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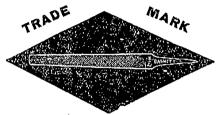
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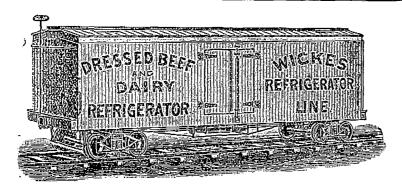


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-The bill to abolish the wearing of big hats in theatres introduced by Representative Culter has been defeated. Fifty-six members voted in its favor, but it required 65 votes to pass.

-The new American plate glass combine commences business in Pittsburg about the 1st of April with a capital of \$10,-000,000. Prices of plate glass will be advanced 10 per cent. at once.

THE Hamilton Bridge Works have been sold to a syndicate headed by Mr. J. H. Tilton for \$49,000 and it is believed they will be at once reopened. The creditors will probably receive a fair dividend, but there will be nothing for the shareholders. The works cost \$135,000 and were valued at \$80,000 some years ago.

-Dissolutions have been registered by Hillaire and Henri Beliveau, coffin makers (Beliveau & Beliveau); J. L. Belair and N. Piuze, sewing machine dealers (Belair & Piuze); Jas. McDonald and Jos. King (McDonald & King).

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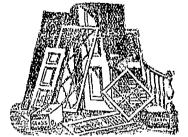
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—LETTERS from London report liberal offerings of Nova Scotia apples. The best sold at 18s to 27s; but the bulk was only of ordinary quality and sold at a range of 18 to 16s per barrel; which is considered a fair price in view of their condition.

—The average life of a locomotive is fifteen years. It will run \$270,000 miles, carry 600,000 tons, or 1,000,000 passengers, and earn \$300,000. Its first cost is \$10,000 and its general average is 300 horse-power. In this respect it compares very favorably with shipping.

—The long-expected Bank of Winnipeg has its notice of its incorporation in the Canada Gazette. Mr. Duncan Macarthur, exmanager of the defunct Commercial Bank of Manitoba, is the principal promoter.

—The Montreal Paper Co. (in liquidation) is not expected to realize for the creditors much over 25 cents in the dollar. The best offer thus far obtained for the mill, &c., valued at \$50,000, is only about \$6,000.

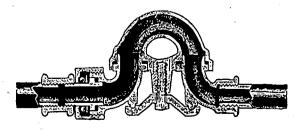
-The latest styles in men's collars promise an unpleasant summer for men with short necks. The only fashionable collar

will be a very tall stand-up shape, the popular height being from two and three-quarter to three inches, while men blessed with long thin necks reach the correct altitude of four inches.

-The British Columbian sealing fleet is now on the way to the fishing grounds. Of the 52 vessels which have sailed, 26 are bound for the Japanese coast and the remainder will hunt in the home waters. On the Japanese coast the rifle is still used and out of 605 hunters gone there only a hundred are Indians. In the Behring Sea, where the spear alone is used, there are 178 whites and 602 Indians. In all 1,385 men have sailed to hunt the fur seal.

—Trade circulars from Smyrna report the continuance of exceedingly favorable weather for the growing poppy. The plants are said to be well out of the ground, and should mild weather continue for a time, it is believed they will obtain sufficient strength to counteract the influence of a low temperature later on. Under these circumstances there are very few grounds for expecting any advance in opium values.

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-Notice of the incorporation of the Germania Life Insurance Co., has been fyled at the Tutelle Office in this city.

-A MEETING of the shareholders and other creditors of the Waterloo Knitting Co., Waterloo, Que., is being held to-day for the purpose of appointing a liquidator for the winding up of the business. The company went into voluntary liquidation last spring.

-The outlook for British Columbia sealskins does not seem encouraging. The last sales were made in London at 22s 6d for Japanese and 31s for Behring Sea. It is said these prices will not net more than 6s 6d to the owners in Victoria, B.C.

-Hon. F. E. GILMOUR is protesting the Montreal Gas Co. for damages for violation of contract. When the Consumers Gas Co. agreed to furnish gas for 95 cents per 1000 feet, the Montreal Gas Co. agreed to accept the same figure if he would continue to take gas from them. He did so; but this quarter they raised the price to \$1.40 per 1000 feet. Hence his suit.

-According to the latest statistics of farm and home proprietorship and indebtedness there are 12,690,152 families in the United States, and of these families 52.20 per cent. hire their farms or homes, and 47.80 per cent. own them, while 27.97 per cent. of the owning families own subject to incumbrance and 72.05 per cent. own free of incumbrance.

-Advices from Leghorn state that with limited offerings and a brisk demand the price of argols has assumed a decided upward tendency. Borax has continued to decline and a round lot of Durval's has been sold at as low as 15s 6d per cwt. f.o.b. Orris root offers less freely and in spite of the almost complete absence of demand prices are well supported. Juniper berries rule quiet and unchanged.

-The success of the electric system of street railways is having some effect upon down-town eating houses, restaurants, clubs and such like. The cheap fares and rapid transit are availed of by hundreds of men who in former years never thought of going home to luncheon. Probably the growing generation of business men will be more domesticated than their fathers, and better acquainted in turn with their families.

-The record of progress made by the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co., during the past five years, which anticipates in part thn annual statement and meeting, postponed through the absence of the president in Europe, shows good results. During the quinquennial period the net surplus has risen from nothing to \$50,469; the company's income is now \$306,716 as against 157,355 in 1889 and the insurance in force is \$9,555,300 against \$6,110,100.

-Partnerships have their advantages as compared with the man who paddles his own canoe; but they have their disadvantages also. An uptown manufacturer has for some days past been at a loss how to checkmate an act by which he is made responsible for a large sum of money. Some men are able to make money and leave an inheritance, but it too often happens that the heir had better have been left half the fortune with a modicum of ability to take care of it.

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-During the past week the following bankrupt stocks have been sold by auction in Toronto :- Bowman & Moore, Hamilton, hardware, etc., \$49,486; W. V. H. Stanford, Renfrew, drygoods, \$11,765; B. G. Evans, Woodville, drygoods, clothing, boots and groceries, \$3,314; Garrett & Company, Owen Sound, clothing and men's furnishings, \$2,520; Powell & Company, Elmvale, drygoods, clothing, boots, etc., \$3,124.

-THERE has been but little change in the production of pig iron in the United States. At the beginning of the present month the current make was 167,291 gross tons weekly, as compared with 168,414 tons on January 1, 1895, and 99,242 tons on February 1, 1894. Judging by the reports of sales of steel rails in January, that trade is still dragging. The aggregate for all mills for the month was about 150,000 tons, of which the Eastern mills have about two-thirds, with little additional tonnage in sight of their own territory.

-THE statement of revenue and expenditure for the past month shows the usual heavy increase in expenditure due to the payment of provincial subsidies. The sources of revenue were: Customs, \$1,409,794; excise, \$596,963; post office, \$296,236; public works, including railways, \$198,415; and miscellaneous, \$354,249, and making a total of \$2,855,847, the expenditure being \$6,000,-

701, as against a revenue and expenditure for January, 1894, of \$3,098,843 and \$5,553,749 respectively.

-In the article on "Canadian Trade Progress," in issue of the 8th instant, the names of the following Fredericton, N.B., merchants, who have been in business continuously since prior to 1868, were inadvertently omitted: Z. R. Everett, hardware; J. Edgecombe & Son, carriages; W. Grieves, grocer; J. R. Howie, tailor; G. C. Hunt, drugs; A. Lottimer, shoes; Lucy & Co. shoes; O. McGoldrick, furs, etc.; and Lemont & Sons, house furnishing goods. The latter firm has been doing a prosperous business since 1844

-Our Leamington, Ont., correspondent writes: W. O. Franklin & Co., general merchants have sold their stock of drygoods to S. G. Morse, who for some months has had charge of that portion of their business. Mr. Morse has had considerable experience being at one time in business in Comber where he was burned out.-" The Fair" owned by J. W. Cathcart has been in trouble for some time. The landlord first seized for rent, then a chattel mortgage for over \$3,000 was placed upon the stock in favor of Cathcart's wife. An execution was issued by Wm. Boyce and a move made to contest the validity of the mortgage. Cathcart next made an assignment and we understand Mrs. Catheart has since abandoned her claim.

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-The crop outlook for the past week certainly justifies a more bullish view of the situation. While the wheat crop is generally well protected with snow there have been some regions in the west, notably in Kansas, where there have been some recent drawbacks from exposure and effects of hard winds. The severity of weather conditions now being prolonged to an unusual extent in the central states has served to enlarge the requirements for feeding materials, and this will likely have some influence on the future of commercial supplies of corn. The milling demand for wheat continues good, the interior mills being obliged to restrict operations through the small offerings or inability to secure supplies at prices which the flour markets would justify Under such conditions flour stocks are steadily declining. In fact the strong points in the wheat market appear to be decreasing supplies, small country movement, continued liberal exports, good milling demand, prospects of smaller crop in South America, and an increased export demand to supply the 20,000,-000 bushel deficiency in Europe visible; lastly the price, which continues below all known records.

-Tue case of the Northwest Commercial Travellers Association vs. the London Guarantee and Accident Co. is again before the Courts. It will be remembered that the Association sued to recover the amount of an accident policy, taken out in the name of C. F. Church. Deceased lost his life on the prairie between Lethbridge and Fort MacLeod, on the 23rd of November, 1892, when he was on a business trip. He was caught in a blizzard, when the waggon in which he was riding broke down, and the teamster went for assistance. The mounted police sent out a search party, but darkness came on and they could not locate Church. Subsequently when a second party found his body, he was frozen and life was extinct. The accident company refused to pay the amount af the policy as they contended it did not cover death by freezing, and they were not liable. At the first trial Mr. Justice Blain decided in favor of the Association. The company have appealed to the fall Bench.

-Lucas, Tanner & Co., bankers, Blyth, Ont., have placed their affairs in the hands of an assignee. The firm, which has been in existence for some time, was composed of Alex. Lucas, Calgary, N.W.T., and C. E. Tanner, Blyth. They were credited with possessing fair capital, but met with recent losses in attempting to do a large business. They accordingly decided to wind up their affairs on the beginning of the present year, and were succeeded by F. W. Tanner & Co. C. E. Tanner, of the late firm, made an assignment on Feby. 1st, but it is expected any surplus from his effects will be held in case the firm does not pay in full.

-C. A. LOMBARD & Co., musical instruments, Victoria, B.C. have assigned. C. A. Lombard, who is the sole owner, began some 10 years ago, and was supposed to have since acquired fair means.

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SHIPS' COMPARTMENTS AND LIFE-BOATS.

The story of the ill-fated Elbe will go down to history as one of the saddest of the sad tales of the sea. It was the first and, let us hope, it may prove to have been the last "ocean-horror" of '95 and of the century now drawing to a close. But, are we justified in looking, with any great degree of confidence, for the realization of a hope so fervently entertained? Do not the circumstances which have come to light, in connection with this disaster, lead us to doubt that there is anything in the construction, the equipment or the sailing of the most modern of these Leviathans of the Atlantic which can be accepted as a satisfactory guarantee that they are in any better position to avoid thick-weather or even clear-weather collisions or to deal with their consequences than was the unfortunate ship which went down in twenty minutes after she had been struck, carrying with her, in her fatal plunge, her precious living freight of 334 souls.

The Elbe was, admittedly, one of the finest specimens of naval architecture ever launched from a Glasgow ship-yard. She was a four-masted screw of 4,510 tons gross tonnage of 2,840 tons registered and 5,600 horsepower, having six compartments, and was thus entitled to take front rank position amongst the first-class ships of the Atlantic steam-fleet. Captain von Goessel who commanded her was a first-class seaman and one of the most trusted commanders of the "North German Lloyds" line; he was supported by a staff of experienced and energetic officers and a full crew-altogether 149 officers and men. But this seemed to avail little, when the ship was brought face-to-face with the terrible issue which confronted it on the dark stormy morning of 30th January, if we except the fact that they were able to take fairly good care of themselves, as would appear from the fact, that, out of 20 'persons saved, 6 were officers and 9 were of the crew.

Equally unavailing, it would seem, was the presence of the six compartments. These, surely, cannot have been water-tight, or they would have kept the hull affoat for some time longer, long enough probably, to chop away, saw away, or in some manner to disengage the so-called "life-boats" from their positions, as fixed and immovable deck ornaments, and to convert them into a means of saving human life. Had these boats and their fastenings been in proper working order-had the use of modern flexible wire-ropes been extended to the boat-davits, there would be no danger of rigidity from frost-and it is a criminal scandal that they were notscores of lives might have been saved. More certain still would this have been, had the compartments been true to the purpose for which they were built. In that case, the mid-ship inflow would probably have been confined to the central compartment and the forward and after sections, being full, would have acted as counterpoises and would probably have kept her over water, a sufficient length of time, at any rate, to meet the daylight, and to hail assistance from Lowestoft and other points on the Suffolk coast or from passing vessels.

The question arises what system of inspection, is exercised over these, so-called, water-tight compartments? Are they regularly, or at any time, tested or examined, after they have been taken over from the builders? Is such inspection required by the underwriters or by Government and are periodical reports from independent experts demanded by the authorities? Great importance is attached to the sanitary condition of passenger ships, to the number of cubic feet of space required for each steerage passenger, to the ventilation of the sleeping decks, their cleanliness, lighting, heating, &c. These are matters closely looked into, we are told, by the officers of the Immigration department in all the principal

ports of embarkation throughout the world; but do those gentlemen, or does any one in authority see to the working condition of the life-saving department of these ships? or has long immunity from accident rendered them blind and indifferent to the fact that, at any moment, history may repeat itself and the story of the Elbe may be re-told. desire to pose as alarmists, but we feel that the lesson of the Elbe is one that should not be disregarded, and that journalists should dwell upon any and every phase of it that bears upon the matter of protection for life and property on the high seas-when one considers the many thousands of human beings whose safety is in the every day keeping of these oceancarriers, it must be recognized that those who are responsible for their management cannot be too thoroughly impressed with or too frequently reminded of the responsibility that rests upon them or of the ultra importance of placing the safety of human life above and far beyond every other consideration.

