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THOMAS WALMSLEY, Secretary. Toronto, Feb'y 3rd, 1994.

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The Ideal Washer, Churn and Wire Mattress Company, of St. Thomas, may have got hold of an attractive word for the first one in their title, but the statement of their liquidator does not show an ideal state of things for oreditors, by any means. A foolscap sheet presents a list of fifty ordinary creditors for sums ranging from 67 cents to fourteen hundred dollars, aggregating \$22,107, besides eighteen privileged claims for wages and rent. \$522. Thus the whole debts came to \$22.629. The receipts from the liquidation of the estate, stock and fixtures, were \$1,635, or nearly seven cents in the dollar. Bat the payment of privileged claims in full took 2¹/₃ cents of this, and liquidators' fees (\$410), taxed costs (\$424), and other expenses of winding up took nearly four cents, so that all there was left for creditors was one cent in the dollar, or say, \$221 in all. And this sum was to be paid to creditors who cared to receive it on Tuesday of this week, under authority of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division. A. D. Yates, the largest areditor, received \$143 out of the \$221. The concern had liberal credit, we should think, when there are creditors in Buffale, Toronto, London, Hamilton, Montreal, Galt, Oshawa, and a score or two in St. Thomas. Truly, this is a fine free-and-easy country. Credit is cheap; creditors are good-natured, and take lesson after lesson on the folly of such free crediting "without turning a hair," as the sporting phrase goes.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE OF MAINE.

While making frank admission of the reduction of surplus which must follow to many insurance and other associations by reason of the depreciation in stock exchange value of American securities at the close of 1893, the Union Mutual Assurance Company of Maine includes itself in the number of companies suffering from this cause. But it is pointed out that the loss in question, though technically sustainable if securities had to be realized, does not necessarily follow so long as the company holds the securities and awaits better times. Meanwhile the Union Mutual continues to do a steadily growing business, the year 1893 showing an increaselin new assurance, in total assurance, in income and in assets. It is one of the most liberal and prompt-paying of the companies and its high standing and substantial position at the age of forty-four years render it a desirable mark for those seeking for life indomnity. During 1893 the Union Mutual paid twenty-eight death claims upon policies protected by the Maine non-forfeiture law; in every case the policy had lapsed for non payment of premium, but the insurance was continued in force till death by the automatic action of this invaluable law. The lapsed policies aggregated more than sixty-five thousand dollars. It is a great satisfaction to a man or to his family to feel that unavoidable failure to pay his premium will not invalidate his life policy.

THE INSURANCE MAN'S TRAINING

Mr. Archibald Hewat, the secretary of the Edinburgh Life Company, has liberal views on the qualifications of the all-round insurance man and on the thoroughness of training desirable to equip the men of to-day for sound and successful work, and he has expressed

them in an address to the Insurance Institute of Ireland. Mr. Hewat's sympathies are not less with the branch official than with his head office colleague, and they are vivified by his appreciation of the peculiar difficulties with which the outside man has to contend, and of the tact and good humor essential to enable him to contend with them successfully. Mr. Hewat's ideal insurance man is something more than a mere "member" of his profession; he is an ornament to it, and in laying stress upon this aspect of the qualifications required in "our many-sided business," the Secretary of the Edinburgh enforces his principle that the indispensable ingredient of "push" in the business man's equipment must be supplemented by "tact," The more ornamental (in the best sense) a man is, the more useful he will certainly be.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

J. C. S.-You have been wrongly informed. We had no "quarrel" as you put it, for the matter was not referred to us. Nor did this journal use the slangy language you quote. However, we are perfectly willing to repeat. and quite resolved to stick to what we said last year, under the heading, "Friendly Societies for Life Assurance." Thus: "This officer [The Ontario Registrar of Friendly Societies] does good work in defending the public from the too philanthropic proposals of sanguine people who honestly think their geese swans, or of rascally people who would take the last dollar of a mechanic for a so-called life-premium, knowing all the while that the rotten company they wanted him to join could not pay ten cents in the dollar of the claim if this poor man should die."

WILLING ONE.--You are clearly wrong. It would be folly to give up your life policy. Find some way of economy. We know a Toronto man who has saved eight dollars since New Year's by ceasing to buy cigars and by using his legs instead of the street cars. This sum saved each month for a year would pay your premium twice over. Try the self-denial.

FINANCE asks whether the Birkbeck Investment Company, of Toronto, is a sound concern and whether it is a good one to join. In reply we would say that there seems no reason to question that the directors, who are respectable citizens of Toronto, have perfectly honest intentions with respect to this company. They have not put out a sign with "capital, five millions," or "ten millions," on it; indeed their pamphlet makes a protest against the Birkbeck being confounded with some of the other cheap-and-easy building and loaning concerns. They profess to imitate the old country Birkbeck, which is a successful exemplar of English building society methods. We have not room to-day to enter into an analysis of the figures and expectations of the new company, though we purpose doing this shortly. It seems to us, however, that the falling rate of interest must interfere with the results of accumulation that they lead one to expect. Thrift is a good thing, and to inculcate it, as these gentlemen have very warmly done, is eminently proper. It is not to be supposed, however, that they are actuated only by regard for the working man or the wageearner. Their intentions may be benevolent, but they are not philanthropists alone-they are also business men and capitalists, and must be credited with the distinct intention of

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AGITATION is being made in Fort William to secure the erection there of the new grain elevator which it is proposed to build in Winnipeg.

THE press of the West Kootenay district in British Columbia continue to complain loudly of the inefficiency of the mail service through out that district.

At the annual meeting of the Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., Ottawa, Hon. E. H. Bronson was elected president, A. Weston vice-president, and Levi Crannell secretarytreasurer.

IN 1893 the mileage of Canadian Pacific telegraphs was increased in the Western Division by nearly two hundred and seventy miles of poles, and eight hundred miles of wire.

THE annual meeting of the Owen Sound Board of Trade should have been held on Feb. 2nd, but on account of the meeting of several financial corporations on the same evening it was impossible to secure a quorum.



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THE Nanaimo, B. C., agency of the Bank of British Columbia has been raised to the dignity of a branch, and Mr. G. Williams, the agent, has been made manager.

AT a special meeting of the Windsor & Annapolis Railway held on the 9th in London, Eng., the resolutions sanctioning and confirming the purchase of the Yarmouth & Annapolis Railway were passed.

A NEW industry, in the form of a glassblowing establishment, is opening in Ottawa. It is intended to produce ornaments in various shades of color, and to spin the glass for the embellishment of the goods.

MR. H. LAPORTE, of Laporte, Martin & Co., has been elected president of the Montreal Chambre de Commerce, and Mr. J. D. Rol. land, vice-president. The annual meeting takes place on the 16th inst. in the Monument National, when the council will be elected.

THE Hanover firm of F. H. Zingg & Co., who keep a general store, dissolved partnership on January 22nd last. Mr. Zingg retires and Mr. Henry H. Engel assumes the business, under the name of H. H. Engel & Co.

QUITE a number of persons in the United States have given during 1893 testimonials as to the economic advantage of using the Morey Incandescent Gaslight Burner. They declare it to be easy on the eyes from its steadiness and absence of flickering, durable in its mechanism, free from offensive odor, and a great saver of expense, in that it gives better illumination with a less consumption of gas than the ordinary burner. The agent for Canada is R. G. Muntz, Toronto Street, and the city agents, the Toronto Gas Stove and Supply Co., Yonge Street.

ABOUT a fortnight ago J. W. Doelle, dry goods dealer, Chatham, assigned, and at a meeting of creditors held in Hamilton the statement showed liabilities of \$33,780, and assets of \$32,980. An offer to compromise at 50 per cent. was made and declined. Creditors, however, agreed to give the insolvent a little more time to make a higher bid.----The assignment of Thomas Adam, money lender, Lindsay, was something of a surprise to creditors. His liabilities are reported to be about \$30,000, and now he asks them to make a discount of 75 per cent. on their claims.



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A COMPROMISE at 50 per cent. is offered by Allison & Christie, general storekeepers at South Woodslee. Mr. Christie died in October last; since then the success of the business has been doubtful.----A few years ago Eugene Drouillard failed as a grocer, and has since carried on business at East Sandwich in the name of his wife. Now she makes an assignment.-In 1880 J. M. Dufton started a woolen factory in London and for a considerable period of time prospered. But he has not prospered for the last few years. His father has rendered him assistance, but this was not sufficient to tide him over his difficulties, and an assignment is now in order.----Misses A. & T. Thompson, fancy goods dealers, who had a nice little business in Orillia, have got into trouble through endorsing some paper for a

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CELESTIN DECOSTE, formerly a hotelkeeper who did a small store business at St. Justine de Newton, has assigned. — Emile and Michel Ducharme, farmers and contractors, at Compton, Que., have assigned, and assets are estimated at \$9,200. — A demand of assignment is made upon Max Gagnon, trader, of St. Flore, Que.

THE mayor of Woodstock, N.B., has under consideration a communication from the St. John Board of Trade advising the formation of a Chamber of Commerce in Woodstock. The object stated is to secure |better] railroad rates and add to the common welfare of the business of the province.

In last week's issue there were some slight inaccuracies in our statement regarding T W. Doelle's affairs. The facts are these: in August, 1892, he made an agreement with D. Blackley to purchase the business in Chat ham, payments of \$663.43 each to be made every month, extending over a period of twenty-four months. This he has failed to keep up, and his surplus has dwindled down to so small an amount that there was nothing for it but an assignment. It is not probable that Mr. B. will lose anything by the failure.

AMONG the minor assignments in Ontario we find that of W. F. Pridham, laundryman, St. Thomas.---Last Sept. R. A. C. Durno left the employ of James Scott & Son, in Toronto, and started a dry goods store in Acton. Already he is in trouble. No doubt he would have been much happier had he retained his old position.---Frank Atkinson saw miller, Ailsa Craig, obtained a compromise of 50 per cent. in Dec. last. Not being able to carry out the arrangement he assigns. Another saw mill man is George Trask, whose mill was burned at Orillia a few years ago, and rebuilding was too heavy a strain upon him, and he too assigns. --- So does W. D. Vanderberg, an agent at Delhi, who has got into trouble.

THE minor Montreal failures for the week are as follows: Mrs. R. Kormaier, in the fur business in a small way, has been asked to assign.—J. H. Galarneau & Co., furs and men's furnishings, are offering 60 cents on the dollar.—St. Jean & Chenette, makers of children's cacks, have assigned, owing \$1,337.

——Joseph Desautels, grocer, already reported failed, is offering 25 cents.——C. Collette, also a grocer, is reported missing; his creditors have been called together.

LA COMPAGNIE ELECTRIQUE DE ST. JEAN BAP-TISTE, of Montreal, incorporated two years ago with an authorized capital of \$100,000, of which \$70,000 has been subscribed and paid in, is in embarrassed shape, their capital being all sunk in plant, poles, &c. They are trying to make an arrangement by which creditors will accept 50c. cash, and 50c. in stock. The liabilities are \$90,000, with nominal assets of \$140,000.

EUABD & MACDONALD, stove and house fur. nishing goods, Montreal, have assigned on demand, and, the estate is likely to realize very poorly. A relative figures as a creditor for some \$15,000, and the total indebtedness will probably foot up to somewhere over \$30,000.--J. E. Gallant, druggist, Tidnish, P.E.I., has failed.--H. Dunn, tailor, Smith's Falls, is reported assigned.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, of Richmond, Que., who has been looked upon as one of the well-doing merchants of that town, is reported embarrassed, and about consulting his creditors regarding a settlement. The liabilities are somewhere about \$15,000.—P. Denis, of St. Cesaire, Que., a merchant of some 25 years' experience, is reported assigned, and offering his creditors 32¹/₄ cents on liabilities of \$18,653. He was burned out in 1884, making a heavy loss, at which time he compromised at 40 cents.

QUEBEC city contributes the following failures to the weekly list of commercial disasters: Thivierge, Morin & Morin, formerly journeymen tanners, who began business for themselves in the spring of 1892, have already got into trouble, and are arranging a compromise at 25 cents on the dollar, liabilities being \$6,548.—Letellier & Genereux, who began as dry goods men barely a year ago, have had to assign. They are said to owe some \$15,000. —J. L. Vidal & Son, machinery agents, etc., are unable to provide for liabilities of some \$7,965. The senior partner was formerly in the foundry business at Lotbiniere.

J. CHARTERS, & Toronto grocer, gave a chatte mortgage to another grocer, and becoming hard pressed for payment this was foreclosed. The stock has been sold.

