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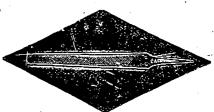
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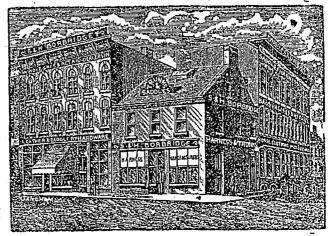


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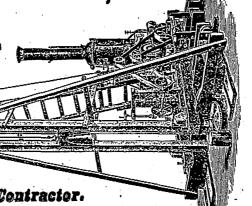
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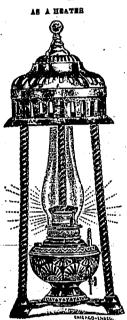


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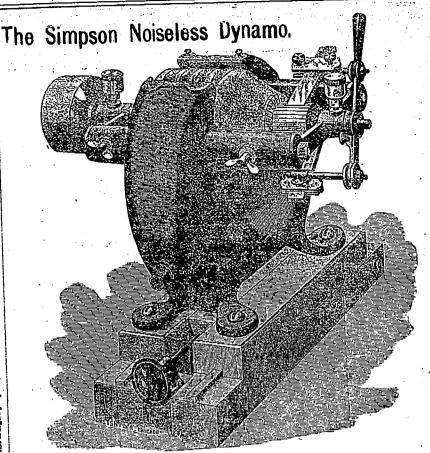


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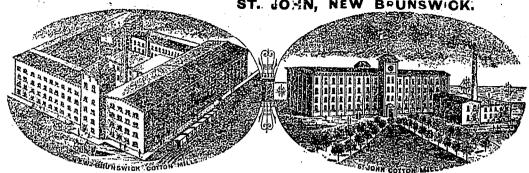
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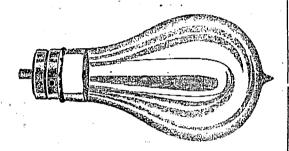
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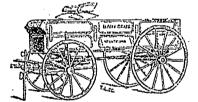
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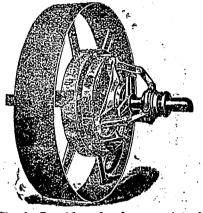


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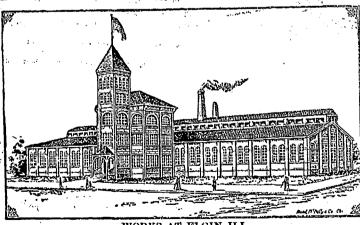
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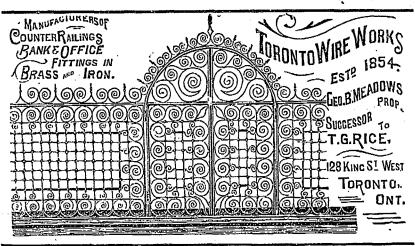
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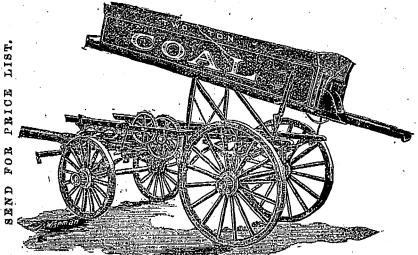
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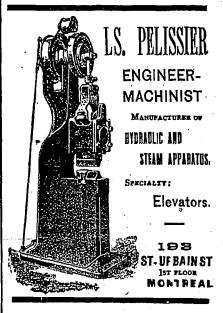
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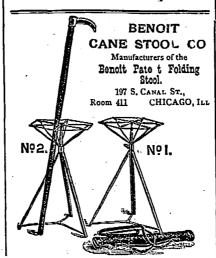
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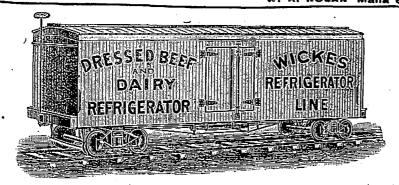
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—A subscriber in Fraserville wants to know the address of one or more firms handling cotton fish nettings.

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—The "Star," at Baden, Ont., has suspended publication, and its proprietor—C. V. Lambrecht, who formerly ran a paper at Drumbo—has made an assignment.

-The stock of McInnes & Irwin, of Strathclair Station, Man., has been sold at 54 1-2 cents on the dollar. The book debts brought 12 1-2 cents in the dollar.

-The \$3,000,000 worth of five per cent, bonds purchased from the United States by the New York Life Insurance Co., were handed over to them on Tuesday last.

—Prices for Canadian hay are fairly well maintained in England. For hay on pass sage and February to March shipment British buyers offer £5 2s 6d., or about \$24.793 per ton.

—Japan is the latest market for highclass Canadian cheese. During the past week several shipments of Canadian Cheddars and Stiltons have been made from Ingersoft to Yokohama and Nangasaki.

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-Already twenty million feet of lumber or about forty cargoes, have been contracted for to be shipped from Duluth as soon as the ice goes out. Four million feet were sold last week at \$1 advance on previous prices.

-The production of Scotch pig-iron in 1893 was the smallest for 35 years, with the exception of 1891, when production was stopped for several months by the great strike. It was only 783,687 tons, or 193,-364 itons less than that of 1892.

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-The following list of United States patents to Canadian inventors, granted February 6th, 1894, is reported expressly, for this paper: Spade-harrow, Joseph Draper, London, Ont.; Injector, James Morrison, Toronto, Ont.

-The general stock of Robt. McGowan, of Kirkton, valued at \$5,494, has been sold to Mr. Gilalan of Lucan for 66 1-2 cents on the dollar .- The stock of J. H. Wigle, at Ruthven, has been sold to M. E. Wigle, at 65 1-2 cents. The invoice value was \$5,-848.

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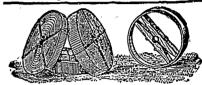
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-Grand Trunk Railway Company's return of traffic, week ending Feb. 17, 1894: Passenger train earnings 1894 \$93,025, 1893 \$93,007; freight train earnings 1894 \$189,764, 1893 \$244,706; total train earnings 1894 \$282,789, 1893 \$337,713. Decrease 1894 \$54,924.

-The attention of the grocery trade is directed to the advertisement of dried fruits, by Messrs. Laporte, Martin & Co.

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—A nicely dressed stranger registered at the Chapman House, Sarnia, last Thursday. He left early next morning, and nearly all the jewellery and loose cash of the inmates left with him. He must have spent the night in going through their rooms and clothing.

-The Supreme Court of the United States has just decided that if payment be made

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to an agent after the death of his principal, even if it be unknown, it cannot be recognised as discharging a debt, since his powers cease absolutely upon the death of his principal.

—On Friday last the managers of the American hard coal producers met in New York to discuss prices. As a result, stove and chestnut coal were reduced to \$4 per ton, a cut of 25 per cent. Broken coal will be sold for \$3.60 and egg for \$3.75 per toa from this out. This will be good news to the Canadian consumer.

A recent report states that McKinnon & McCracken, general traders, Durham, will probably pay about 25c on the dollar. The remaining assets are in fair shape. Our correspondent adds that business has been

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-Wm. Murray, wholesale grocer, Sherbrooke, whose affairs were in a bad shape a year ago, has again assigned. He was embarrassed in December '92 and made an assignment in January '93, subsequently settling at 25c on the dollar, cash. He has had ill luck since and is likely to make a poor showing.

-The Canadian Pacific has decided to make a heavy reduction in the rates on grain, flour and feed from inland points in British Columbia to the sea coast. Rates which have hitherto run from 35 to 41 cents per 100 lbs. are to be reduced to 25. cents all round. This will be good news. for the farmers.

-Property was dull and inactive in the suburbs of this city during January. Maisonneuve, Mile End, Montreal Annex, St Cunegonde, St. Henry and Montreal Junction altogether only made sales of \$60,000.

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-It is stated that a number of Winnipeg citizens have lost heavily in wheat They bought it in Chicago at 66 cents-convinced that it had reached rock bottom-and since then they have been putting up margins until insolvency stares them in the face. A number of Montrealers who filled up at no are not too well satisfied.

-In 1888 McMaster, Darling & Co. took action to set aside a transfer of property. made by John Coventry, one of their debtors and at that time a large dry goods,

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merchant in Woodstock. They have lost the case in every Canadian court, but will carry it to the Privy Council as a last resort. ,

-Advices from St. John, N.B., state that Geo. H. McKay, dry goods, is offering 15c on the dollar, and that T. Youngelans, clothing, wishes to close at 25 per cent., 34 6, 9, and 12 months .- J. F. Burns & Co., general store, Kingston, N.S., have assigned. They succeeded Reagh & Burns a little over a year ago, and were supposed to be doing

-Some Kalamazoo parties are trying to organise a company in Stratford for the manufacture of a patent buggy and plough They agree to put in \$3,000 in cash, and value their patent at \$10,000. They want Stratford's citizens to put in \$37,000 in order to make the capital \$50,000. Patent owners are drawing little more than paiience these times, and this is from their own stock.

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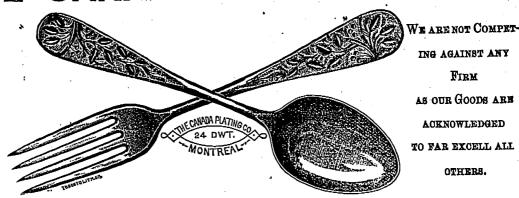
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-About \$20,000 will cover the loss by the fire in the James Morrison brass foundry in Toronto. The insurance is divided as follows :- Sun, \$1,500; Queen, \$1,500; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$2,000; Phoenix of England, \$1,500; United Fire \$2,000; Northern, \$5,000; Waterloo, \$2,400; Connecticut, \$1,000 ; Lancashire \$1,000; Mauchester, \$2,500; British America, \$2,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,250; London, \$1,-250; London & Lancashire, \$1,100; Gore,

-The cheapness and swiftness of railway accomodation in this country were never more fully exemplified than in the fact that mutton and dressed poultry from Prince Edward Island are offered for sale in the city markets at Victoria, B.C., The British Columbians, at the extreme west of the Dominion, enjoy the products of the little island at the extreme east. The meat and poultry sell readily and look most attractive, and another instance of railroad activity and enterprise is added to the already long list of man's triumphs over space in this era of rapid transit,

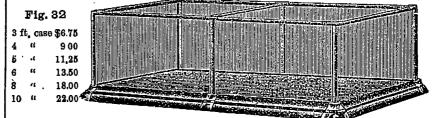
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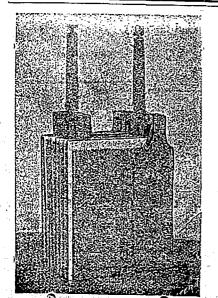
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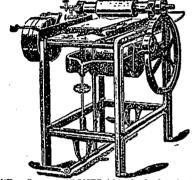
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-Western packers hold that the depression in the cattle trade is not due to any over-supply but simply to the falling off in demand for meat. The demand from the East for dressed beef has dropped from 25 to 40 per cent, owing to the closing down of mills and factories owing to the uncertainty over the tariff question. What meat is asked for is only of the cheapes a

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grades. Poverty and lack of employment have reduced the consumption of meat to the very narrowest limits and until the depression passes away no improvement in the cattle trade can be looked for.

-Last week fire broke out in the tailoring establishment of R. L. Short at Tilsonburg. The loss was principally by water and smoke and was covered by insurance to the extent of \$6,800 in the North British and Mercantile, Waterloo Mutual, Wellington Mutual, and London and Lancashire.

-The recent assignment of B. F. Campd bell, of Brooklin, Ont., is credited to land speculation in Manitoba. His liabilities are \$15,000 and assets \$2,000, the latten consisting of equity rights on land. About four months ago he gave his house and lot in Brooklin to his daughter for alleged payment of her services as clerk at Rochester,

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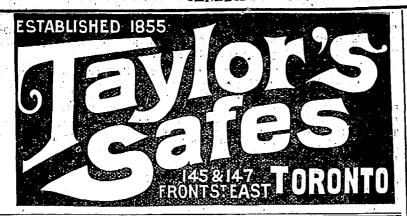
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-A meeting of apple exporters and shippers was held in Toronto last week for the purpose of establishing an association to deal with standards, both of variety and quality, and with the question of supplying barrels, the proper care of fruit, its picking, handling, and protection from weather, etc. If possible, a Government standard will be fixed, as is done in grain and other produce. The officers of the new association are: President; Mr. George Mc-William, of McWilliam & Everist, Toronto : Vice-President, Mr. W. S. Dixon, oi Dixon Bros., Hamilton ; Secretary, pro tem., Mr. J. M. Shuttleworth, Toronto; Executive Committee-Messrs. A. E. W. Peterson, Cobourg; Frank Hart, Montreal; J. M. Shuttleworth, Toronto; J. C. Smith, Burlington, and D. Cantelon, Clinton.

-Scotch farmers and butchers are again agitating for the removal of the restrictions imposed by the British Board of Agriculture on the importation of Canadian cattle. They claim, and with justice, that although two or three animals were alleged to be affected with pleuro-pneumonia, they could not really have been suffering from it. If the disease had been pleuro it must have been prevalent somewhere in Canada, but three years have clapsed since the first suspicious cases occurred, and no outbreak has been heard of in any part of this Dominion. What, then, is the necessity for these restrictions?