THE BANK STATEMENTS.

The returns of the chartered banks for the month of January last show the contraction normal during the first month of the year. The cessation of the movement of agricultural produce always involves a corresponding decline in the volume of circulation, and as the amount of produce coming forward in January was practically nil, bankers are not surprised to find that the figures fell to \$28,917,276, although that means a decline of \$3,158,344 from the figures of last month and of \$1,654,099 from those of the corresponding month of last year. There is always a considerable falling off in the circulation during the mid-winter months, and the decline during the month under review was, if anything, under the usual average.

Public deposits on demand show a drop of about two

and a half millions during the month; due to the usual increase in expenditure inseparable from the rush of bills that always follows the opening of the new year. But they are still six and a half millions more than they were a year ago, and this, together with the marked rise in deposits repayable after notice, shows that our citizens still prefer to entrust their spare money to the banks for investment, and that public confidence has not yet reached that stage at which their savings are easily diverted into new business channels. The increased activity on the Stock Exchange, caused by the dullness of trade and the consequent narrowing of the margin of profit in ordinary business, is faithfully reproduced in the increased volume of call loans, which show an advance of three-quarters of a million on the month, and of over four millions on the year. Discounts on the other hand show a contraction of over two millions, and it is evident that the careful policy which has marked mercantile transactions during the past few months is being rigidly adhered to. From the importer to the consumer no one is buying more than he absolutely needs for immediate requirements, and although this necessarily results in a temporary diminution in the volume of discount, it must also place the trade of the country on so conservative a basis that the first returning ripples of prosperity will be felt immediately. The money no longer needed for our own requirements is finding its market across the line. The amount now due from American agencies is nearly six and a half millions larger than it was a year ago, and although the profits on foreign business, owing to the lower rates of interest ruling, are not so large as our own, it is evident that Canadian bankers have no difficulty in finding a market for their funds.

The following are the principal fluctuations of the month:—

	Jan. 1895.	Dec. 1894.	Jan. 1894.
Circulation	\$ 28,917,276	\$ 32,375,620	\$ 30,571,375
Deposits on demand	66,601,119	68,917,542	60,152,080
" after notice	114,269,862	113.163,127	108,966,924
Call loans	18,086,905	17,791,638	14,013,729
Discounts	193,754,865	195,836,141	198,037,004
American balances	23,949,166	25,299,986	17,570,408

THE BARNACLES OF FIRE INSURANCE. (2.)

Agents are sometimes so anxious to secure commissions that they will accept doubtful risks even from strangers. In Boston, a notorious woman already guilty of incendiarism had been suspected of planning a similar crime; while she was under the surveillance of a female detective, to whom she had confided her scheme, the Boston agent of the same company she expected to defraud and who employed this detective, accepted her application for an additional policy of \$500 on the very property she wanted to burn in a few days!

One Saturday afternoon a well-appearing man walked into the office of the newly appointed agent of a Boston company in a New England town, and insured his mill for \$20,000; with the contract there arrived in Boston, on Monday morning, the news that the mill had burned down on Sunday. This loss would have been saved if the agent had not been too auxious to secure a commission. Had he first referred the application to the company, it would have been refused, as his character was known. He has made a fortune by fires in woollen mills, lives in good style, and is respected by some of his neighbors on account of his liberality to churches.

In Europe the contract for insurance, which we call a policy, cannot be rescinded; an agreement once made must run its stated period and can be cancelled by neither party. This custom makes the insurer more cautious before he writes the policy; he does not part with it until he receives the premium, which may then be considered as earned, except in case of fire. Here the assured may surrender his policy at any time and call for the return of part of the premium; the insurer may cancel the contract when he refunds the premium. So long as the character of our risks is subject to unexpected change, it is questionable if our underwriters would be safe in adopting this European custom, but we can learn something from their system of agencies.

All companies in Germany employ a number of "general agents," one in every important commercial centre, who alone is empowered to issue policies. These agents are either salaried clerks, who have long been in service and are thus rewarded, or they are chosen among the reputable merchants or bankers of the locality. They consider the appointment a distinction; they are paid by a commission of 15 per cent. on premium receipts; they return 10 per cent. to sub-agents for procuring the business; what is not absorbed from the rest by clerk-hire represents their perquisite. Subagents are chosen among small tradesmen and subaltern civil officers; they must have a good reputation and occupy a social position, and one agent can represent

only a single company. In this way an efficient and honest management of agencies is secured.

Our large companies employ at least one agent in every important town, involving a staff of thousands of persons, each of whom receives a commission of 15 per cent. on his receipts, irrespective of losses, and has authority to issue policies. As the profits of these men depend exclusively on their receipts, they have every incentive to increase them. When losses occur they may regret them, but this cannot interfere with their income; they will be slow voluntarily to cancel a risk, after they have accepted it, even when it becomes doubtful, because doing so would diminish their earnings. It is true that the companies employ also special salaried agents who travel about to inspect and control the risks taken by local agents, but it is difficult to form a correct opinion of the hazards surrounding each venture in the short time the special agent can devote to each place. Almost every resident agent represents from five to twenty different companies, and divides his favors among them according to his personal interest; often he loses money for every one. If a merchant were to pay a clerk, working not for himself alone but for competitors as well, a commission larger than his profits, such action would generally be considered a sign of impending failure. Insurers will follow this policy without regard to the ultimate consequences: I know that companies continue it in States where they have notearned a dollar in twenty years. When some method is devised which identifies the interests of the agent with those of his employers, the agent will be more careful in the inspection of risks and reject those which are doubtful.

- Forty years ago there existed, in all parts of the country, numerous small companies, with capitals ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000, divided in small shares among the greatest possible number of holders. Thus the owner of every share of stock exerted himself to bring the business of his friends and customers to his own company and to diminish its loss in case of accident. By such watchfulness, losses were kept down. while receipts were large enough to warrant a distribution of fair dividends besides the accumulation of a good surplus. It then happened that a director in one of these good old-fashioned associations conceived the idea of allowing some poor relative, unable to earn a livelihood for himself, to attend to his insurance business for him; another director desired, in this way, to assist a customer who had failed. At the solicitation of such influential men, officers were persuaded to pay these genteel beggars a small commission on their regular rates, and the system of brokerage was inaugurated. Not more than 5 per cent. of the insurance business was done through brokers forty years ago; less than 5 per cent is now done without them. Of the old companies but few remain, and a great part of the business is concentrated in the hands of comparatively few large corporations in New York, in Hartford, and in Philadelphia. At home it is done through brokers; outside through agents; and the commission paid these middlemen amounts to 18 per cent. of the receipts, one-half of the entire expense. There is no reason why the brokerage at least could not be saved; almost everybody knows enough to insure his own property; the published reports of the standing of responsible companies are accessible; and rates are established for a majority of risks. But the influence of brokers has be-

come so great that the officers in some companies actually discourage direct application, and if a customer happens to find his way to the office of such a company he is introduced to some favorite broker, with whom the officer divides the commission. Only where insurance is difficult to procure are brokers useful to the insurer: this is true where a large risk of a specially hazardous nature must be placed, or where a great deal of valuable merchandise is concentrated in a small district like the drygoods centre of New York. In such cases the greater benefit accrues to the assured, and the commission should be paid by him. This is virtually done now, but in a roundabout way, so that it enhances the price of desirable insurance to those who do not need the assistance of a broker. Risks could be accepted more cheaply by as much as the brokerage amounts to, if all underwriters were to agree to pay none. The person who should continue to employ a broker should also pay him: he would then know what his service cost him; probably he would also discontinue paying his premiums through him. Not everybody is aware of the risk involved in this practice,-it consists in being obliged to pay the premium twice if the broker should fail to turn it over to the company. It may be more difficult to inaugurate a change so radical than to grade the commission to be paid as follows:-

Twenty per cent. for premiums on dwellings: the amounts are small and difficult to collect. The reason why a larger commission is now paid is chiefly due to the fact that tariff rates on dwellings have not yet been established; meanwhile officers take them at ridiculous prices and pay as much as 40 per cent. commission to secure them. Although a dwelling-house burns every hour, this class of risks is considered the safest.

Ten per cent. for premiums on ordinary mercantile risks; it takes less time to procure them, and the amounts are larger.

Five per cent. for the high premiums of special hazards which applicants are usually more anxious to place than insurers are to write.

The premiums paid annually in New York city for insurance amount in the aggregate to \$7,000,000, and the brokerage to about \$1,000,000. This is more than the companies earn themselves, and more than is paid for similar service to any other class of middlemen who employ no capital and assume no responsibility. Among several thousand so-called brokers in New York city, only about twenty-five have sufficient knowledge of the business; they probably receive 75 per cent. of the brokerage distributed, and they usually divide it with favored customers, so that their net profits will scarcely exceed the percentages which I propose. But to encourage them further, and to enlist the cooperation of their ambitious but so far less fortunate competitors, I would pay them at the end of each year a contingent commission of 10 per cent of the amount which every company has earned on the business which the broker brought in that period, on condition that it exceeded five hundred dollars,-I would so limit it to avoid the opening of accounts which are not worth the

The greatest benefit the insurers would derive from this system of graded and contingent commission would be obtained by applying it to their agents, because it would naturally ally their interest with that of their employers; more of them would concentrate

their efforts on behalf of a single company, and the ridiculous custom of calling a man an agent who tries to serve a dozen masters at the same time would soon terminate. The president of the Continental Fire Insurance Company made a praiseworthy effort at reform in this direction for five years. But he had to abandon it, because those of his agents who represented other companies at the same time were required by those companies to return to the old form of compensation. While this experience shows that my plan is correct in principle, it also shows that it cannot be applied under existing circumstances because of the opposition of officers of our largest companies, who are so jealous of each other that they cannot be induced to adopt the most sensible reform measure unless arguments can be used more forcible than any that have yet been tried.

When we have referred to insurers, we mean the executive officers of insurance companies, who direct the affairs of their respective organizations as if they owned the business, although they usually have but a small pecuniary interest in the corporation. If shareholders will not soon adopt measures for proper management, they will see their capital and surplus vanish like that of eight hundred and seventy eight fire insurance companies whose assets have gone up in smoke since 1860. Recent improvements, like automatic sprinklers, have resulted in saving property; and other conditions have been so favorable that when the losses of 1894 are added the figures will be less formidable than in the previous year; but a business conducted on wrong principles cannot thrive.

Underwriters refer with pride to a rise of mercantile rates which they have recently managed to enforce after a struggle of years. That measure has increased the tax on commerce without any corresponding improvement in the profits of insurance. Instead of planning to increase receipts, they ought to see how they can reduce losses and current expenses.

While every insurer has an interest in these reforms, and can help to bring them about (1) by dispensing with his broker wherever that is feasible, in order to reduce premiums; (2) by guarding his property and that of his neighbors against fire; (3) by agitating in favor of laws which will make property more secure, and by assisting in their proper execution,—it must be remembered that more serious considerations also urge reform, since the business as it is now carried on, (1) encourages idleness, by paying more for service than it is worth; (2) offers a greater indemnity for goods which have been burned than their previous value, and thus encourages their destruction; and (3) it is hedged in on many sides by corruption and fraud to an extent which must engender immorality."

OPEN ACCOUNTS.

Those who note the record of commercial disasters in our summary columns must find there a monotonous reiteration in the recital of the causes that have brought them about. Week after week they will find paragraphs summing up the business career of many a bright enterprising young man in the few terse words: "He appeared to do well at first, but became wide-spread, and assignment followed." And yet those who are in a fair way to meet disaster from the very same cause seem to take little warning from the fate of their predecessors.

Of all the dangers in the path of the young merchant this is the most insidious, since it often comes masked in the garb of energy and enterprise, so that the victim actually thinks that he is extending his business and strengthening his position at the very time he is digging a pit into which sooner or later he is destined to fall. As new customers come to his store and, gradually his clientele becomes larger, he is apt to rub his hands over the increase in business thus manifest without dwelling too closely on the fact that his open accounts are steadily growing also. It would not do, of course, to press a new customer too closely, since it might result in his transferring his business at once to some more complaisant merchant. All this time his liabilities have increased in equal ratio with the number of new customers whose requirements he is called upon to fill, and although at first his wholesalers are glad to witness the extension in his trade they soon become aware, by the increasing slowness of his payments, of the true condition of the case. Lucky it is for him, then, if he perceives at once the precipice upon the brink of which he is standing, and still more fortunate if that knowledge does not come too late to be of any practical service to him. For it is one thing to sell goods on credit and a very different thing to receive pay for them. The most imploring appeals are powerless to procure payment from people who are barely able to keep the wolf from the door themselves, and even those who are well able to pay seem to make a point of staving off the date of payment as long as possible. To sue is out of the question. In the first place it would lose him not only the customer sued but a number of others who would take the alarm at once and leave a store where such a thing was possible. In the second place, in this Province at all events, the courts are so congested that were an opposition fyled it might be months before the case is reached, and ere that time his fate would have been long decided. Of course these people may all pay in time. They have no intention of acting dishonestly. But they will take their own time about doing so, and the merchant is lucky who succeeds in getting his money in instalments sufficiently large to offset the fresh liabilities they are daily incurring with him, to say nothing of reducing the old debt. Even then he is losing the interest on his money; for running accounts carry no interest unless there is a distinct contract to that effect, and some lawyers even doubt if interest can be collected from the date of the maturity of a note given in payment of such an account unless the debtor acquiesces in its collection.