WE had a paragraph not long ago about a reported discovery of coal near the Lake of the Woods. The Pilot Mound Sentinel doubts the bona fides of the story. "The rocks in that territory are generally granite, the lowest strata of rock known to exist, and the coal deposits are much higher up and have been formed at a later period of the world's history. It does not seem possible that there can be any coal beds in the Lake of the Woods district."

WE note the failures of two old-time merchants in Halifax, N. S., this week. E. J. Lordley, who has been in the grocery business there for almost 40 years, has been obliged to suspend, with liabilities of \$15,000. He was formerly of the firm of Lordley & Stimpson, who failed in '85, when Mr. L. compromised the firm's indebtedness at 50c on the dollar, and continued alone.—C. J. Cooke has done business in fancy goods for a lengthy period, but the keen competition of younger blood lessened his trade, and an assignment has now been necessary.

Among the failures in Toronto this week is that of S. J. Clark, dealer in cigars, who has assigned.----W. H. Cross, a manufacturing jeweller, appears to have found his occupation too great a strain upon his honesty. He was some time ago fined for pawning a watch that did not belong him, and now he is reported away.---The bailiff is in possession of the photographic business of C. A. Smith .offer of 60 per cent. is made to the creditors of M. & E. Reed, milliners, Yonge street. They have long enjoyed a good record, and probably this offer will be accepted.---W. J. D. Thompson, who has long been a successful sewing machine agent, has at last got into trouble by permitting a large number of machines to be unloaded upon him by a Cleveland manufacturing company at a time of unusual depression. This has brought about his assignment.

The general stock of Coburn & Co. at Easton's Corners is advertised for sale on Monday next, and the general stock of R. McGowan, Kirkton, was sold in London for 66½ per cent. ——The stock of J. H. Wigle, Ruthven, realized 65½ per cent. when sold in London.—— The dry goods stock of A. Rolfe is advertised for sale, in the same city, on Thursday next.

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R. Forward bought the wholesale drug stock of D. Ross & Co. in London at 371 per -The boot and shoe stock of D. Gottscent. chalk at Zurich is offered for sale next week, but creditors may try to prevent its being disposed of .---- The dry goods stock of Mrs. H. M. Melross at Galt, amounting to \$30,000, is advertised for sale on Wednesday, and the dry goods stock of Byrnell Bros., Toronto, on the same date.

A BAILIFF is offering to sell the livery stock of G. W. Henry, in Hamilton, who succeeded John Pennell in October last, investing \$400. This sum Henry received from his mother, giving a chattel mortgage for the same .-R. S. Scott, miller, at Highgate, has been inclined to extend his facilities for trade beyond his means. Now he has to assign. His machinery is mortgaged to Goldie & McCullough, Galt, for \$8,000.---In September last H. P. Crandon succeeded John Robertson, dealer in crockery and groceries, Wiarton. In this short time he has learned a good deal, but it has been at the cost of his farm. He was supposed to be worth \$1,400.--A few weeks ago a dry goods dealer named R. Little, at Wallaceburg, assigned with liabilities of \$3,000. This has been compromised at 40 per cent. cash.

THERE are but few failures in the North-West to notice this week. Probably one of the most important is that of G. Wood & Co., dealers in dry goods at Brandon In the autumn of 1892 Mr. Wood left London, Ont., and then claimed to have \$9,000 to the good. This surplus increased one year ago to \$14,800. and his assignment now is something of a surprise, as he was regarded as a keen, shrewd business man .---- It is quite evident that the Winnipeg firm of H. S. Wesbrook & Co., wholesale dealers in implements, are in trouble. Last week nearly a dozen writs were issued against them. Now we hear that they have given their bankers a chattel mortgage for \$60.700.-J. S. Ingram, hotel keeper at Calgary, has assigned, after a few years in business.——An extension of time has been granted Reid & Gerhardt, general storekeepers at Neepewa.

On Tuesday last a meeting of the creditors of the J. E. Bryant Publishing Company, of Toronto, was held, when an assignment was made to E. R. C. Clarkson. This company was organized in the early part of 1889, with a nominal capital of \$50,000; of this \$17,000 was

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paid. In September last it bought the printing business of Brough & Caswell for \$22,000. Of this sum \$14,000 was paid in stock and the balance settled by the company's notes. The company also assumed a lien of \$8,000 on the machinery. Not content to do a general printing business, a bindery was added. A few weeks after they had purchased the B. & C. plant two chattel mortgages were given to Buntin, Reid & Co. for \$8,000 each. At the rate failures have taken place in the printing trade during the past three months, surely all the crippled concerns will soon "go to the wall." If they were not reinstated, the business would soon become healthy. But credit is still very cheap.

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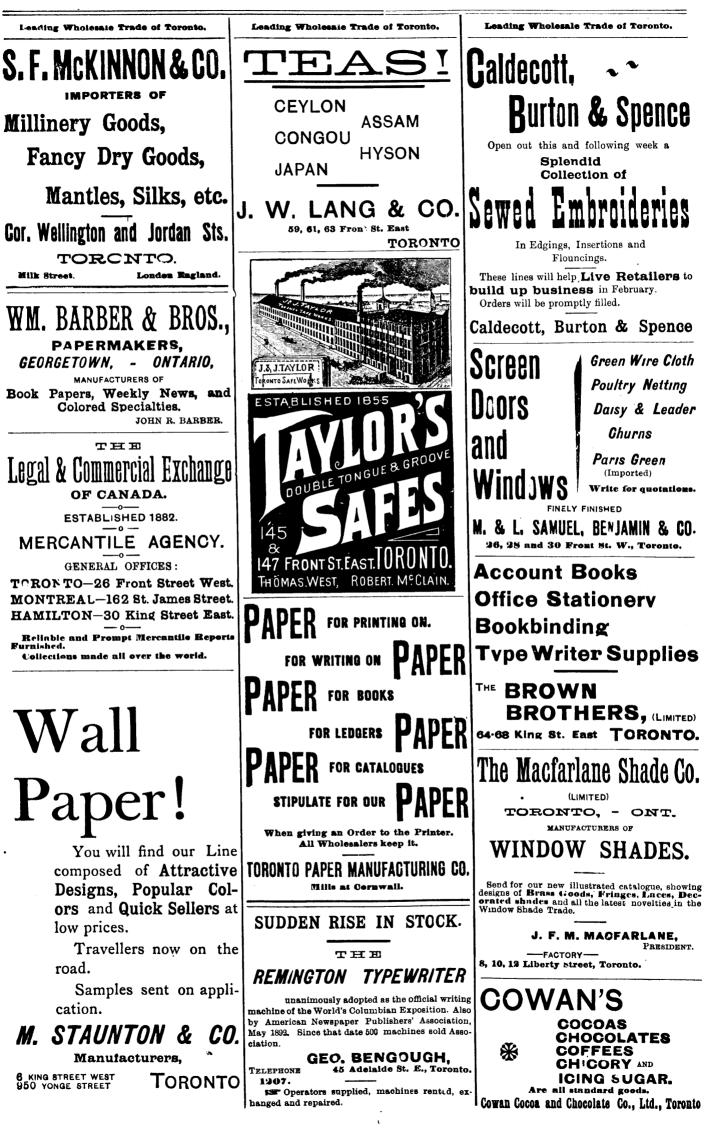


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THE SITUATION.

"Death to the House of Lords" is the ory raised in England over the rejection by that chamber of the Irish Home Rule Bill and the amendment of two English bills. At a given signal the organs in the press which speak for the ruling party, with one acclaim practically demand the abolition of the House of Lords. These utterances have a machine made sound, and some of them can be traced directly to organizations which have a suspicious resemblance to the American caucus. They are not to be confounded with the spontaneous opinions of the electorate, though the electorate may take up the echo. No doubt an hereditary chamber is an anomaly in legislation; but this is no more true now than it was before the sudden discovery that the House of Lords is an anachronism and a bar to progress. The princi cipal occasion of the condemnation of the House of Lords is one in which that chamber is backed by a majority of the English electorate; and it would be strange if that electorate should condemn the Lords for agreeing with it in opinion. One thing is clear: the House of Lords cannot be abolished without an appeal to the people; and the result of such an appeal would be doubtful. Canada escaped an hereditary chamber through the wisdom of Fox, who was not always wise or reasonable; and if ever the day should come when the hereditary chamber shall cease to exist in England, the Crown-nominated Senate of Canada could not long survive.

What is called the sweating system in connection with the clothing trade of Toronto has of late excited some attention. At a meeting of representatives of workers, the formation of a union was suggested as a remedy, and is in fact to be tried. The complaints made of small wages paid generally have reference to women. Some contend that women ought to be triguing against the President, and is ap- dwelt on this fact as a ground for the possi-

paid the same rate as men; but apart from the question of what ought to be done, what is possible thrusts itself 88 a practical element into the enquiry. When women come forward to share work which has hitherto been done by men alone, a new factor in competition comes into play, with the inevitable result that wages are reduced. Most of these women workers at low wages are said to work at home ; and one suggestion is that this should be prevented by law. Such inhibition might be in the interest of a male monopoly of this kind of labor; but it would be cruel to deprive these poor women of their only resource. Very often they must have home duties to divide their attention, and they can best perform the double function where it is pretended they ought not to be permitted to exercise one-half of it. Sometimes when the male worker urges his female fellow-laborer not to work for less wages than he is paid, the advice may not be entirely disinterested ; and the demand to interfere with women working in their own homes, however tricked out in the disguise of benevolence, is an attempt to deprive them of their most sacred rights by cruel and arbitrary action.

The president of the Imperial Board of Agriculture professes to be anxious to reopen the British ports to Canadian cattle, and to be eagerly awaiting information from Canada which will enable him to do so. The Canadian Government has prepared the information which is expected to serve the purpose required. The Canadian experts, it is said, repeat in emphatic terms that no pleuro-pneumonia exists in Canada.

Strong dissatisfaction is expressed in India with the silver policy of the Government. Some want security from a continued declension in the price of silver, in the form of an import tax on the metal, the opening of the India mints for the coinage of silver, and the renewal of minimum rate for India council bills. To none of these proposals is the British Government willing to consent.

Inquiry in the United States Senate is not likely to be used to block the way of the Wilson tariff bill. The Democrats are not willing to go over the same ground of inquiry in the Senate that was covered by the House; believing that this, not being necessary, would be merely a waste of time. Still, from the care which it is necessary to exercise, the progess may be slow. The cause of the suspension of many manufactories has come to be understood to be that they naturally desire to wait for free raw material, promised by the bill; but where this is the true cause, the stoppage is often set down to the ruin which the bill is alleged to threaten. The barley and the malt duty may be put at 20 per cent., though this is quite uncertain; while the sugar and iron and coal interests are doing all they can to get concessions in their favor. The coal men have been trying to get 50 cents per ton, and, failing that, 35 cents. Senator Hill is in- has been successfully opened; and he

parently, with true Tammany instinct, prepared to do anything to forward his own purposes.

Mr. Kidd, Postmaster-General of New South Wales, declares Mr. Fleming's Canada-Australia cable routes impracticable, the stretches being too long and the water too deep; repairs would be impossible. All this must have been considered before, and it is remarkable that the discovery now announced should have been left to Mr. Kidd, till this late day. The objections may only mean that he is opposed to the project. If so, his prediction that the Australian Governments are not likely to aid the project can be understood, though the value of it would still remain unappreciated. Meanwhile it is certain that Australia will come to the convention here at a date not yet fixed.

Ill guarded, indeed, must be the platform of the Imperial Institute, London, when a Mr. Muddock is permitted to jump upon it, and under the guise of a lecture, libel the founders of the Canadian Pacific by pretending that there were scandals connected with the work which, if revealed, would be found to rival those of the Panama canal. Not one special charge was made to give countenance to the story. Lord Herschell, chairman of the governing body of the Institute, apologizes to the persons maligned by explaining to Sir Charles Tupper that the protectors of the Institute's platform were remiss in their duty, but promising that it shall not occur again. The real trouble has been explained to be that Mr. Muddock had asked from the C. P. R. a ticket to Japan and been refused.

Sir John Thompson, at the Macdonald Club on Wednesday night, said "he could give the names of men in Ontario and Quebec who were paid for the propagation of doctrines" which had for their object to set one section of the community against the other," and to try to induce the people "that they should change the Government, change the constitution, even change the country's flag." Sir John consents to leave these alleged prostitutes " to the contempt deserved by those who try to sell their country for money." Without quarrelling with the nature of the punishment, we must observe that contempt cannot fall on unknown objects; and if it is to be inflicted at all, Sir John must speak out. Articles have appeared in the New York Sun and the Philadelphia Free Press within ten days, which, we must say, look not unlike the malicious work of some degenerate son of Canada. Among other things, the abolition of the bonding privilege is demanded as a means of bringing Canada to her knees. They are evidently written in the interest of American railways, and the inquiry naturally suggests itself whether the railway companies furnished the ammunition.

