket. although no material change len cecurrid id values. The stocka in this city are now 74,072 barrels against 78,743 harrels on June 15 sh, and 50.611 barrela a jear ago. So that although stocks hare been reduced 4,010 barroln during the peat fortniuht. they ure atill $\mathbf{2 4 . 0 0 0}$ barrele larger than at thie tinio lant year. Yentroilay about 9.000 barreln chanked lianda, comprising txtra at $\$ 5.95$ a $\$ 0$ Suptrior at 80.20 ; Canada frong bakers at $\$ 0.60$. © $\$ 6.85$; Mredium of at $\$ 0.25$; City bage at 83.60 (it 83.65 , and Ontario bage at $\$ 2.80$. $\$$ \$8. We quoto pricen as follown: Flour, Superior Extra, 86.15 ut $\$ 6.2(1)$; Extra Supertine, 85.45 (3) 6 ; Spring Extra, 8 8. 95 © 6 : Superfine.

 \$4.10; P'ollarde, 89.50 e 89.75 ; Ontario Bnga, Medium to Strong. \$2. 50

 Cornment, 85.90 @ 4.
Grain.-.From January lat o June 30th the shimments of srain froun this port were $3,257,581$ againut $4,835,479$ hushels for the corrcriponding period of 1881, showing a decrease of 1. 637.598 bumhele. During the reek sales hare be en maje of No. 2 Chicago rpring at 81,31 , which is suppowed to the whent shipped from Cbicano liy the "elique" who preferred to take it market value here rather than abip it themselves Canmala red winter bas beensold at $\$ 1,3 ;$, and for cianade niring $\$ 1.30$ then been hid. A cargo of corn wus told on Monday at rite in bond. a cargo of pense at iffe. and a litt of oats for the American market at 4tc. Barley is zominnly quotrdat ficic. to 7 jac . and rye at 75 cc . to gac. The following were the export- of grain at Montreal fiom Jnnuar: let to June $30 \mathrm{OL}, 1852$, compared with those of the zunac period lant jear

|  | 1882. | 18*1. |
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| Wheat, hush | 1.20:0,382 | 1,800,(172 |
| Com, busb | 423,983 | 980,410 |
| Prase, Lust | .1,079.092 | 1,410.2Sl |
| Onte, bugh | 124.1 ${ }^{\text {a }} 3$ | 538.9015 |
| Barley, hush | 40,469 | 16,5i2 |
| Rje, bush. | 39,502 | 149,171 |
| Total | .3,2i7,581 | 1,895, 479 |

Provisions.--Hop products of all kinds remasn very firm at full furmer priceti, salew of Western beay mexa poik heiog reported at $\$ 25$, while Canada abont cut ham eold at $\$ 25.25$ to $\$ 25 . \overline{j 0}$. Lard is firm at 15 c . in pails for Fairbanke, and. 142,10 141 for other Werteru brabde, snlee being reported of 800 pails Fairhaksat $15 c_{\text {., and }} 200$ pails Clition it Co's brand at 144. Hams soll very alowly, owirg to high pricer. We . gnote pricea as follown:-Paorisioxa-Mens porks, Weatirn, per bhi. $\$ 25.00$ to $\$ 2 \overline{5} .50$ Mers prik, Canade rhortert, \$25.25, to \$25.75, Thin mers pork,'per \$bl. \$23.c0 to $\$ 23.50$ : Kers teti, 17.00 to $\$ 17.50$ : India poesa beef, per tieme, \$31.00 to \$33.00; Hamon, city cared, per $11.2(1) 1.14$ to $\$ 0.15$; Hame, canvemed, per 1 lb . \$0.15 to $\$ 0.16$; Lard, in paits, sil. $1+\frac{1}{1}$ to \$0.15: Becon, per lb. 80. it to \$0.14t ; Dresed hoge, per 1(i) $10 \%$. $\$ 9.75$ to $\$ 10.00$.
jains Pronicz.-The shipments of better from this iport fremi Nay 1at (the commencement of the trade jear), amount 204.52 ? packagea ageinit 8.010 pactaget, for the correrponding period in 1881, mowing a decreane of 3,488 packapes. Tbe export trade continues very light, -prices having edvancod beyond shippers' limita. Sales duriog the week complife Enstorn Townshiph at 20 दूc. to 21 dic., Xorrisburg and Brock wille at :inc. to 21c., and Weatern at 17c. to isc. The sheofe makes is quiet, but there is littec change in raluca, ajles having been made: hure during the patit few dajy of atout 3,000 boxes at 10 je . to 11 ke . for good to fricst June make. Privite adrices $\mathrm{r} f$ port the Finglinh market earicr apd lowir, and it is theupht that lower valoes monit shorty role berte. The following were the shipments of butter ard chrefe frem Montreai lant weok:-