In a situation like this the merchant who finds that he has become too widespread for his means, can choose only between alternatives. He can assign and leave to the curator of the estate the task of collecting and distributing his assets, or he can throw himself on the mercy of his wholesalers. If he choose the latter, it is usually only to postpone the evil day. He has still the bulk of his open accounts to struggle with; the same number of reluctant debtors to endeavor to collect sufficient from to satisfy his impatient creditors; the same constant effort to keep both satisfied at the expense of his own nervous energy; and, too often, the same result. Not only can be not reduce the liabilities of his customers to himself, tbut in some instances he must stand by helplessly and see them increase, if he does not wish to lose the whole of the

debt. Once more his open accounts pass the danger line. This time his wholesalers have become tired of carrying him, and refuse further terms. Then come the assignment, the putting up of the shutters, the paragraphs in the commercial journals, and his customers settle down for a long and tedious fight with the assignee while they look out for another merchant anxious to extend his volume of open accounts and who has not yet been through the mill.

This is not an overdrawn statement of the case. It is a history of practically twenty-five per cent. of the failures we are weekly called upon to record. It is its very familiarity which causes it to be so little heeded. Day by day the same drama is played before our eyes, and we have become so accustomed to it that it no longer excites astonishment. A few words of sympathy for the victim, and then he drops out of sight either to start again in some other locality or to appear behind the counter of a more successful house. If he is wise he takes the latter course. In that case the freedom from worry and mental strain will add years to his life, and after a period of quiet recuperation as a clerk he may watch once more for a favorable opportunity to again launch his bark on the stormy waters of commerce and, rendered wiser by experience, may succeed in navigating it into the haven of success.

THE SILVER DANGER.

It seems almost incredible to merchants and bankers in this country that a great nation like the United States should deliberately revert to a policy of silver metallism at a time when every other silver using country in the world is endeavoring to readjust its currency upon a gold basis. Yet, when we note the persistency with which the cause of silver is advocated by men of undoubted ability and distinction across the border, it seems really doubtful whether the United States may not be a silver country before many years are passed. The favorable reception given to the Jones Bill by the Senate is most significant. This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to receive at any of the mints silver bullion of standard fineness and to coin it into silver dollars of 4121 grains each, the seigniorage to belong to the Treasury. It also authorizes him to issue certificates against the bullion thus coined, and it is thus a very long step in the direction of what the silver men call bimetallism but which, owing to the fact that the cheaper metal invariably ousts the dearer from circulation, is really silver mono-metallism.

When we consider the numerous voters in agricultural sections in the West who are in debt, and who believe that the establishment of a silver standard would mean enabling them to pay their debts with half the present amount of wheat, corn and other produce, we can easily see what a powerful force is daily working for the rehabilitation of the white metal. No secret is made by interested politicians as to the motives for this quiet persistent advocacy of silver. It is intended to secure higher prices for agricultural products by a financial juggle, and thus to secure a temporary popularity for themselves. Its efficacy as a campaign ery is undoubted, and hence its power is to feared by all those who are anxious for sound money and who can see the efforts of the leading commercial nations of Europe and Asia to seenre it. In Great Britain, in France, and in Germany the currency has already been placed on a firm gold basis. Austria is now in a state of transition, and it is an open secret that Japan will use a large portion of the indemnity she intends to wring from China for the purpose of adopting the gold standard. Yet we are confronted with the spectacle of a large and important section of our neighbors across the border deliberately declaring in favor of a fiat dollar, and as they have the support of all the theorists and financial faddists in the country there is only too much danger that their efforts may be successful, and that the United States may drift back into the position of a silver country in spite of the earnest warnings of its more patriotic statesmen and the lesson taught by the experience of older countries.

SANITARY PRECAUTIONS.

Where the Frost-King holds dominion, and while he retains it, the sanitary condition of the land may be considered as well assured. His icy breath is a powerful and rarely-failing disinfectant which extends its protecting influence, with equal favor, to everything that comes under his sway. This, however, cannot claim to be universal by any means. Walls and roofs refuse to acknowledge it, and, thus, the conditions of domestic sewage, ventilation and plumbing, which play such an important part in the matter of sanitation, are removed from his control and are not sharers in the immunity enjoyed by his open-air possessions. As long as the frost-reign continues it is well, but, when it ceases, nature seems to revolt and things change with a præsto movement. All the long imprisoned enemies of the public health regain their freedom and seem imbued with an insatiable thirst for revenge. How to meet and how to counteract their insidious designs is a problem which is entrusted to the duly constituted guardians of our sanitary interests, who will, doubtless, gladly accept any suggestions which may aid in its solution. In former days the larger thoroughfares were the chief scenes of the enemy's operations.

The modern system of removal has changed our snow banks from the proportions of small mountain-ranges to those of ordinary street levels, and the spring thaws are thus largely bereft of their terrors. The lanes and alleys continue to enjoy their primitive independence, and are left in undisturbed possession of the treasures they have collected during the long winter months. A visit to some of these will reveal a state of things which cannot fail to interest, though it might possibly shock the sensibilities of the average citizen. As an "ex-uno-disce-omnes" illustration we might instance one of these lanes that runs north and south through the centre of an up-town block, in the immediate neighborhood of a well-known club-house, near a cluster of churches and constituting the rear entrances to rows of handsome dwellings, boarding-houses and stores, and with outlets upon two important streets. A leisure stroll through this picturesque passage would reveal the presence of the accumulated abominations of innumerable kitchens, stables and cellars, overladen manure bins, ash-heaps, piles of rags, papers and canned-meattins, garbage in every stage of decay, together with the rigid forms of sundry cats, curs and rodents-all awaiting the first appearance of a hot sun to develop festering proportions and to become the ingredients

of a glorious fever-stew which will pour its polluted volume through every outlet it can command. If individual property owners will not act in their own defence and that of their neighbors let those who are charged with the protection of the city's health act without delay. Now is "the acceptable time" to deal with these insidious engines of pestilence while the snow is dry and crisp and offers no encouragement to the noxious exhalations they will give forth if their removal is postponed.

Let the enemy's strongholds be destroyed before he can regain them. The lessons of '85 are still fresh in the minds of the public and will long remain unforgotten. What took place ten years ago may recur tomorrow. A determined effort should be made to oust these epidemic breeders which stare us in the face and which though now lying dormant may start into life and action at a moment's notice. Let our houses, our streets, our back-yards and above all our lanes, be so guarded that the enemy can neither get nor retain a footing at any point.

BUTTER AND CHEESE MATTERS.

The Butter and Cheese Association of this city did not hesitate to put themselves on record as supporting the views put forward in our last week's issue on the undesirability of the government interfering in the export butter trade for the sake of manufacturing political capital, when they met to discuss the question on Monday last. By a vote of seven to five they decided to send to Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture, an official letter pointing out first that the Government's action was an unwarrantable interference with the course of trade; secondly that, as the price of Canadian creamery butter in England to-day is only sixteen cents per pound, to advance twenty cents per pound was to give the farmer four cents a pound more than its export value, and thirdly that, since winter creamery in this country is necessarily made from the milk of fodder-fed cows, to bring it into competition with new grass-made butter from other countries would tend to further depreciate the reputation of Canadian butter rather than to rehabilitate it in any way.

They then suggested a far more business-like, and consequently more probably successful method for encouraging the butter-export trade. They asked the government to grant aid in the erection of refrigerating appliances on board the steamers running between Canadian and British ports during the summer, and to urge upon the creamery men the absolute necessity of shipping freshly-made butter and the folly of holding it in cold storage until the life is out of it, and then expecting it to compete in the English market with the Danish and Irish products. Were Canadian creamery butter shipped when it is made, no matter whether the export price at the moment fell under the local market or not, we should soon be freed from the present dead weight of held stocks, the credit of our make would rise to its former standard, and the trade would soon occupy as firm a position in the English esteem as Canadian cheese. This is the only business-like and permanent method of improving the standing of Canadian butter. To ship our fodder-made butter at a time when new Danish grass butter is coming into the market would make matters worse rather than better. The English public would say that, if that was the best

Canada could do, even with the aid of a Government bounty, it was evident that we could not compete with the product of European countries, and the result would be that, so far from rehabilitating the reputation of our butter in English eyes, we should simply weaken its standing still further, and thus the temporary assistance afforded to the creameries by the Government's absorption of their product would, in the long run, injure their prospects. It is impossible to bolster up a trade upon an artificial basis such as Professor Robertson suggests. For a time the farmers would benefit at the expense of the taxpayers; but the time would come when the country would no longer stand the continuous deficit, and then, if the bounty were suddenly withdrawn, the last condition of the Canadian butter export trade might be no better than it is now.

CANADIAN TRADE PROGRESS.

(6TH ARTICLE.)

We treat in this number of two towns in Western Ontario. A comparison of their progress with that of the more inland towns, shows that close proximity to the neighboring Republic has not checked their steady growth either in wealth or population:

ST. THOMAS, ONT.

	1868	1884	1894
Population		10,000	10,875
Business houses		254	266
Capital invested	\$428,000	\$1,302,000	\$1,678,000

Among the business houses of St. Thomas in 1868 continuthrough 1894 are: J. Crocker & Son, leather, etc.; J. Midgeley, men's furnishings; Stacey Hardware Co.; and G. Wegg, carriages. In addition the following have been in business continuously since prior to 1884: James Acheson, hardware, C. Begg, furniture; H. G. Broderick, drygoods; John Campbell, miller; S. Chant, general dealer; Cochrane Bros., implements; Wm. Cornforth, books, etc.; J. E. Cruise, tailor; D. Ferguson, shoes, E. H. Flach, jeweller; W. O. Foster & Co., drugs; S. Fraine, tailor; C. P. Greury & Co., oils; J. M. Green & Co., lumber, etc.; F. M. Griffin, lumber, coal, etc.; Griffin & Wright, drygoods; C. H. Hepinstall, jewellery; John Hillis. waggons; A. M. Hutchison, grocer, etc.; W. R. Jackson, watches; Jas. Kane, grocer; I. Kingswood, general dealer; Walter Laing, grocer; Alex. Lindsay, grocer; Miss McLarty, millinor; Hugh McPherson, men's furnishings; Meehan & Regan, shoes; J. Mickleboro, drygoods; W. A. Miner, grocer; Jas. Munn, grocer, etc.; Wm. Murch, books; Norsworthy & Co., implements; R. J. Old, drugs; S. Pocock, shoes; Wm. Precious, grocor; J. H. Price, grocer; H. L. Pullen, grocer; J. T. Pullen, grocer; F. Reynolds, drugs; D. Roling, confectioner; Miss Rosevear, fancy goods; Wm. E. Ross, grocer; St. Thomas Car Wheel Co.; St. Thomas White Bronze Monument Co.; J. H. Secard, grocer; and the Smith Hardware Co.

FOREST, ONT

	1868	1884	1894
Population		1,800	2,060
Business houses		. 67	70
Capital invested	\$52,000	\$244,000	\$506,000

Of the business houses of Forest in 1868, none survive Among those who have been in business continuously since prior to 1884 are: J. F. Campbell, shoes; J. Edgar, confectioner; B. Hallock, flour and feed; Hamilton & Prout planing mill; Ironside & English, drygoods; Jas. Maylor & Son, general dealers; N. McCahill & Co., flour mill; Mrs. S. Parker, milliner; R. E. Scott, drugs; W. Scott, tins and hardware; John Shaw, lumber; L. H. Smith & Co., bankers; G. Van Valkenburg, jeweller; C. Wichman, tailor; and A. Wren & Co., foundry.

We are reminded by Mr. J. McMahon, Alliston, Ont., whose name had been accidentally omitted from the list, that he has been conducting business in that town for the last 17 years.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A PROFESSIONAL INCENDIARY.

The importance of the moral hazard as a factor in calculating insurance risks has of late been very marked; but as the increasing frequency of its intrusion was ascribed to the prevailing depression it was generally believed that the return of more prosperous times would witness its reduction to its normal level. Few, however, even of those companies who have lost most heavily by its operation, had any idea of the extent to which the practice of scientific incendiarism had spread among certain classes of the community, and it is doubtful if any of them (previous to the Silbermeister trial) were aware that it had become a regular trade, or that its practisers canvassed for business and furnished references as to their capabilities and reliability in order to secure customers from their rivals.

Yet, if the confession of Sarah Silbermeister recently convicted of arson and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary is to be believed, such was the case in New York city up to the period of her conviction. She confessed that she had been in the business for five years, during which time she had started over 300 fires. She was regularly taught her business by an expert, and purchased the mixture of naphtha, benzine and turpentine used for purposes of incendiarism from the regular supplier of the trade. She received \$25 for every fire she set, and complained that the tendency to cut prices on the part of her competitors had at one time threatened to curtail her circle of customers considerably, and that she only contrived to retain her clientele intact by the reputatioa she had attained of managing her fires without loss of human life, and consequently without uncomfortable investigations.

For the first three years she was able to manage her business alone. At this time she confined herself exclusively to the firing of tenements and private houses. These she usually fired a little after midnight, setting the fire in the top storeys so that the occupants of the doomed buildings could escape in safety but yet permitting the fire to spread sufficiently rapidly to cause fright and confusion sufficient to wipe out any traces of her handiwork. The idea in every case was to keep the firemen busy saving human life, and thus to prevent their arriving at the actual seat of the flames before the incendiary material was consumed or before the fire had secured a firm hold.