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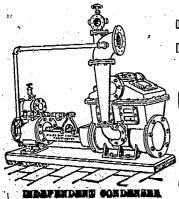
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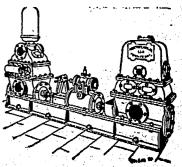


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COMMONED : ATE EING PUMP boom the business came down with a run, and the firm dissolved, each of the partners continuing on his own account. Of late years Mr. Westbrook has been acting as implement agent for any one and every one in that line throughout the West, with the exception of a few who had established their own agents there. Among the principal houses whom he represented was the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., of Racine, Wisconsin, who now rank as judgment creditors for \$6,860, and who evidently had done a large trade in the Province. The Snowball Wagon Co., of St. George, Ontario, are creditors for \$1,230; J. S. Rowell Manufacturing Co. for \$6,275, and W. Hilburn for \$5,240. The remaining sum is divided up among the Sylvester Manufacturing Co., \$620; the Whitman Agricultural Co., \$930; the American Road Machine Co., \$430; the Winona Wagon Co., \$375, and the Toronto Lithographing Co., \$400. A large proportion of the security held by creditors is in the shape of farmers' notes, and in view of the depression throughout the Province latterly it is feared there will be a rather heavy shrinkage.

-In this province, A. S. Cooper shoes, Eaton, has assigned with liabilities of \$600 .- A Marcotte, who has carried on a small book-bindery in Quebec for eight or nine years, has failed .- F. X. Gagnon, general store, Port Daniel, has been burnt out, and having only a small insurance is offering 10e on the dollar. He has been in' business about 4 years.-Maxime Gagnon, Ernder, St. Flore, has been going behind of Inte years, so that his failure is not a surprise. He owes about \$2,300.-J. L. O. Vidal & Fils., mfrs., agents, Quebec, are now offering 25c on the dollar, cash .- The following offers of compromise have been made: Jas. Lee & Co., grocers, city, 30c on the dollar, cash; W. G. Proctor, grocer, city, and St. Jean & Guenette, shoes, city, 20c on the dollar, eash.-Andrew J. O'Neill, hotel, city, has failed with liabilities of \$9,500. He has been in business several years, but of late has not done well and has made some severe losses .- Eusebe Turcot, lumber, St. Chrysostom, is in difficulties, and a meeting of creditors will be held this week to name a curator. He has done a small trade for some years past .-C. Jasmin, grocer, Conticook, is reported abs.fit, and a meeting of creditors has been called. He was 5 years in business .- J. A. C. Julien, jeweller, city, has settled at 75c

on the dollar, half cash, and balance in 3 6 and nine months, secured .- F. Labelle & Fils, contractors, city, have now assigned' with debts of \$17,000 .- V. Brosseau & Co., dry goods, Bedford, are offering 45c on the dollar, cash. They were recently burnt out and lost heavily, being insured for only \$5,-000. Their liabilities are about \$8,500. They have been established in that place since May '91 and were doing fairly .- C. Decoste, g neral store, St. Justine de Newton, now offers 20 per cent., eash .- C. O. Toussignant, trader, Chicoutimi, has had a meeting of creditors. He has been in business 18 years ago and effected a settlement 12 or 13 years ago. Later on he suffered loss by fire, and has gradually been getting more and more involved in debt. The figures have not reached us.

-In Ontario, Thos. Senior, restaurateur, Hamilton, has assigned. He has been in business a couple of years, but was unable to make it a success, although he seemed to have tried his best .- Edwards & Husband, general store, Moorefield, already noted, have been granted the extencion of time asked.-Jos. Hawley, hotel, Toronto, has finally assigned, also H. P. Crandon, grocer, Wiarton.-R. C. Scott, miller, Highgate, formerly of Tolson, Scott & Co., has become insolvent .- J. E. Bryant & Co., Itd., book publishers, Toronto, have assigned. They were incorporated in '87 and seemed to be doing fairly, but purchased the printing business of Brough & Caswell last fall, and are thought to have undertaken too much .- W. W. Nettleton & Co., liquors, Collingwood, who recently assigned, are offering 20 per cent. on liabilities of \$6,600 .- Kaufman, Wildfang & Co., store keepers, Elmwood, offer 20c on the dollar, payable in 30 days. They have been in business as above since 83, prior to which Kaufman was alone .- Albert Doering, Wellesley Township; Wanzer Pure Soap Company, Hamilton, and W. H. Moorehouse, general store, Port Alma, have assigned The latter started in '90 and owes \$3,000'. Henry Longeway, grocer, Alliston, in business for some years in a small way, is offering 50 per cent. cash on liabilities of \$1,-400.-Jas. Betteridge, furniture, St. Mary's: J M. Donovan, grocer, Toronto ; J. Wright, tins, Hamilton; S. Sturtzinger, Trader, Houghton, and Chas. Martini, tins, Rodney, have all assigned with moderate liabilities. -J. M. M loche, grocer, Windsor, has failed for about \$3,500. He was formerly in partnership with a brother and the firm was unsuccessful. After being out of business for some time he re-started 3 years ago, but spread too much last year and now feels the effect.

-George H. Davis, a well-known druggist of Fredericton, N.B., is missing, and it now transpires that \$12,000 worth of his accomodation paper, purporting to be endorsed by his two brothers-in-law, Hon. Fred. P. Thomson and J. D. Phinney, M.P. P., is worthless. Both gentlemen say their signatures are forged, and absolutely refuse to make the forgeries good. None of the banks suffer by him, for they had long before refused to take his paper under any circumstances. The loss falls on brokers, lawyers and small money-lenders, who were dazzled at the discounts Davis accepted) Naturally they feel extremely bitter over it, and if they can locate Davis he will be extradited at once.

-A meeting of the creditors of Boyd & Co., founders of Huntingdon, whose failure was brought about by the collapse of Andrew Somerville, was held at Beauharnois on Wednesday. The direct and indirect claims of the insolvent firm amount to \$92,320, with hypothecary claims of \$10,-975. It is expected that the foundry will be run on by the inspectors-at all events, until the existing contracts are finished. To close it down would mean a serious loss in wages to the village and much inconvenience to the surrounding farmers.

-The creditors of the estate of Edward Elliott, grocer, city, who declined to accent 15c on the dollar, may fare even worse. The store assets were not in firstclass condition, and the expenses of the wind-up will be heavy. The possibility of a 10c dividend is now open for discussion,

-In Nova Scotia, E. J. Ells, Sheffield Mills ; Mary A. McKinnon, hoisery, Sydney, and J. P. Smith, general store, Port Hood, have assigned. All were in a small way

-It is learned with regret that the oldestablished wholesale hardware firm of Thos. Wilson & Co., of this city, is preparing a statement of its affairs and will shortly offer a compromise to its creditors. The firm has been 48 years in existence and Mr. Pierre Dansereau, the present sole partner, has been alone for the past seventeen years. The liabilities will not likely exceed \$25,000 and it is expected that an offer of 50 cents in the dollar will be made.

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-At a meeting of the creditors of Cavin Bros., Victoria, the assignee stated that the estate would pay dollar for dollar. A payment of 25 cents in the dollar will be made this month, and the balance in trimonthly payments.

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petitioner, and Dan Arthur Rees, respondent, in its relation to the Quebec Consolidated Act to secure to wives and children the benefits of insurances upon the lives of husbands and parents. In the interim the Ontario Act has been consulted to see whether any further flight could be thrown upon the subject, and we now deem it expedient to consider the decision as affecting that act.

The Ontario Act R. S. O. (1887) Cap. 136, is in some respects more clearly defined than that of Quebec in its re-Section I as trospective aspect. amended by Vic. 53 Cap. 39 sets forth: "The provisions of this act shall apply to every lawful contract of insurance in writing now in force, or hereafter effected which is based on the expectation of human life, and shall include life insurance on the endowment plan as well as every other, 'and shall also extend to the said contracts of insurance' when any declaration 'indorsed thereon or attached thereon, 'though made before the 25th of March, 1884' would have been or be within the operation and provisions of this act, if the same had been made subsequent to the date." The portions of the Quebec Act bearing upon this point are comparatively obscure. They are as follows: R. S. Q. (1888) Sec. 5581, "It is lawful for any husband (a) to insure his life; or to appropriate any policy of insurance 'held' by himself on his life for the benefit of his wife, etc." and Sec. 5590, "It shall be lawful for any person who 'has effected' an insurance or who 'has appropriated' a policy of insurance for the benefit of a wife or of a wife and child or children, or of a child or children at any time and from time to time thereafter to revoke the benefit conferred by such insurance or appropriation, either as to one or more or as to all of the persons. intended to be benefited and to declare

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in the revocation that the policy shall be for the benefit only of the persons not excluded by the revocation, or for the benefit of such persons not excluded, jointly with another or others, or entirely for the benefit of another or others, not originally named or benefited. Such other or others must be a person or persons for whose benefit an insurance may be effected or appropriated under these provisions."

By comparison of the portions single quoted by us It would appear that the Ontario Act puts the matter beyond a doubt that it is retroactive, while the Quebec Act although not so clear is in our opinion equally retroactive in so far as it speaks of "any policy of insurance 'held' " and any person 'who has effected' an insurance, or who 'has appropriated a policy of "insurance" in the past tense, without limitation of time. Nevertheless, seeing that the learned judge's decision hinges mainly on the question of "vested interest" or "rights accrued," and that at the time the policy in question was issued the original act of 1865 applied to Upper Canada, now Ontario, as well as to Lower, now Quebec, it appears to us that it will operate, if sustained in appeal, as much against the Ontario Statute as that of Quebec, for the former provides under Sec. 23. "Nothing contained in this act shall be held or construed to restrict or interiere with the right of any person to effect or assign a policy for the benefit of his wife or children or some or one of them in any other mode allowed by law," i.e., if the "right" includes past as well as present or future rights as we apprehend it to mean.

In further persuance of our remarks in former issue of 26th ultimo we would draw attention to the fact that the object of the original act of 1865 was simply to confer on husbands as indicated in the preamble the right to

insure their lives for the benefit of their wives and children, and to place the proceeds of policies issued in conformity therewith beyond the reach of cre-Few acts are perfect at first ditors. and much is generally left to be done by future legislation as the requirements in the matter are developed and in this instance the act was exceedingly crude and insufficient as formerly remarked. Although there was no provision contained therein for revocation or reapportionment, on the other hand there was nothing to prohibit this. The act simply permitted persons to do a certain thing but did not interpose any obstacle to the undoing thereof, consequently it may be reasonably inferred they were left similar freedom of revocase of any cation as in the "inter vivos" donation which had not finally been consummathaving been ed by the donce put in absolute possession. Moreover it is questionable whether it would not be 'ultra vires' to interiere with private 'vested' interests unless for some desiderated public benefit.

But what is vested interest? Webster's definition of the word "vested" is, "Not in a state of contingency or suspension; fixed." Since therefore the wife's interest was at best contingent upon her surviving her husband it could not be called a vested interest in terms of the Statute.

Bunyon in his "Law on Life Insurance" cites a case in which a husband, before the passing of the act for the protection of wives, effected a policy on his own life in favor of trustees for the benefit of his wife and children which he kept in his own possession and on which the premiums were paid by him. It was held that as the policy had remained in the possession of the insured it remained entirely in his power. From this it would apparently follow that if the wife was no party to

the transaction in the case under consideration the policy would remain under his power during his life time. Again it has been held that the delivery of a deed of donation to a third person has been considered evidence of an intention that it should be absolute; retaining it in the hands of the donor and non-communication to the donee evidence of a contrary intention. The fact of the insured in this case having afterwards made an assignment of the policy to his son should be sufficient evidence in the absence of any to the contrary, that it had been kept in his possession and had not become the absolute property of his wife.

COLLECTIONS AND LEGAL RECOURSE

The collection problem, in all its various aspects, has caused the wholesale and retail trade more than the usual annoyance, and anxiety, during the past eight months. Everyone has felt the pinch of hard times, and the aggravation of tight money, and slow payments. When accomodation to tide over a crisis is impossible to get, the merchant casts a rueful eye on his ledger and very often sees that his difficulties would quickly vanish, if everyone would just pay his little bill.

In speaking of the condition of trade a grocer recently remarked that bad debts "were the worst part of it." Like many others he was fond of his well ordered store, and surroundings, but the constant gnawing into his profits, thus entailed, was a source of deep vexation. Even in the best ordered establishments bad debts will mount up and, in fact swell customers may prove to be quite short of funds when it comes to settling day. In every city there are families who aspire to society several grades above their station, and these are allowed to let their bills run for years, the storekeeper thinking it impolitic on his part to press for payment. This species of moral cowardice is well known to these precious customers, who are not slow to claim greater influence, and closer relationship, with leading families than they really posgess. This state of affairs is not by any means confined to Montreal. . .

When the collector has done his best an the dunning" line, the merchant is brought face to face with the problem whether it is better to wipe the debt off his books, or resort to legal process. Just as likely as not he is discouraged at the laws delays and expenses and adopts the former alternative. Some idea of court charges has been given in

recent issues of the Journal. Canada does not appear to be one whit worse than the United States in its methods of forced collection, strange as that may appear. The president of the Grocer's Association of New York is authority for the statement that the insolvency and collection laws are nearly useless for the purpose for which they were enacted. A large percentage of estates are either wasted by assignees, or given to friends through bills of sale, or confessions of judgment or outlawed through the inability of the creditor to find the debtor and serve a summons upon him. Many of these abuses would be effectually done away with by the Torrey bill which has been before Congress more than once and which will be introduced again. In some respects, the laws for the collection of debts in the State of New York, are even less effective than in this province. The law there provides that if a summons is issued within six years and placed in the bands of the sheriff, he has sixty days in which to serve it. If these sixty days were changed to ten years it would save a great loss, and compel rogues to pay up who have avoided payment by hiding from their creditors. In this province, the term of prescription for sale of goods is five years, but the bailiff can freely extend the writ, within that period, and is not limited to sixty days.