|  | Butter. | Cbecre. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | d'kes. | Rxs |
| Week ending Julv 1, 1 (182 | 1.95\% | 40,763 |
| Week prevjoas | 763 | 22,(X) |
| Same week inat yeer | 3,015 | 26,231 |

Enos.-The reg market in firmer, in aympathy with American marMeth, and eggs an bring shipprd from Ontsrio to llouton and Xew lurk. innted of coming thes way. Stuck here in, conkequence are light and priow are gimer with sales nt $17 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. to 18 c . per Jozen in cades Soune dealera anticipate still lisher piices

Asame,-Salcs of pois have transpired durivg the week of abont 50
 Pearla are quoted at 89.01 io $\leqslant 4.21$ per 1001 lis .

Hors. - The hop market is very timm. aud the rccent advance in pricen hen been well maintained. Stocks of Canadian hope are pretty well all centered in Noutmal, ind prices janke irmm $20 . \mathrm{c}$. to skic., with the sale of a lot of commod hopa at the inside Egore.

Damd Apples.-There haw bern a littio stir in drioi applet, and anlea hara been made of quite a number of lots during the week at lic. to 7c., an to sise of lot.

Geren Fautr. - Nem applen are daily expeoted from the orchards in the Soutbern Staten, the season for old applen boing oyer. Strawberries frove Ontario are arriving in large quantitien; yeeterdag and to dey tho reoejpte in this oity amounting to about 30,000 yuarts. liesterday, On. tario berrien sold at 100 . to 12c. per yuert wholesale, and to day at 10c. to 14c. an to quality, some arriving in soft condition. Piaches frotu New York sell at $\$ 4.5$ ) per.crate, California apricots at $\$ 5.00$ per bnx, anit California pears at $\$ 7.50$ per box, Oranges are acarce and dear at $\$ 14$ to $\$ 14$ per case for large re-packed truit, and lemons are also soarce, pelling to $\$ 11$ to $\$ 18$ in cuses, and at $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6$ in boses.
Poritorn.-Old potatucs are eanier, and sales are reportand at $\$ 1.00$ to 81.25 per liag, se to quality. New potatoes frou Laprairio wero ruld ou this market yesterday at $\$ 3$ yer buahel basket.
Hay,-Owink to green atuff wbich belln at $\$ 5$ per 100 bundlex. hay it lower, with males at $\$ 12.50$ per. 100 buadies for best timothy. I'ressid hay $\$ 13$ to $\$ 15$ per ton.

## TORONTO.

## Wholrsalee 'l'Rajer Slack.

Dry-Goods Buyers KErtrened From Elirope- - Niw Stocks Cominci in-Travelilers on the Roall.

How thf North-West Ikaws From Ontirio.