About two years ago the commencement of the depression in the United States caused a demand for the burning of shops, (more especially well insured clothing stores) and orders poured in so rapidly that Sarah found it impossible to attend to all orders personally and she had the mortification of seeing new and profitable customers go to rival firms simply because she could not spare time to attend to them. In this emergency she found it necessary to take in a partner named Rothmann, and the business was divided into two branches. Rothmann attended to commercial orders and did the firing of shops and stores, while Sarah looked after the tenement house work. For two years this nefarious partnership flourished and orders came in apace. Their competitors were reduced to cutting prices to \$15 per fire without being able to attract business from the old reliable stand, and the Silbermeister-Rothmann firm bid fair to have a monopoly of the incendiary business in New York.

Unfortunately for the firm, but fortunately for society, confidence begat carelessness, and the jealousy of their outclassed rivals did the rest. One of the fires was badly bungled, the paper fuse soaked with naptha was discovered, and Sarah was arrested. The supplier of the inflammable materials fled

to England, and soon so much confirmatory evidence was secured that Sarah will spend the next quarter of a century behind the bars. The firm of Silbermeister and Rothman has been broken up, and future orders for incendiarism must perforce go to their triumphant rivals.

That such a condition of affairs should be possible in a civilized community only shows how the greed of gain can warp those principles of honesty and morality, which society presumes to be inherent in the average man, in the case of what must be presumed to be no inconsiderable portion of its business classes. That they should have found so cheap and convenient a tool ready to their hands is less surprising. It is the demand that creates the supply, and had not that demand been sufficiently active Sarah would not have found the trade so lucrative and the firm of Silbermeister and Rothman would never have existed. Whether the employers or the employed are most guilty, it is difficult to say; but the insurance companies must regret that a list of Sarah's customers, with the necessary vouchers attached, was not found among the firm's assets, and that thus a considerable number of accessories before the fact have been able to escape the punishment they so justly merit.

SUMATRA TOBACCO.

So long as the existing preference for light-colored cigars continues the price of Sumatra tobacco will remain at its present high figures. It is the only tobacco suitable for wrappers of this color, and until the slowly returning demand for cigars of the colorado and colorado maduro shades, for which the rankness of the darker varieties of Sumatra unfits it, becomes more general, it will continue to monopolize the market for wrappers.

Under these circumstances the condition of the crop becomes a matter of importance to the trade; for, if the reports are correct that it is coarser, contains only about eighty-eight leaves to the hand, and has only about twenty per cent. of stock of color sufficiently light to render it desirable for this market, the price of old Sumatra must appreciate, and as this country now imports about 14½ million pounds of leaf tobacco annually this is an item of considerable moment. It is easy to say that a manufacturer can always obtain good tobacco if he is ready to pay for it; but if the price becomes too high he may be able to keep up the reputation of his brand only at a considerable loss to himself, and this reacts sooner or later upon his customers.

All reports say that the crop of the island is large. It is expected to reach 200,000 bales, and between 15,000 and 20,000 bales are now at the depot of the Amsterdam syndicate who control it. The first inscription will not be made until March 28th-which is later than usual-and great care has been taken to prevent samples getting out. Still enough is known to show that it is not anything like equal in quality to the crop of 1893, which was exceedingly good, and brought very high prices, and it is not expected that more than 20 per cent. will be of the quality bought in this market. Of course all predictions on this point must be taken with a grain of salt. There are many concerns in New York having unmerchantable tobacco on their hands which they would like to dispose of, and hence they are interested in disseminating unfayorable reports of the new crop. Nearly 2,000 bales of this old stock have already been returned to Amsterdam, and as the bonds run out more must be re-shipped; since no one would pay duty on stuff they cannot sell. But, in spite of this inducement to depreciate the character of the new stock, a sufflcient number of hands have been received to show that there is solid foundation for the statement that it is not first-class. and therefore that the price of old Sumatra, of sufficiently light color to fill the requirements of the present fad for claro shades, is certain to appreciate as soon as the first inscription is made.

WHEAT INSPECTION.

It is now rather generally understood (although contrary to Mr. Miall's opinion) that the government will amend the regulations regarding wheat inspection. A significant speech on the subject made at Saltcoats, N.W.T., shows how popular opinion on this point is changing in the North West. At the close of his remarks, Mr. Douglas said:

Of course we all know that there is an hospital at Fort William where smutty and tagged wheat is taken, and here it is brushed and limed and doctored, and when it comes out it certainly is very pretty, even as good-looking as No. 1 hard, and this doctored wheat is mixed with the best, and it is all put on the market as No. 1 hard. Some will say, where is the harm, if the wheat is good? Well, apart from the fact that all the profit of the transaction, were the wheat really cured, goes to the middleman, and not the farmer, I can tell you what one of the largest English millers says. It is this: Though you brush and doctor smutty wheat, there are two things that you can't get away from One is the fact that all smutty wheat is diseased wheat, and the other is that no science will get rid of the smell of smut. Therefore the English miller will not give the price for wheat that he knows will not make good flour, and No. 1 hard. the best wheat in the world, is unjustly discredited in the English market Another tale of the wheat mixing I can give. You must know there are two inspectors, one at Winnipeg, one at Fort William. Now a friend of mine bought wheat subject to the inspection at Winnipeg. There it graded No. 1 hard, and he paid that price for it. At Fort William it was again inspected and there it was only allowed as No. 1 Northern, consequently my friend, who was trading on a margin, dropped some \$1,400 and "bust." However, the banks perhaps thought he was ill-used, and he patched up his affairs somehow, and again despatched wheat, some 70,000 bushels this time. This wheat was in so many carloads No. 1 hard, so many No. 1 Northern, and the balance rejected wheat that they would not grade at all. However, down it went to Fort William and this time was all passed as No. 1 hard, and my friend was a happy man.

A few months ago utterances like these would have been looked upon as treason in the North-West.

BAY OF QUINTE NOTES.

John Jennings has purchased the Hope hotel, Newburgh .-The machinery on the North King is being set up at Kingston .- A new cheese factory has been started on the Hastings Road, Tudor Township.-Louis J. Badaur, Oso, has purchased the Laurie saw and grist mills for \$3,700 .- The liabilities of the Napanee Driving Park Association only amount to \$1,000. -The new steam barge being built at Garden Island will be one of the best on these waters .- Newburgh has a debt of \$6,000.—A cheese board will probably be established at Stirling .- Belleville is still talking about holding a summer carnival.—The grocers of Gananoque are making sweeping reductions in the price of sugar.—Several of the Kingston banks will build new quarters for themselves next summer. -A great deal of fine ice is being cut and hauled out of the bay at Deseronto for storage.—Business in Napanee is very dull this winter.—Great quan tities of perch are being caught in the Kingston harbor.—Farmers all through the district complain of damage done in their cellers by the hard frost of last week .- A surveying party is taking the levels of the Bay and St. Lawrence River.-The western part of St. Edward County has been completely blocked with snow.-Letters still continue to arrive at Kingston post office which show that they have been tampered with en route.-W. T. Ross, of Picton, plucked a full grown orange of fine flavor the other day from a plant which he had reared.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY.

Return of traffic week ending Feb. 16th, 1895:

			_	1895.	1894.
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Freight	do.	do.		181,142	189,764
Total	do.	do.	*********	\$263,573	\$282,789
	Decre	ase 189	5. \$19.216.		-

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

The annual report of the Western Assurance Co., shows a year of steady progress upon the part of the company. The depression in business circles which prevailed during the greater part of last year curtailed the premium income in some degree. But this reduction was more than counterbalanced by the lessened amount of losses; so that the revenue account shows an excess of \$111.453 in income over expenditure. The company have paid their usual dividend of ten per cent. to the shareholders and, after doing so, were able to bring their reserve fund up to \$1,100,000, and after providing an ample re-insurance to meet all liabilities on outstanding policies the net surplus has been increased to \$277,-247. The officers of the company are to be congratulated on such a showing, taking into consideration the circumstances under which they were compelled to work, and the vote of thanks tendered to them by the directors and shareholders was certainly well-deserved.

THE CANADA PERMANENT LOAN.

Although the report presented at the fortieth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co. showed that, owing to the depression of last year, the business of the company had yielded less profit than usual, the year was a successful one. After providing for interest on borrowed money, for all expenses, and writing off all probable as well as actual losses, the net earnings of the company amounted to nearly eleven per cent. upon the paid-up capital. Out of this the shareholders recoived dividends at the rate of 103 per cent. per annum, the contingent fund was brought up to \$111,000, and the reserve to \$1,450,000. The report shows that the company has now \$11,428,266 outstanding on mortgage loans, and it is a tribute to the skill with which the investments of the company have been made, that in spite of the dull times and depreciation in real estate, the interest due to them has been fairly well paid and a large proportion of the principal has also been paid off and re-invested on favorable terms.

THE WESTERN CANADA LOAN.

The record of the thirty-second year's business of the Westorn Canada Loan and Savings Co. is certainly a prosperous one. After writing off a sufficient sum to cover any depreciation in the real estate held by the company and deducting all charges and expenses, the profits of the year still amounted to \$172,198. Of this \$152,386 was paid in dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum to the shareholders, and the balance carried to the contingent fund. This leaves the reserve of the company at \$770,000, and brings the contingent fund up to \$70,446, even after a liberal and judicious use of the pruning knife, which affords effectual testimony both to the soundness of the company and to the judiciousness of its management. As in the case of its sister companies the Western Canada has found its mortgage payments fairly satisfactory under the adverse conditions of the year, and the cases in which it has been called to exercise lenity were far less frequent than the directors had reason to anticipate.

—The most pleasing feature of the ball on Wednesday evening, was the essentially "all-Montreal" character which distinguished it and which so well proved the unanimity of feeling prevailing in this city in regard to the distinguished guests of the evening, their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

—Fred. Daggett, marble dealer, St. Thomas, Ont., has assigned. His capital being locked up in stock, the winding up of an estate to which he was indebted proved too much for his resources.

—The assignment of Bracey Bros., the Chicago contractors for the building of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo railway, which occurred in Hamilton this week, will prove of no loss to those locally interested beyond a temporary delay.

—A NEW grocery store will be opened in Hamilton, Ont., this week by Edmund Hudson, for many years connected with the trade of that city.

—A. J. Croser, grocer, Waverly and Halifax, N.S., has assigned. He was originally at Yarmouth and Saulnierville, but started in Waverly in Jan. '91, and opened a branch at Halifax in Sept. '93 without possessing sufficient capital to conduct the both.

—A compromise at 25 cents in the dollar has been secured by T. Johnston, crockery, Picton, Ont.—A. E. Davey, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.—H. H. Pollock, general dealer, Trent Bridge, Ont., has given the assignee possession. He was originally a farmer near Campbellford, beginning business 7 years ago with light capital. Liabilities small.—Orr & Shaver, Brockville, Ont., have assigned.—Webb & Hutchison, pork packers, London, Ont., began about a year ago but ap peared to have steadily lost on shipments to the English markets. They have assigned.

—The Western Loan & Trust Co., Ltd., of this city, have issued a neat and useful calendar of the nineteenth century. It shows in a compact and easily understandable form the calendars of the one hundred years from 1800 to 1900 A.D.

—An offer of 30 cents in the dollar has been submitted to the creditors of F. W. Tabor, grocer, Fredericton, N.B., previously referred to as in difficulties.—50 cents in the dollar is being offered by C. W. Ross & Co., general dealers, Harbor Grace, Nfid., whose affairs have already been chronicled.—The assignment is reported of Doherty & Foster, tailors, St. John, N.B., previously referred to,—C. E. Scammell & Co., ship chandlers, St. John, N.B., have assigned. Chas. E. Scammell is the only partner. The business was started in '74, E. J. Scammell being then a partner but retired in April '90.

-Business difficulties in Ontario during the past week include the assignment of T. W. & Sarah Moffatt, grocers, Orillia. The business was started by T. W. Moffatt, some years ago on a capital of about \$600. He subsequently branched out into a jobbing trade for which he had not sufficient capital, resulting in failure in May '93, and a settlement at 35 cents in the dollar. He was originally a bailiff.—J. F. Ross, general dealer, Coboconk, has assigned after a few years experience. Liabilities light.-J. W. Cathcart, fancy goods, Leamington, has not added to his wealth in the 12 months which he has devoted, but the amount of capital he began with would scarcely warrant success.-Jas. Allan & Co., Beamsville, have assigned. The business was originally owned by Allan & Sinclair, the latter retiring in '89. Too much credit seems to have been at the bottom of the trouble -An offer of 40 cents in the dollar is been considered by the creditors of W. F. Jones, drygoods, Belleville.. His liabilities will foot up some \$21,000, with assets of about \$17,000. He has been in business alone for about 10 years, being previously in partnership with his father.-A. Hamilton peddler named Mc-Cracken, has allowed the assignee to get on his track after holding possession for many years on light capital.-A. L. Kipper Hay township, has assigned .-- A settlement at 60 cents in the dollar has been obtained by J. Gilmore, furniture, St. Catharines. ---Liabilities of \$5,300 are shown against the estate of Sweet & Co., general dealers, Victoria Harbor. The firm, which is thought to be composed of Mrs. B. Sweet, succeeded McLeod & Co. in the summer of '91. Her sons, who have had charge, apparently lacked the necessary ability and mastery of details which are becoming each year more essential to success.