In our law, however, there are certam "shorter prescriptions" which appear to be manifestly unfair. For example why should sums due schoolmasters and teachers, for tuition and board and lodging, and also the wages of workmen, not reputed domestics, and who are hired for a year, or more, be outlawed in two years? And again why should the "wages of domestic or farm servants, merchant's clerks and other employees who are hired by the day, week or month, or for less than a year," also hotel and boarding house charges, not be recoverable by law after the lapse of one year? The law already protects the working man by decreeing that three-quarters of his wages shall be exempt from selzure, but, on the other hand, makes him lose his recourse against his own debtor, if he does not sue within one or two years, whereas the merchant does not lose his legal rights for goods sold until five years have elapsed. Boarding house keepers and hotels are regularly fleeced, under our laws, and have cause for complaint.

Bad as the collection laws undoubtedly are they cannot remedy everything.

It is difficult to catch up with the shifting conditions of trade and social life. A merchant recently instanced the following:-"We usually sell goods on thirty days time, and it sometimes happens that a judgment is taken against our customer by another creditor, and before our claim matures the estate is gone to satisfy other claims. There should be a remedy provided for this that would put all creditors on an equal footing." The law could not step in here without causing unfair complications. The merchant has taken a trade risk, and if he has given 30 days, he is bound by his agreement. If he had doubts, and still bound himself with his eyes open, he must stand the consequences. Our law would consider it unfair to make the judgment creditor take second place, after he had gone to the expense and trouble of entering suit. The creditor first in procedure comes first, unless the estate should become insolvent, when the creditors rank alike.

A CLEARING SKY.

The fact that the period of depression, from which the commercial world on both sides of Atlantic is now slowlyemerging, was as much due to pure and simple lack of confidence as to any radical change in economic conditions has received considerable confirmation from the enexpected but welcome change in the industrial situation, both in the United States and England, which is now being recorded from all over the country. Up to the close of 1893, all was gloom and despondency. Now there are many rifts in the darkened sky through which the sunlight of hope and even cheerfulness, gleams merrily. Manufactories are starting up again, the wail of the unemployed is once more being confined to those who make their livelihood by being out of work, the busy whirr of machinery in motion is again heard in industrial centres, and men once more look forward hopefully to the future.

Why is this? There is no particular change in the economic condition of the countries affected. The tariff spectre is still unlaid, and stocks in jobbers hands are still large enough to supply all demands for some time to come. There is an alteration in the situation for the better, no doubt; but it is not in any way commensurate with the change in feeling in mercantile circles. How is it then that confidence is returning so rapidly?

Possibly because the principal disturbing factors in the situation have been eliminated. The great coal strike in England is over, and the general paralysis of industry that it involved is at an end. On this continent the repeal of the Sherman Act has put the future of the currency on a sound financial basis, and the belief that the Wilson Bill will be so emasculated before it reaches the President that the tariff will remain practically unchanged, has given manufacturers confidence. Thus the causes which led so largely to the curtailment of production no longer exist. But in the meantime the laws of supply and demand have been at work. Though production has been cut down, consumption has suffered but little, and in consequence stocks have contracted into a shape that enables them to be more easily handled than ever before. The factories starting up now have tangible bona fide' orders before them; since what they manufactured ahead has gradually passed into consumers hands. If prices are extremely low, we must remember that money is abundant and cheap, that employment is becoming more plentiful dally, and that wages have not been reduced in anything like a proportion to the fall in values and the general depression in industry. In fact we have before us all the conditions, which-if nothing untoward occurs to prevent its -should conduce towards a rapid restoration of prosperity.

In this country only what may be termed the fringe of the gloomy mantle has overshadowed us. The provinces of Quebec and Ontario have been an prosperous as could have been expected. In each province bankers report collections fairly easy, and in despite of the fall in land values mortgage loans well met. In the Lower Provinces no complaint is made of the year's business, and some cities (such as St John, N. B.) report a most satisfactory year. It is only when we reach the far west that complaints begin to thicken. There the meagre crop, and the low prices ruling for wheat, have pinched the farmer, and consequently the store keeper also, with their bony fingers. But this is only one section, and by no means the most important of our Great Dominion. In all the others the year has been a fair average one, and therefore complaints of hard times in Canada are principally made by men who wear expensive jewellery and carry well-lined pocket-books, and not by the working classes to whom hard times would mean a painfully practical reduction in their personal comfort.

It is true the number of failures of late in Canada has been very large; but a glance at our columns will show that in most cases there were causes for these failures which would have operated to that end even in prosperous years. Lack of capital with its concomitants of accomodation paper. high rates of interest, and the necessity of purchasing in the dearest market, are responsible for fully 80 per cent of them. When one of these firms comes down all the others who have "swapped signatures" with them collapse also like a house of cards, and the outside public, who do not know the real truth, think it is the financial depression that has forced them to assign and become timid at once. It is nothing of the sort. Failures of the Bishop, the Somerville, the Alexander. and the Anderson class, occur from causes, which would involve failure even in "boom" years. They are brought about by doing business in contravention to business laws, and sometimes in contravention to those of common honesty. Periods of commercial depression may unmask such firms by curtailing their opportunities for financing; but they do not cause their failure. That was always inevitable. It is only the rotten apple that the wind tears from the tree. The sound healthy fruit easily withstand the storm.

SPRING MILLINERY.

It seems early yet to speak of spring millinery here; but in New York and Chicago the spring season has already commenced. Most of the houses there will hold their openings this week and a number of buyers have already put in an appearance in response to the flood of circulars and colored plates sent out all over the country.

It would be premature as yet to endeavor to predict what styles will be popular this spring. A vigorous effort is being made to push to the front a rough straw walking hat, with an elongated front. It is trimmed with a large bow of black velvet or broad ribbon drawn through a huge rhinestone or cut steel buckle and has proved very popular in Paris where it is called the "San Jeanne." But whether it will take here or not remains yet to be seen. In the other shapes there is nothing strikingly new. They are all

modifications of last years styles increased by a number of straw piaques. But there are more small shapes intoques and turbans shown, and it looks as if large hats would not have things all their own way. In any case the particular shape of the hat is of less importance than usual this year, and all the attention of the milliner is concentrated on the trimming.

Flowers, of course, rule for trimmings; and here a number of novelties are introduced. One of these is the "piquet" which consists in bunching the Lowers together in a ball, or simulating an aigrette or Alsatian bow. with them. Crushed roses, very smallbuds, violets, and mignonette are used for this purpose. In fact the palm of popularity will lie between violets and roses this spring. Violets will be very fashionable, both in natural colors and in black with long green stems and leaves, while there is a growing demand for full-blown unmounted roses in velvet, satin and cambric. Among artificial spring blossoms for early Easter wear are cowslips, forget-menots, lilies of the valley and hyacinths. All are exquisitely made, and some could give nature points on delicate coloring. 2. (11)

The fashion for wide strings tied under the chin in a huge spreading bow, both for hats and bonnets, will probably take here and, with the popularity of the Alsátian bow as a trimming, will act as a powerful factor in seiling wide ribbons. Moire is of course the popular favorite; but ultrafashionables will use satin. Fallie and gros-grain will also sell well: but moire is certain to be the leader and the mills are preparing for extra demands for this class of ribbon. The new bonnets also call for more ribbon in trimming. They have a horseshoe curve that makes them very dressy and the newest have elongated sides which extend behind the ears almost to the neck and are tipped with a rosette or ornament. The back trimming of these bonnets is a feature this year. Loops of ribbon fall low down on each side of the knot of hair, and in other cases loops of jet heads, or of beads and lace, are used for the pur-

Pins, buckles and jewelled ornaments will be worn more than ever, if one can judge from the displays made in these lines by the wholesale houses. In millinery nothing will be sewed that can be pinned, and a host of pretty lnexpensive pins will be used for the

purpose. In ediors probably brown will stand at the head. The golden browns, in deference to the Parisian craze for yellow will be first, and next to them the reddish browns and terracottas. The immense variety of new greens, yellows and magentas, some exquisite new eerus, navy blue, and the creams, are also shown, and all will doubtless find purchasers, while black is always as good as wheat.

These are the views of buyers who have returned from Chicago and New York recently. Of course they are based upon the outlook in those centres and may possibly not apply to this country in all their entirety. But we copy our American cousins tolerably closely in styles and, with some modifications due to local tastes and surroundings, they may be looked upon as indicating the bent of fashion here next spring with a fair amount of accuracy.

THE DUTY ON ALCOHOL.

When an article, produced of fair or good quality in this country, is persistently smuggled in from abroad in spite of close watching and severe penalties upon detection, it is safe to affirm that the inducements to do so are exceptionally great. Every one knows the risks that a smuggler runs, and the heavy losses to which he is exposed by fine, confiscation, and black mail if detected. If then, not one, but many, are willing to accept even the danger of imprisonment in addition to pecualary loss for the sake of the profit that accrues from smuggling any particular article into this country it can be relied upon that the profit in question is a temptingly large one.

This is the case with what is termed white whisky in this country, grain spirit in England, and commercial alcohol by chemists. Hardly a day passes that more or less of this useful spirit does not eyade the Canadian protective tariff. It is landed in every sheltered cove and bay on the great St. Lawrence, it finds its way across the line in row-boats, in farmers carts, in peddler's packs, in loads of hay, tubs of butter, and barge loads of shingles. In fact in every possible form of concealment. And why? Simply because the protective duty on the Canadianmade alcohol runs from 1500 to 1700 per cent, and hence to smuggle foreign alcohol in means an amount of profit that no other transaction could posribly emulate.

It must be remembered that this al-

cohol, which ordinarily runs from 50 to 65 above proof, is not used exclusively for drinking purposes. In fact more than one half of it is used in manufacture. Chemists use it very largely. So do jewellers. So do varnish and Japan manufacturers. The so-called tinctures of chloroform, aconite, nux.vomica, valcamphor, erian. ginger, rhubarb squills, etc., are simply alcohol solutions of these hodles. Even the famous "paregorle" is simply a solution of opium, benzoic acid and camphor in proof spirit. In fact without alchoi most of the tinctures contained in our pharmacopeia would be impossible. Hence chemists use it very largely, and are naturally interested in obtaining it as cheaply as possible.

Unfortunately here is just where the exigencies of Governmental revenue step in A large proportion of the yearly inland revenue receipts accrue from excise duties and fees in connection with the production of Canadian spirits. In fact last year the excise officers collected \$4,142,057 from this source alone. Naturally the Government endeavors to protect so prolitable a source of revenue as much as possible against the competition of foreign made spirits, and to do this they-are obliged to impose a practically prohibitory duty on English and American alcohol. This the distillers have taken advantage of to maintain the price of Canadian white whiskey at a figure just five times as great as it can be purchased for in Great Britain; simply because foreign alcohol must pay a duty of 1700 per cent ad valorem before it can enter this country legitimately. What enters illegitimately can only be judged from the prosperity of border farmers and storekeepers.

Canadian white whiskey, 65 per cent over-proof, costs \$1.14 per gallon in bond. A similar whiskey costs 22 cents in England, or 31 in Boston. A glance at the disparity in prices will explain why smuggling is profitable. But befor Canadian whiskey can be withdraw from bond the government excise must paid. This bе amounts to \$2.47; or more than twice as much as the cost of the whiskey. This brings the cost to the wholesaler up to \$3.61. It might be thought that a whiskey costing only 22 cents in England could be profitably imported at this Tigure; but here again the Government steps in to protect Canadian alcohol by imposing a duty of \$3.50, and thus bringing the

price up to \$3.72; or just enough to enable the Canadian distiller to charge an exorbitant price and yet keep within the limit of the tection nilorded to him. In other words he is granted a protection of 1700 per cent which enables him to maintain the price of his alcohol at a figure from 400 to 500 per cent higher than that of the same article in England and yet retain his hold on the Canadian market-that is, so far as legitimately imported alcohol is concerned.

The importance of the Canadian distilling business can be estimated from the fact that they produced in the past fiscal year 3,856,955 proof gallons of spirits, paid \$4,142,057 to the Government for excise, and used 49,851,784 nounds of Indian corn, 9,883,545 pounds of rye, 3,059,087 pounds of malt and 1,480, 315 pounds of wheat, oats, and barley, in its manufacture. It is evident that an industry of this magnitude deserves protection at the hands of the Government; but whether it deserves it to the extent it enjoys at present, seems more doubtful. Canadian distillers can produce commercial alcohol just as cheaply as the United States-possibly just as cheaply as Great Britain. Why then should the price of 65 over proof alcohol ba \$1.14 here, and 22 cents over there? Would not a reduction in the import duty, even if it involved a . corresponding fall in the price at the distillery, still leave an ample margin for profit to the Canadian distiller? It certainly looks that way, and any reduction in the price of this most useful solvent would be so instantly felt and appreciated in many branches of the arts and manufactures of this country that It seems worth while to try the experiment.

PROFIT IN MINOR CROPS.

A great deal of attention has been paid in Europe, in recent years, to what are called the minor crops. The subject is one which interests both buyers and selfers.

In this city, consumers are frequently called upon to pay extravagant prices for articles of the table which are found to be imported, instead of being produced in the country. Except at the height of the season pretty stiff prices have to be paid for salads and certain garden vegetables, as well as eggs, butter and poul-Water cress comes from Boston, try. even in the summer season, instead of being raised within a few miles of the Mushrooms are now \$1 to \$1.50 per 1b., and there should be money in them at half the price if produced on a large scale, and the demand encour-

aged. Cucumbers sell at 20c to 25c each and celery at 40c to 50c per dozen. All garden stuff, requiring to be raised under glass, is offered at prices impossible except to the leading hotels. The difference between summer and winter, prices of eggs and poultry is sometimes startling. Fresh eggs worth 12c to 15c in May or June are held for 50c to 60c in December. It has been found that with temperature at nearly freezing point, eggs will keep for six months at least, and sell as fresh eggs, and cold storage for both eggs and noultry is becoming the rage in the United States. So far as eggs are concerned, all that is necessary is to store them in regular egg cases, so that they can be turned once a week.