Mr. Bowell, before the Manufacturers' Association, showed how Canadian trade with Australia, in agricultural machines,

bility of extending Canadian trade there in other things. Canada and Australia have too long been strangers to one another. Mr. Bowell's visit to these antipodean colonies will serve as a useful, mutual introduction of the two, while the newly established lines of steamers will make regular communication between them possible. Mr. Bowell suggests the selection of a Canadian agent to be resident at Sydney or Melbourne, who shall be entrusted with samples of Canadian goods. There are, no doubt, other things besides those already marketed there, which Canada can sell to her distant sister colonies; but we shall probably have to be content to move slowly. As a rule, a country whose manufactures require protection at home, cannot successfully meet the competition of the world in third markets, Though Massev & Company have succeeded so well with their agricultural machines, the case is a special one. If these machines had to meet a strong competition from Europe, as well as from the United States, their trade in them would represent more clearly the general conditions of competition there. The suggestion of Mr. Bowell about a Canadian agent in Australia is worth acceptance.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT AND THE TARIFF.

When the Dominion Parliament meets on the 15th March, the tariff legislation promised last session and prepared for by the Government, during the recess, will be due. What shape it will take is a question in which both manufacturers and consumers feel a lively interest. Nothing more than general indications could be expected, and even these have been vague and from time to time somewhat varied in tone. Why does the question of tariff legislation come up at all at present ? It is raised by those who demand that the existing protection be diminished as excessive or abandoned altogether. The Opposition, in a political convention, abandoned commercial union with the United States for an advance in the direction of Free Trade. Mr. McCarthy has been leading an independent movement in the direction of Free Trade; and the general sentiment of the country has moved on the sames lines. The Government has talked vaguely of lopping off mouldering branches from the National Policy tree; and it has been emphatic in declaring its intention to conserve what to its eye appears to be sound in trunk and limb. The enquiry carried on by the Gov. ernment was made in a dark room across which lights, more or less certain, were from time to time observed to dart. Absolute secrecy was not possible, unless the questioned as well as the questioners agreed to observe it; and where many are in possession of a secret, even if the divulgence of it would endanger some lives, experience shows that it is sure to come out. The history of all conspiracies, great and small, attests this fact. We never could understand the reason for secrecy in the tariff enquiry; and since secrecy was impossible to enforce, the wisdom of attempting it did not appear self-evident. To what extent that influence may extend

During the recess, it is plain to unprejudiced observers there has been a movement of opinion towards Free Trade. The Ottawa convention settled the point for the Opposition. The change relieved them from the obligation to advocate a general scheme of reciprocity with the United States, which, so long as it was binding, blocked the road that led to Free Trade with more than a single country. Now the party is an unit on the trade question; this fact alone makes it certain that a party revolution would be required to be followed by a tariff revolution. If the tariff question is to be left unsettled till after a general election, it is the main issue on which the elections will turn. In that case, the Liberals, in order to win. must make converts on this question from the other side, before they can obtain a majority. Mr. McCarthy, as we have said. leads an independent wing of free traders, but he and the Liberals are not at one on all points which must comprise the issue. But they have enough in common to make each desire the common success of both. The distance between them has visibly lessened during the recess, and from the nature of the case they must, in the end, practically work in harmony. This is the danger of the Gov ernment, in case the tariff question is not adjusted so as to meet the moderate free trade views of their own friends before the elections take place. The Government's danger is also a danger for the protection. ist beneficiaries, because concessions now may be accepted on a lower scale than would be acted upon after a general election and a victory for free trade at the polls.

It remains to be seen whether this consideration will move the Government to act now, in such a way as to meet the moderate demand for tariff reduction, and whether the beneficiaries of the tariff will assist them to do so. If we are to judge by what is taking place both these questions must be answered in the negative. Of course, no reduction which may now be made will satisfy the Opposition; but it may satisfy public opinion outside of that party, and prevent it making considerable accessions at the general election from the ranks of the Government. With such accessions, its chances of succeeding would of course be greatly increased. Party disintegration, as presented by the opposition of the P.I. and the P.P.A., will not be without its effect. Both these organizations are beyond the control of the old parties, though the P.I. will swell the lists of the tariff reducers, and the P.P.A. do not appear to be looking in the opposite direction. These currents of opinion will have to be taken into account by the Government; though the danger is that if it looks mainly to the present House, including the majority which has grown up there since the last election, it may mistake for the opinion of the day what was the current opinion one, two, and three years ago. American tariff legislation may not be without its effect at Ottawa. The Government has admitted that it may influence Canadian legislation.

is at the present moment quite uncertain; for we cannot now see the fate of the Wilson bill in the Senate of the United States.

The outlook for tariff legislation at Ottawa is uncertain. But at least one thing does not appear to be in doubt. The Government, from the sum of indications given, is not likely to go any farther in tariff reduction than it is compelled by public opinion to go; and there is no certainty that it gauges public opinion by a certain measure. Manitoba and the North-West, not having facilities for manufacturing, are pronounced free traders; but in the general result their influence cannot be great. They have a strong cause, yet not so strong but that it may be injured by exaggeration and excessive demands. But the Winnipeg Board of Trade can scarcely be considered unreasonable when it claims that the import duties "on articles absolutely necessary to the settler " ought " to be reduced to the lowest point consistent with the revenue requirements of the Dominion."

Of course, those who profit Ly the tariff are desirous that existing duties in their favor should be continued; but it is at least doubtful whether they are wise in pressing extreme claims, in the present state of public opinion. When assembled in this city, on Wednesday, the tariff committee of the Association favored an increase in the duty on scrap iron. On the evening of the day on which they took this stand, Sir John Thompson, before the Macdonald Club, Ottawa, rebuked those who desire to buy goods not subjected to protective duties. He objected to the policy of what he called allowing a man to sell you for a dollar, two dollars worth of goods; giving in lieu of a reason, the prediction that the removal of protective duties would close our factories, and that we should then have to pay \$3.50 for the \$1 article. Is this representation of the case the highest effort of statesmanship of which Canada is capable?

LENDING ON MORTGAGE.

In his address at the January meeting, the president of the Land Mortgage Companies' Association of Ontario adverted to the changed conditions of mortgage loaning in Canada, brought about in a large degree through the borrowing of capital in Great Britain, to lend on our farm and other landed property. For twenty years, he reminded his audience, there has been a steady flow of British capital into this country, borrowed on debenture, by these companies, and the amount has reached tens of millions of dollars. "As a consequence, the rates of interest charged on real estate loans have steadily decreased," and "for this result our loan companies are entitled to the chief credit." Doubtless, too, the efforts of Ontario loan societies in this direction have led to the despatch to Canada of large sums of private capital, which has been lent to farmers and other property owners with, on the whole, decidedly beneficial results. There are still to be found, here and there, people who contend that borrowed money is an injury, and that a mortgage is a thing

of evil. But there are thousands of borrowers who have been given a start in • prosperity by a mortgage loan, and these persons are ready to praise the bridge that carried them over.

While wise restrictions have long since been placed by law upon the borrowing and lending powers of companies which use foreign capital so freely—restrictions that tend to the protection of debentureholders, and strengthen the confidence of trans-Atlantic lenders in the safety of these institutions—it is open to question whether some of the recent legislation is not of a nature to work injustice to the lender, whether an individual or an association.

It is important to bear in mind that there is a wide and salutary difference between the powers conferred by law upon Canadian loan companies and those of Australasia. The latter, or some of them, are largely trading corporations, making advances upon wool, animals and other products, and acting as agents for the sale of these. Canadian companies, on the other hand, are prohibited by their charters from engaging in such business. Nor are they permitted to lend even on land so largely in proportion to their capital as concerns in Australia and New Zealand nominally of a similar character.

ONTARIO LOAN COMPANIES.

We observe a significant statement in the report of the Western Canada Loan & Savings' Company, to the effect that the repayments on mortgage loans made by this company were very satisfactory, and amounted to nearly a millionand a half of dollars. Now, the total loans of this company are \$6,705,000, and two-thirds, if not three-fourths of them, are on farm property in Ontario. The sum thus repaid is the largest, we believe, ever repaid to the company in any one year. It speaks well, therefore, for the Ontario farmers when they were able, in a year when prices obtained for their grain and cattle were so low, to pay up mortgage loans in the proportion here indicated.

While rates for loans here, on real estate, continue to be low, it is found possible to to do something towards reducing the cost of money obtained abroad. We are told, for instance, on very good authority, that the Western Canada, which is not surpassed by any in advantageous rate of borrowing, obtains new debenture money at 33 per cent. The president of the company, in his address to the shareholders, ventures the opinion that the shrinkage in price of farm land in Ontario has reached its lowest point, and that we may fairly look to see it recover its former value ere long. Mr. Allan also congratulates the shareholders on the fact that for thirty years the company has regularly paid ten per cent. dividend, a fact which speaks for itself in the matter of the company's management. The Profit and Loss Account shows that net profits were sufficient to pay dividend and to carry \$14,965 to Contingent Account, which fund stands at total investments of this company are now \$6.705.000.

Savings Company appear to have been well employed during the past year, the new mortgages issued having amounted to \$350,000, and the company has done well. The report says that payments, both of interest and principal, have been reasonably well met, but after paying 8 per cent. dividend it has been deemed prudent to increase the Contingent Fund by \$10,000, making it now \$28,537, while the Rest is swelled to \$260,000. As the capital of the company as originally subscribed and intended to be fully paid is \$600,000, and \$599,680 of this is paid up, and as the portion paid of the further issue of stock with 20 per cent. paid is \$79,965, it follows that the Reserve is now more than 38 per cent. of the paid-up capital of \$679,645. There is, besides, some \$320,000 subscribed still at call as security for debenture holders. Power has been taken, we observe, to in crease the stock by the issue of \$500,000 more of 20 per cent. shares. Deposits and debentures show an increase of \$34,000 on the year, and the company's mortgages now amount to \$2,581,000. The report makes feeling reference to the removal of two members of the board. One, Mr. McGee, by death; another, Mr. Crocker, by failing health. Mr. James C. McGee and Mr. John Stark have been chosen to fill these vacancies. Dr. Geikie has been elected president in the room of Mr. McGee, and Mr. Stark vice-president; and we note a new feature in the selection of Mr. McEwen, of Edinburgh, as a resident director in Scotland.

The earnings of the Imperial Loan & Investment Company last year were somewhat remarkable, according to the report, amounting, as we make it out, to \$82,200. as against \$60,000 in the previous year. They consisted of interest earned and premiums on stock. We are not told how much is earned and how much is premium. The report admits that the company was robbed of more than \$31,000 last year by the book-keeper and cashier, but it adds that this sum has been made up from the profits of the year. There is no reduction of dividend; indeed there is an addition of \$2,000 to Reserve, and the contingent fund is slightly increased. Mr. H. M. Pellatt has been chosen a director in room of Mr. Wilkie.

The twenty-first annual report of the Midland Loan and Savings Company has been submitted to the shareholders. The company, with mortgages of \$1,309,000, shows net profits of \$34,174, which pays seven per cent. dividend on the \$360,000 paid-up stock, and leaves increased additions to both reserve and contingent funds. Repayments in 1893 were \$154,923 and new loans \$223,419.

FIRES ON THE FARM. .

itself in the matter of the company's management. The Profit and Loss Account shows that net profits were sufficient to pay dividend and to carry \$14,965 to Contingent Account, which fund stands at a larger sum this year than last. The total investments of this company are now \$6.705.000. Mr. Wilkie, the retiring president of the rags are allowed to lie in forgotten corners; management of the chance of fire from sparks out of chimney or stove-pipe falling on dry shingles or on the pile of wooden chips in the backyard, is looked upon as a matter of no consequence, instead of being guarded against as a grave danger; imperfect lanterns are used in the barn, too.

The funds of the Union Loan and led some companies to withdraw from writings Company appear to have been writing such risks. And we have seen, not long ago, a conservative company like the Agricultural, of Watertown, increase its rates by reason of the excessive losses of recent years in this direction. Again, the experience of Ontario Mutuals, which do principally a farm business, goes to show that there is a serious annual loss of property by fire on the farm, that might be aking it now \$28,537, while the Rest is

In the last report of the Ontario Iuspector of Insurance we find a table in which are classified the causes of 1,481 fires reported by mutual fire insurance companies in 1892, causing an insurance loss of about half a million. No less than one-fourth of these fires have arisen from such preventible causes as defective chimneys and flues, sparks, matches, lamps and lanterns, stoves and pipes, spontaneous combustion. Three hundred and sixty fires are put down to these causes, while incendiarism accounts for ninety-five and lightning for between four and five hundred. Reports of inspectors of individual companies teach a very similar lesson.