## The. Hardware Trade Good.

The conlition of wholenale trade remains inactive conntry merchants are small, which, hosiserer, is not unusual at this season of the pear. The holiday on Saturday interrupted but slightly the courfe of general trade. The dry-gonds and groeery branches have complained most the pant month, hat the outlonk for July is more encouraging. Eiverthing appeara favorable for a lange crop of grain. in whish cient merchanta will be able to work off their larse stockr. In dry-gonds there in a diepopition tn s.ll, whieh, althrugh pripes are not quotiobly lower, has the eftect of pinducing an eapier feeling. A mumiter of buyers have retarnod from Europe, and new stocks are coming in quite ircely There ard a number of travellers out, hut orders are almost confincd to small lofe, of a morting-up character. The great ciawiack to businces was the unfavirable weather doring the spring. Large purchases of spring and summer goods had been made by country merchante early in the remson, but they were not darpored of on ocount of the cold weather. The North. West, tro. han been maninat the intereate of wholesale dealrss thir reacon, alohough in futnes jeare it is likely to be a source of benefit to the inde. It has atiracted many Oritario merchante, a grvat inany of thom hare gone for sjeculatire purpoesc. Iargn smounts of money have beeu taken thither, and all paymeuta that could be avoided were pat of to a future day. Paymenta this month heve been fair, but it has to be added that amonnta talling due were compara. tively moderate.

Handware dealere are as a rolo in good apiritp. Trade kepp mode. rauly active for the seacon. and the furnover from the beginning of the year is moch in excess of the former jear. The demand for builders' materials and farm implercents is foir, and prices are fally suetainch. Canadian manufacturtrs have had their handa full, and mome delaye have arisen in anpplying the trade. Sbelf goods remain steady, and prices show littic or no change from last week. There has heen a littio more movenient in pir iron, at upohsoged prices, vis. 823 for Carnbrce and 8.14 for Summicrier. Bar iron selle at $\$ 2.10$ to $\$ 220$, acconding to quadity. Rope and slans in moderate demand and ateads. Tin plates quiet and arm. The grocery trado is quiet, with tein trankectiontim roond lote. There isa mall jobbing trade at nnclianged pricep.
 at 94c. 50 97. Ior car lote. Frnits ateady ; Valencia misins are acarce, with calet of emall quantitier at 10 ch . Lo 11 c . Lotes of 50 bosen of Fleme eold at 8ise., and carrants to arrive at fre. to gfc. Dongs in frir demand. with prices generally stenily. Bocits and shoe quiet, but increased ac. tivity is lrokerl for from this time forward. Shipments of fall goods will commence shortiy.

Proviaionsare very firm on remont of groall stocks and higher pricen iu the weat. Iang cicar bacon in car lots is wirth 180., and in a jobbipa way it sellinat $13 \frac{1}{2}$ c in 14 r . Smallints of Cumberland cut sell at 12 r .
 for emoked and canraserd. Jpes pork in higher ít P4.75. Yor \&imall lols. and dealers slow little disponstion to sell even at hat price. Livid firr. at 16 c . to 15 fc . for Canalian and at 16 c for Americari refined. 'Tho inf ply of butter is insumeient for the demanत, and jobbing Ioti pell it JFr. to 19c. tor the chnicent qualitics. Expmiters are jaying 10c. in 17e. for selections in tire country. Nidium yualities sell hete at'15e. Hopa aro


Cheoe firmer, at 108 c , to 110. at the factoriso, and 11 fe . t. 12 ce . in a jobling way. The cattlo trado is quiet, at unchanced prices. Choioe stall fed ateers ura worth about bic. per 1b. live weight, and grsprifed 4fc. to tie. for butchers' use. Hidex are firm, and pelts and lambekins 5 c ligher, at 30 c . and 40 c . nurpectively.

Thero has bern a small trade in breadstuff a situce our last review and pricen are rather easier, in kympathy with thu wol. Superior extra tlour sold un Cueaday and Widneadar al $\$ 570$. and extra the latter part of last week at \$5.05, but at the close to. lav $85(60$ win the beat bid for freali ground. Bran sold to dimy at equal to $\$ 11.50$ Wheat quiet, with demand almost restricted to the inumadiate wants of millers. A car of apring by eampin sold ou Tuenday it $\$ 1.30 \mathrm{on}$ track, and Nu. 2 is horth alrout this fapure. No. 1 eprinc nominhl at 81.31 to $\$ 1.3 \%$. No. 2 full oftered torday at $81.2 ;$ with 81.24 bid for a car on the Nipissing. Peas were wented at 82 c . with mellers at 83c. Oate in goond hmand and tirm. in abeence of free offerings; oar lota soill af 49 c . ou track. Ohher grains nominal at quotations.