The buyer can always get a loan of 85 per cent. of his storage certificate. He gives his note for the loan or advance, which the warehouse man endorses, and deposits with the storage cerificate in the bank. With the money so obtained the produce man goes upon the streets again and invests, and repeats the operation so long as his capital holds out. banks look more favorably each year on this kind of collateral, and the very fact that the banks will advance the money keeps prices from going low. On the other hand, it is an advantage to the consumer, for when prices advance rapidly the products of the cold storage warehouses come upon the market, and have a tendency to keep the price within a prescribed limit. No town of any size should be without its cold storage The trade in all its warehouse. branches need not be confined to the large cities, especially in this country where good, pure ice is readily obtajuable at a minimum of cost.

Possibly the Canadian farmer might broaden his operations in the direction of hops. A considerable quantity, and of excellent quality, has been raised for many years past, but Canada is an importer and appears to have taken no rank as an exporter with foreign countries. Both the German and United States authorities leave us entirely out of their estimates as a producing country, although it is possible we grow as many hops as Australia which produced two million pounds in 1893 and 11-2 mjllions in the previous year. A German author puts our average consumption at 3,806,900 lbs. England produces over 40 million pounds, annually, and consumes over 70 million pounds. The production of fruits and nuts for the London market is carried on extensively in Kent, and more or less so in several other counties. It might be stated that Canadian chestnuts, but of a small size, have, in recent years, become a market commodity in Montreal. Apples for cider making are largely grown in Norfolk in the east, and in Devon, Somerset and several counties lying near the estuary of the Severn, and in several of these latter counties the pear is grown for use In making perry or pear cider.

In England, as might be expected where the urban population forms so large a proportion of the whole, the growth of vegetables for the city markets, is a large and increasing industry. The total area of market garden land increased from 40,-

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682 acres in 1879 to 81,868 in 1891. The Channel islands of Jersey and Guernsey are invorably situated for the production of early fruits and vegetables. Early potatoes are largely grown there for the London markets, while broccoli, tomatoes, peas, beans, cucumbers, and other vegetables, as well as fruit of various kinds, are produced in great quantities for shipment to the same or other destinations. In portions of several counties wheat straw is grown for plaiting, and in favorable seasons will yield from \$29 to \$39 an acre, in addition to the price obtained for the grain.

The low prices for grain and fat stock must certainly direct attention to subsidiary productions, some of which seem small in themselves but off times sell at a large profit. Mnay products, if grown more extensively and sold at reasonable prices, would command a much wider sale than at present. Private enterprise, and the Government experimental farms, have done much to demonstrate the capabilities of our soil and climate, and the future should be productive of better results than in the past.

ERASTUS WIMAN.

Among the sad examples of swerving from the paths of rectitude recently made public, the most marked is that of Erastus Wiman, long known to business men in Canada in connection with the mercantile agency of Dun, Wiman & Co. The announcement that Mr. Wiman was in the Tombs prison in New York, accused of forgery and embezzlement to the enormous sum of \$229,000, comes with a shock to those of his old friends and acquaintances in Canada who still cluag to their belief in him, notwithstanding the charges brought against him about a year ago, through what they believed to be his misfortune rather than his fault. There have been few such falls from greatness. It almost recalls Wolsey's, if the comparison is not too odious. Mr. Wiman was credited with being a millionaire. He was fond of discanting upon his rise from being a newsboy and a reporter in Toronto to wealth and success. He published the first commercial paper in Canada. He posed as an advisor and exhorter of youth and lately published a book on how to succeed which was rather a culogium upon himself. He seemed to have the whole business credit of the community at his command. He naturally courted publicity, and called himself a representative Canadian. In every way possible he paraded Erastus Wiman, and his success and his prominence, before the public. And yet, all this time, he was systematically using his employer in order to maintain the lavish expenditure necessary to keep up his reputation for wealth. His methods were comparatively clumey. In the two instances which are especially charged in the indictment he simply secured a cheque from the cashier of R. G. Dun & Co. to pay some outstanding liability of the company and then converted it in his own use by writing the endorsation of the supposed recipient. Such a liberty was sure to be discovered when the unpaid account was again presented to the

company, and yet, with all his knowledge and experience in business, he could think of no better method. When the first forgery for \$10,000 was discovered, about a year ago, he was dismissed, and during the past twelve months, a rigid examination of the books of the firm places his total defalcations at \$229,000:

This is probably the last chapter in the career of a clever man. Wiman based his claims to wealth on the fact that he was a partner with R. G. Dun. It now proves that he was not-at all events in the U. S. He was simply manager, except that his salary was based upon a percentage of the profits instead of being a fixed sum. The funds of R. G. Dun & Co. were not his in any sense, and yet the indictment charges that "by embezzlement, misrepresentation, breach of agreement, misuse of the powers confided to him, and gross usurpation of power with which he was not entrusted," he succeeded in five years in taking over two hundred thousand dollars. Such is the present complexion placed upon the character of the advisor of youth, who was to have lectured this week on "How to Achieve Success" before a New York grammar school.

According to the despatches from New York, to which we are indebted for the startling news, Mr. Wiman refuses to allow his friends to obtain or furnish bail, and strongly asserts his innocence. It is to be hoped that one who has suffered so much already may be able to clear himself of so serious a charge as that of forgery. One can scarcely believe that any man with the experience and intelligence of Erastus Wiman would put his head into such a noose.

THE OUTLOOK FROM LONDON.

Business on the Stock Exchange is as stagnant as ever. Even investment is not upon a very large scale, and speculation is quite paralysed. In the United States the debate upon the Tariff bill is naturally putting a stop to all enterprise in trade. Business of every kind is greatly depressed. The railway traific returns are very unsatisfactory; nearly a third of the total railway mileage of the country is in the hands of receivers; money is accumulating in immense amounts in New York, but owing to the general distrust there is no disposition to employ it. The stagnation in America is, of course, reflected in the American department of the London Stock Exchange. The civil war in Brazil drage on, and there is no prospect of its soon coming to an end. The news from Chill is not encouraging. The crisis in Spain Greece and Portugal are continues. bankrupt. And the condition of Italy is extremely had. Another Italian bank -the Banca Generale-has had to apply for a moratorium, owing to a run upon its deposits. The bank formerly did a very large business. For some time past it has especially extended its accepting business; but it has been known for some time that it was in difficulties. The losses owing to the temporary suspension will fall chiefly upon the continent Italy and Germany more particularly but it is understood that there is a considerable amount of the bank's acceptances held in London.

WHEAT VALUES.

The most uncomfortable feature in the wheat situation from the American standpoint is the growing certainty that England can secure all the wheat she wants without drawing upon this continent at all. India, Australia, Russia, and the Ara gentine Republic can furnish her with every bushel she needs, and are doing so at prices from three to five cents less than even the present low figures for American wheat As the English always purchase in the cheapest market, and as American wheat is no longer indispensable to them, it is evident that our prices must come down to the figures at which Indian and Russian wheat are offering before long, and when this is coupled with the immense visible supply of nearly 80,000,000 bushels, it looks as if there were good grounds fon believing that wheat has not yet touched bottom figures here, and as if the weakmess in foreign markets were fully justified by the outlook. This is not altogether a detriment to the country, since it will probably force the large stocks, now held in speculative hands, to move, and thus will help the railroads. When the pres-, ent holders feel satisfied that there is no prospect of recouping their losses, they will ceease to hoard their wheat and ship at once, and thus an era of activity in transportation circles may be expected before long.

THE BISHOP ENGRAVING CO.

The outlook for the Bishop Engraving and Printing Co. is somewhat brighter, although all the greater obstacles in the way of the proposed settlement (50 cents in the dollar, in eight quarterly payments, unsecured, but bearing 6 per cent. interest), are not yet cleared away. The Montreal agents, representing the amount claimed for goods of English manufacture, have fallen into line, and if the settlements go through, Mr. W. V. Dawson, the principal, will be qualified and added to the new Board of Directors. One of the banks opposes the settlement, and unless this opposition can be overcome the company will be forced into liquidation or abandonments

In our editorial last week on this subject a regretable inadvertence made us say that the company was embarrassed by the action of its "president:" It is hardly necessary, in connection with the context, to say that this referred to its "managing director," Mr. Geo. Bishop, and not in any way to Hon. J. K. Ward, who has all along done his utmost to extricate the concern from its difficulties, even at pecuniary loss to himself, and whose rank as president was conferred on him without his knowledge or consent.

AN EQUITABLE PROPOSAL.

An interesting discussion took place at the recent annual meeting of the St. Henri Cotton Mill Co. in our western subarbs. It will be remembered seven years lapsed following the establishment of the actory before any dividends were declared.

Some of the largest shareholders, feeling that those who came in late, and buying at par, were more than equitably privilegedamong others the Hon.J. K. Ward, one of the earliest subscribers-recommended to the meeting that a portion of the handsome earnings of later years should be appropriated to the payment of larger dividends; or it could take the shape of a fonus rather than as was contemplated, be employed in further improvements and building operations. The mill has already been increased 50 per cent. over its original capacity. Other shartholders rollowed in the same strain, strongly urging some consideration for those who had given their money for seven years of the company's carly history and trials, that they should receive some equivalent now that it could be well afforded. Eight p.r cent. dividends have been the rule of late years, and it was recommended that a 10 per cent. dividend be now paid for a while; that is, should the mill continue to realize the profits of some time passed. Mr. John Crawford of Verdun, courteously replied. He could not agree that the early shareholders should expict any privileges as compared with those who had come in at the eleventh hour. The St. Henry Co. have much to be thankful to, including the able organizers of the Dominion Cotton Co., for the present satisfactory condition of its affairs.

DEFRAUDING THE PUBLIC.

Wholesale dealers in imported spirits draw attention to a new method of defrauding the public, more especially in the case of Scotch whiskies. Up to the present it has always been the custom to place twelve botiles, containing two imperial gallons of spirit in the case. But, nowthat the necessity for undercutting their rivals has rendered some method of giving the public less for their money indispensable, shippers no longer make six bottles hold an imperial gallon. They had two options before them, Either to lower the quality, or to lessen the quantity of their whisky. The first the public would have detected at once; so they chose the latter. By using a thick glass bottle, a little lower in the shoulder and much thicker at the bottom than an honest bottle, they are able to rob the consumer of from a quart to half a gallon of whisky per case. The loss does not fall upon the dealer, for he knows well enough what he buys and sells. It falls upon the customer who buys a bottle of whisky some ounces short of its proper quantity, and pays the price of an honest bottle for it.

THE WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAV-INGS COMPANY.

The thirty-first annual report of the directors of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Co. shows that, after writing off an unusually large sum in view of the genteral depreciation in the value of real estate in the West, the net profits of the year still amounted to \$167,552. This enabled the company to pay the handsome dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, to gether with the income tax thereon, and yet left it able to carry \$14,965 to the credit of the contingent account. The company now has a reserve of \$770,000 (or

more than 50 per cent. of its capital stock) and a contingent fund of \$78,462, amply sufficient to meet any unexpected drafts upon its resources. The shareholders can fairly be congratulated upon the sound and stable position which the company maintains, and the officers deserve a more than ordinary share of praise for the skill and energy by which they have enabled it to do

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

The decision given a few days ago by the Supreme Court of the Dominion in favor of the Guarantee Company of North America. against the Harbor Board of Montreal, in the Whitney case, already referred to in our columns, goes far to snow that the Company had not taken up its defence on any technical or vexatious grounds. The judgment of the high st court of the realm also, implies some degree of censure upon the mode of procedure in some of our country courts where the point at issue largely concerns our sterling institutions. The president, Mr. Rawlings, with his directors and the shareholders of the Guarantee Company must feel no little degree of satisfaction in having undertaken this defence where it had been much easier to submit to the demand than to incur the odium which a recourse to the law too frequently imposes upon the defendents, however just their defence may be.

THE ONTARIO LOAN AND DEBENTURE COMPANY.

-The twenty-third annual report of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, shows that in spite of the low prices prevailing for farm produce and the short crop in many sections of the country, the net earnings of the past year, after providing for interest on debentures and deposits, and paying all exp. nses, amounted to \$101,-493. This enabled the company to pay its accustomed seven per cent. dividend and to add \$17,000 to the reserve fund, thus bringing that important safeguard up to \$432,000. The total assets of the company now amount to \$4.156,710, and it is evidently on a sound and thriving, basis. With the same conservative and efficient management in the future that it has had in the past, the next report of the Ontario Loan Co. should show a marked advance upon the present one.

THE BRITISH AMERICA.

The financial statement submitted at the annual meeting of the British America Assurance Co. shows that in spite of the unprecedentedly heavy loss ratio during the past year the progress of the company has been steadily onward. The total cash, income was \$1,369,702 and exceeded its expenditure, including the amount reserved for losses under adjustment by \$90,973! Its total assets are now \$1,392,250, and its surplus for policyholders has grown to \$1,-221,934. This means an increase in cash assets of \$376,679 and in the surplus of \$44,225. These figures are exceptionally significant under the unusual financial conditions of the period during which they were accumulated. Notwithstanding the nnexampled stringency in American monetary circles, the company's showing is an excellent one, and the high appreciation expressed by the shareholders of the work done by the officers and agents during the year is evidently well deserved.

THE ALEXANDER FAILURE.

The eastern creditors of Jas. P. Alexander, of Campbellton, whose failure has already been chronicled in these columns, . have secured an injunction restraining the trustee from doing anything further with the estate and placing the refereein-equity in charge. They claimed that the way in which the estate was being wound up savored too much of a "family deal." The trust deed was signed after Alexander had made a confession of judgment and after an execution for a seizure had been issued. The store had been re-opened after the failure, and goods sold for two days before stock was taken. The selling then went on again for another week, when the store was again shut down, and tenders asked for the stock. They pointed out that the trustee was the brother-in-law, and that the sheriff was the uncle, of Alexander's lawyer, and the judge promptly acquiesced in their view that it would be hetter if an entire stranger took hold.