—The following are included in the business difficulties and adjustments in this province during the past week: Nap. Courtemanche, hotel, Chambly Canton, owes \$0,356 and has assigned. The principal creditors are: S. Vigiant, Chambly Basin, \$1,000;

⁻⁻⁻A SETTLEMENT at 50 cents in the dollar is being effected by J. O'Donnell, grocer, Quebec. He began about 7 years ago and was considered as doing a prosperous trade.

M. Kayle, St. Gregoire, \$1,500; F. Courtemanche, Chambly Canton, \$1,808; and J. G. Remington, \$3,200.—Louis Bernstein, general dealer, East Angus, has became involved after some 11 years trading, mostly peddling. He owes about \$3,500.-Liabilities of \$3,100 are shown against the estate of A. Desautels, shoe man'fr., this city, who has assigned. He has been in business some years in a small way.-A. G. Gaucher, jeweller, this city, has assigned. He owes about \$3,700. He began in the spring of '93.-J. P. Lanoix, drygoods, this city, is offering 60 cents in the dollar an liabilities of about \$5,000. Most of the creditors have accepted. He started in '93 with a fair capital and was doing favorably, but was burned out a few days ago, suffering loss beyond the insurance.--An offer of 25 cents in the dollar, cash, has been made by E. Bourgouin & Co., general dealers, St. Flavie station, previously referred to as in difficulties. -Mrs. Louis Gagnon, drygoods, St. Hyacinthe, has assigned after a lengthened struggle. She began about 9 years ago, but was compelled to seek an extension in April '92.-60 cents in the dollar, cash, is being offered to his creditors by N. Lepine, liquors, Magog.—An extension has been granted to Z. Guimond, general dealer, Cap. St. Ignace, previously reported as in difficulties .-Liabilities of some \$5,000 are shown against the estate of A. Courchasne, grocer, Isle Dupas, who has assigned.—B. Mullin, hotel, Pigeon Hill, has given the assignee possession on liabilities of \$1,000. He moved to his present stand from St. Armand about 18 months ago.

-An offer of 50 cents in the dollar is being made by J. B. Lavalee, general dealer, St. Germain de Grantham, Que. The terms are 2, 4, and 6 months, secured.—Mrs. P. Chartie, millinery, Quebec, has been in business 17 years and now desires her creditors to accept 40 cents in the dollar in full of their claims. Dull trade is assigned as the cause of this request.-P. F. O. Charlebois, grocer, St. Henri, Que., has settled at 50 cents in the dollar at 4 and 8 months, secured .- J. W. Blanchet, men's furnishings, this city, has assigned with liabilities of \$8,108. He was formerly in partnership, but has been alone since Feb. '91. The widening of the street interfered with his business during the past year. A settlement at 40 cents in the dollar has been secured by J. Homier, hats and furs, this city. - Jas. Lebron, shoes, this city, previously referred to is offering 25 cents in the dollar, cash.

Meetings, Reports, etc,

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Western Assurance Company was held at its offices in Toronto on Thursday, Feb. 14, 1895, Mr. Geo. A. Cox, President, occupied the chair, and Mr. C. C. Foster, having been appointed to act as secretary to the meeting, read the following

ANNUAL REPORT : .

The directors beg to present herewith their annual report, showing income and expenditure of the company for the year 1894, together with profit and loss account and statement of assets and liabilities at the close of the year.

The premium income, owing mainly to general business depression and depreciation in values, shows a falling off compared

The premium income, owing mainly to general business depression and depreciation in values, shows a falling off compared with that of the preceding year, but this was more than counterbalanced by reduced losses, and the revenue account shows an excess \$111,453,47 of income over expenditure. Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum have been declared; \$10,000 carried to reserve fund, which now amounts to \$1,100,000; and after providing an ample reinsurance reserve to meet liabilities on outstanding policies, the net surplus of the company has been increased to \$377,247.59.

Your directors feel assured that the shareholders will have learned with deep regret of the recent loss which the company has sustained in the death of its late President, Mr. A. M. Smith, who, as a director for the past twenty-nine years, and as President since 1883, had, by his wise counsel and the active personal interest he had always taken in its affairs, contributed largely to the success of the company.

The vacancies caused by Mr. Smith's death have been filled by the election of the Vice-President, Mr. Geo. A. Cox, to the Presidency, and of the Managing-Director, Mr. J. J. Kenny, to the position of Vice-President; the vacancy on the board being filled by the appointment of Mr. J. K. Osborne as a director.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Revenue Account—	
Total Income	
Cash Capital	2,382,419.58
Reserve Fund. Total Assets.	1 100 000 0
	2,373,604.0

The President, in moving the adoption of the report said I am sure that I express the sentiments of every shareholder of the company when I say that the absence from the chair of one the company when I say that the absence from the chair of one who for so many years has presided over our annual gatherings, and maintained such a constant oversight of the affairs of the company, is a source of sincere regret. This feeling is painfully impressed upon us at this, the first shareholders' meeting for thirty years from which our late President has been absent. You will, I am sure, agree with me that we are fortunate in having sequent for our lated reson to excellent a partial teat that before will, I am sure, agree with me that we are fortunate in having secured for our board-room so excellent a portrait as that before you of one who has so well earned a place of honor upon its walls, and whose kindly disposition, business integrity and blameless life have left upon the annals of our business community, and more particularly upon the minds of those intimately associated with him, a record which must afford us pleasure, as well as profit, to contemplate. Although in failing health for some time past, Mr. Smith continued to take a deep interest in the business of the company, and to fulfil the duties of his office until after the close of the year with which the report just read deals, and I feel, therefore in presenting it that I am rendering, on his behalf, an account of the final year of his Presidency, rather than submitting a report by virtue of the position to which the directors have recently done me the honor to elect me. In performing this duty my task is a comparatively light one, for the statement of the accounts of the year, which has been in the hands of the shareholders for some days, is one which appears to call for no lengthened explanations, and certainly requires no words call for no lengthened explanations, and certainly requires no words of apology at my hands. From a shareholder's point of view, and taking into account the depressed condition of general business taking into account the depressed condition of general business over the entire continent during the year, it must be regarded, I think, as an eminently satisfactory statement, showing, as it does, that after paying out of the profits of the year our usual dividend of 10 per cent upon the capital, we have been able to add \$10,000 to our reserve fund; and that after providing an ample reserve for running off outstanding risks, we have made a substantial addition to our net surplus. On the whole, therefore, say that I think we may congratulate ourselves, as well as the officers and agents of the company, upon the result of the year's transactions, bearing evidence, as it does, of that careful selection of risks and judicious supervision which is so essential in times when depreciation in the value of all classes of property is liable to increase the hazard of fire underwriting. Although the report deals only with the business of 1804, I may be permitted report deals only with the business of 1894, I may be permitted to refer briefly to matters relating to the present year, and in this connection I may first allude to the unfortunate experience of our own city during the early part of January, when by two fires, occurring within a week of each other, property to the value of close upon one million and a half dollars, and embracing several of what were regarded as our best mercantile risks, was destroyed, involving a loss of nearly one million dollars to insurance companies. With the large interests which the "Western" has in Toronto, it is needless to say that we could not hope to escape heavy losses in such disasters; but I am pleased to be able to inform you that our lines were so well distributed, and on the larger risks reduced by reinsurance, that our net loss by these two fires was \$37,200, an amount not sufficient to seriously affect, with our present large income, the average of the year's losses. As a result of these fires, the improved fire protection which has long been urgently needed in Toronto seems likely to be afforded. It will be of interest also to shareholders to know that a contract has been entered into under which we have reinsured the Canadian business of the United Fire Insurance Company of Manchester, England, which company has ceased doing business in the Dominion, being, in fact, now in course of liquidation. This will naturally bring some increase in the volume of our Canadian fire business, from which we have in the past derived a fair profit, and from which we feel that we may reasonably look for satisfactory results in the report deals only with the business of 1804, I may be permitted we have in the past derived a fair profit, and from which we feel that we may reasonably look for satisfactory results in the

The vice-president seconded the adoption of the report which

was carried unanimously.

The election of directors for the ensuing year was then pro-The election of directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the old board, viz.:—Messrs. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Robt. Beaty, G. R. Cockburn, M. P., Geo. McMurrick, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held subsequently Mr, Geo. A. Cox was re-elected president, and Mr. J. J. Kenny, vice-president for the ensuing year.

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CANADA PERMANENT LOAN AND SAVING COMPANY.

The fortieth annual general meeting of shareholders of this company was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in the company's office building, Toronto street, Toronto, the president, J. Herbert Mason, Esq., in the chair.

The report of the directors for the year 1894 is as follows:

REPORT.
At the close of the fortieth year of the company's history, the directors have pleasure in laying before the stockholders a duly audited statement of the transactions of the past year, and of the present position of the company, as exhibited in the accompanying balance sheet.

As anticipated, and in common with nearly every other kind of investment, the business of the past year has yielded less profits than formerly. This results from the well-known conditions referred to in the previous year's report.

After providing for interest on borrowed money, for all ex-

penses, commissions and other charges, and writing off all actual penses, commissions and other charges, and writing off all actual as well as probable losses, the net earnings amount to \$284,818, nearly 11 per cent. on the paid-up capital stock, equal to seven per cent. on the capital and reserve fund. Of this sum \$277,992 were appropriated to the payment of two half-yearly dividends, amounting to ten and one-half per cent, and to the payment of the shareholders' income tax thereon. The remaining sum of \$6,328 was added to the Contingent fund, which now amounts to \$111,079. The reserve fund stands at \$1,450,000.

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Owing to the continued depression in business, and the low price of cereals, much forbearance has been required by mortgagors. This has been cheerfully granted when the sufficiency of the security warranted it, but the depreciation in the value of real estate has rendered necessary great care in this respect, compelling the management in many cases to enforce payment, or take possession of the rentals, always a disagreeable duty. Generally, however, interest falling due has been fairly well paid, and a large amount of principal was also repaid and reinvested. The sum outstanding on mortgage loans at the end of the year was \$11,428,266.

The uses to which money can be profitably put have for the time being become so limited in Ontario and the other provinces in which the company lends, that the directors consider it inexpedient to bring in more British capital at present. Debenture money called up has been replaced by new money at reduced rates of interest.

The directors availed themselves of a favorable opportunity for acquiring office premises in a central position in the city of Winnipeg. While permanently securing suitable accommodation for conducting the company's Northwest business, the larger portion of the block is available for rental, and yields a remunerative return on the investment. The situation of the company's building, together with its excellent appointments, will always secure the best class of tenants.

The directors regret to have to record the death of their esteemed and valued colleague, Mr. A. M. Smith, who for more than twenty-five years had been a member of the board, and always manifested a warm interest in the welfare of the company. Mr. W. D. Matthews has been appointed to the vacant The directors availed themselves of a favorable opportunity for

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In conclusion, the directors have much satisfaction in congratuating their fellow shareholders on the completion of forty years of growth and prosperity believed to be unparalleled in the annals of Canadian financial institutions. While the immediate outlook is less encouraging than it has appeared on former occasions, they enter upon the company's fifth decade with confidence in the strength and soundness of the company's position, as well as in the relatively high revenue-earning capabilities it continues to possess.
All which is respectfully submitted.

itica. J. Herbert Mason, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Profit	and	Toss
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Interest on deposits, debentures and debentur	6 4000,000,00
stock Dividends on capital stock\$237,000.0 Municipal tax on dividends4,992.0	0
	_ 277,992.00
Cost of management, salaries, directors' allowanc and inspection, including branch offices	67,695.45
Charges on money borrowed and lent	26,028.72
Contingent Fund, December 31st, 1894	111,079.19
	\$789,024.62
Contingent fund, January 1st, 1894	. \$104,753,08
Interest on mortgages, debentures, rentals, etc	684,271.54
	\$789,024.62
ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIE	8.
Liabilities to the public— Deposits and interest	
Debentures (£1,129,195 Sterling) and interest	
terest	
ling)	
Sundry accounts	\$ 7,716,669.24
Liabilities to shareholders—	ψ 1,110,000.21
Capital stock paid up	
cent. paid	2,600,000.00
Reserve fund	2,000,000.00
Contingent fund	4 #04 0F0 10
Dividends unclaimed 12.65	1,561,079.19
69th dividend	400 040 05
	130,012.65
P	\$12,007,761.08
ASSETS.	
Mortgages on real estate	

Municipal debentures	••••
Company's office buildings. Toronto and	Winnipeg
Accrued rentals	
Cash on hand \$	789.10
Cash in banks	207,869.05

208,658.15

169,797.72

194,220.64 6,817.62

\$12,007,761.08

GEO. H. SMITH, Secretary

We, the undersigned, beg to report that we have made the usual thorough examination of the books of the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company for the year ending 31st December, 1894, and hereby certify that the above statements are strictly correct, and in accordance therewith.

J. E. Berkley Smith, } HENRY BARBER,

Toronto, 30th January, 1895.

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Gentlemen.—In moving the adoption of the report of the directors, it is not necessary for me to detain you with any lengthened observations, but I ask your indulgence while referring briefly to some of the more prominent features of last year's business, and to the present position and prospects of the company.

We are passing through a period of widespread commercial and financial depression, which necessarily has a detractive effect on revenue. In the face of this depression, of diminished demand for money owing to the lack of opportunity for its profitable employment, of depreciation in the value of real estate, as well as of reduced rates of interest, the business of the year produced a net profit of nearly eleven per cent. on the paid-up capital stock, as appears in the statement of Profit and Loss. This enabled the directors to declare dividends amounting to ten and one-half per cent., to pay the shareholders income tax thereon, and left a surplus of more than six thousand dollars to be added to the Contingent Fund.