The farmer and his household need to be taught greater care in matters connected with fire and fire-places, or with combustible material in house or barn. Defective chimneys and flues have caused, according to this list, just as many fires as stoves and pipes, that is eighty-eight each, twelve per cent. in all. And next to incendiarism and lightning, these two are the most prolific causes of fires on the farm. Rank carelessness is indicated in a great many of these instances, as well as in the use of lanterns, matches, or lamps. Seventy-three fires, or five in every hundred, were caused by lamps or lanterns. And besides, of the 320 cases in the list in which the cause of fire is "not stated" or "not known," we feel sure that a large proportion may rightly be put down to stovepipes, chimneys, or lamps.

July, August and September are the months in which farm fires were most numerous. This suggests the danger of summer kitchens, which are in many cases lean-to sheds, with their stove pipes stuck through a wooden roof. A disc of zinc, with a hole cut in it to let the stove-pipe through, may be placed on the board or shingle roof; but this is not so much intended as a preventive of fire as a scheme to keep out the rain. The idea that any screen is needed to keep sparks from coming out of the pipe and setting fire to the roof does not seem to occur to the average mind. Chimneys are often badly built, and flues shamefully ramshackle. Stoves are put dangerously near woodwork; pipes, which often become red hot, or rusted into holes, are run through unprotected wood partitions with the stupidest defiance of the laws of combustion. Ashes are kept in wooden boxes; oiled rags are allowed to lie in forgotten corners; the chance of fire from sparks out of chimney or stove-pipe falling on dry shingles or on the pile of wooden chips in the back-

We say again that the farmer and his household should be taught that it would be money in pocket to look prudently after the risks of fire. Such causes as bush fires, the friction of machinery, tramps, threshers, locomotives, all put together, caused only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the 1,481 farm fires of 1892, while the preventible causes we have named above occasioned 24 per cent. of them. Applying this by way of a sum in arithmetic, the proportion of loss from preventible causes cost the farmers of Optario last year \$120,000, where those from pure accident cost them less than \$7,000. The subject is one which we should be glad to see farmers' associations take up and discuss.

THE UNDERWRITERS' MEETING.

A special meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association was held in Toronto, beginning on Tuesday and closing on Thursday afternoon last. The principal business transacted appears to have been the classification afresh of towns, or rather the re-definition of standards. In the course of this classification certain new regulations are defined with respect to waterworks, fire reels, steamers, chemicals, fire halls and the like. In the matter of rates, we understand that all the proposed changes were not carried, but the changes made are sufficient, we should think, to make residents of places affected by them anxious that their municipal officers should take due precantions as to fire appliances.

The underwriters have laid down what a standard town is. It is premised that a standard town must be free from abnormal incendiarism, and must not show an undue loss ratio. Furthermore, it must have not more than 25 per cent. of frame buildings in its business quarter, and must possess by-laws restricting wooden buildings, etc. We confess to have heard with some surprise that the utility of chemical engines has not continued to be recognized by the underwriters. It appears that the advantage in classification possessed by a town using chemical engines is withdrawn. In view of the very satisfactory experience of Hamilton and other places by reason of the use of chemicals, it is surely a mistake to thus discredit them.

LOWER PRICES IN HIDES.

When the quotation of buff hides reached 4 cents per pound it was thought that prices had finally reached a bottom level. But such it appears is not the case. And during the week sales of No. 1 buff hides have been made at 33c. This lower price is, of course, caused by the pressure of American markets. The Review in reporting the Chicago market on the 10th inst., says : "The continued sluggish condition of the leather markets and the low ruling prices of same have caused many tanners to call a halt in the hide purchase. Buffs are now selling at 35c., the lowest price on record; heavy cows at 33c., while the No. 2 in each class are readily taken at 34c., 35 to 60 lbs., and 3%c. for 60 lbs. and up." At 3% cents per pound the demand is reported by Toronto merchants to be none too active. But there is

them for less than market quotations. The increased its policies in force by more than six offerings here continue to show poorer condition and many are now injured by grubs. As a consequence No. 2 and No. 3 hides are more plentiful; sales of the former have been made at 31c. and the latter at 3c., with some sales of inferior quality reported at 24c. Green hides, as a result, are lower, and the price now paid by dealers is 34c., but some have advised a further reduction to 3c., and this may take effect before the week is closed. It will be found interesting to compare present prices with our quotations of Feb. 16th, 1893, which stood as follows: green, cows, 41c.; green, steers, 5c.; cured and inspected, 5 to 51c. per pound.

HALIFAX BANKING COMPANY.

Sixteen and three-quarters per cent. on capital, nearly eleven and a quarter per cent. on capital and Rest combined, is a rate of earning that any bank shareholders should be satisfied with. This is the net rate shown by the Halifax Banking Company in 1893. Having carried over \$8,737 from the previous year and earned \$84,115 last year, the directors had \$92,852 to deal with. They appropriated \$30,-000 to paying six per cent. dividend, wrote \$1,000 off bank furniture, placed \$40,000 to Reserve and carried forward \$21,852. This bank has now \$500,000 paid capital, \$250,000 Reserve. Its deposits are \$1,991,734, and circulation was at close of year \$455,464. Total liabilities, \$3,297,000. Against these it has liquid assets, \$557,088; current discounts, \$2,712,980; overdue debts, \$11,385; other assets, \$15,627.

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE.

A pronounced advance in new business, an enlarged cash income, an increase of \$137,000 in assets, and a decreased death loss, are among the features of the business of the Manufacturers' Life during the past year. This increased business is not achieved, however, without an increase of expenses, not only actual but relative, which goes far to neutralize the advantage of lessened mortality. A desirable feature is the growth in recent years of the company's average premium per \$1,000, and the indications are that investment policies are increasing. Certainly the aggregate of total risks reaching in six and a half years' business, nearly nine millions, betokens unusual activity, and the gathering in of \$400,000 more new business last year than the year before is an achievement worthy of note. We learn from the address of the president, Mr. Gooderham, that the death claims, expenses, and Government reserve were last year paid for out of the premium income, enabling the company to add all the interest earnings (\$25,281) to the surplus. At this rate of progress the possibility is not very remote of reaching a dividend for shareholders, though, properly enough, the interests of policy holders have the first claim in such case. The figures of the company's business, given in the financial summary of the report, are creditable ones for a company less than seven years of age.

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE.

This advancing company, of which Mr. Sheppard Homans is the president, exhibits a statement which indicates vigorous work and progress as the result of that work. It a tendency to store the hides rather than sell has done a larger business than in 1892, has

millions, and shows a larger income from both premiums and interest. Death claims were pretty heavy, and the financial disturbance in the States compelled a reduction of value of invested assets by a considerable sum, as was the case with other companies. But in spite of this it is able to show an increase of surplus, while the gross assets have grown from \$1,287,000 to \$1,516,000.

This company prides itself upon what it calls common sense plans of insurance; and the renewable term life policy, which is regarded as its specialty, has attracted both attention and insurants abroad as well as at home. The company's business has been pushed in Canada to some purpose. Mr. Matson tells us that the business of 1893 in the Dominion shows a decided increase over the \$883,000 of the previous year. The variety of its plans, and the novelty of some of them, render this a popular company with those who want a change from former methods.

GORE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

There is room for the satisfaction and even congratulation expressed by the authorities of the Gore Mutual in its report for 1893. In so bad a year for the fire insurance business they have paid all ascertained losses, made provision for unadjusted losses, and have \$11.-815 to the good, which they apply in effecting a reduction of ten per cent. on the assessment premiums of the year, which certainly means cheap insurance. The amount at risk in the company is now increased to nearly \$11,000,-000; the gross receipts last year were \$137,757; and the gross assets are now \$357,253, of which \$150,000 is in cash and mortgages. The company is in good shape.

The Gore suffered its share of fire losses last year. As we show elsewhere, the number was 172, and the aggregate loss incurred was \$72,107, which was the largest year's loss the company had known. Still, as the president shows, with a business so much larger, more losses must be expected. Having reached its fifty-fifth year, the company is now resolved to have a home of its own, and accordingly a contract has been let for a new building in Galt for a head office, to be finished during the present year. On this, as well as other proofs of sensible management, the company is to be congratulated.

TEXTILE NOTES.

The Kingston Hosiery Company, it is said, will put in an entirely new plant of the latest and most improved make.

A representative of the Woodstock, N.B., Woolen Mills Company has just returned from St. John, N.B., and Lowell, Mass., where he has been purchasing new machinery for the factory.

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It is said that Mr. A. McCracken, owner of the Temple Woolen Mills, Kildare, Ireland, purposes to erect a similar establishment at Mission City, B.C.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Eureka Woolen Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Nova Scotia, was held on the 6th inst. A large expenditure has been made in fitting up the mill and supplying it with the newest and most approved machinery, so that the mill is now one of the best equipped in the maritime provinces. A dividend of 8 per cent. was declared.

Mr. D. Day, of Dumfries, Scotland, is estab-

limbing works at Vancouver, B.C., for dyeing silks, laces, carpets, rugs, etc.

Our mail advices from Leeds, Eng., say of the woolen trade: "Canada and the United States no longer give this manufacture the support they once did, and it is no longer possible to make those substantial profits out of it which were formerly made. Prices, however, are firm at the rates which have been usual for some weeks past."

The officers of the Dominion Blanket and Fibre Co., Montreal, for the ensuing year are: Robert Mackay, president; E. A. Small, vicepresident; E. A. Robert, managing-director. The directors are: Messrs. F. Fairman, G. L. Cains, A. H. Sims, and R. M. Liddell.

Mr. A. Campbell is putting a new rolling machine into his carpet |works at Markham, Ont.

The Standard Woolen Mill Co., Toronto, have lately put in four Davis & Furber 115inch blanket looms, and have made other additions and improvements.

The Paton Manufacturing Company, of Sherbrooke, Que., have put in a new cloth press capable of pressing] 600 yards per day more than the old presses in use.

Mr. J. P. McLennan, of Monoton, N.B., has, we are told, accepted the position of business manager of the Hopewell, N.S., woolen mills, which office he held some years ago.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

A shipment of 6,000 boxes cheese will be made from Morrisburg shortly.

Subscriptions for stock in the creamery company which it is proposed to start in New Westminster, B.C., are now being invited.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Retail Grocers Association the secretary was instructed to reply to a communication from the London Grocers' Association assuring the latter body of sympathy with their move toward obtaining an amendment of the Act relating to garnisheeing civil servants' salaries. The feeling is that Government employees should not be exempt from the garnisheement of their salaries.

The combined quantities of Indian and Ceylon tea exported, according to Gow, Wilson & Stanton's tea circular, from Great Britain to the United States and Canada, were as follows: 1890, lbs., 1,726,863; 1891, lbs., 2,110,261; 1892, lbs., 2,713,463; 1893, lbs., 2,937,090.

The Blenheim News says that the property of the Dresden Canning Co. has passed into the hands of the Aylmer Canning Co., who will rebuild and conduct the business on a better basis.

It is reported that Henry Corby, M.P., is about to start a large hop yard at Corbyville, near Belleville.

The first large shipment of the Trescott Sturgeon Packing Co., New Westminster, B. C., was recently made to Chicago, and consisted of 10 tons of fish.

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Fishing for spring salmon in the Fraser will be general next week. At present only a few boats are at work, but the salmon are beginning to put in their appearance in large numbers, and the fishing is expected to be profitable in the course of a week or two.— Columbian, Feb. 6th.

Kent county is putting forward claims as the centre of the bean-growing industry of Ontario. In one day last week beans to the value of \$1,600 were sent from Chatham to United States.

The ship "British General" has arrived at Vancouver, B.C., from Samarang, Java, laden with sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery. The trip was made in 98 days. She brought no news of the two other vessels laden with Java sugar for the same port, and it is thought they are lost. The ship "Ballachulish" is under charter to load sugar at Java for the same refinery and sails this month.

Messrs. Francis H. Legget & Co., New York, give the following estimates of the coffee production in the various districts for the last five years :

1893 1894 (estimated) bags. 10,264,500
1892 1893 11,150,000
1891-1892 11.343,000
1890 1891 9,297,000
1889-1890 8,658,200
The estimate for 1893 includes the following
countries : Rio, 3,000,000 bags ; Santos, 2,500,-
000 bags; Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico,
etc., 1,500,000 bags; Venezuela, 1,000,000 bags;
Hayti and Jamaica, 700,000 bags.