A HISTORY OF TWO FAILURES.

One who is quite conversant with the details is urged by a few friends to undertake a history of the Exchange and the Central Banks. Were bank failures at all frequent in Canada, these long-since-dead concerns would not be considered worthy of further notice. Some of the actors—those who have the money in their pockets—would not suffer any discomfort from the exposures threatened; those who "loved and lost" would not be likely to admire the pictures.

A DRY GOODS FAILURE.

Gilbert Gauthier, one of the oldest retail dry goods merchants on Notre Dame street, is in difficulties and his estate is now in the hands of Kent & Turcotte. He claims that he owes \$14,800, and that his assets will reach \$11,000; but the accountants anticipate a very different showing when they get through with their valuation. Gauthier has been in business over twenty years in the one stand and has never been in trouble before. He ascribes his failure to loss of trade during the widening of the street, but the general impression is that the keen competition of younger men has been too much for his old-fashioned ways. He has made an offer of 32 cents in the dollar, payable in 4, 8, 12 and 16 months, unsecured, which has been refused. If he can obtain security it will doubtless be accepted.

THE PROVIDENT SAVINGS LIFE.

The mineteenth annual statement of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York shows a gain of nearly \$4,000,000 in new business during the year. The total income of the Society is now \$2,149,-

860, against total disbursements of \$1,7 892,459 and its net assets at the close of 1893 were \$1,410,726. It has \$83,010,434 worth of policies in force, and although it has not all ogether escaped the effects of the shrinkage in values which has obtained all over the United States, its conservative methods of doing business have reduced their influence to a minimum. Its premium income in Canada is over \$80,000, and it bids fair to increase its business in the Dominion under the present management.

A NOVEL SOCIETY.

An "Old Maid's Insurance Society," on the same lines as those which have proved successful in Denmark, will shortly be started in London. The premiums vary according to the age of the lady joining such a society, and if they remain unmarried until they are forty, they are entitled to an annuity. If, however, any lady marries, whether before forty or afterwards, they forfeit all the premiums thay have paid, the amounts going to swell the general fund for the benefit of the unmarried. In this way encound spinst rajoi shender means are enabled to make some provision for themselves in their old age.

Mr. Peter McNicol, of New Westminster, B. C., is credited with inventing a new process for preserving salmon by wrapping the fish completely, when freshly caught, in one fold of linen, then plunging it into a perserving liquid, after which the linen is wrapped once more round and stitched, and the whole plunged into a resinous sort of varnish, which perfectly excludes the air. By this method the inventor claims that ordinary sized salmon can be preserved at a cost of one cent each; and he also claims they keep perfectly for an indefinite length of time. The preserving fluid so far from injuring the flavor of the fish, which is put up just as it comes out of the water, imparts a relish there-

—A shareholder in the Silver Lake Stove Co., of Providence, R.I., has visited Brantford to judge of its suitability for the location of the Canada branch of the company. He asks exemption from taxation for a term of years and free water, and says the company will employ 150 hands.

—A. O. Lucas, general storckeeper of Sherbrooke, has succeeded in getting a settlemeat at 65 cents in the dollar, secured.— J. J. Armstrong, harness maker, Alliston, has called a meeting of creditors.

Financial.

Thursday Evg., Feb. 22, 1894.

Rates for call loans in the local market are unchanged at 4½ to 5 per cent., mercantile discounts 6 to 6½ per cent. Last quotations for Grand Trunks in London were 42% for firsts and 28% for seconds. To-day being Washington's birthday there were no American market reports and few cables. It is said of the New York stock market that there is nothing in it

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except manipulation of the most scientific kind, which is all thrown away on the public which is not inclined to speculate: Sterling exchange sold at 9% to 1/2 and 91/8 to 1/4 for sixties; demand 9% to % and 10 to 10%; cables 10 and 1014; New York funds 1-64 between banks and 1-16 to % over the counter. On the local stock exchange there was manipulation in Gas and prices were put up on the shorts.' There appears to have been a considerable 'short' interest, and the 'bulls' started the story once more, that Coates & Co. were selling out, which is no truer now than before. Large orders for investment came to light around 172 and this caused the speculative crowd to enter the lists. Richelieu did not show much life. The clique is afraid of certain stock coming out, if the price goes too high, and left the security to take care of itself. There was some demand for Telegraph and Cable, said to be on investment account. Pacific was weak on decreased earnings. Grand Trunks were said, on the street, to be within £1 of Bank stocks steady their lowest price. but dull. Bar silver in London 29d. New York har silver 624. Mexican dollars 51. To-day Commercial Cable sold at 136% to 137%, Telegraph at 145% to 146%, Passenger at 169% and 169%, Gas at 17812 to 180, Merchants Rank at Quebec at 1251/2 and Commerce at 1351/4. Following is the record for the week, as per Chas. Meredith & Co., stock brokers :

Banks.	Mo. Sbares.	Highest Price.	Lowest price.	Average this week last year.
Montreal	36	2204	220	2361
Toronto	8	239 1	2391	
Merchants	25	166	166	1671
Quebec,	11	1251	1254	
Nationale	14	90	90	
Commerce	- 51	135	135	148
Miscellaneous,	. •			17.44
Pacific	550	694	681	847
Cable	960	137	1354	
Telegraph	2 8	1484	144	153
Richeliea.	667	84	804	
Passenger	539	1694		
Gas	19.5	180	172	
Montreal Cotton .	74	120	119	
Colored Cotton	50	664	564	
Dominion Cot	25	113	113	139
Mont. 4p.c. stock.		98	08	11
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Total for week ending 22nd Feb., 1894: Clearings \$8,487,030, balances \$993,042; corresponding week of 1893 \$12,718,926 and \$1,818,433; corresponding week of 1892 \$8,541,458 and \$1,188,454; corresponding week of 1891 \$7,034,068 and \$1,123,968.

-The financial depression in the United States has some redeeming features. It is said that over 1,000 saloons have been closed in Chicago owing to it.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS. Thursday Evg., Feb. 22, 1894.

The disposition of traders is to buy cautiously and not in excess of requirements, but a fair number of orders have been placed for the spring trade, quite equal to the expectations of leading houses. Business is likely to contime to be somewhat on the quiet side this month, but there is no lack of confidence in the future, in spite of tariff uncertainties and slow payments. The situation has somewhat improved in the United States, and many establishments have resumed operations with large staffs. The severity of the winter, which gave way to a few bright days this week, has given rise to expectations of an early spring, which, it is hoped, will be real-

Ashes.—Receipts are moderate. Market quiet at \$\frac{4}{2}.20 to \$\frac{4}.25 for first pots and \$\frac{3}.80 for seconds. Pearls nominal at \$\frac{5}.50. Received since 1st Jan. 265 brls. pots, 15 brls. pearls; delivered 256 brls. pots, 30 brls. pearls; in store 22nd Feb. at 3 p. m. 56 brls. pots, 25 brls. pearls.

Butter and Cheese.—Batter keeps firm and supplies of good tub butter are quite moderate. Fall creamery has sold at 24c to 25c for best and Townships dairy at 21c to 22c. Single packages are worth about 1c more. Kamouraska is quoted at 19c to 20c. Roll butter continues plentiful and is quoted at 18c to 20c. The European butter market was active and higher, according to last advices. Cheese is steady with business reported over the cable at 11 3-8c. Some Quebec cheese has been offered down below at 10 5-8c f.ob. cars. One Brockville factory is said to have started up for the soason. Liverpool advices speak of the market as quiet but steady. Goods under finest have been advanced 1s. Extra fancy fall makes 57s to 58s, finest 55s 6d to 50s 6d, good to fine 48s to 54s.

Coal Oil.—The demand is naturally not so active as a month ago, but the winter trade has been fair. Prices are slightly vacior.

Dressed Poultry and Eggs.—There is not a great deal of poultry under offer but demand is slow. Turkeys 7c to 10c and gcese 41-2c to 6c; chickens scarce. A good business was done in eggs at steady prices. Boiling 18c to 19c, held fresh 10c to 12c, city limed 10c to 11c, western ditto 9c to 10c.

Dry Goods.—The city trade has been quiet. Retailers generally take stock in February, and are then busy receiving goods, and preparing for the spring trade. There is also less disposition to purchase in Lent. Orders at the wholesale houses from travellers have been fair. Collections are not up to what they should be, but some go so far as to say that they might be worse. Most of those visited would be well satisfied with business if

money was only coming in more freely. There is nothing in sight to improve this state of things in the immediate future, unless grain should advance, as most of our profitable produce has been already marketed. The number of actual assignments in this line is not large, but we must not omit notice of private settlements with special reference to concerns in the Northwest. The pinch of hard times in Manitoba and the Territories has been felt more or less in Montreal. Liverpool cotton quiet; American middlings 41-4d. New York cotton futures steady; Feb. 7.60c, March 7.63c, April 7.70c, May 7.77c. Close, spots dull; uplands 7.78c, gulf 81-8c, futures steady; sales Feb. 7.57c, March 7.58c, April 7.00c, May 7.73c, June 7.79c, July 7.84c.

Flour and Grain.-The enquiry for flour, grain, meal and feed has been quite moderate. Changes in prices are few After selling at extremely low figures there was; a spurt in wheat at Chicago, but the market continues a most uncertain one. Recent statistics are as follows: Visible supply, States and Canada, 78,667,000, agninst 80, 216,000 a year ago. On pas-tage to Britain 23,488,000 and 25,432,-000; to continent 6,968,000 and 4,528,-000. The world's shipments of wheat and flour are said to be three million bushels under estimated . European requirements. Cables report cargoes of wheat firmly held, with demand for quirements. France. Chilian wheat, off coast, 24s 3d, Walla Walla same, California 25s 6d. Weather in England frosty. Liverpool spot wheat dull and easy feeling. Mixed maize 3s 9 1-2d. Canadian peas 4s 10d. London Minneapolis straight flour 16s. In the west, receipts at primary points are moderate and milling demand is good. Demand for all grades of spring at Chicago has greatly improved. No. 8 is easily saleable at 57c to 60c, as to quality. Hard varieties of No. 2 saleable at 61c to 62c, while May sells at 59c. Demand for winter wheat light. The north-Hard varieties of No. 2 saleable at western markets (Minneapolis and Duuth) were strong and higher and were an important and strengthening factor. was reported those markets were influenced by the free purchases by the milling interest. In view of the stagnent condition of the flour market at present at home and abroad it would seem that this demand was rather speculative than for actual milling. The demand from France for wheat cargoes off the English coast continues to be an enouraging This demand is for the Califeature. fornia wheat which, owing to its uniform and honest standard of quality, offers inducements that inferior wheats of doubtful grades cannot offer. In Germany, Belgium. Holland and Austria-Hungary the weather is abnormally mild, and agricultural prospects flattering. From Roumania, however, the reports are much less reassuring, the severe wather and the lack of snow prejudicing the wheat crop, while the Colza crop is said to be practically destroyed. From the south of Russia also the latest reports speak less favorably of the crops, owing to the drought and the severe weather. British advices state that the weather, although somewhat changeable, continues mild the season, and vegetation is quite for-ward for the time of year; farmers are in fact, beginning to congratulate them-selves, both in Britain and in France, on the unusually favorable character of the season. In France, however, there is a latent feeling of anxiety that the wheat crop is too forward, in view of the possibility of the advent of severe frosts. There are no means of knowing whether there has been any further falling off in the acreage sown this year with wheat but it is reported from several districts that the ruinously low prices have led to some further diminution in the area sown. It must be confessed that buyers are anticipating a good deal in their anxiety to discount the effects of the

supposed abundant supplies in the spring and summer months from the Argentine, Australia and Russia. It is quite possible in fact that these supplies will not be so extensive as is thought; it is quite true that about fifty steamers, besides a host of sailing ships, have been already chartered to load wheat in Argentine ports between now and May, and that something like eighty sailing vessels have been chartered to load in Australian ports in the next four months, but neither India nor Russia can be expected to press their supplies at such prices as now obtain.