## The 这ran Orade.

## PIITSSBURCH.

The Great Strike of Iron.Workers-Al.f. Furi icie and Iron Mills West of the Abieghany Mountadse ivd North of the Omo Rwis Idae-Puniders nin Fisishers somewhat at Variance--Fasters-made: Iron Coming West-Distriess Among Coat.Miners on Strikl: -Quotations.
(From Our Otois Correapondent.)
Ifitenozos, July 3rd, 1822.
The atrike continnes to ba the mont prominent focture in nonnection with the iron industry of tho liniterl States, as on its daration liand events of the greateat unomest to the trade. If it ahould continue till lato in the antamn it wruld not only canse great distreas among the working wen, Loth skilled and unakilled, but no doubt serious embarraisment among some of the mauufacturers, and, moreover, would transfer a large portion of the trade from this country to Europe, especially to Eugland. Leaving out th:e Cincinnati district, which is a swall ane, and single mills here and there, cevery mill west of the Alleghany mountnins and north of the Ohin river is idle. The total number of milts in the section of conntry named is about 120. containing romething lise 2,400 puadling furnacen.
In thin district, Kirkpatrick ic Co., whose mill is in Leechhorg, Armstrong county, and office in this city, resumed operations laut week with their otd hends, but after only working a few lays the hande quat nyain. They agreed to work at leut year's ratea, and kignei a paper to that effict. but from some cause-proballs the intervention of the efficers of the Ammigamated Aerocintion of Iron and Steel Makern-thay violated their agreement. So that the situation in this district in aguin the anme ns it was at the date of my last letter; and the mome is true of the othier dis. tricts.
There is a protey general belie! that ualess the strike 8000 ends the "Aniabers"-that is, the heaters, rollers, de., except the muck rollers, will aplit off from the pudders. The atriko hae dat been popular among then, a:d, betides, they oumplain that they have not at minh represen. tation in the Einion as they are ontitled $t_{n}$. In this connection, it is aig. nificant that ajprecting of the finioliers of the First, Second, and Third Districta, eumposed of Pittshurgh, thu obenango, add Mahoning, Falleys (the former in Penasslvania. the latter in Ohio), and Wheeling, W. Va., and vicinity, is to bo held in thie city to.day. It is searecty pre bable that the hailars will permit a rayture in the Amalgamated ranhs, but on the other hand it is probable that it the finighers make a percmptasy demaud for increanod reprepentation they way get it ; in which event they may be atrong enough, with the aid of dissatisfid puddlers, to give a majority vole agninat the continiance of the atriker. More will hikely bo known by Tuesiay morning.

Mr. Jonen, socretary of the Miners' Association, a few cings ago insued a vary able, eloquent. and mathetic appeal for aid for the striking miners along the "I'anlundie" railromil, whone farnilifa are repreestelt to be in a.condition of dire wane. The appeal is matuly addresed to the inlor
organizations throughout tite entire country. The atrikers have heretofore been supported lnrwely by their bretheat in the mimestong the Monongahela lliver, but uwing to the gluttevi condilion of the oonl markete West and south, most . . •he later ure nor aleo out of omployment.