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Before declaring these results provision was made for paying interest on borrowed capital for expenses, commission and charges of every description, and the usual rigid scrutiny into the company's investments was made. Not only was no interest charged in doubtful cases, but as has always been our practice, wherever there was reason to expect delay or deficiency in realizing any securities in default, corresponding deductions were anticipated and the amounts written off.

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wherever there was reason to expect delay or deficiency in realizing any securities in default, corresponding deductions were anticipated and the amounts written off.

This is not the first period of commercial and financial stringency, accompanied by retrogression in land values, the company has passed through. After the crisis of 1857 the shrinkage in prices amounted for a few years to almost entire unsaleability. The company was then young, without any accumulated reserves, and for a time profits were considerably diminished.

The productions of the country were then comparatively small, as was also its population. Toronto contained less than 40,000 inhabitants. Now it has more than 180,000. Recuperation was therefore slow. The present is a time for retrenchment, for the practice of industry and thrift, for the avoidance of all speculative expenditures, whether public or private, for adopting the most approved methods in agriculture as well as other branches of labor, and for the legitimate development of the known resources our country is so richly endowed with. That the interests affected will emerge from the present depressing period, and resume their normal condition of prosperity, admits of no doubt. Already there are encouraging indications of improvement.

Canada has suffered less than many other countries. It is satisfactory to note that the banks and other financial institutions of the Dominion have stood the strain, and maintained their high reputation both at home and abroad. Not one loan or land mortgage company has failed to promptly meet its obligations. I believe I am correct in saying that during the last forty years not a dollar has been lost by a creditor of one of these companies.

In the forty years of progress referred to in the report, as profits have fluctuated, so also dividends have by no means been uniform. While the rate paid on the shareholders' capital has averaged twelve per cent. For the whole of that period, for several years the dividends were ten per cent. We see no reason w

fect of the lower rates obtained is in a great measure neutralized by the lower rates paid.

Canada, like all new countries, must for many years continue to be a borrower. There should be, therefore, and doubtless will be, as in the past, a fair margin between the rates paid in Great Britain by companies of high standing and unquestionable resources, who pledge their credit there, and the rates received here on individual loans. This margin, together with the revenue derived from the investment of the capital stock and Reserve. Fund, will continue to afford a renumerative return to the serve Fund, will continue to afford a remunerative return to the

shareholders

\$11,428,266.95

shareholders.

In conclusion, I desire to express to my colleagues on the board, to the officers, agents and employees of the company at the head and branch offices, to our solicitors and numerous appraisers throughout the country, as well as to our esteemed representatives in Great Britain, my grateful acknowledgments for their loyal support and devotion to the interests of the institution. It is largely to their influential efforts that the shareholders are indebted for the gratifying position the company occupies to-day. The report of the directors was unanimously adopted, as also

were votes of thanks to the president, directors, officers and agents of the company. The retiring dtrectors, Messrs. J. Herbert Mason, S. Nordheimer, Henry Cawthra and John Boyd, were upon imposely as elected. unanimously re-elected.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Messrs. J. Herbert Mason and Edward Hooper were respectively re-elected to the offices of president and vice-president.

WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAVINGS CO.

The 32nd annual meeting of the shareholders of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company was held at the company's offices, Toronto, the 18th inst. The following report and financial

offices, Toronto, the 18th inst. The following report and financial statements were read, viz.:—

The directors have much pleasure in laying before the shareholders the thirty-second annual report of the business of the company. The profits of the year, after deducting all charges and writing off, as was considered prudent, a sufficient sum to cover any depreciation in the value of real estate, amount to \$172,197.80. Out of this sum have been paid the usual half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, together with the income tax thereon, amounting to \$152,386.42, and the balance has been carried to the credit of the contingent fund. balance has been carried to the credit of the contingent fund. The amount now standing at the credit of that fund is \$70,445.90. The reserve fund remains at \$770,000. The repayments on account of mortgage loans have been, on the whole, satisfactory, and when, in any case, it has been considered desirable to grant some indulgence, and extend the time for payment, the security has invariably first been again specially reported upon. The debentures of the company falling due during the year have been more generally renewed than in any former year, and the directors had no difficulty in obtaining new money at a lower rate to replace any debentures which were not renewed. The total amount of moneys entrusted to the company by British and Canadian investors is now \$4,480,193.24. The balance sheet and profit and loss account, together with the auditors' report, are submitted herewith.

G. W. Allan, President.

Financial statement of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company for the year ending on 31st December, 1894:—

Liabilities.

MABILITIES.

To Shareholders. Capital stock	\$1,500,000.00 770,000.00 70,445.90 75,000.00
To the Public. Debentures and interest Deposits Sundry accounts, including coupons outstanding	\$2,415,445.90 \$8,450,300.81 1,029,892.48 578.90
ASSETS.	\$6,896,218.04
Investments	\$6,688,760.88
Office premises and furniture, Toronto and Win- nipeg	106,606.50 100,850.66
	\$6,896,218.40
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
Cost of management, viz: salaries, rent, inspection and valuation, office expenses, branch office agents' commissions, auditors' fees, etc	\$ 52,046.61 . 8,610.00 42,848.28
Net profit for year applied as follows: Dividends and tax thereon	\$287,604 67 . \$152,386.41 . 19,811.89
Interest on mortgages and debentures, rents, etc	\$400,802.47 \$400.802.47
WALTER S. LEE,	\$409,802.47

Managing Director.

Toronto, 8th February, 1895.

To the Shareholders of the Western Canada Loan & Savings

Gentlemen.—We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Western Canada Loan & Savings Company for the year ending 31st Dec., 1894, and certify that the annexed statements of assets and liabilities and profit and loss are nexed statements of assets and liabilities and profit and loss are correct; and show the true position of the company's affairs. 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:—
The report which has just been read and which it is now me.

The report which has just been read, and which it is now my duty to propose for your approval and adoption, and the financial

statement which accompanies it, will, I trust, enable all our share-holders to understand clearly the present position of the com-

I venture to hope that the more thoroughly these statements and figures are examined by you the better you will be satisfied as to the soundness and stability of the company, and the care and judgment with which its affairs have been administered.

The satisfactory earnings of the year have enabled us, after providing for all charges and expenses and writing off a sufficient sum to provide for any actual or probable losses from the depreciation of real estate, to pay our usual dividend of 10 per cent. to our shareholders

our shareholders.

There is no doubt that the present time calls for the exercise of special care and judgment on the part of all institutions loaning money on real estate. As you all know but too well (for what investor in these times has not had some such experience?), in spite of the utmost care and caution unlooked for changes occur, which affect what at the time they were taken were looked upon as properties offering the most undoubted security. In dealing with all such cases I think that we can claim that the directors have exercised a wise and conservative policy in neither carrying forward nor taking credit for any amounts which could fairly be considered doubtful and not likely to be realized, but have applied the pruning knife without hesitation to the extent of closing out some 28 accounts, making a charge of \$27,827 on the contingent account, and if, as one of the results, that account shows somewhat reduced figures, the shareholders may feel satisfied that by the policy which has been adopted the company stands on such safe and solid ground as entitles it to the thorough confidence of its shareholders.

In regard to our current mortgages, as stated in the report, the

In regard to our current mortgages, as stated in the report, the payments have been upon the whole satisfactory, and considering the prevailing depression of 1894. I think we might almost have used a stronger term and said very satisfactory.

In the case of parties who had fallen behind in their payment

or who asked for an extension of time, we have not hesitated, where a careful inspection showed that the property was not deteriorating in value, and the mortgagors themselves were making honest efforts to meet their engagements, to show them every reasonable indulgence, and in this we are sure we shall have the approbation of the shareholders.

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To turn now to the company's borrowings, the report alludes to the very general renewal of the company's bonds in Great Britain, and I think it is a matter of great satisfaction for us in Canada that, nothwithstanding the shock which it was feared would be given to all colonial securities by the financial difficulties in Australia and New Zealand, Canadian securities still hold their own in the British market. This company was again and again offered very considerable sums for investment in our bonds during the last summer, much beyond what the limits imposed upon our borrowing powers would allow us to accept. The renewals of bonds which matured last year were, as already stated, more general than in any previous year, and I may mention that among them were bonds originally issued for five years, which dated back a quarter of a century, and I think it may be which dated back a quarter of a century, and I think it may be claimed as a strong proof of the estimation in which our debentures are held that investors should prefer to renew again and

again, each fifth year generally at a lower rate of interest, rather than give up the investment.
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In connection with this branch of the company's business I desire to express on behalf of the directors our strong sense of our obligations to our agents in Great Britain. Messrs. Bell, Cowan & Co. of Edinburgh, for the untiring zeal and energy with which they have sought on every occasion to promote the company's interests, and also for the very valuable counsel and advice which they have always freely afforded us in connection with our debenture business. Before passing from the subject of our debentures I may mention a circumstance which may be of interest to the shareholders. The total amount entrusted to the company for investment, both British and Canadian, is now \$4,480,193, but it is to the increase in the number of Canadian investors in the company's bonds that I wish to call your attention. In 1893 the total amount of bonds held in Canada was \$382,315 in 1894 it had come up to \$470,328, showing an increase of \$88,000 within the last year, and I think there is every prospect of the demand increasing, both with advantage to the company and to the country. We have moreover, very satisfactory evidence of the estimation in which the standing of this company is held in the fact that large blocks of our debentures have been purchased by insurance companies, some for deposit with the Canadian Government. Government.

As most of our shareholders are doubtless aware, the company's office premises in Winnipeg were destroyed by fire in the month of November last. I am glad to be able to state that all our books, titles and securities were found in perfect order when the vaults of the building were opened. The building was amply covered by insurance, and the insurance companies met us in a very liberal spirit, and have paid the ascertained loss in full. As rebuilt in accordance with the present plans, the new building will be in many respects better and more conveniently arranged, and the part not required by the company will doubtless again be rented on such terms as will bring in a handsome, revenue. I may take this opportunity of stating that our business in Manitoba continues to be very ably and carefully conducted by our Manager, Mr. Fisher, who is also very fortunate in having the assistance of a very able and efficient staff of inspectors.

And now looking forward to the future of the company, there are two important questions which at once suggest themselves; First, may we reasonably hope that the widespread commercial and financial depression which has so long prevailed, not merely in Canada but over the whole continent, is beginning to pass away, and that as a consequence land values, both as regards farm lands and town property, will again rise to something like their old figures? And, in the second place, are the low rates of interest now prevailing likely to become permanent, or even to have a more downward tendency, and so render it more difficult for investors, either companies or individuals, to employ their money as profitably as hitherto? Now, on both these points we have within the last few weeks seen in the public papers the published reports of the views of many of our leading business men. While all admit how widespread the depression has been, both in its injurious effects upon trade and business and upon the value of real estate, yet there seems to be a general consensus of opinion that the cloud which has so long hung over us is beginning at last to show the silver lining, and that already there are indications of improvement, "that trade is reviving," and that "farm lands in some sections of the country are in good demand," and that we may reasonably anticipate that 1895 has better days in store, both for the merchant and the farmer. Now, I can look back to a period in the linancial history of this Province, and especially of the City of Toronto, in 1857 and 1858, and for several years afterwards, when the aspect of things was far darker than it has ever been during the present hard times, when real estate everywhere, but especially in this city, went down, as it seemed, hopelessly in value, and there were not wanting then pessimists who prophesied that it would never rise again to anything like its former value! Yet, after all, though there were years, and long years, of depression, the tide turned at last, trade and business revived and with returning prosperity real estate once more rose, and continued to rise in value.

Now, I maintain that we posses in this country and especially in this Province of Ontario, and this City of Toronto, elements of strength and powers of recupercation which did not exist in '57 and '58. The resources of the country now are infinitely greater; there is much more wealth; far more capital ready to be invested, and seek profitable employment whenever the opportunity offers; and, looking to the magnificent position which all the financial institutions of the country have maintained through all these days of trial, in striking contrast to what we have seen across our own borders, I cannot but believe that the return of more prosperous times, of which the shrewd and careful observers I have alluded to already see glimpses, will not be very long delayed. I have alluded to what has been said in this connection as to the increasing demand for farm lands in some sections of the country, and which we may hope is an indication that more prosperous times, notwithstanding the low prices which have prevailed, are in store for the farmer also. There is no class of the country, and in which we, as loan companies, are more interested.

are more interested.

I need not dwell upon what I am sure you have all heard a great deal of lately—the new industries in dairying, cheese-making, etc., to which our farmers have been induced to apply themselves. I only allude to it because it shows that the farmers of Ontario have within their reach resources which only require

to be properly developed and judiciously made use of to become increasingly profitable and largely helpful in bringing back better times. And if we turn to Manitoha and the Northwest we shall find that the same lesson is being learned there, and that the farmers there are beginning to understand that they possess in their broad acres not only the finest wheat growing land but other hitherto undeveloped resources which only require to be properly worked to become a source of increasing wealth.