SHOE AND LEATHER NOTES.

Our imports of sole leather from the United States in 1893 amounted in value to \$128,255, as compared with an importation of \$91,321 in value during 1892. Last year the exports of leather, other than sole, from the United States to British North America, amounted in value to \$249,218, as compared with \$64,044 last year.

A Montreal exchange says that some shoe houses in that city complain of the trade situation. One house is reported to have discharged 17 of its cutters, and another has been reducing its staff of employees for some time past.

In 1893 Great Britain exported 694,275 dozen pair of shoes, having a value of £1,699,-769, while in the previous year 659,911 dozen pairs, valued at £1,699,821, were sent abroad.

Men's white canvas Balmorals, made in the Blucher patent, are a new thing for the factories here.

A shoe made Goodyear welt, with a tip on a Piccadilly last, promises_to have a fair sale in the city trade.

Toronto shoe manufacturers say that Chicago calf is rapidly replacing French calf and shell cordovan.

A St. John, N.B., exchange says that there is some possibility of the shoe factory of James T. Hurley, in that city, being again put in operation. Mr. Hurley states that some 80 or 90 persons were formerly employed in the factory.

A representative of Messrs. Storey & Sons, glove manufacturers at Acton, passed through the city on the 14th with men from Gloverville, N.Y., to fill the places of their striking glove cutters. The Acton strike was caused by the refusal of the men to adopt a lower wage schedule.

The week has been a quiet one in leather circles. Labor difficulties still continue among the Toronto shoe houses, but negotiations are in progress which may lead to a settlement. Less leather is being sent to eastern factories this year than last. We have heard of no export shipments of sole this week. But enquiries have been received, and some merchants anticipate a good demand in England for Canadian leather before the year closes.

-Word comes from Ottawa that an Orderin-Council has been passed fixing the tolls to be charged on Welland and St. Lawrence canals at the same rates as last year.

INSURANCE ITEMS.

The principal causes of the 172 losses by fire which the Gore Mutual sustained in 1893, as appears from the report of their inspector, Mr. McKendrick, were as under: Defective chimneys, stoves and pipes, 33; coal oil lamps and lanterns, 14; sparks on roof, 8; boilers and furnaces, 4; friction of machinery, 3; heating paint, 3; incendiaries and lightning, 12 each; caught from premises adjoining or across the street, 30; unknown, 39. The aggregate of these losses was \$72,207, the heaviest month being April, amounting to \$10,496 worth of property, and the highest, March, \$2,727.

Last week a deputation of insurance representatives from Quebec and Ontario cities visited Winnipeg to confer with the Government of Manitoba about an insurance bill in preparation for that province. These gentlemen were Messrs. G. F. C. Smith, of the Liverpool, London and Globe; E. P. Heaton, of the Guardian Fire, and Mr. Lansing Lewis, of the Caledonian Fire, of Montreal. Mr. W. C. Macdonald, the actuary of the Confederation Life, of Toronto, represents the life assurance companies. All that the deputation asks is that as the companies are all operating under Dominion license, and make very full and complete returns, enabling any person to obtain a thorough knowledge of the standing of the companies by reference to the Government Blue Books, or the insurance department at Ottawa, they want to ask the legislature to accept these returns, which are accurate and satisfactory, and not to enforce upon them the making of separate returns.

UNITED STATES' PATENTS TO CANADIAN INVENTORS.

The following list of United States' patents to Canadian inventors, granted January 30th, 1894, is reported expressly for this paper by James Sangster, Patent Solicitor, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Bug for transporting money. &c., John A. Carlaw and Michael J. Teedy, Toronto; said Teedy assignor to said Carlaw.

Pump, Hiram Field, Smithville, assignor of one-half to George D. Wycoff, Washington, D. C.

Car-coupling, James Gates, Sombra, assignor of one-half to George Reid, same place, and Thomas Elliott, Goderich.

CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing-houses for the week ended with Thursday last, compared with those of the previous week :—

	Clea	rirgs.
	Feb. 15th.	rings. Feb. 8th.
Montreal	\$8,914,545	\$9,374,691
Toronto	4,672,019	5,202,152
Winnipeg	684,650	1,001,840
Halifax	984,523	1,125,348
Hamilton	596,056	841,847
Total	\$15,851,793	\$17,545,878

Aggregate balances this week, \$2,058,434; last week, \$2,348,703.

-The directors of the Economical Mutual Fire Insurance Company express the sense of loss sustained by that company in the death of their late manager, William Oelschlager, who deserved well the words of commendation which find place in their report. It is fortunate that the heavy expenditure of the year for fire claims has been met by the company without materially reducing its cash assets. The increasing business of the company is shown by comparison of its receipts for 1893, as compared with the previous year, namely, \$52,143, as against \$32,961. The losses were \$57,230 as compared with \$35,423 in the previous year.

-The annual meeting of the Port Arthur Board of Trade was held recently, and the following officers were elected : President, W. C. Dobie; vice-president, Jas. A. Fraser; secretary-treasurer, H. A. McKibbon. Council: Messrs. Geo. T. Marks, D. F. Burk, J. J. O'Connor, S. W. Ray, F. S. Wiley, Geo. W. Brown, Joseph Brimson, W. J. Bawlf, Jcs. G. King, Geo. Hodder, W. W. Russell, and J. F. Meikle.

Meetings.

WESTERN CANADA LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Com-(i) Wook place yesterday, the president, Hon.
 (i) W. Allan, in the chair.
 The thirty-first annual report and financial

statement of the directors was read as follows:

REPORT.

The directors have much pleasure in present-

The directors have much pleasure in present-ing to the shareholders the thirty-first annual report of the business of the company. The profits of the year, after deducting all charges and writing off a very considerable sum in view of the general depreciation in the value of real estate, amount to \$167,552.55. Out of this sum have been paid the usual half-yearly divi-dends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, together with the income tax thereon. amount-ing to \$152.587.50. and the balance has been ing to \$152,587.50, and the balance has been carried to the credit of the contingent fund. The amount now standing at the credit of that fund is \$78,461.55 as against \$77,373.62 last vear

The repayments on mortgage loans during the past year have been on the whole very satisfac-tory, amounting altogether to the sum of \$1,491,-188.94.

The full limit of the power of the company under its charter to receive moneys for invest-ment being so nearly reached, the directors have from time to time been compelled to decline many offers of additional sums proffered to them on very advantageous terms.

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

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

The balance sheet and profit and loss account, together with the auditors' report, are submitted herewith.

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		Dragidant

	President.			
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE 31st december, 18				
Liabilities.				
To shareholders—				
Capital stock \$1,500,000 0	0			
Reserve fund 770,000 0	0			
Contingent account 78,461 5	5			
Dividend, payable 8th Jan., 1894 75,000 0	0			
·	- \$2,423,461 55			
To the public-				
Debenture and in-				
terest				
Deposits 1,030,135 3				
Sundry accounts,	- 4,483,701 67			
including cou-				
pons outstanding	651 37			
	\$6,907,814 59			
Assets.				
Investments	\$6,705,247 92 l			

Office premises and furniture, To ronto and Winnipeg...... Cash on hand, and in banks 117.386 95 85,179 72 \$6.907.814 59 PBOFIT AND LCSS ACCOUNT Management, Cost of viz.: Salaries, rent, inspection and valuation, office expenses, branch office, agents' commissions, auditors' fees, etc.....\$ 52,376 82 Directors' compensation 3,930 00 Interest on deposits... 42,784 95 debentures 144,586 01 \$243,677 78 Net profit for year, ap-plied as follows: Dividends and tax thereon Carried to contingent 152,587 50 account..... 14,965 05 \$167,552 55

\$411.230 33

Interest on mortgages and debentures, rents, etc..... \$411,230 33

\$411,230 33

WALTER S. LEE. Managing Director.

Toronto, 3rd February, 1894.

To the Shareholders of the Western Canada Loan & Savings Company :

GENTLEMEN, —We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company for the year ending 31st December, 1893, and certify that the annexed statements of assets and liabilities, and profits and loss, are correct, and show the true position of the company's affairs. Every mortgage and debenture or other security has been compared with the books of the company. They are correct, and correspond in all repects with the schedules and ledgers. The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS,)
FRED. J. MENET,	Auditors.
WM. E. WATSON, F.C. A.	

The president then said :

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

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

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

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

In connection with our investors in Great Britain, I have great pleasure in mentioning that we were favored last autumn with a visit from Mr. David Cowan, of the firm of Bell, Cowan & Co., of Edinburgh, our valued representatives in Great Britain. Mr. Cowan had been making, I believe, an Cowan a co., or Education Britain. Mr. representatives in Great Britain. Mr. Cowan had been making, I believe, an extended tour to Australia and New Zealand, and returning by Vancouver and the North-West to Ontario, on his way back to England, availed himself of the opportunity to make himself acquainted with the management and business of the company, both at Winnipeg and Toronto. This was not the first visit of Mr. Cowan to

the Dominion, and he expressed himself much gratified with the growth of the country, more especially the wonderful progress and improve-ment which was so apparent in Manitoba. In regard to the shrinkage in the value of real estate, so far at least as regards farm property in Ontario, we may, I think, fairly hope that this has probably reached its lowest point.

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

In Manitoba, while there has been a partial failure of the grain crop in certain districts, and the price of wheat has gone down unusually low, the country is notwithstanding fairly pros-perous. The price of land generally remains firm. Farmers there, as in Ontario, are beginning in many localities to adopt mixed farming, which will render them more independent of the fluctuations in the grain market, and so far as regards the business of this company, we are glad to be able to state that our farm borrowers are meeting their engagements most satisfactorily—more so, indeed, than on any previous year. The outlook then upon the whole is, I think,

a favorabe one both in Ontario and Mani-toba, and in the meantime the directors are able to assure the shareholders that both in Ontario and Manitoba the business of the company is being conducted with the utmost care and prudence

We have now an excellent staff of inspectors in Manitoba, and we cannot speak too highly of the efficiency of our appraisers. At Winnipeg Mr. Fisher continues to prove himself a most able and at the same time a most careful manager of the company's business in the extensive territory under his care. The Toronto office staff are all most thor-

oughly efficient and discharge their duties to the entire satisfaction of the directors, and in conclusion I need only repeat what I have so often said on many previous occasions, that in the managing director we have one to whose watchful care and able supervision of the whole busi-

ful care and able supervision of the whole busi-ness of the company we are mainly indebted for the success and prosperity which has for so many years attended, and still continues to attend, the business of the Western Canada. The old board of directors were reelected, viz., the Hon. George W. Allan, president; George Gooderham, Esq., vice president; Messrs. Thomas H. Lee, George W Lewis, Alfred Gooderham, the Hon. Sir David Macpher-son, K.C.M.G.; and Walter S. Lee, managing director. director.

anding of our debentures, we are able to obtain It he money we require in Great Britain and A Canada. In fact, as stated in the report, we ave had frequently to decline money offered to s on the most favorable terms, because we have b nearly reached the limit to our borrowing owers which our charter imposes. In view of the financial troubles which so -The report of the collector of customs for

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UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS' COMPANY.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Loan and Savings' Company was held at the company's offices, 28 and 30 Toronto street, Toronto, on Wednesday. the 7th day of February, 1894, at 3 p.m. The meeting, as usual, was largely attended. Wal-ter B. Geikie, Esq., president, in the chair. Mr. Maclean read the notice convening the meeting, as also the directors' report, as fol-lows.

lows:-

REPORT.

(1) Your directors have the pleasure to submit this, their twenty ninth annual report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893, showing the satisfactory results of another year's business. In doing so they desire to state that the gross earnings amount to \$157,973.02, and that after paying two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, and the cost of management, they have been enabled to carry forward the sum of \$15,188.49, \$5,000 of which have been aded to \$10,180.49, \$0,000 of which have been acted to the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$260, 000, and the balance, \$10,188.49, to contin-gent account, which now amounts to \$28,-537.19. The income has been applied as follows :-

Dividends paid \$53,933 20 Expenses of management 15,572 12 Balance applied as above 15.188 49

Notwithstanding the fact that the demand for money has been somewhat reduced owing to the temporary cessation of building operations in the city, your directors are pleased to report that they have been able to keep the funds of the company well employed; new mortgages to the amount of \$350,000 have been taken up during the year, in each instance great care having been exercised to insure the sufficiency and satisfactory character of the security—and also that the repayments con-tinue to be made with reasonable promptness and regularity, both as regards interest and principal maturing; but, bearing in mind the temporary shrinkage in value in real estate and the world-wide wave of business depression, your directors have apportioned \$5,000 of the surplus profits of the year to increase the reserve fund, deeming it prudent to add the larger portion to the contingent fund.