There bave been a lew kal.a of eastern iron and neils in thie market since tha atrike began. and nlac a lit if Eugliah: shibet from; the latter relling below the card rate here. If the atrike shobid odminatiofer $n$ considerable period of culrape vich axles would hecome dímiots:

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 foundry at $\$ 34$ coml, and $\vdots 0$ tons No. 1 coke foundry, froni Pennyalvania ore, at 82t, cash. Mumbistured Iron. - Trade is reported quiet, and pricesstendy at card rates, althoughit in stated that mome manufacturers I have advenced bars to 3 c . Card raten remain as follown: Bar, 250 c : '.24 sheet, 4.30 c ; tauk, 3 30s; C. H. No. 1 boiler plate. s\$c. ; homogeneoun ; steel do., Gł̣c. ; hoop irun for commun barrel hoops, 3.10 c . to 8.50 c . ! lightor sizes, $3.2(\mathrm{c}$. to 5.10 c . -all 60 days, or 2 per cent. off for canb. Nails. - Buth l'ittshurgh and Wheeling are reported bare of atocks, and nails are aelling in a jobbing way at 83.60 per keg, 60 days, or 2 per cent. off for casiu. There is a tair local demand. Hrought fron Pipes and Tuher,-izusiness fair, bat orders mostly small. Mroiuction has alment if nut entizoly ceased, the strike baring topped the supply of slalp iron froms which to rake pipe. Disconnt on ghs and stemm pipe, 10 per ount on boiler tuhen, $42 \frac{1}{2}$ (a) 45 per cout; net pricea of oil well eaning, $67 \frac{1}{2}$ (1) 70 ceuts yer foot : cil-well tubing, 20c. per foot, net. Steel.-No changes to report; trade contınues quiet. Best quality reined cant ofeal, 12e. per i pound; crurible machinery steel, 7 lc . Steel Raila.-Trade quiet ; manu Ifacturert still quote at \$50, i.o.b. carn at the workn. Railsay Tract
 nominal at 2 fe. i.o.b cars Pittsburgh; track-bolts, nomibal at 3.76c. for squate nut, and $3.9^{n} \mathrm{c}$. for hexagon, cauts t.o.b. Pitteburgh. Stockn of aplic. -bars and track-bolta are nearly if not quite exhausted, and the e local supply is cut of liy the strike. OLd Rails.一Havodedined in price within the leat fortnight. Double heads have sold at from $\$ 38.50$ to $\$ 24.50$, and tees at $\$ 26.50$ to $\$ 27.50$. Sermp Iron.-The movament coutinues vory light. Railway, uschinery sorap is quoted at $\$ 26$ @ $\$ 28$ per net ton,old car whouls at \$27 per grost ton ; sná stool rail ends at $\$ 26$ @ 826.50 per grows wu ; cast borinxa, $\$ 14$ to $\$ 15$ per grose ton. Window Gluse.--l'rices are without chanye ; double atrength, 60 and 20 par cent. discount from list; single strength, 60 and 10 pur cent. White Lead.Jemand continues to be suticient to keep the works busy, prices stomdy at 7c. © 7ic. per pound, in kegs, sither dry or in oil. Lineced OikI.ce duclined a cent; raw is uow 5tc. per gallon, by the barrel, and boiled, 570. Conneleville Coke - Consurnption han decined aboat 10,000 tons per week, the aggregate consumption now being something ilke r0,000 tong. Pricos same, $\$ 1.50 \leqslant 1.75$, per net ton, 1.o.b care at the orene.

## PHILADELPHIA.

'Six Months' Re:rospect-Combination of Forty Railroan Companife Formev-Competition to be put unuer Conrkoln anis Rates ro be. Advancet-The Freigiti Handi.ers' Strike-Preskint Strength and Ouzlook of theitron Thade.
(From Our Own Corréponident.)