Groceries .- Business has been moderatcly active in a jobbing way, but no events of importance have transpired. Refined sugars are unchanged. Prices appear reasonable enough, but there is no speculative spirit. The American press is fairly aroused over the sugar question and a good deal has been shown up about tariffs and bounties. The statement is made that the German bounty will expire in 1896 and that the American re-finer is fully protected in the meantime by the rate of freight. Upon this point the Staats Zeitung says: "Refined sugar-can under no circumstances be shipped can under no circumstances be snipped from a European port to New York for less than 71-2 shillings, or about \$1.85 per ton of 2,240 pounds, i.e., about eight cents per 100 pounds. The ocean freight alone wipes out the entire bounty, and the high cost of the inland transportation protects. tion protects American refiners to a con-iderable extent." The principal refin-eries of Germany are in Magdeburg, an interior city about as far from the seaboard as Berlin. The German bounty is hoard as Berlin. The German bounty is now in course of extinction in pursuance of the law of 1891, and will cease altogether in 1896. A recent sale of Barbadoes molasses has taken place on spot, terms being private, but understood to be about 80c. The quantity was 800 puncheous. The price is 14c at the islands or 19c f.o.b. Prices have lately, advanced 1c. The crop is said to be barely an avenue but fuller news is awited. ly an average, but fuller news is awited. The following is a late New York report on molneses and sugar. Molneses: Choice grades of domestic are not plentiful and holders firm, but the lower sorts are quite and tame. New Orleans open kettle, choice, 33e to 86c, do do prime 29c to 32c, do do good 27c to 28c, do do fair 25c to 26c, do do centrifugal choice 20c to 23c, prime 18c to 19c, fair 16c to 17c, and ordinary to common 11c to 15c.Cuba 50-test nominal. Sugars: The demand for raws was light, but the tone of the nor laws was light, but the tone of the market remains steady. Muscovado 89-test at 2 15-16c, molasses sugar 89-test at 2 5-8c to 2 11-16c, and centrifugal 96-test at 3 5-16c. Refined quiet, but holdat 25-8c to 211-16c, and centrifugal 96-test at 35-16c. Refined quiet, but hold-ers firm. Out loaf and crushed at 5c to 53-16c, powdered 41-2c to 411-16c, granulated 41-4c to 47-16c, Columbia A 4c to 43-16c, Windsor 4c to 43-16c, Bidgewood A 4c to 43-16, Phoenix A 315-16c to 41-2c, and Empire A 37-8c to 41-16c. The American contract market for coffee is weak and a further decline of 10 points has been recorded. The advices from Brazil | contained nothing new or pronounced, but European advices were again discouraging, and to this factor the depression was due. At the decline there was little done and only 1,000 bags May changed hands on the call at 15.25. Since then February sold at 15.85, March 15.60 to 15.65, April 15.35 to 15.40, May 15.25, June 14.95, and September at 14.20, 65 points were paid to exchange 1,250 bags June for March Havre was steady at 1-4ir. lower. London lost 8d to 6d, and Hamburg declined 1-4 pfg. The total American visible sup-1-4 pig. The total American visible supply is 473,552 bags, against 496,647 last

Green Fruits, Etc.—There is a good supply of oranges and other stock under offer, but this is usually a quiet month. Florida brights, good counts, \$3.25 to

\$3.50; golden russets \$3; California oranges \$2.25 to \$2.75, Valencias \$3.25 to \$3.50. Lemons \$2 to \$3.50, according to brand and quality. Almeria grapes \$4.50 to \$6 per keg. Bananas \$3 bunch. Pineapples 20c to 25c for fancy, bright and large. Dates 41-2c to 5c. Prunes 41-2c to 5cc Walnuts 11c to 121-2c; cobnuts 20c lb.

Leather and Shocs.—The boot and shoe factories are now fairly busy, and although some complain a little, others appear to be satisfied with the orders so far booked. There are a good many colored goods, including goat skins, being cut and glazed Dongola is in demand. Leather houses report a fair run of small sales at close prices.

Iron and Hardware.—The discussion between importers, domestic pig iron producers and the users of imported scrap, in other words the rolling mill people, has not ceased, and may be more or less interesting to the general public, especially to those who can read between the lines, and see where the shoe pinches. Of course there is a natural anxiety to enlighten the people in letters to the press, just so far and no farther, than may be politic, but the facts of the situation have been more than once outlined in the editorial columns of the Journal, and the subject will be borne in mind. The interests are all powerful and more or less antagonistic, so that the iron duties will be a difficult problem for the administration. A knowing one has hinted that the Government may reduce the duty on iron from \$4 to \$2, but pay a fat bounty to the maker. Excellent idea! The duty will not look so excessive and the public knows very little about bounties. Scotch warrants are cabled at 43s 8d. No. 3 foundry G. M. B. 36s 3d. G. M. B. copper, spot, £41 17s Gd, futures £42 7s Gd; market active and firm. Soft Spanish lead £9 7s 3d. G. M. B. Spelter £16. Tin, spot, £68 7s Gd, 3 months £60 5s, market quiet. A despatch from Singapore, Straits Settlements, on tin, under date 15th ult., reports large contracts at steadily declining prices, closing at the lowest, Sales since 8th ult., 725 tons at \$37.25 and \$36.75. Imports of tin and black plates at New York, week ended Feb. 15, from Britain. Tin plates 17,528, black plates 1,348 boxes.

Provisions.—In this line business has been flat and uninteresting. There was a little trading in dressed hogs at \$6 to \$6.10 in car lots and \$6.40 to \$6.50 in a jobbing way. Pork in Chicago advanced to \$12.17 Feb., \$12.27 1-2 May and lard was steady at \$7.55 Feb., \$7.22 1-2 May. On this market Canada short cut pork sold at \$16.50 to \$17 per brl. Hams quiet at 12c to 18c, bacon 11 1-2c to 121-2c, lard 11 1-4c to 121-24c, ditto common refined 71-2c to 8c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. (Revised by Tolegraph.)

Toronto, Feb. 22, 1894.

The volume of trade this week has been restricted, with no important changes in prices. The feeling, however, is a little more hopeful. Some improvement is reported in hardware and iron. Payments are rather slower. Money here is cheap, with 5 per cent. ruling for call loans. Sterling exchange firmer in sympathy with New York rates. A better tone to the stock market is apparent, the closing being at about the best prices of the week. Imperial sold at 179, Dominion at 271. Standard at 160, Hamilton at 150 1-2, and Commerce at 125, Montreal 210 1-2 bid and Toronto 140 bid. Cable sold at 136 1-2, C.P.R. at 69, West-

ern Assurance at 140 1-8, British America at 110 1-4, Gas oft 189 1-2. Loan company, stocks are very dull. Canada Permanent sold at 181 to 181 1-2 and London & Canadian 127 3-4 bid.

Butter.—Receipts are fair and the demand only moderate. Large rolls are jobbing at 16c to 19c, and the best tub dairya then to 21c. Creamery tub at 23c to 24c and rolls 25c to 26c. Eggs are dull with fresh quoted at 15c to 16c, ordinary at 12c; to 12 1-2c, and limed at 8c to 10c. Cheese is firm at 11c to 11 1-2c for Sept. and Oct. makes.

Dressed Hogs.—Demand inactive with receipts fair. Car lots sell at \$5.75 for heavy and at \$5.80 to \$5.90 for light.

Flour and Grain.—The flour market is dull and heavy. Straight rollers quoted at \$2.60 to \$2.75, and Ontario patents at \$2.90 to \$3. Manitoba flour unchanged at \$3.60 to \$3.75 for patents and at \$3.40 for bakers. Wheat very dull, with sales of car lots of red and white at 50c to 57c, and spring at 59c west. No 1 Manitoba hard unchanged at 74c west and at 76c east. Sales in transit at 771-2c. Barley dull at 43c for No. 1, and at 35c to 37c for feed. Oats sold at 32c west and at 35 1-2c to 36c on track. Peas are quoted at 53c, and corn at 39c outside. Buckwheat offers at 43c and rye is quoted at 46c. Bran \$15 on track, khorts \$15.50 to \$16, and oatmeal at \$4 to \$4.20.

Groceries.—Trade is inactive, and values generally steady. Sugars firm with sales of granulated at 4.3-4c and yellows at 3.1-2c to 4.1-2c. Fruits quiet, and prices firm. Syrups steady at 40c to 45c for the best, and molasses 82c for New Orleans. Teas are firm, and collees quoted at 22c to 23c for Rios.

Leather.—Business quiet, with prices generally unchanged.

Hides and Skins.—Cured hides dull at 3 3-4c. No. 1 green is quoted at 3 1-4c. Sheepskins steady at 75c to 85c, and caliskins 6c to 7c. Tallow dull at 5 1-4c to 5 3-4c for rendered and 2c for rough.

Live Stock.—Receipts somewhat larger than usual and prices steady under a good demand. Choice cattle sold at \$1-2c and \$3-4c, and medium at 3c to 31-4c. Hogs are steady at 5c to 51-8c for long and lean, and 43-4c for heavy. Sheep firm at \$3.75 to \$4.50 each and lambs 31-2c to 41-4c per lb.

Provisions.—Trade quiet with prices generally steady. Long clear bacon is quoted at \$1-4c to \$1-2c. Breakfast bacon 12c and rolls 9c. Lard sells at 91-2c to 101-4c, mess pork \$14.50 to \$15 and short cut \$16.50. Smoked hams 11c to 111-2c. Hops dull at 15c to 16c and beans \$1.25 to \$1.40. Apples are quoted at \$3 to \$4 per barrel. Potatoes are dull at 43c to 45c for bag in car lots.

Wool.—Very little doing. Canadian fleece is nominal at 17c to 17 1-2c. Pulled supers 19c to 21c and extras 23c to 24c.

Meetings. Reports &c.

THE BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders was hell at the Company's office, Toronto, on Thursday, the 15th February. The President, Mr. George .A Cox, occupied the chair. Among the shareholders present were: Messrs. A. M. Smith, Alex. Nairn, Thomas Long, Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Dr. Daniel Clark, James M. Hamilton, A. Myers, S. F. McKinnon, John Hoskin, Q.C., L.L.D., B. Jackes Henry M. Pellatt, Robert Thompson, P. H. Sims, John Morlson, John Scott, Robt. Beaty, John Morlson, John Scott, Robt. Beaty, John

Stewart, Wm. Adamson, A. G. Fitzgerald, Jas. O'Hara, Jno. H. Ewart, Geo. Gamble, Walter McDonald, Jno. K. Niven, and H. D. Gamble.

Mr. P. H. Sims was appointed to act as secretary, and read the following annual report:

The Directors beg to submit herewith statements showing the results of the Company's business, for the year ending 81st December, 1893.

Slst December, 1893.

The premium receipts show a considerable increase over those of the preceding year, and afford gratifying evidence of the growth in popularity of the Company, while perhaps the most satisfactory feature of the accounts is the diminished ratio of expense at which the business has been conducted.

The general depression in trade throughout the entire continent, and the almost unprecedented financial stringency that prevailed for several months in the United States, have had a marked effect, as might naturally be supposed, upon the life insurance business of 1893, and to these causes may be attributed, to a considerable extent at least, the large increase in losses which is shown in the returns made by all companies both in Canada and the United States. The total losses reported far exceeded those of any year for the past twenty years, and although the losses incurred by the Company are considerably in excess of what might be looked for in an ordinary year, it is gratifying to your Directors to be able to point to the fact that its ratio of losses to premiums is considerably below the average loss ratio of all companies doing business in Canada, and will compare favorably with the general experience of companies in the United States.

It is also encouraging to note that during the closing quarter of the year the business showed a decided improvement over the preceding nine months, and with the advanced rates that are now being obtained on many classes of risks, your Directors feel warranted in anticipating more favorable results from the business of the current year.

ness of the current year.

Summary of financial statement:—
Total cash income - - \$1,869,702.40
Total expenditure, including

appropriation for losses under adjustment - 1,278,729.21

Balance - - - \$90,078.19

Dividends declared - - \$46,748.87

Total assets - - - \$1,892,249.81 Total liabilities - - - 170,815.66

Surplus of policy holders - \$1,221,934.15. The president, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the statement presented, and which has been in the hands of the Shareholders for the past week, would have enabled them to judge how the business of 1898 had turned out, and the financial condition of the company at the close of the year, but he felt it due to the Shareholders, as well as to the Directors, that he should add a few words as to the work that had been done during the term of office and the conditions under which the business had been carried on.

Refore dealing with the statement itself, he thought it might be interesting to Shareholders, to whom general insurance statistics were not accessible, to point out the general result of the fire insurance business for the year 1808 in the fields in which the Company is operating, as shown from the returns which have already been published, for it was by a comparison of these with our own figures rather than by any favourable or adverse balance that we might show in our accounts for one year that the management of the Company can best

he judged.

He showed that the returns for all companies licensed by the Dominion Government proved that fire insurance in

Canada has resulted unprofitably to the companies as a whole, the average loss ratio being about 75 per cent. of the premiums, while this Company's losses in Canada had been under 65 per cent. In the United States also, the statements of companies, as far as published, show that the transaction of the past rangelies. that the transaction of the past year had resulted in a heavy loss to the companies generally; moreover, the statistics com-piled of the total losses by fire on this continent showed that they amounted to upwards of \$150,000,000, being some 14 millions greater than 1892, and far in excess of those of any previous year.

In reference to the accounts now presented, the President pointed out that, briefly spenking, they showed an increase of capital of \$250,000 (as authorized at the last annual meeting of the Share-holders); an increase in cash assets of \$376,679; a handsome gain in premium receipts; a reduced expense ratio, and a loss ratio which, although larger than might be looked for in an ordinary year, must still be regarded as favorable when compared with the general experience of the past year; and, further, that after proviling for all outstanding losses and all other known liabilities, and for the payment of two half-yearly dividends at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, the rate of seven per cent. Det annual, the Company show a surplus of \$471,934, as against \$427.709 at the 31st December, 1892. He felt also that they might further claim for the Company, without fear of contradiction, that it stands well both with its agents and the insuring public, and one of the most gratifying evidences to the Directors of this latter fact is the substantial gain in business in the city of Toronto, which, as the headquarters of the Company and the centre of its influence, should, in the opinion of the Directors, prove one of its chief sources of profit.

In conclusion, the President expressed

the high appreciation which the Direcors felt of the work done during the past year by the officers of the Company and its agents throughout its extensive field

of operation.

A vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice President, and Directors, for their services during the past year.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year: Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, A. M. Smith, S. F. McKinnon, Thos. Long, Jno. Hoskin. Q. C., LL.D., H. M. Pellatt, R.

Jastray, A. Myers.

At a meeting held subsequently, Mr. Geo. A. Cox was elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice President.

WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company took place on the 15th instant, the president, Hon. G. W. Allan, in the

non. The thirty-first annual report and financial statement of the directors read as follows:

-Report.

The directors have much pleasure in presenting to the shareholders the thirty-first annual report of the business of

the company.

The profits of the year, after deducting all charges and writing off a very conall charges and writing off a very considerable sum in view of the general depreciation in the value of real estate, amount to \$167.552.55. Out of this sum have been paid the usual half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent, per armam, together with the income tax thereon, amounting to \$152,587.50, and the balance has been carried to the gradit the balance has been carried to the credit of the contingent fund. The amount now standing at the credit of that fund is \$78,461,55, as against \$77,878.62 last

The repayments on mortgage loans during the past year have been on the whole very satisfactory, amounting altogether to the sum of \$1.491,188.94.