Turning now to the other question, are the low rates of interest now prevailing likely to become permanent and even to have a more downward tendency, and to render it more difficult for investors, either companies or individuals, to employ their money as profitably as hitherto? I do not find that there is quite such a unanimity of opinion on this point among those best qualified to "read the signs of the times." That lower rates of interest than were formerly obtained will continue to prevail seems to be generally admitted, though in the opinion of many it is not so certain that, should times improve and trade and business revive, and profitable openings present themselves for the investment of capital, the rate of interest will go down any lower, if, indeed, it does not have a tendency to rise. In regard to the effects upon the business of land companies and other money-lending corporations, so far as loan companies are concerned, more than one authority whose views should carry weight have expressed the opinion that the low rate now obtained on mortgages is counterbalanced by the lower rate which the companies pay for their money. On the other hand, others whose opinions are equally entitled to consideration have given as their view that the low rate of interest at which money is now obtained does not by any means make up fully for the reduced rates at which companies have to lend their moneys, and that these lower rates of interest must lead to such a reduction of profits that reduced dividends must naturally follow. These are rather conflicting opinions: but, whatever may be the ultimate outcome of the present state of things, your directors are persuaded that the wisest course to adopt in the interests of the shareholders is, while exercising redoubled care and caution, and endeavoring to strengthen at all points the position of the company, to watch carefully the progress of events, and to be prepared to adopt whatever course shall appear best calculated to inspire the shareholders and the public generall

In conclusion, let me say that my colleagues and I feel that in our managing director we have one who is constantly on the watch to note each "sign of the times," and by his ability and vigilance the interests of the company are most safely guarded; and I may further add that in respect to our whole office staff the company possesses most faithful and efficient officers.

The retiring directors, viz., George Gooderham, Esq., Alfred Gooderham, Esq., George W. Lewis, Esq., and Walter S. Lee, Esq., were re-elected. These gentlemen, with the Hon. Geo. W. Allan, Thomas H. Lee, Esq., and Hon. Sir David Macpherson, K.C.M.G., form the full board. At a meeting of the directors held subsequently the Hon. Geo. W. Allan was re-elected. President and George Gooderham, Esq., Vice-President.

Tinancial.

Thursday, February 21st, 1895.

The superiority of expert financiers over any government in the matter of negotiating a loan is as strikingly manifost in the case of the new United States bond issue as it was in that of this Pro-The syndicate who paid the United States 1012 for what is practically a 3g per cent. 30 year gold bond could have placed it three times over at 1124 and will not from five to six million dollars on the deal. In the meantime the hearded gold is beginning to flow into the Treasury, and not any too soon, for the reserve had fallen to the unprecedently low point of \$35,570,000. It is mostly foreign gold, too, for the syndicate soll by preference to those who can furnish their own gold, and do not need to draw it from the Treasury. By contract half the gold must come from Europe, and as all the metal received from the successful tenderers will be paid into the Treasury in exchange for legal tenders it would not be surprising if, in addition to the 3,500,000 ounces contracted by the syndicate, the government received \$10,000,000 more gold than the amount specified. As this means a considerable withdrawal of metal from London and other fin ancial centres it is hoped that it will result in an advance in the rates for money, but at present it is plentiful at 1 per cent. on call in London although the open rate for discount has been increased to 14 per cent. In New York call money is slightly stiffer at 1 to 1 per cent. Time money runs from 31 to 4 per cent. on good Stock Exchange collateral and commercial paper discounts at 4 to 4½ per cent. for endorsed and 41 to 6 per cent. for single name paper. In this market call money is dull and unchanged at 4 per cent. and discount runs from 6 to 61 per cent.

Sterling exchange opened weak but closed stronger on limited offerings of bills. Posted rates in New York were 4.88 for sixties and 4.89 for demand. Actual rates were 4.87½ for sixties, 4.88½ for demand and 4.89 for cables. Commercials were 4.87 and documentaries 4.86½ Paris francs 5.17½ for long and 5.15¾ for short. In this market the closing rates between banks were 9½ to ½ for sixties, 9. 13-16 to ¾ for demand

On the Stock Exchange Canadian railway figures have attracted a good deal of attention this week. It is now known that the credit balance of £83,800, earned by the Grand Trunk system proper, has been applied to extinguishing a portion of the deficits on the C. & G. T. and the D. G. H. & M., and that, even then, these expensive feeders show a further deficit which is carried forward on their books. The meeting of the Canadian Pacific has been postponed un. til Tuesday next, and speculation is rife as to what dividend the road will declare. In the meantime the stock has fallen to 48% bid here; but it has risen to Of the other stocks 51 in London. Street Railway occupied the attention of the speculative clique until the middle of the week when they suddenly dropped it and began to force up Commercial Cable until it reached $147\frac{3}{4}$ and closed at 1475. Although 10,543 shares of Street Railway changed hands during the week, only 100 were sold in the past

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Montreal, Sept., 1894.

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J. W. MACKEDIE & CO.

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Are as staple as flour, sell readily and always in demand. Millions of each brand sold annually; sales constantly increasing.

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two days, and after reaching 187½ for old and 185½ for new stock, it closed at 185½ and 185½ bid. The banks were comparatively neglected and the only transaction in industrials was the sale of \$1,000 worth of Dominion Cotton bonds at 100½. The following are the transactions of the week as per Chas. Meredith & Co., stockbrokers:—

Banks.	Shares.	Highest	Lowest.	Last Year
Montreal	36	220	220	2203%
Ontario	20	90	90	
Molsons	5	171	171	9
Merchants	88	1641/4	164	156
Commerce	84	13734	137	1353%
Hochelaga	170	$124\frac{6}{34}$	120	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Pacific	325	$49\frac{3}{4}$	48%	69
Dul. Pref	50	7	7	
Cable	2740	14734	145	1361/6
Telegraph	241	1581/	157	1451%
Richelieu	1675	961/2	931/2	S234
Street Railway	4880	1871/2	185	1691
New " "	5668	18534		
Toronto St. Ry	841	741/2	72	
Gas	690	1934	192%	1761/4
Bell Tel	276	1501/2	155	
Royal Electric	144	146	145	
Dom. Cot. Bonds \$	1,000	1001/2	1001/2	
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MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE

Total for Week Ending Feb. 21, 1895. Clearings. Balances \$ 9,489,394 \$1,292,049 Corresponding Week of 1804.... 8,487,636 993,042 ... 1893... 12,718,926 1,818,433 " " 1892... 8,541,458 1,188,454

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Thursday evening, Feb. 21st, 1895.

The regular volume of trade, interrupted by the storms of the past weeks, has not yet been altogether restored. The possibilities of an election being close at hand is referred to in some quarters as likely to influence the market to some extent; but this is overruled by the knowledge that necessity creates demand, and the small stocks being held by merchants throughout the country during the recent depression call for replenishing for the coming season with all the greater certainty. A pleasing feature of the drygoods market is shown by increased orders from travelers. City trade is being well maintained and payments are considered on the whole as fairly indicative of a return to more cheering conditions. Hardware, on the contrary, is difficult to move in anything bordering on a satisfactory basis. Much of the business doing is on the line of concessions, necessity to buy being apparently a feature of the past. Groceries are steady. Although February is usually the quietest month for sugar, there is shown a much better movement, owing, doubtless, to the extremly low prices which of themselves create an added demand. The present price of 31/8 to 31/2 c for ex-granulated is the lowest ever quoted. Leather is picking up on the various markets, some round lots recently sold at advanced figures for future delivery tending to show the drift of values for the coming seasons.

Ashes.—Receipts of lots are very light but 22 brls. of pearls have been received this month. Export demand for both pots and pearls is very light. We quote pots \$4 and \$4.05 for first sort, \$3.70 for seconds. Peals \$6.10 and \$6.15 for first sort. Received since 1st January 169 brls. pots, 24 brls pearls. Delivered since 1st January 81 brls pots, 3 brls pearls. In store 20 February, at 6 p.m. 162 trls pots 24 brls pearls.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—A dull week has been experienced in the butter market, nothing whatever doing except in a local way for grocers supplies. Prices are nominally unchanged. Cheese.— The market is dull at the present, even the lower prices ruling not being sufficient to create noticeable activity. Prices are unchanged from last week.

COAL AND WOOD.—There are no new features to note. A good demand continues at unchanged prices. We quote, Stove per ton, \$6.00; Chestnut, \$6.00; Egg, \$5.75; Cape Breton, (ex-ship.) \$3.75; Pictou do. \$4.25; Lower ports screen, (retail)

\$5.00; Scotch, do. \$6.00; Dry maple wood per cord, \$6.50; beech, \$6.00; birch, \$6.00; mixed, \$5.00; tamarac, \$5.00; slabs, \$4.00.

Day Goods.—The dry goods market recovered more quickly from the depression caused by the almost universal suspension of traffic due to the late storm than any of its congeners, and the trade report a fairly active week. Travellers are selling fully up to expectations, and although money is still a subject of complaint there seems to be more confidence that the goods will ultimately be paid for than there was a month or two ago. The city and suburban trade are well up to the mark and every one is sailing so close to the wind that very little danger of leeway is looked for. The prospects of elections still disturbs trade, of course, but there is a general feeling that the worst is over and that business will gradually improve from this on.

DRESSED Hous.—Receipts are running much lighter, and with little or no stock offering, prices have advanced. We quote car lots \$5.70 to \$5.75 and small lots in a jobbing way \$5.85 to \$6.

DRESSED POULTRY. — The market is strong. Prime fat stock is in small supply and receipts move out quickly. Turkeys 9 to 10½c lb; geese 6 to 8c; ducks 8 to 10c; chickens 9 to 10c; and old fowls 7 to 8c per lb.

EGGS.—Light offerings and favorable advices from U. S. markets have caused the firm feeling previously noted to continue. Western limed are entirely out of the market, so that holders of Montreal stock have the market in their own hands and insist in full prices being paid. Sales are being made at 14 to 15c. A few fresh gathered are coming forward and are placed easily at 22 to 23c. With continued cold weather higher prices are looked for before the end of the present month.

Fign.—Green cod is becoming scarce in this market. Some dealers say they do not remember a former year when the lenten season began with such light stocks. A carload of Nild frozen herring sold this week at 90c. These will be held at \$1.25 in a jobbing way. Fresh frozen haddock 24 to 3c. Stocks are reduced owing to the recent gales which interfered with the catch. See prices current for quotations.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—A quiet market and a slow demand characterized the flour market during the week. Cable enquirles for Manitoba patents were away below millers' ideas and no export orders were filled. The market however was steady and there are no changes in values to record. Manitoba strong bakers is still quoted at \$3.75. Feed is active at \$17, for bran, \$18 for shorts and \$23 to \$24 for mouillé. Oatmeal is unchanged. In grain a brisk demand for cats is the only feature, No 2 oats have advanced sharply

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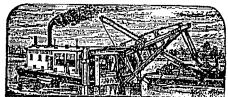
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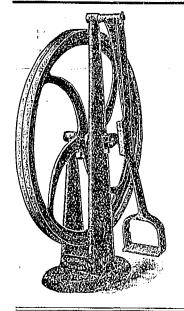
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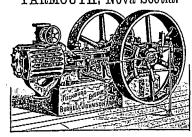
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to 38 to 38% cents per 34 lbs. and peas to 68 to 70 cents in store. In hay, choice timothy continues scarce at \$7.50 and other grades rule at \$5 to \$6.50 per hundred bundles. Straw was active at \$3 to \$5.50 as to quality. Exporters are paying \$5 per ton for hay at country points and about 500 tons went forward this week, via Boston. The cable quotes 65s, c.i.f., London. Cable advices to the Bonrd of Trade this morning are as follows:—Cargoes off coast, wheat and maize, nothing doing; cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat, dull; maize firm. La Plata wheat, sailer, February and March, 21s 6d; No 1 standard California wheat, iron ship, just shipped, 23s 7½d; two cargoes of wheat sold. English country markets quiet and steady; French firm. Liverpool spot wheat, quiet, demand poor, spot maize steady, demand moderate; mixed maize, 4s ½d. Liverpool futures—Wheat quiet, 4s 6½d for February, 4s 6½d March, April, 4s 6¾d May, 4s 7d June; maize quiet; 4s 0½d February, 4s 0¾d March, April, May, 4s 0¾d June. to 38 to 38 / cents per 34 lbs. and peas to

GROCERIES .- There are still complaints of slack business occasioned by the snow blockades which have not yet been cleared in many places. Trade however shows much improvement for the week in a general way. February is usually the dullest month for sugars, but the extremely low prices have stimulated the demand considerably and transactions show an improvement though not aggregating the average in money. Present prices are 3\frac{3}{16} to 3\frac{1}{16} to r standard granulated, according to quantity; with yellows 2 9-16 to 3\frac{1}{16} to. Beet 9s f.o.b. Hamburg. Syrups are unchanged but meeting with more inquiry as usual with the approach of the lenten season. Coal oil has advanced as will be seen by quotations in prices current. Tens are steady. A Yokohama letter of the 30th ult. says: Purchases since last letter on 16th instant only amount to 150 piculs of Good Common and Medium grades. Arrivals have been very small and there is little or no stock offering. Holders are very firm. Total settlements of the season to date amount blockades which have not yet been cleared

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GREEN FRUITS.—Apples continue in light supply with a fair demand, and prices supply With a fair demand, and prices somewhat firmer than last week. First class Florida oranges are also light, Valencia's are more plentiful. Quotations are: Apples, car lots \$3.50 to \$4.00; do, retail, per brl, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Oranges Florida's free from frost 126's \$3.75 to \$4.00; 150's \$3.75 to \$4.00; 176 to 200's \$4.25 to \$4.50. Lemons, Messina's choice \$2.50 to \$2.75; fancy \$3.25 to \$3.50; Malaga grapes per keg \$6.50 to \$7.50; bananas, finest full fruit, per bunch as to size, \$2.50 to \$3.00 ripe coming by express. Evaporated apples per lb. 6½ to 6½; Canadian onions, brls. \$1.75 to \$2.00; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; Nuts, filberts, 8 to 8½c; almonds 13 to 14c; walnuts old, 10 to 13c; walnuts, new Naples 13½ to 14c; new Grenobles, 13½ to 14c; peanuts 8 to 9c. Italian chestnuts 9 to 10c; sweet potatoes \$3.75 to \$4.00 brl. Cape Cod cranberries \$15; do per bush. box \$5.00; pears, brls, \$2.00 to \$4.00. California winter nelles, bxs, \$2 to \$2.25; Valencia oranges 420 size \$3.75 to \$4.00, do 714s \$5.25. Pineapples fancy large 23 to 25c each. somewhat firmer than last week. First

HIDES.—There has been more business during the week owing to large supplies from local butchers. Prices remain steady at quotations as given on another page. Dry hides hold very firm and reports from some quarters indicate higher prices paid though these have not been verified.