To-morrow wn enter on the second half of the yar mader encouraging auspicep. livery thing points to farorable results. The kings of Wallatreet hare been compelled to let atockn take caro of themselves for six months and rely unon lexitimate businesa, while iast year's errors. Were working themselves out, and tha year's cropl wore fighting chances. The best results on liand to.day assure the cominercial aud apectelating worh, that evelything ais as they desire. The money centres are well aupplied. lintes are lower. Opportunities for inventment are not very mumerous aince the railwas qhannels were closed. The railrond disputes are not only settled but the "yool" with its forty railroad companios liave advanced Ireights $\$ 2.40$ per ton on west-bound freisits, dicspite the feeble and futile protents of the indig-
nant metropolitan merchanta, who havo proteated, and grumblenl, and complained, aud denounced. 'l'be raten will ramain. Last year they Inushed; the railroada are now ready to take their laugh. Not only has the freight busiuens lecon settled astiafactorily to the railroad peoplo, but the passeager yuestion also is virtually settled. Through passenger tallic from Nion lork to the Weat is to be made to yield more on fant through lines. The matter is now.bcing contidered by the farty $\infty$ m. panies, und Mr. Albert Fink expecte to formulato the conclusions in a very fen wecks at farthest. Laten will bo alvanced from 83 to 85 be© ween Xow York and Chicago.

Competition is to bo pent under control, as we would put a dangerous permon under honds to presurve the peace. Tho ailroad managers aro so arrangiug thinge that the competition will he moderate, rentricted, and barmless. laten will be agriat upon by the centre management and prountlgated as cdiots. This is a minhty power to poseges. It would ferhaps be better for tho people and tor the busivess interests it there were some iimats bayond which combinntions could not take place, and competition thereby ke represscd. But there seems to be no wiy of doing this. The legislation proposed by the auti-railroad element in Congress is hardly equal to the problem. The evil involved, whutever it is, unst grow and dovelop to much greater dimennions before it will be dealt with. The Now jork lentislature has legislated the control of railroad affairs, fo far as the Stato is concerned, to three commissiouers, one to be recommeuded by each of the politicul parties, and one by the anti-monopoly faction and the Board of Trude.
Our freight handlers' strike continues to occupy attention. All the Trank line terminating at Nerr York and Jersey City are unable to Landle ireight expeditiously, owing to the rofusal of some 4,000 ) forkmen to work at .17 cente per hour, The merchants and newspupers sre with the strihers because their requente are reasonable, and against the cumpanies becallse they are inflioting enormous losses on the business men in the attempt to save the pal! ry sum of 3 centa an hour in labor. Immi. grsut labor hus been largely notd, but is inefticient.
The volume of ganeral busineas has been very light, because of the season and the semi-annual settlements. High hopes are entertained for the futuro. Iron imports have been very hoavy sinod Jund list, but are now declining. The steel makers and hardpare manufcoturers are busy on full goods and products. The ship-builders have about as much baniness in sight as they cen tak", caro of. A large locomotive order was countermanded last week, and 500 mon were discharged in conse. quence
Iron has been steady for a week. Consumers of finished iron who have large contracts on hand are interested in keeping pricos whire they are. Six meeks ago alnost any one would bava doubted thut 2,000 furusces could have stood ille a month, and iron stand at card ratey, yet such is the case. And what is more, though stocks in hands of consunters are light, aud though to all nppearauces the strike will be a Jong one, yet consumers take no fright, and prices actually weakened within a few days. Where would prices have gone to had pruduction .remained at maximum limits?

Six months ago the irou trade wan enfering on a decino. It has masided thrcugh it yaictly and succussfully. Todey tho outlook is as bright as it was then dark. The future demand is uncertain. Production has been very Inrgely increased. Iieqnizements are not as great now as last fall. There aro tiftern thousand miles of projected railway untoucbed. It will be six months beford American mills can tarn nut a rail for any now ruads. Mennrlile the creps will have been sold, and wix monthr yenlth wial linve been added to our possessions. Labor disputes will have bern forgotten. What uew dangers will be encountered during the comang six months, none can predict. Should nothing unnsual happen. we mry look for surh a reviral of railway fuilding as will revire demaud fue the products of our mills ami phogs and factorics, to the utmost limits of thrir capacity.

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## IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA.