The full limit of the power of the com-pany under its charter to receive moneye for investment being so nearly reached, the directors have from time to time been compelled to decline many offers of addi-tional sums proffered to them on very advantageous terms.

The total amount of moneys entrusted to the company by British and Canadian investors is now \$4,483,000.

The very favorable terms upon which the company has obtained the funds placed in its hands for investment, have in a great degree counterbalanced the prevailing low rates on mortgage loans, and the directors are able to congratulate the shareholders on the excellent result of the year's business and the thoroughly sound and stable position which

the company continues to maintain.

The balance sheet and profit and loss account, together with the auditors' re-

port, are submitted herewith.

G. W. ALLAN, President.

-Financial Statement for the Year Ending on 31st December, 1893 .-Linbilities,-

To shareholders-Capital stock -Reserve fund -\$1,500,000.00 770,000,00 Contingent account 78,461.55 Dividend, payable 8th Jan., 1894 -75,000.00

\$2,423,461,55

To the public-Debenture and interest - - 3,453,566.32 Deposits -1,030,185.35 Sundry accounts, including coupous outstanding -

\$6,907,814.59

Investments -\$6,705,247.92 Office premises and furni-ture, Toronto and Winni-Cash on hand and in banks

Assets.

117.386.95 85,179.72

\$6,907,814.59

Profit and Loss Account Cost of management, viz.: Salaries, rent, inspection and valuation, office expenses, branch office, agents' commissions, aubranch office, ditors' fees, etc. Directors' compensation \$ 52,376.82 8,980.00 Interest on deposits - Interest on debentures -42,784.95 144,586.01 Net profit for year, applied as follows: Dividends and tax thereon 152,587.50 Carried to contingent ac-14,965.05

\$411,230.88

Interest on mortgages and debentures, rents, etc. -\$411,230.88

> \$411,230.83 WALTER S. LEE, Managing Director.

Toronto, 3rd February, 1894.
To the Shareholders of the Western Can-

ada Loan & Savings Company:
Gentlemen,—We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Western Canada Loan and Savings of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company for the year ending 31st December, 1893, and certify that the annexed statements of assets and liabilities, and profits and loss, are correct, and show the true position of the company's officies.

Every mortgage and debenture or other security has been compared with the books of the company. They are correct and correspond in all respects with the schedules and ledgers. The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS, FRED. J. MENET, WM. E. WATSON, F.C.A. Auditors. The president then said:

In moving the adoption of the report I am glad to be able to congratulate the shareholders, to quote the words of the concluding paragraph, on "the sound and stable position" in which the company stands at the conclusion of its 31st business year. There are times when it behooves all who are in any way connected with the conduct and management of the monetary affairs of the country, to scrutinize most closely and rigidly every detail of the business of their respective institutions.

The directors of the Western Canada believe that this rigid scrutiny has been faithfully exercised by them, and after looking thoroughly into the character and standing of all their securities, and writing off such an amount as the general depression and shrinkage in the value of real estate rendered prudent, they are able to report to their shareholders that able to report to their shareholders that the earning power of the company dur-ing the past year has been such as fully to justify them in agian declaring the same rate of dividend which has been paid to the shareholders for the past 30 years of the company's existence.

In looking forward to the future, the directors do not close their eyes to the fact that the indications are that the prevailing low rate of interest may in all probability continue, if indeed it does ant propability continue, it indeed it does not rule lower than at present, both in Ontario and Manitoba. There is a larger amount of money every year seeking investment in Canada. Formerly large sums were sent out of the country for insurance alone. Now, our home comsurance alone. Now our home companies are building up a magnificent business, and they have become competitors with the loan companies in the investment of their surplus funds. Other agencies are at work also, which may all tend to keep down the rate of interest; but on the other hand this is counterbalanced, so far as this company is concerner, by the increasingly favorable terms upon which, from the high standing of our debentures, we are able to obtain all the money we require in Great Britain and in Canada. In fact, as stated in the report, we have had frequently to decline money offered to us on the most favorable terms, because we have so nearly reached the limit to our borrowing powers which our charter imposes.

In view of the financial troubles which so seriously affected our sister colonies in Australasia, where a very large amount of British funds are invested, and the total derangement of every department of business and commerce in the United States, it is a matter of thankfulness and just pride to every Canadian, fulness and just pride to every canadian, that the Dominion, while not wholly escaping the effects of the universal depression, has preserved its credit unimpaired, that its financial institutions have proved themselves sound and stable, and that our sequential continue to comand that our securities continue to command the entire confidence of the British investor.

In connection with our investors in Great Britain, I have great pleasure in mentioning that we were favored last autumn with a visit from Mr. David Cowan, of the firm of Bell, Cowan of the firm of Bell, Cowan & Co.. of Edinburgh, our valued representatives in Great Britain. Mr. Cowan had been making, I believe, an extended tour to Australia and New Zealand, and returning by Vancouver and the North-west to Ontario, on his way back to Engwest to Ontario, on his way back to england, availed himself of the opportunity to make himself acquainted with the management and business of the company, both at Winnipeg and Toronto.

This was not the first visit of Mr. Cowan to the Dominion, and he expressed himself much gratified with the growth of the country, more especially the won-derful progress and improvement which was so apparent in Manitoba. In regard to the shrinkage in the value of real estate, so far at least as regards farm property in Ontario, we may, I think, fairly

hope that this has probably reached its lowest point.

The low prices of wheat and other grains, the very considerable emigration to Manitoba and the Northwest from some sections of the Province, have all contributed for several years past to the depreciation of farm property in Ontario, but there are indications, I think, of improvement; improved farms are more in demand and bring better prices, and with the greater attention now being paid to dairying and stock raising, and a better and more intelligent system of farming which is by degrees being adopted, we may hope that farm property in Outario will ere long recover to a great extent its former value.

Its former value.

In Manitoba while there has been a partial failure of the grain crop in certain districts, and the price of wheat has gone districts, and the price of wheat has gone districts, and the price of wheat has gone down unusually low, the country is not-withstanding fairly prosperous. The price of land generally remains firm. Farmers there, as in Ontario, are beginning in many localities to adopt mixed farming, which will render them more independent of the fluctuations in the grain market, and so far as regards the business of this company, we are glad to be able to state that our farm borrowers are meeting their engagements most satisfactorily-more so, indeed, than on any

tisfactorily—more so, indeed, than on any previous year.

The outlook then upon the whole is, I think, a favorable one both in Ontario and Manitoba, and in the meantime the directors are able to assure the shareholders that both in Ontario and Manitoba that both in Ontario and Manitoba between of the company is being toba the business of the company is being conducted with the utmost care and pru-

dence. We have now an excellent staff of inwe have now an excellent scall of the spectors in Manitoba, and we cannot speak too highly of the efficiency of our appraisers. At Winnipeg Mr. Fisher continues to prove himself a most able and and at the same time a most careful manager of the company's business in the ex-

ager of the company's business in the extensive territory under his care.

The Toronto office staff are all most thoroughly efficient and discharge their duties to the entire satisfaction of the directors, and in conclusion I need only repeat what I have so often said on many previous occasions, that in the managing director we have one to whose watchful care and able supervision of the whole business of the company we are mainly indebted for the success and prosperity which has for so many years attended, and still continues to attend, the business of the Western Canada.

business of the Western Canada.

The old Board of Directors were reelected, viz., the Hon. George W. Allan,
president; George Goodherham, Esq.,
vice president; Messrs. Thomas H. Lee,
George W. Lewis, Alfred Goodherham,the
Hon. Sir David Macpherson, K.C.M.G.; and
Walter S. Lee, managing director.

THE ONTARIO LOAN AND DEBENTURE COMPANY.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Deshareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company was held at their office in London on Wednesday, 14th inst., at 3 p. m. The following shareholders were present, viz.: Messrs. John McClary, William Bowman, W. R. Hobbs, Rev. Wm. Birks, Rev. James Gordon, A. S. Emery, J. G. Richter, J. M. McWhinney, J. E. Jeferry, etc., etc. fery, etc., etc.

The following report was then submit-

The Directors have much pleasure in laying before the Shareholders the twenty-third annual report of the Company, together with the duly audited balance

together with the unity audited balance sheet for the past year.

The sum of \$750,096 has been loaned and \$645,616 of principal and interest has been repaid during the year. The repayments of the Company's mortgages have been fairly well met, considering

the prevailing extremely low prices of all kinds of farm produce, as well as a comparatively short crop. The financial depression in the adjoining Republic has not affected this country to any appreciable extent, except as to temporarily slightly increasing rates of interest.

The net earnings of the year, after paying and providing for all due and accrued

interest on debentures and deposits, and paying expenses of all kinds, amount to \$101,493.27, as against \$98,835.39 for the previous year; out of which the usual seven per cent. dividend has been paid and \$17,000 added to the Reserve Fund,

which now amounts to \$432,000.
Outstanding sterling debentures now amount to £374,857, as against £382,-192 at the end of the previous year.

Currency debentures have increased \$41.-863 during the year; the amount now outstanding is \$182,211.

Mortgages on real estate have increased \$256,602. The total assets of the Company now amount to \$4,156,710.

All of the property which has fallen into the hands of the Company and has the hope and the book against the company and has

into the hands of the Company and has not been sold has been seen and carefully reported on by the Senior Inspector of the Company, and taken into account at his valuation, viz., \$54,516. These are all productive properties, and the greater portion leased to pay a fair rate of interest on the investment after paying all rates and taxes. Under these circumstances your Board have not considered it advisable to make any undue sacrifice

by summarily disposing of them.
All of which is respectfully submitted
JOSEPH JEFFERY,

President. Twenty-third annual report of the On-tario Loan and Debenture Company, for the year ending 31st December,

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Revenue Account-	
Int: on sterling debentures\$	74,126.82
Int. on currency debentures	7,619.31
Savings bank interest	18,419.70
Expenses connected with	
sterling debentures	5.018.03
Commission and expenses in	- ·
connection with loans -	5,043.00
Expenses of management -	16,045.28
Income tax paid	1,572.06
Dividend No. 59, paid July	_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
2, 1893	42,000.00
Dividend No. 60, due Janu-	,
arv 2, 1894	42,000.00
Carried to Reserve Fund -	17,000.00
	594.98
Balance carried forward -	004.00

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\$229,439.38 -Financial Statement

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Mortgages on real estate -	83,779,681.89
Logns on debentures	125,082.58
Loans on this Company's	
stock (in no case exceed-	
ing par value)	67,810.94
Real estate owned	20,800.00
Office premises (freehold) -	72,000.00
Cach with Bank of Scotland	8.495.97

74,721.67 Cash with the Molsons Bank Cash with the Traders' Bank 8,617.56 of Canada -

\$4,156,710.56

Liabilities .-Liabilities to the public: Sterling debentures - Accrued interest on same -- \$1,824,807.80 18,287,83 182,211.00 Currency debentures - - Accrued interest on same -8,128,54 454,180.91 Savings bank deposits -\$2,482,115.58

- - - \$1,674,594.98 Surplus Liabilities to the shareholders - \$1,200,000.00 Capital stock paid up - - Dividend No. 60 (since paid) 42,000.00 Reserve fund - - - - - - Carried to do - - - - - - - Balance to credit of revenue 415,000.00 17,000.00 594.98 account -

\$1,674,594.98 To the Shareholders of the Ontario Loan

and Debenture Company:
We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Outarlo. 1893, comprising a monthly cash audit and the verification of the postings and balances in all the Company's books, and we find the whole correct and in accordance with the above statements. have also examined the securities securities and have also examined find them in order.

GEO. F. JEWELL, F.C.A.

A. S. EMERY,

Anditors.

London, Ont., January 19th, 1894.

London, Ont., January 19th, 1894.

The Vice President, in moving the adoption of the report, said: Gentlemen, it devolves upon me, as Vice President, in the absence of our esteemed President, Mr. Jefiery, through illness, to move the adoption of the report, but before doing so I would say that Mr. Jeffery has been confined to his house through a severe illness during the past three months; but I am sure you will all join with me in the hope that he may soon be restored to his usual health, and that we may have the continued benefit of his extensive exthe continued benefit of his extensive ex-

the continued benefit of his extensive experience and excellent judgment in conducting the affairs of the Company.

The annual report has been in your hands for some time, and is so full that it requires very little explanation from me. The repayments have, as a rule, been well met, considering this has been an unfavourable year for the families. an unfavourable year for the farming community, with whom our business largely lies. Many of our most intelligent farmers are now adapting themselves to the improved methods of agriculture, discontinuing the raising of grain to a considerable extent, and devoting their attention largely to stock and dairy products, producing butter and cheese extensively through modern improved factory methods. I feel assured that they are now moving in the right direction to produce the best results from their lands.

The earnings of the Company for the year I think you will conclude are as favorable as we have a right to expect, considering that both our borrowing and lending powers are restricted under the Act by which this Company is incorporated; the latter solely to loans on mortgages on real estate, Government, Municipal and loan companies' debentures, and to a limited extent on the stock of this Company.