It will be seen, on reference to the state-ment, that the total assets of the company amount to \$2,709,767.52, invested as follows: In mortgages in the Province of

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Ontario \$2,568,276 01
Company's buildings 65,743 07
Cash in bank
Sundries
In addition to which there is still a balance of \$320,000 of subsoribed capital of the last issue of \$400,000 remaining uncalled, available only as a security to debenture holders, in addition to the entire investments of the com-

(2) It will further be seen that the debentures, including deposits, amount to \$1,714,-218.73, being an increase of \$34,831.80 over the corresponding period last year, and that the subscribed capital stock of the company amounts to \$1,000,000, with about \$680,000 paid up, so that, with these explanations, your directors feel there should be no difficulty on the part of the stockholders in readily understanding the exact financial position of the company; but, in order that investors in the company's debentures in Great Britain and company's debentures in Great Britain and Ireland may at all times obtain full informa-tion from a reliable source, your directors have the satisfaction to report that they have arranged with Mr. Wm. C. McEwen, senior partner in the firm of Messers. J. & A. F. Adam, W.S., Edinburgh, general agents of the company, to act in the capacity of resident director, with full power to attend to all matters in connection with the debenture busi-ness of the company there. In this connection matters in connection with the debenture busi-ness of the company there. In this connection it may be found necessary, in order to enable your directors to extend the company's bor-rowing powers, to issue a limited amount of new stock, of which due notice will be given should the necessity arise.

(3) It is with deep regret that your directors (3) It is with deep regret that your directors have to report the great loss sustained by the sudden death on 26th December last of their late esteemed colleague, Mr. James McGee, who had for nearly twenty years been a direc-tor, and for several years held the position of

president of the company with so much accept-ance to the board. It is also with regret that they report the enforced retirement through failing health of another of their colleagues, Mr. James Crocker. To fill the vacancies thus oreated your directors have appointed Mr. James C. McGee, son of the late president, who is well and favorably known as a rising business man, and who will represent the interest of his late father (who was one of the largest stockholders in the company), and Mr. John Stark (senior partner in the firm of John Stark & Co., one of the oldest business firms in the city), who resigned his position on the board of the Canada Landed and National Investment Company to accept the position as vice-president.

Your directors have much pleasure in re-porting that Dr. Geikie, well-known through-out the Province as Dean of Trinity Medical College, and as an experienced business man, who has for some years been vice-president, and for upwards of twenty years a director of

and for upwards of twendy years a director of the company, was unanimously elected presi-dent, and Mr. Stark vice-president. (4) Your directors have further to report that in pursuance of the authority delegated to them by resolution of the stockholders at the 23rd annual general meeting, they have carefally revised and amended the company's by-laws, and that the same were in due course submitted for the approval of the company's solicitors, by whom they were duly considered (5) Your directors have much pleasure in

acknowledging the continued valuable services of the company's general agents for Scotland, Messrs. J. & A. F. Adam, W.S., No 9 South Messrs. J. & A. F. Adam, W.S., No 9 South Charlotte street, Edinburgh, and also those of Messrs. Allan, Buckley, Allan & Milne, Advo-cates, 56 Castle street, Aberdeen, and also in announcing that Mr. James Caverhill, agent for the Soottish Widows' Fund in the City of Cork, Ireland, will hereafter act as the com-pany's agent there. (6) Your directors beg to direct your atten-tion to the auditors' report, and to the fact that they have bestowed their customary care and attention in discharging their important

and attention in discharging their important duties, which they duly completed to the entire satisfaction of the board.

(7) The directors hold their seats from year e-

to year, but are eligible for re-ele cordance with the company's h	ection in ac-
spectfully submitted,	-
W. B. C	feikie,
	President.
W. MACLEAN,	
Managing Director.	
ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE	VEAD PNDING
DECEMBER 31, 1893.	
Liabilities to the public-	A 000 0FF 00
Deposits.	\$ 393,257 02
Debentures, ster- ling \$1,200,544 25	
Debentures, cur-	
rency 120,817 46	
	1,321,361 71
To stockholders-	
Capital stock subscribed \$600,000	FOO 600 00
(original)	599,680 00
Capital stock, 20 per cent. issue, \$400,000; amt paid up,20 per	
cent.	79,965 00
Reserve fund, last	10,000 00
vear \$255,000 00	
Reserve fund, add-	• .
ed this year 5,000 00	
	260,000 00
Contingent ac- count, last year \$ 18,348 70	
Contingent ac-	
count added this	
year 10,188 49	
	28,537 19
Dividend No. 58, payable Jan. 8	26,966 60
	\$2,709,767 52
Assets.	
Mortgages on real	
estate, etc \$2,561,844 94	
Other securities 6,431 07	
	\$2,568,276 01
Real estate (company's premi-	65,743 07
ses, Toronto street)	1,244 42
Office furniture, etc Rents;outstanding and accrued	160 83
Cash in Dominion Bank	74,256 20
Cash in hand	87 49
I	\$2,709,767 52

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, DEC.	31, 1898:
Dr.	1 1 2 1
Dividend No. 57 \$26,966 60 Dividend No. 58 26,966 60	· · ·
	\$53,933 20
Municipal tax	943 78
Interest on debentures	57,243 32
Interest on deposits	15,092 11
-	10,002 11
Cost of management—	
Salaries, office ex- penses, etc \$ 8,624 89	
Directors' compensa-	
tion 2.481 60	
Auditors and scruti-	
neers	
Commission to ag'ts	
and valuator s 387 01	
Debenture expenses 3,088 50	
Printing, stationery,	
etc	
	15.572 12
Balance—	10,018 18
Reserve fund added	
this year \$ 5,000 00	
Contingent account	
added this year 10,188 49	1 . 100 . 10
	15,188 49
	\$157,973 02

Cr. By interest on mortgages, etc \$157,973 02

\$157.973 02

We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the Union Loan and Savings' Com-pany for the year ending December 31, 1893, and find them in conformity with the above statement, and have checked the vonchers and mortgage registers, and find them correct.

JAMES CARLYLE. JOHN N. LAKE. Auditors.

The president, on rising to move the first

den death of our late president—called away most unexpectedly, and without the slightest warning, in the midst of his usefuluess.

You will further observe that James Crocker, Esq., one of the directors, has also, from failing health, retired from the board.

I have the pleasure of directing the atten-tion of the stockholders to the report for the tion of the stockholders to the report for the past year, which is in your hands. It cannot, I think, be regarded as otherwise than very satisfactory. We have paid two semi-annual dividends, at the usual rate of 8 per cent. per annum, and have added the sum of \$5,000 to our already large reserve, and the further sum of \$10,000 to the contingent fund. The business done has been large. The nume The business done has been large. The num-ber of loans might very easily have been very largely increased: but the board, during the present time of depression (which has fallen, perhaps, more lightly on Ontarie than on many other parts of the world), thought it well to exercise the most scrupulous care in regard to every transaction. Many think that regard to every transaction. Many think that in Ontario they can already see signs of the clouds breaking in several quarters of the commercial sky; but during such a time as we in Canada, in common with the whole business world, have been passing through, the company has had to guard itself in every way, and amongst others may for a time have to carry a considerable amount of city pro-nerty a large proportion of which is productive.

way, and amongst others may for a time have to carry a considerable amount of city pro-perty, a large proportion of which is productive, and may be therefore expected soon to show the effects of an improvement in business, which is confidently looked forward to. The Board of Directors, after careful con-sideration, decided that it would be very desir-able to have a resident director in Great Britain, who would carefully look after the large and constantly increasing debenture basi-ness of the company. We feel we may con-gratulate ourselves in our having secured the services of Wm. C. McEwen, Esq. W.S., Edinburgh, long and favorably known to us, for this important position. In order to increase the borrowing powers of the company, atthority will be asked to issue new stock when it may be necessary or desir-able to do so, to an amount not exceeding \$600,000, of which, however, only 20 per cent. will in the meantime be called up. Stock-holders will, of course, be entitled to the first offer of this new stock, although taking the

offer of this new stock, although taking the shares each may be entitled to will be op-52 tional in every case.

The by-laws of the company have been carewell as by the solicitor of the company, as requested by the stockholders, and they only await your adoption.

The agency in Great Britain has been ex-tended, by the appointment of Mr. Jas. Caver-hill, agent of the Scottish Widows' Fund for the city of Cork, Ireland, on the strong recom-mendation of Mr. McEwen, of Edinburgh.

Mr. Maclean, as heretofore, has bestowed his entire attention to the responsible duties he so well discharges. He reports that all the offi-cers in the company's service, including the auditors, have been most attentive and efficient in the discharge of their respective duties.

After several inquiries and explanations had been made in relation to the company's bypointment, all of which were answered to the satisfaction of the meeting, the following resolutions were passed unanimously;--(1) "That the report of the directors and

statement of accounts submitted to this meeting be and is hereby received and adopted." (2) "That the directors be and they are

hereby authorized to increase the capital stock of the company to such an amount as they may deem expedient, not exceeding \$500,000 in addition to the present subscribed capital stock of the company, to be offered in the first instance to stockholders, pro rata, in the proportion of one share for every two shares held by them respectively, and that the amount that may be so called up shall be limited in the meantime to 20 per cent. of the amount so increased, as recommended in the directors' report.

(3) "That the action of the directors in revising and amending the company's by-laws, pursuant to the authority delegated to them by resolution of the 23rd annual general meeting, be and the same is hereby ratified, and that the by-laws so revised and amended at a meeting of the board held on the 9th day of May, 1893, be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted."

(4) "That the thanks of this meeting be and are hereby tendered to Messrs. J. & A. F. Adam, W.S., Edinburgh, the general agents Adam, W.S., Burnburgh, the general agents of the company for Scotland, as also Messers. Allan, Buckley, Allan & Milne, advocates, Aberdeen, for their valuable services as agents of the company during the past year." (5) "That the thanks of this meeting be and

are hereby tendered to the directors, officers and auditors of the company for the satisfac-tory manner in which they have discharged their respective duties; and that the auditors be re-appointed for the current year." (6) "That Messrs. H. L. Stark and J. E Hansford be and they are hereby appointed sorutineers, for the purpose of receiving and dttermining the votes for the election of direc-tors for the current year." They reported the following gentlemen duly elected: W. B. Geikie, M.D., John Stark, Francis Richardson, Wm. N. Eastwood, Henry Yates, James C. McGee, Wm. C. McEwen and William Maclean. are hereby tendered to the directors, officers

William Maclean.

W. B. GEIRIE, President.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Dr. W. B. Geikie was elected president, and Mr. John Stark, vice-president. W. MACLEAN,

Managing Director.

IMPERIAL LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO. OF CANADA, LIMITED.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Imperial Loan and Investment Company of Canada (Limited) was held at the offices of the company, Adelaide street, Toronto, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1894, for the purpose of receiving the directors' report for the year ending 31st December, 1893, and electing directors for the current year.

Among the shareholders were present: R. L. Benson, C. C. Baines, P. M. Clark, Barlow Cumberland, C. C. Dalton, W. G. Gooderham, F. J. Gosling, Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, E. H. Kertland, Rowan Kertland, Daniel Lymb, D. M. H. Hummer, D. M. H. Holmerd, D. B. M. Pellatt, Henry Pellatt, Edmund B. Osler, B. Sannders, Alexander Smith, Dr. Thorburn, T. T. Rolph, R. Shaw Wood. The following report was submitted :

BEPORT.

The directors beg to submit herewith the correct.

twenty-fifth annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1893, together with the statements and accounts relating thereto

The business of the year has been satis-factory notwithstanding the loss incurred through the fraudulent action of the book-keeper and cashier, which your directors have been enabled to make up from the profits of the year without encroaching upon either Reserve or Contingent fund.