## Proceridings of the Shventh AnNuli. (ifneral Mefiting OF Tht. Shambiholdirs.

The Seventh Annual General Mecting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held, in pursuance of the terms of the Charter, at the Banking House of the Institution, 5th July, 1882. There were present:-

Messrs. H. S. Howland, T. K. Merritt (St. Catharines), Hon. James R. Henson (St. Catharines), John Fisken, 1'. Hughes, I. R. Wadswotth, Henry Carlisle (St. Catharines), Edward Naiton, Geo. Mclean Rose, James Graham, Rev. E. B. L.awler, Thos. Walmsley; John Bain, Robert Beaty, John Crickmore, W. Seton (iordon, J. O. Heward, 1). R. Wilkie, etc., etc.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. S. Howland, and Mr. D. R. Wilkie was requested to act as Secretary.

The Secretary, at the request of the chairman, read the report of the directors and the statement of affairs.

## THE REPORM:

The Directors have much satisfaction in sulmmitting their seventh annual balance sheet and statement of profits for the year ended 3ist May, 1882.

Proftr fur the year, aftor delucting charges of :nnnagement, raking provision for all interest due depuzitors, and writing off all bad and doubtful debtw, smount to
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The business of the bank fur the year shows a most satisfactory increase, and has resulted in a net profit to the shareholders (exclusite of $\$ 62,306.70$ recesved as premium upon new capital stock) of $24 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. upon the average paid-up capi:al.

Owing to the steady increase in the business of the bank and to its expanding circulation, your board considered it advisable during the yeat to reconmend to the shareholders an increase of the capital stock: to $\$ 1,5 \infty, 000$. This recommendation was approved of at a special general meeting held on 4 th April, and the new stock was subsequently allotted to shareholders at a premium of $331 / 3$ per cent., based upon the estimated surplus profits as on 31st May. The profits then estimated have been fully earned, and the rest of the bank now stands at 34 per cent. of its subscribed capital.
Appreciating the importance of the connection formed with Manitoba and the North.West during the previous year, it has been the policy of your directors to keep pace with the developmen: of that great country, resulting during the year in the opening of a branch in Brandon, Manitoba, under experienced management and excellent auspices.
It is with much regret that your directors have to announce the death, since the last annual meeting, of Mr. John Smith, one of the dircctors of the bank since its organization; the vacancy occasioned thereby has not been filled, and it is the intention of your board to present to you for your approval 2 by-law reducing the number of directors from eight to seven.

The usual inspections of the head office and branches have been made during the year.

The Cashier and uther officers of the bank consinue to discharge their respective duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

H S. HOWLAND,
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Moved by the Prestomer, seconded by the Viac-l'restemt, that the report which has been read be adopted, printed, and circulated among the shareholders. Carried.
Moved by Rev. E. l3. Lalliter, seconded by IT. Walmsies, Esq., that the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-l'resident, and Diree tors of the Bank for the able manner in which thes bive conducted its affairs during the past year. Carried.

Moved by C. M. Rose, I:sq., seconded by İ. Nanton, I:su. that the thanks of the shareholders be given to the "ashier and other officers of the Bank for their attention to the interest of the Bank, and for the efficient performanie of thear respective duties. Carried.

Moved by H. Carinstim, Eseq., seconded by John Bain, Esef., that bydaw No. 9 as read be, and the sane is hereby approved of, and adopted. Carried.
Moved by IV. Seros Gormon, Ein., seconded by John Fisken. Eisq., that the ballot bor be now opened and remiain open until two oclock this day for the receipt of baliot tickets for the election of seven Directors, the poll to close as soon as tive minutes shall have elapsed without a vote beine tendered, aud that Mi. lames Graham and Mr. Kubt. lieaty do act as scrutineers. Caaried.
The scrutineers subsequentl; reported the following shareholders elected Directors for the ensuing year: -Messirs. Hi. S. Howland, 'T. K. Merrit, Hon. ]. K. Jenson, Wim. Kamsay, I. R. Wadswurth, I. Hughes, John Yisken.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. H. ミ. Howland was re.elected President, and Mr. T. K. Merritt VicePresident for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board,
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## THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.


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