These are the highest class of securities the Dominion of Canada affords, and such as are eagerly sought after by private investors, insurance corporations,

While our farm lands have depreciated in common with lands in nearly all parts of the globe, no agricultural lands in the of the globe, no agricultural lands in the world give better security for moderate loans than in the western part of Ontario, our chief loaning field; we have the soil, the climate, and the rainfall, the latter so lacking and uncertain and consequently frequently disastrous in sections of the American West and North-

west.
The policy of the Company has always been from its formation to make substan-tial annual additions to the reserve fund. Seventeen thousand dollars have added to it the past year, making it now \$432,000, or 36 per cent. on the paid-up capital. Your Directors would recommend that this policy be continued until it reaches 50 per cent. of the capital. It is a matter of congratulation that the financial troubles in the adjoining Republic have not to any extent affected our monetary institutions, which is largely due to our excellent banking laws, the prudent management of our banks, and

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Capital Authorized, - \$1,000,000 Paid up in Cask (se heles), 204,600 McSources - 1,119,946 Deposit with Borm, Govit, - \$7,000

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of this Company readers the Freeziums in certain cases annually reducible until the rate of

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The thanks of the Shareholders are due to our general agents in Scotland, viz., Messrs. Mylne & Cook, W. S., of Edinburgh, whose business connection from its irreption has been highly satisfactory. These gentlemen have been actively engaged the past year in renewing, maturing, and placing new debentures for

the Company, at rates leaving us a reasonable margin of profit.

In conclusion, I beg to testify to the ability, energy, and prudence of our Manager, Mr. Bullen, and to the ability and painstaking of our Inspectors, and to the general good services of the other offi-cials of the Company. Before moving the adoption of the report I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may choose to ask. The adoption of the report was then moved by the Vice President, and seconded by Mr. William Bow-

man, and was carried upanimously.

The retiring Directors, Messrs. Joseph Jeffery, John McClary, William Bowman, William McDonough and W. R. Hobbs, write niconough and W. R. Hoos, were re-elected, as were also the Auditors, Messrs. George F. Jewell, F.C.A., and A. S. Emery. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. Joseph Jeffery was re-elected President, and Mr. John McClary, Vice-President.

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Ninetecuth annual statement, ending
Dec. 31st, 1893.
Income— Net assets, Jan. 1st, 1893 - \$1,153,325.69
Net assets, Juli. 180, 180, 180, 180, 180, 180, 180, 180,
43,452.75
Rents and other sources - 16,967.25
Total income \$2,149,859.61
33,303,185.80
Disbursements— Paid claims by death \$ 938,373.71
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holders - 889,021.00
Paid surrendered policies - 4,000.00
Paid annuitants 1,581.40
Total to policyholders - \$1,388,783.25
Paid commissions and trav-
elling expenses \$ 345,001.00
wall retemine and madical
, - 19,110.01
22,9 (8.70
Doid worts 20,394.01
Poid re-insurance 11,712.40
Paid advertising, printing,
postage, etc 51,001.10
Paid furniture 2,110.22
Paid dividends to stock- holders - 6,977.60
Total expenses \$ 558,676.30
Total disbursements \$1,892,459.56
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Net assets, December 31st, 1893 - \$1,410,725.7
Cash capital \$100,000, invested in Unit ed States 4 per cent. bonds and deposite with the Insurance Department of th State of New York. Assets, December 31st, 1893—
United States and j city 211,800.8

bonds -188,400.00 Bonds and mortgages -Railroad and other stocks 491,486.25 and bonds -234,685.41 Real estate -Loans on collaterals (mar-10,835.79 141,709.86 8,961.75 25,891.25 Loans on policies -Bank stocks -107,869.64 Due from agents (secured) 85.00

Bills receivable \$1,410,725.75 Total net assets -Add-Net deferred and unpaid 126,701.94 premiums -14,833.81 Interest accrued . 6,628.82 Rents accrued -

\$147,668.57.

Less deduction to bring invested assets to market value Dec. 81, 1893 - -

42,117.50

\$105,546.07

Gross assets, Jan. 1st, '94 \$1,516,271.82 Liabilities, December 81st, 1893 .-

Actuaries' 4 per cent. valuation by N. Y. Ins. Dept. - \$ 801,945.77 Surplus, actuaries' 4 p. c. - 714,326.05 714,326.05

\$1,516,271.82

Policies issued in 1893, 8,148 \$23,669,308

Policies in force December 81st, 1893, 24,533 - - 83,101,484 We take pleasure in presenting the fore-We take pleasure in presenting the foregoing statement to our policyholders. During a year of unparalleled business depression, we have written a much larger amount of new business than ever before, and we accept this fact as competent proof of the popularity of our specialty, which is renewable term life insurance, whereby the banking or investment element is reduced to a minimum. ment element is reduced to a minimum.

This society has not been exempt from the increased mortality which has prevailed among all American insured lives during the past year; and being possessed of property in the shape of stocks and bonds, it has not altogether escaped the effect of recent shrinkages in values. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions, however, the record of the year shows an increase both in the amount of assets and of surplus, which is very gratifying in view of these circumstances.

We particularly invite attention to the large returns which our policyholders receive for the very moderate outlay which each one has been called upon to make. Better insurance at a lower price cannot be had.

SHEPPARD HOMANS, President.

WINTER WHEAT.

The mid-winter report of the winter wheat crop up to the 1st of February says: "Fall sceding was prosecuted under fairly favorable conditions, though delayed, and germination hindered in local districts by drought. The least complaint comes from the Ohio Valley, where generally goods growth was made during the fall, and where December and January were favorable to continued development. West of the Missouri River the conditions surround, ing seeding were not so favorable, the long drought of the summer of 1893 having made plowing difficult, and left the seed

bed rough and cloddy. The same unfavorable seed time, from similar causes, was noted in portions of Missouri, and to a fess extent in Illinois. In all districts, however, the proposed area was sown, though late, and moisture enough was present to secure germination and some growth.

"The winter, as far as regards temperac ture, till the closing days of January was remarkably favorable in almost every district. The only cold weather was early in December and was accompanied by timely snow fall that gave sufficient protection. The growth of the plant was not checked, and except in limited districts where there was continued lack of moisture, the plant continued green and thriving. It is the almost universal testimony of local reporters that the plant has made remark? able progress, and except where too dry has largely recovered from the effect of the comparatively late start."

-The supply of natural gas at Ridgetown, Ont., is exhausted and many of those who invested in the wells will lose heavily. Political gas is the only perennial kind.

Advices from Buenos Ayres say that the farmers of the Argentine Republic are disinclined to thrash out their wheat. They find labor too schree and prices too low to render wheat profitable. This statement may be correct but there is a good deal of the Walk street ring about it.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Here is another flattering testimonial from a well known musical connoisseur, Mr. G. Couture, choir master of St. Peter's Cathedral, musical director of the Philharmonic Society, etc:

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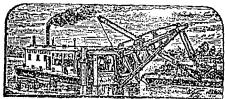
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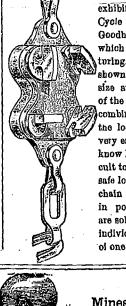
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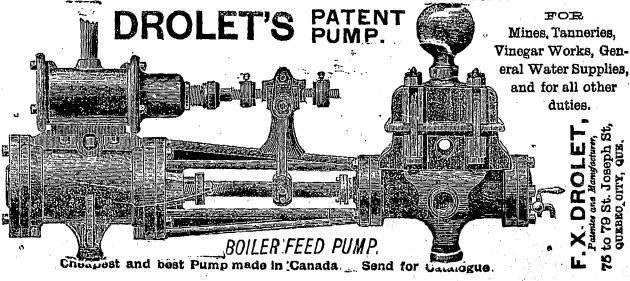
Allow me to congratulate you and at the same time express my admiration.

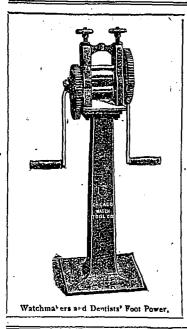
G. COUTURE.

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Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, January, 1894.

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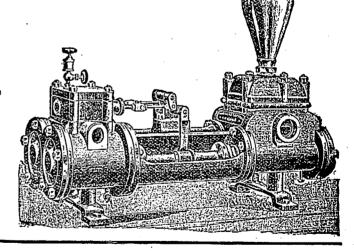
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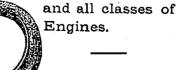
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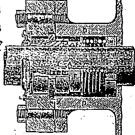
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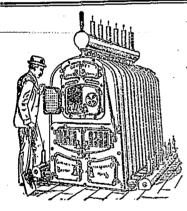


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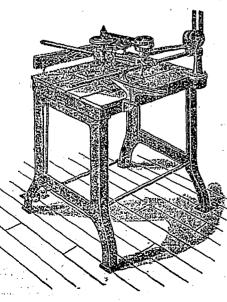
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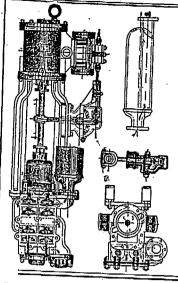
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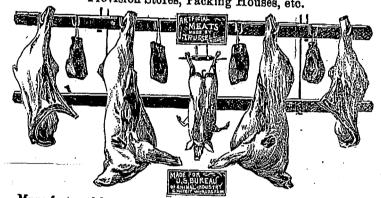
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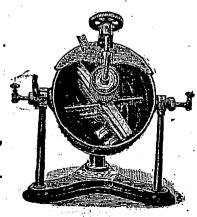
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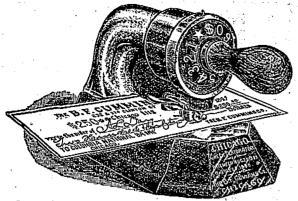
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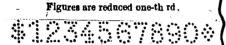
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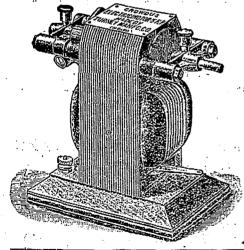


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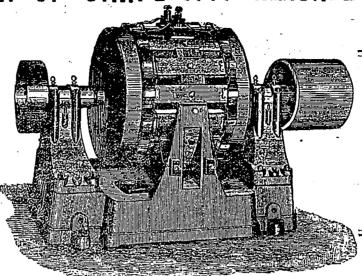
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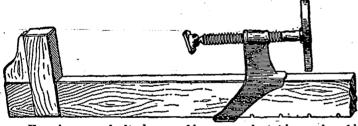
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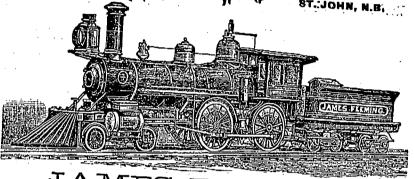
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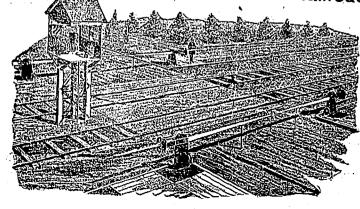
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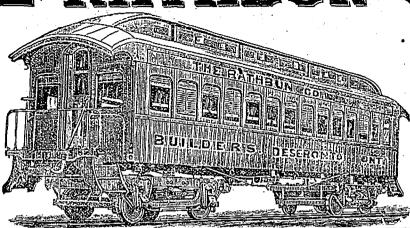
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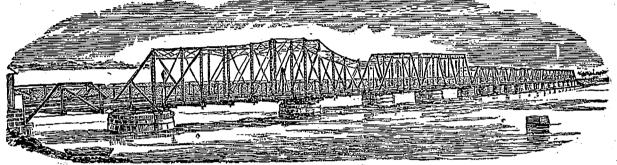
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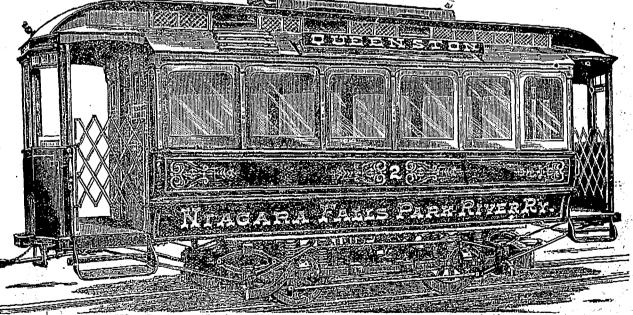
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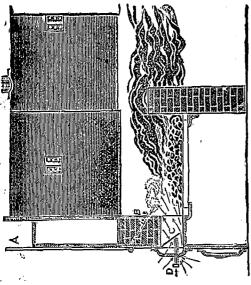
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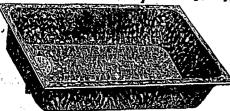
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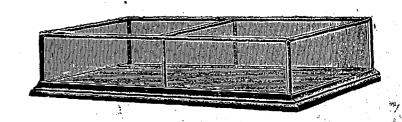


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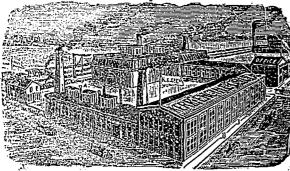
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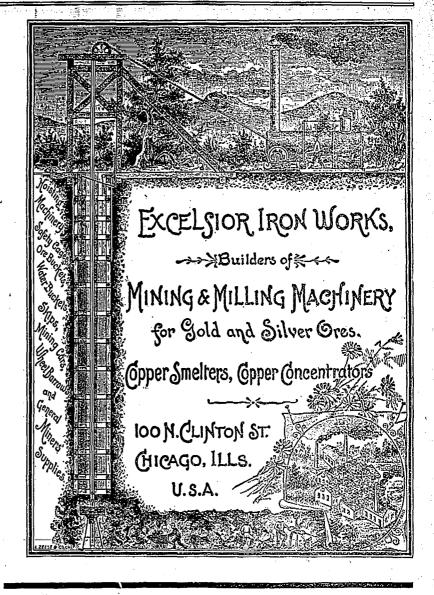
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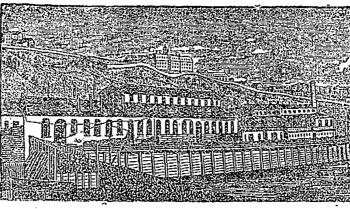
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