The profits of the year, after deducting all charges both in Ontario and Manitoba, and writing off all ascertained losses, amount to \$50,646.60, which has been applied as follows: Two half-yearly dividends at 7 per

. \$48.085 08 cent... Carried to reserve fund, which now

amounts to \$155,000, over 22 per cent. on paid up stock

Carried to contingent fund, which is set apart to meet unforeseen losses, and which now amounts to

\$9,054 27 561 52

\$50.646 60

2,000 00

The manager's customary inspection of Manitoba securities was made in the month of Manitoba securities was made in the month of September last; the average yield of oereals in that province for the last season has been small and the prices for grain there, as else-where, exceptionally low, rendering it, in many cases, advisable to extend the time for payment of interest to the coming harvest; but the outlook on the whole is good, and the promise for the future of the province encour-

aging. The vacancy caused by Mr. Wilkie's retire-

The vacancy caused by Mr. Wilkie's retire-ment from the board has been filled by the appointment of Mr. H. M. Pellatt. The prospects of the business for the current year are good, though borrowers generally are looking forward to paying a lower rate of interest, in compensation for which the rate paid by the company for borrowed money is steadily decreasing year by year steadily decreasing year by year. JAMES THORBURN

E. H. KERTLAND, President.

Manager. Toronto, 1st February, 1894.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Lighilities

To Stock	\$703,558	2 6
Dividend No. 48, 'payable 8th Jan., 1894 Rest Account \$153,000 00	24,420	57
Added this year 2,000 00		
Contingent Fund 8,492 75 Added this year 561 52	155,000	00
	9.054	27
Deposits and interest	72,951	
Debentures and interest	1,090,298	14
	\$2,055,282	55

Assets

By mortgages and loans Cash in banks or on hand	\$2,037,405	91
Cash in banks or on hand	17,876	64

\$2,055,282 55

\$153,767 10

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	r.	
To cost of management, including salaries, directors' fees, audi-		
tors' fees, and office expenses	\$12,795	53
Manitoba expenses	1,809	26
Dividends Nos. 47 and 48	48,085	08
Interest an debentures and de-		
posits	52,221	85
Agents' commissions on loans and	,	
sterling exchange	3,923	96
Tax on dividend	755	55
Deficit in deposits	31,614	35
Added to Rest account	2,000	00
Added to contingent fund	561	52
	\$153,767	10
	\$103,707	10

By interest on investments and premiums on stock \$153,767 10

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Imperial Loan and Investment Company

of Canada, Limited. GENTLEMEN,-We beg to report that we have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Imperial Loan and Investment Company of Canada, Limited, for the year ending 31st December, 1893, and find them

We have also verified the balances of the sub-idiary ledgers.

We have also seen the securities in the hands of the managing director, and find ' them as enumerated.

JOHN SYMONS, RCBERT SEWELL. Auditors.

Toronto, 22nd January, 1894.

In moving the adoption of the report the President said : GENETLEMEN. - I beg to move the adoption of

Freshent said: GENTLEMEN.—I beg to move the adoption of the report you have just heard read. You will be glad to learn from it that the loss sustained through collusion between the bookkeeper and cashier has been written off, and, while we regret the loss, we are happy to be the book determined by the make addi say that we have been enabled to make additions to both Reserve and Contingent Funds, the former of which alone amounts to over 22 per cent. on the paid up capital.

Like other institutions, we have acquired some property during the year which is well rented, and the income from which averages over six per cent. on the capital represented.

Our business in Great Britain in connection with our issue of debentures is efficiently at-tended to by our agents, Messrs. Torrie, Brodie & Maclagan, of Edinburgh. Generally speaking, about two-thirds of maturing debenspeaking, about two-thirds of maturing deben-tures are renewed, and one-third presented for payment; but of the debentures matured in January just passed, very nearly three-fourths were renewed, and at a lower rate of interest— a strong evidence of the confidence reposed in Canadian securities at a time when those of other British colonies and of the United States are looked upon less favorably.

are looked upon less favorably. I congratulate you on the prosperous state of your affairs, after passing through a year of unprecedented difficulties, and beg to move the adoption of the report. Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick said: In seconding this motion I desire to call

your attention to the paragraph in the report your attention to the paragraph in the report which refers to the unusually small average yield of wheat during the past year in Mani-toba, and the abnormally low price obtained by the farmers for that cereal. The low price of wheat prevails all over the world, and affects agriculturists everywhere, and, as it is not partial to Manitoba, requires no comment her

The small average yield of wheat was the result of unusually hot winds in August, causing the to shrink in weight and size.

to shrink in weight and size. This weather was not confined to Manitoba, but prevailed in all the great wheat growing Western States, and produced the same effect. Of course these causes operating together have made the farmers of Manitoba feel de-pressed and anxious, but have not destroyed their confidence in the riohness and fertility of their land; nor do they justify the alarm-ing and untrue report cabled to England from Winnipeg, which lately appeared in the Eng-lish newspapers, and which stated that "great distress exists among the farmers of the Provdistress exists among the farmers of the Prov-ince of Manitoba, and that appeals were being made in various quarters for assistance." Now, we know this is not true. The Canadian newspapers are keen and active, and spare no expense in gathering items of news, but in none of them have I seen any paragraph or statement that the farmers of Manitoba are in such distress as to need assistance, and there have not been, to my knowledge, any such appeals.

It is indeed true that in those sections of Manitoba where the farmers have relied altogether upon wheat growing, the causes men-tioned in the report now before you have combined to make them feel the pressure of hard times; but in other localities where a more mixed system of farming prevails, the hard times have not been so severely felt. Our agent at Brandon, Man., who knows thoroughly the district in which this company is interested, has not expressed any anxiety about the state of the country; nor has he mentioned a single case of a borrower who is in straightened cir-cumstances, and requires more than ordinary consideration as to payment of his loan or interest.

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It is some satisfaction to know that although the farmers in Manitoba did not reap during the past year the rich harvest to which they have been accustomed, and, although it is most true the return for their labor has been a poor one, yet the average yield and the price combined in Manitoba gave a better return per acre than that in any of the Western States of America,

On the whole, gentlemen, I think the report now before you gives cause for congratulation, and I have much pleasure in seconding the motion for its adoption.

The foregoing resolution to adopt the report was carried, and the following resolutions were adopted by the meeting unanimously:

Moved by Edmund B. Osler, seconded by W G. Gooderham: "That the thanks of the shareholders are

due and are hereby tendered to the president, vice-president and directors for their services during the year, and that the sum of \$2.500 be paid them for their seevices, to be divided among them as they may decide." Moved by W. S. Lee, seconded by C. C. Dal-

"That Messars. John Symons and Robert "That Messars. John Symons and Robert Sewell be paid \$200 each for their services during the past year, and that Mr. Symons having resigned, owing to advanced age, Mr. Wm. Watson and Robert Sewell do act as

Moved by W. B. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Cumberland:

"That the annual financial statement be sent to the shareholders at least four (4) days before the day of the annual meeting with notice of the date and hour of the aloresaid meeting."

On motion of R. L. Benson, seconded by Alexander Smith, a poll was opened for the election of directors, Mesers. Henry Pellatt and C. C. Baines scrutineers. The scrutineers handed to the manager the following names as the result of the vote for the election of direc-tors for the current year : Dr. Thorburn, Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, Ald. Daniel Lamb, Richard Shaw-Wood (London), E. H. Kert-land, C. C. Dalton, H. M. Pellatt.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Dr. E. H. Kertland in the chair, James Thorburn, M.D., was elected president, and Hon. A. Kirkpatrick vice-president for the Geo. current year.

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The seventh annual meeting of the Manu, facturers' Life Insurance Company was held at the Head Office, Toronto, on Thursday, 8th instant.

Among those present were: Mesars. George Gooderham, president; William Bell, presi-dent Traders' Bank, and S. F. McKinnon of S. F. McKinnon & Co., Toronto, vice-presi-dents; Ald. J. D. Rolland, Montreal; Mr. Mo-Clure, of Woodstock; John Akers, Toronto; W. H. Storey, Acton; Samuel May, Robert Crace, Eradoxick Nigholls T. G. Blackstock W. H. Storey, Acton; Samuel May, Robert Crean, Frederick Nicholls, T. G. Blackstock, H. Lowndes, John Flett, C. D. Warren and A. A. Allan, Toronto; A. E. Bradbury, Ot-tawa; W. A. Horkins, Peterboro. Mr. Geo. Gooderham was elected chairman and the managed director. John F. Ellis setted as managing director. John F. Ellis, acted as secretary. The following report was subsecretary. mitted :

REPORT.

The directors have much pleasure in presenting this their seventh annual report of transactions of the company, being for the year ending December 31st, 1893.

The amount of new business issued during the year amounts to \$2,490,210, an increase of \$407,960, or nearly 25 per cent. over 1892, and bringing the total amount of insurance in force at 1st January, 1894, of close upon \$9,000,000 (\$8,937,834). This volume of busimost successful companies at the age the Manufacturers' Life has now attained, and is a voucher for popularity and success which should not be overlooked.

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The cash income has now reached the hand some sum of \$287,340, being an increase of \$45,522 over 1892; the assets show an increase of \$137.671 and now amount to \$673,738.59.

The death loss for the year has been not only below the average of previous years, but, in consideration of the number of lives exposed and amount of insurance at risk, the con-tinued low death rate of this company is phenomenal, and is a subject for much interesting discussion amongst our competitors. We have had 25 deaths under 26 policies for a net amount of \$42,300.

In five years the average premiums per \$1,000 have increased nearly 50 per cent., showing that our investment policies are, in spite of the keenest competition, growing rapidly in public estimation, while the high

character of the continuous volume of new business received daily from all quarters of the Dominion fully attests the zeal and energy of our field force, who are directing every possible effort to secure only the best class of insurants.

Policyholders and shareholders will also be pleased to know that the profits allocated upon policies of this company, issued on the fiveyear Distribution Plan, are equal to the profits paid by any other Canadian company upon policies of the same age and kind whose profits are divided on the same basis.

The books of the company have been audited monthly and the assets carefully examined by the auditors and the audit committee of the board. GEORGE GOODERHAM, board.

President.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR END. ING DECEMBER 31st, 1893.

\$287,340 00 Cash income Expenditure (including death

claims, and all payments to		
chains, and an payments to policyholders)	156,746	79
Assets	673.738	59
Reserve Fund	492,529	0 0
Surplus for policyholders	164,598	65

Mr. George Gooderham, in moving the adoption of the report, said : GENTLEMEN,-I have much pleasure in mov-

ing the adoption of the seventh annual report of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The company has now been in opera-tion about six years and five months, and I think I am well within the mark in saying that no Canadian life insurance company has been able, within the like time, to present a statement so gratifying and encouraging to policy-holders as that you have just heard read. But not only is the position which the company has achieved in the first six years of its existence eminently satisfactory, whether you test it by volume of business in force, premium income, income from investments, death rate or surplus for policy holders, but I have to congratulate you upon the progress the company has made during the year just closed, because that progress indicates that have weathered the financial storms which every new life insurance company has to enovery new me insurance company has to en-counter during the first years of its being, and that we are now free from anxiety as to the future of the company. Notwithstanding that the past year has been

marked with depression in almost every trade, the amount of new business written by the company amounted to nearly two millions and company amounted to nearly two millions and a haif dollars, while in the year 1892 we only wrote about two millions. The gross income for 1893 is \$287.340, being an increase over the prior year of \$45,525. The assets, as you will observe, now amount to the handsome sum of \$673,738, an increase of \$137,671 over 1892. The surplus on policy boldars' account The surplus on policy-holders' account is \$161,598, being an increase in the net surplus of over \$30,000 during the year.

You will observe at the same time that the interest on investments amounted to \$25,000, so that we have been able to add all the interest from our investments and \$5,000 from our premium income to our surplus. From this it will appear that we have been able to pay our cost of business, death claims, and put up the Government reserve out of our premium in It does not require much argument to come. show that if we can succeed, as we hope to do in future years, in adding the whole of our in-terest income to our surplus, we shall soon ac-cumulate a handsome surplus available for the payment of dividends to stockholders and policy-holders, the latter of whom are entitled to 90 per cent., according to the charter of the In conclusion, the directors desire to express

their appreciation of the manner in which the manager, secretary and officers generally to the company have discharged their duties dur-

ing the past y:ar. On motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. William Bell, the report as read was adopted; Mr. Bell observing that the chairauopted; mr. ben observing that the chair-man's speech having so fully covered the ground there was practically nothing left for him to say. He would, however, remark that, considering the stringent state of the money maket during the stringent state of the money considering the stringent state of the money the humber in tories at the end of the year 3,253, market during the past year, an increase in insuring \$10,902,814 66, being an increase of insurance of almost half a million dollare, as \$711,680.52 in amount at risk and of 472 in the the company was able to show, was surely an indication of its increasing prestige and popu-larity. He was also glad to say that what in crease there had been in the expenditure of the bilities are \$2,631.90 for losses which were not

company had not been out of proportion to the volume of new business secured Mr. Bell further remarked with refer-

ence to the appointment of Mr. Sterling, who has been connected with the company since its inception as cashier, and who has been promoted to the position of the company's secretary and treasurer, that this was an ac-knowledgment of his services and merits which in the opinion of the board is wellmerited, and meets with unanimous approval. A vote of thanks to the medical directors of the company was moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Fred Nicholls, and suitably replied to

by Dr. Strathy, while a similar compliment was paid the agents of the company, moved by Id. J. D. Rolland and seconded by Mr. T. D. Warren

Ald. J. D. Rolland: In moving this vote of thanks to the employes of the company. I may take occasion to say in connection with the company's work in the Province of Quebec that the showing for the year has been most satisfactory.