IRON AND METALS .- The heavy metal trade does not appear to have recovered yet from the effects of the late storm, and very little business is being transacted., For Siemens No. 1 pig \$16,75 to \$17 would be accepted, and for Carnbroe \$19. Complaints of cutting to make business are rife in every line, and special discounts are rife in every line, and special discounts are offered everywhere, on the quiet, to those who will not buy without them. In fact prices are demoralized, and although our list contains the figures a small buyer would have to pay, a large one could cut it all to pieces. Never was it so hard to sell goods at list prices, and although travellers are sending in better orders they are doing it at prices that leave very little margin to the jobbers.

LEATHER AND SHOES .- The market continues steady with prices firm. A sale of 8000 sides No. 2 sole for future delivery was closed last week by a city dealer to a local shoe manufacturer at an advance of one cent over present prices. There is a good demand from England. A letter from a Liverpool dealer this week reports the market strong for dressed leathers, light splits being urgently wanted. Shoe manufacturers are fairly

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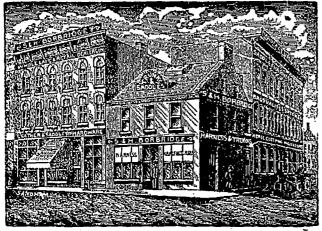
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busy, but there has been little goods shipped out as yet.

Paints and Oils.—A fair business is doing in paints, and the prospects for the coming season show a more hopeful feeling. French Imperial green is quoted lower at 11 to 15c. Glue, domestic broken sheet 10 to 18c. Oils.—A quantity of Nidl. cod has been shipped to the United States. Prices are considerably higher here. Linseed is firmer, and turpentine is scarce and likely to advance. Coal Oil has advanced as will be seen by figures given in prices current.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Toronto, Feb'y 21st, 1895.

(Revised by Telegraph).

Dulness in wholesale circles continues. The prospects are for some improvement next week, when the spring millinery openings will be inaugurated. These as usual are likely to attract large numbers of retail merchants to the city, which will prove beneficial to the trade. Owing, to comparatively small stocks of merchandise

carried by the retail trade, the prospects are favorable for a good spring trade when the season sets in. Prices generally show few changes, and payments are fair. Money still continues cheap; call loans on prime securities are negotiable at 4 per cent., while choice commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 61/2 per cent. Sterling exchange is steady, and drafts on New York a trifle firmer. Stock speculation is inactive, with a small range in quotations. Commerce sold at 136, Standard at 161, Dominion at 271, Hamilton at 154, Western Assurance at 150, British America at 113, C.P.R. at 49, Cable at 1471/4, Incandescent at 1101/2, Toronto St. Ry. at 721/2, Telephone at 155%, Gas at 195, London and Canadian at 122, and Dominion Savings

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DRESSED Hogs. — Receipts fair, and prices steady. Packers are paying \$5.20, to \$5.25 and small lots at \$5.85 to \$5.50.

FLOUR AND GRAIN. — Flour very dull with prices relatively lower than wheat. A few sales of straight rollers at \$2.52½ to \$2.80, Toronto freights according to brand, Ontario patents \$2.80 to \$2.90. Manitoba patents \$3.80 to \$3.90, and strong bakers \$3.65 to \$3.70. Wheat steady, with white selling at 57½ west and at 58c on Northern. Spring nominal at 63c to 64c on the Midland. Manitoba hard is steady with sales at 70½c west and 80c east. Barley is irregular, Sales of No. 1 being reported at 47 to 50c, according to weight, No. 2 at 44 to 45c, and feed barley at 40 to 41c. Oats are firm, selling at 30 to 30½c for mixed outside and at 31 to 32c for white. Peas sold at 55c west and 56c east. Buckwheat unchanged, selling at 37 to 38c outside. Rye firm at 44 to 45c outside. Bran higher at \$14 west, at \$16 on track. Oatmeal firm at \$3.60 to \$3.75 for car lots.

Gnocenies.—Trade fair, with sugars selling at 3½ to 35% for granulated and at 3 to 3½ for yellows. Teas more active, with low grades of Ceylons and Congons scarce. Fruits firm, with sales of currants at 4½ and up. Rio coffee, 20 to 22c. Canned goods 85 to 90c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides dull at 5c for cured. Dealers pay 4c for No. 1 green and 3c for No. 2. Sheepskins firm at 80c and calfskins 4 and 6c, the latter for No. 1. Tallow is quoted at 5½ to 5½c.

LIVE STOCK. — Receipts show an increase. Exporters sold at 4 to 4½c, and bulls at 2¾ to 8½c. The best butcher's cattle sold at 8½c per lb.; inferior animals 2¼ to 2¾c. Sheep sold at 3 to 3½c per lb., the latter for ewes. Choice lambs at 4 to 4½c, and medium at 3¾c per lb. Hogs firmer at \$4.25 to \$4.30 per hundred for choice, \$4.05 to \$1.10 for stores; \$3.50 for sows and \$2.75 for stags.

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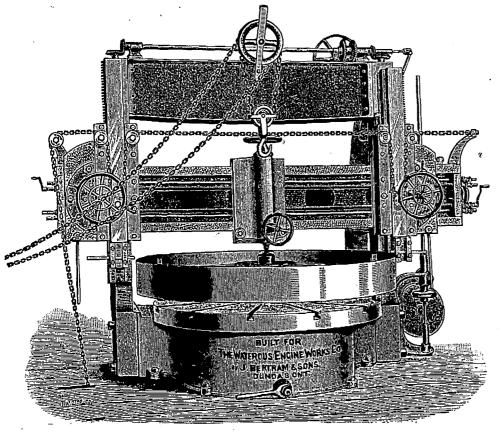
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT—THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 1895.

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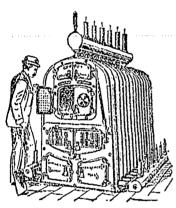
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Name of Article.	Wholesale. Name of Article.	Wholesale.	Name of Article.	Wholesale.		Wholesale.
Farm Products. BUTTER: Greamery, Townships, dairy, new Western, new Finest West. col'd fall m'k Finest Western white " Finest Townships' Finest Eastern white " Finest Eastern white " Under grades. Aug. make, col. and white Cable col do white. Eags: Western held fresh Limed Shipped as strictly fresh Absolutely new laid ret'l Hors: 1891, per lb Cold Ioa Products: Bacon, smoked, per lb Dressed Hogs, " Hams, city cured, " " Canvassed, Pork Ca. s. c. per bbl. heav do light Heavy Mess, Lard, per lb ECOWE, red, per bushel King, Can'n) per bsh. EEDS: Clover, red, per bushel Fiax 56 lbs Outcope, seranged Loney, strained Loney, strained Loney, strained Loney, strained Loney, strained Loney, strained	\$ c. \$ c. Barley, malting	8 c. 8 c. 0 c. 0 c. 0 c. 0 c. 0 c. 0 c.	Molasses (Barbados)img Porto Rico	\$ c. \$ c. 0 00 0 33 0 00 0 00	Vermicelli, Canadian Macaroni, "Italian Peel—Citron Orange Lomon Chacolat Menier. Vanilla, yel. wrap, 2i x ½ lb do Chamols do do do Pink do do do Pink do do do Dink do do do Dink do do do Octobre do do do Hila do do do Grip, Van. Green do do do Bronzo do do do Bronzo do do do Bronzo do do do White do Unsweet'd blue prem do Starch: Can. Laundry Silver Glosa Benson's Prep. Corn Can. Pure Corn Can. Pure Corn Crystal Pickling W. W. XXX W. W. XX W. W. XX W. W. XX W. W. XX Pure Malt Cider X. "Common Matches: Telegraph "Tommon's Matches: Steamship Railroad Washboards: Nelson's Favorite. Hardware Antimony. "Tin: Block, L&F, P.b. "Straits. "	S c. S c. O 55 O 00 O 10 O 13 O 20 O 00 O 14 O 16 O 13 O 15 O 14 O 16 O 14 O 16 O 14 O 16 O 15 O 15 O 55 O 16 O 55 O 16 O 55 O 16 O 55 O 16 O 10 O 00 O 73 O 85 O 85 O 42 O 11 O 00 O 11 O 00 O 12 O 00 O 13 O 00 O 14 O 00 O 15 O 00

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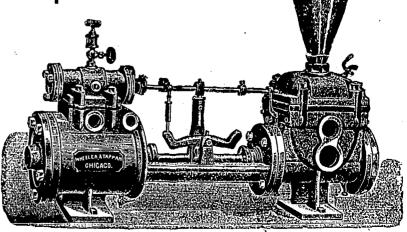
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	1893.		1894.		INCREASE
Premium Income		44	\$ 29,411,386	32	\$ 1,922,728 88
Interest and Rents	6,374,989	51	7,071,927	21	696,937 70
Total Income	\$33,863,646	95	\$36,483,313	53	\$2,619,666 58
Death Claims	\$ 8,440,093	46	\$ 8,228,608	51	******
Endowments and Annuities	2,490,702	90	2,814,397	36	323,694 46
Dividends, Purchased Insurances, etc	4,107,653	91	4,621,997	19	514,343 28
Total to Policy-holders	\$15,038,450	27	\$15,665,003	06	\$626,552 79
ASSETS,	\$148,700,781	21	\$162,011,770	93	\$13,310,989 72
SURPLUS			\$20,249,307	73	\$3,223,677 58
INSURANCE IN FORCE	\$779,156,678	00	\$813,294,160	00	\$34,137,482 00
NEW PREMIUMS (including Annuities)	_{\$} 6,962,789	96	\$7,149,016	42	\$186,226 46
POLICIES IN FORCE	253,876		277,600		23,724
ASSETS	4.76 per ce	nt.	4.88 per ce	nt.	.12 per cent

The Company's expense ratio decreased during the year 1.70 per cent., which represents an actual saving to the policy-holders of \$499,993.56

Instalment Policies are included only at the amounts payable immediately at death or end of Endowment period.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS IN 1894.

Increase i	n Premium Income, as com	pared w	rith 189	3		 	. \$1,922,728.88
"	Interest and Rents	16	14				. 696,937.70
6.6	Assets	41	44		;. 	 	. 13,310,989.72
66	Surplus	tt	"		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 <i></i>	. 3,223,677.55
6.6	Total Income	44					. 2,619,666.58
4.6	Insurance in Force	c c	66	••••		 	. 34,137,482.00
66	Benefits to Policy-holders	s, as co	mpared				
44	Earning Power of Assets						. 12 per cent.
44	New Premiums		44	**		 	\$186,226.46
Saving in	Death Losses		**	"		 	211,484 95
Excess of	Income over Disbursements	s in 189	4	•••••		 	12,343,883.97

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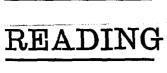
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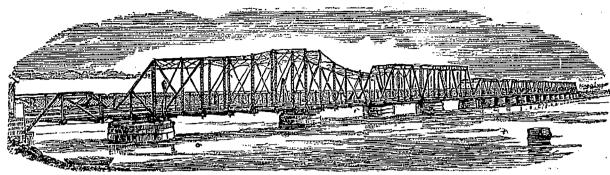
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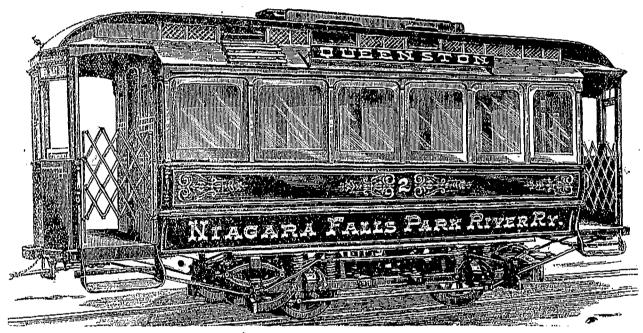
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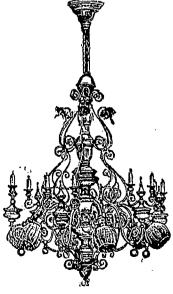
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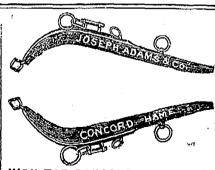
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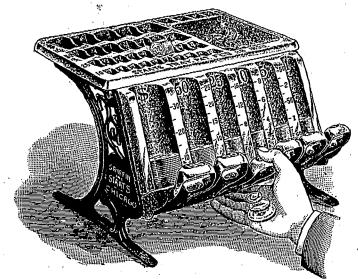
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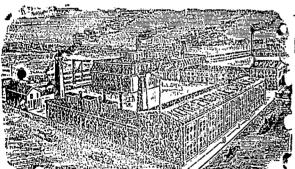
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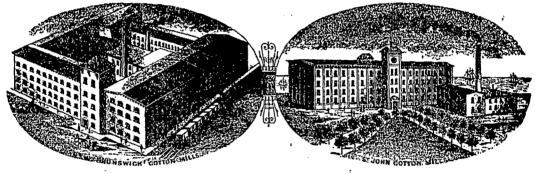
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