I am pleased to note that this year's busi-ness is half a million in excess of that for 1892. This remarkable progress is largely the work of the agents and the competent staff by which the manager is surrounded. As last year was phenomenally bad for finance and insurance, our success is all the more gratify-ing, and I hope the future may be as bright. You know that it takes time to get a footing in the Province of Quebec, but when once established you are there for good. The gen-tlemen who compose this board are so well and favorably known in Montreal and the province generally that their names are a sufficient guarantee of the company's success in that quarter.

Messrs. Townsend and Stephens were ap-pointed auditors for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were elected directors: George Gooderham, William Bell, S. F. Mc-Kinnon, E J. Lennox, T. G. Blackstock, R. Kinnon, E J. Lennox, T. G. Blackwook, K. R. McLennan, A. F. Gault, R. L. Patterson, A. G. McBean, F. Nicholls, Robert Archer, D. D. Mann, J. F. Ellis, W. H. Storey, James Mills, Robert Crean, A. E. Gooderham, C. D. Warren, Hon. Theodore Davie, Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Samuel May, Henry Lowndes and Add J. D. Bolland Ald. J. D. Rolland.

At the close of the shareholders' meeting the directors of the company re-assembled, when Mr. George Gooderham was elected resident and Messrs. William Bell and S. F.

McKinon vice presidents for the year. Mesers. Robert Archer, A. F. Gault, Hon. J. A. Ouimet, A. G. McBean, R. R. McLen-nan, Ald. J. D. Rolland and W. Strachan were appointed a local board for the Province of Quebec.

GORE DISTRICT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of this company was held

at Galt, Ont. on January 22nd, 1894. The following members were present:-Hon. James Young, Thomas Todd, Hugh Cant, Geo. J. Jaffray, J. M. Duff, John N. McKendrick, A. Warnock, Wm. Trotter, Robert Scott, Wm. Scott, Hugh McCulloch, R. W. McDonnell, Thomas Cowan, R. S. Strong, jr, Thomas Mc-Giverin, J. Y. Graham, Allan Bowman, C. R. H. Warnock, B. Strong, Gr. V. I. Graon H. Warnock, B. S. Strong, sr., G. V. J. Green-hill, Andrew Laidlaw, R. R. Robertson, A. D. Strong, L. Gavin, Galt; James Goldie, Guelph; John Watson, Ayr; Charles Morris, Toronto; J. A. Leitch, Brantford, and Hugh McKay, Uxbridge.

The president having taken the chair, the

Secretary read the notice calling the meeting. On motion of Mr. Wm Scott, seconded by Mr. C. R. H. Warnock, the minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read.

The secretary, R. S. Strong, then read the following report of directors, as also the financial abstract of receipts and disbursements for the year, assets and liabilities, and report of company's auditors :

REPORT.

The directors for the year 1893 beg to lay before you the following report of the business transacted during it :

The number of policies issued was 3,912, and the number in force at the end of the year 9,253, insuring \$10,902,814 66, being an increase of

adjusted at the close of the year (some of which are now paid) and \$32,649.52 calculated on the Government basis of 50 per cent., as a reserve for uncarned premiums on our cash business and \$4,000 being part of the purchase money of our new office site, held temporarily in trust at the desire of the vendors, which show our net assets to be \$317,972.50.

The total income from all sources was \$137, 757.43 and the expenditure \$123,309.95, leaving a balance of \$14,447.48, which, after making a balance of \$14,447.48, which, after making provision for the losses unadjusted (\$2,631.90), shows a net balance on the year's business of \$11,815.58. After fully discussing the subject, the directors have passed a by-law to make a refund of ten per cent. of all assessment pre-miums (except those paid out for re-insurance) paid by you during the year. We hope you will give the auditors' report and certified statements of accounts your usual careful examination. The plans were selected and the contract lot

The plans were selected and the contract let during last summer for the erection of a build-ing for our head office, to which reference was made in our last annual report, and which met your hearty approval, and we can now inform you that the tender of Messrs. W. & F. A. Scott, at \$16,200 for the whole work, was deemed Scott, at \$16,200 for the whole work, was deemed by the board the most favorable for the com-pany, and the contract was awarded to them. It was only intended to proceed as far as the ground line this winter, but under the terms of the contract, the whole work has to be finished by the 1st day of October, 1894. The design for the building was carefully selected from seven competitive plans, and we have every con-fidence that when finished it will be in keeping fidence that when finished it will be in keeping with the high standing of the company and afford better facilities for the transaction of our

large and steadily increasing business. The office staff and the agents generally have attended to your business with much care and have earned your thanks.

The retiring directors are Messrs. Charles Magill, of Hamilton; Hugh McCulloch, of Galt, and John Watson, of Ayr, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed, JAMES YOUNG, Pres.

R. S. STRONG, Sec'y.

Galt, January 22nd, 1894. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.				
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Cash premiums				
Assessments	00,890		110.000	••
Transfer fees	215		112,886	10
Extra premiums				
Interest	6 910	72		
Reinsurance claims	5 911	10 91		
remaine claims	5,211		12,779	48
Amount appropriated by		w	12,113	10
by-law No. 23 as re-				
fund to members		8	12,091	70
		*	12,001	10
		8	137,757	43
Expendi	ture.	*		10
•	• • • • • •	•	70 475	10
Claims Returned premiums	0 1 901	- P	70,475	42
" assessments				
Re-insurance	7,714	93	10 549	10
-			10,743	
Bonus to agents			1,687	
Refund to members	B10 000	90	12,091	79
Agents' commission				
	6,445			
Office postage	$\begin{array}{c} 517\\421\end{array}$			
Agents' postage Telegraph and express.	135			
	599			
Travelling expenses Incidentals	429			
Contingent to claims	429 346			
Low costs	340 80			
Law costs Office rent and taxes	736			
	450			
Advertising	409			
Printing and stationery Fuel and light		17		
Caretaker		52		
Uaretaker	00	04		

Auditors' fees	200	00		
Gov. Inspector, Stat. Asst	218	61		
License fee	25	00		
Directors' fees	1,093	50		
		\$	28,311	
Balance			14,447	
		8	137,757	-
Assets				
Cash in office	1,897	31		
current account	7,068	14		

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Cash, Merchants' Bank deposit receipts 10,000 00

h	Cash, Merchants' Bank		
e	savings department	3,560	97
e	Cash, Canadian Bank of	0,000	21
;	Commerce, sav. dept	8,397	51
, of	Cash, Canadian Bank of	0,091	51
t	Commerce, dep. rec	5.000	00
et	Deposit with Treasurer of	0,000	00
	Ontario	00 000	00
			00
-	Mortgages	93,223	13
g	Agents' balances	3,888	10
g g	Bills receivable	485	98
			\$153,520
, f	Accrued interest		
	Office furnishings and	1,100	21
i,	fittings	441	97
B.	Real estate		- •
-		9,962	60
)	Balance unpaid on real		
	estate sold	1,600	
t	_		\$ 16,473
1	Premium •		
-	notes\$307,191 00		
t	Less assess-		
	ments levied		
в	thereon 119,930 63		
t l	110,000 00		\$187,260
6			W101,200

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\$357.253 93

Liabilities

Claims not adjusted	§ 2.631	90
request)	4,000	00
Re-insurance reserve	32,649	
Balance	317,972	50
	357,253	92
Total Assets.		
Balance of assets over all liabilities Reserve for all liabilities, including	317,972	50

Balance of assets over all liabilities. \$317,972 Reserve for all liabilities, including	50
re-insurance 39,281	4 2
Total assets available to pay losses. \$357,253	92

Signed, AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the president, directors and members of the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Co. :

GENTLEMEN,-Your auditors beg to report that they have audited the company's books for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1893, and they would report that they have found everything in a highly satisfactory condition, giving evidence of careful and intelligent work by the company's accountant.

They have also examined the securities held by the company, and checked over the premium notes, and have verified the amounts of the different items given in the financial statement annexed, and certify to their being correct.

Your auditors beg to thank the manager and officers of the company for the courtesy and facilities extended to them in connection with their audit.

J. M. DUFF, WM. M. TOPPING, Auditors. Signed,

The President, in moving the adoption of the

report, said: He was happy to inform them that, upon the whole, the Gore had had a very satisfactory year. For this they had cause to be thankful inasmuch as the fire losses throughout Ontario during 1893 had been very heavy, and not a few companies had not only made nothing, but lost heavily. From the full and explicit inan-cial statement just read by the manager, it would be observed that there continued to be a gradual expansion of the company's business. The total amount at risk had increased to nearly eleven millions, the exact figures being eleven millions, the exact figures being \$10,902,814. This was an increase of nearly three quarters of a million during the year. The total receipts had increased from \$129,266 during 1892 to the sum of \$137,757 in 1893. This was an advance of \$8,490, and the gross assets also showed much the same results. These statistics evidenced that the Gore continued to enjoy a healthy growth and increasing popularity with the insuring public.

In common with Canadian companies generally, they had had much heavier losses than usual during 1893. They had paid out \$70,435, and if a few losses unadjusted at the close of the and if a few losses unadjusted at the close of the year were added, the total amount would reach a trifle over \$73,000. Of course, as their volume of business expanded, so necessarily must their losses, but this was the largest amount in one year they had ever had in his re-collection. Nevertheless, if they would turn to the financial statement they would see how well the company had come out, for whilst their total expenditure had been \$123,309, their in-

come had been, as he had already said, \$137,757, and there was a balance of \$14,447 on the right side of the account. Or, if they made a closer analysis, as the report did, and took off the un-adjusted losses, the balance would still remain nearly twelve thousand dollars, the exact figures being \$11,815. Nothing could better illustrate the advantage of a company having a strong financial position and careful management. With regard to the latter, they had an excellent office staff, and few companies had any abler or more careful manager than Mr. Strong, or a better inspector than Mr. McKendrick had proved himself to be. Then their financial po-sition was such, that although they had suffered come had been, as he had already said, \$137,757, sition was such, that although they had suffered the heaviest losses for many years, and some other companies he regretted to see had lost from five to twenty thousand dollars, the Gore had paid every just claim with promptness and liberality, and yet closed the year with what must be considered a most satisfactory balance. It would be observed by the report that for the fourth time in succession they had declared a bonus to the members. After careful consid-eration, and in view of the heavier losses and smaller margin, the Board had deemed it most consistent with sound principles to limit the bonus to 10 per cent this year. When they began this policy they did not expect to be able to return a bonus continuously; it depended, of course, on how much surp'us was made during each year over and above the reserve required to be held by statute. But they had been able to declare a bonus for four years in succession, and as the members of the company who get this bo-nus also received their insurance at an average of It would be observed by the report that for nus also received their insurance at an average of 20 per cent. below stock rates, they probably enjoyed the safest and cheapest insurance in the 840 000 of all the premiums paid by them dur-ing the last four years. He would not detain them further, except to say a few words about their new building now in course of erection. Dominion.

After over half a century of existence and its warked success of late years, it has been uni-versally recognized as fitting that the Gore should have a head office of its own. The directors, and especially the building committee, had given a great deal of labor and attention to this matter during the year. They had been unanimously agreed on the design chosen, and all other steps taken, and had every confidence that, when completed, the company would have a building worthy of the present standing and importance of the Gore, and especially adapted for the transaction of its large and increasing business. He would only add, that they hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them all in their new office next year, and as many others of their members and agents as could make it convenient to attend.

convenient to attend. Mr. A. Warnock seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously. It was moved by Mr. John A. Leitch, seconded by Mr. Chas. Morris and carried, that the in-spector's report be adopted and printed for the use of members with the report of the directors, It was moved by Mr. G. V. J. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. G. J. Jaffray, and carried, that a vote of thanks be given the directors, manager, inspector and other officers for their services in connection with the affairs of the company.—Carried.

company.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. H. McKay, that Messrs. Wm. M. Topping and J. M. Duff be re-elected auditors, and that \$200 be granted them for their services during the past ear. - Carried.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Duff, seconded by Mr. Laidlaw, Messrs. Thomas McGiverin and A. Laidiaw, Messrs. momas mediverin and Wm. Trotter were appointed scrutineers to count the ballots cast for directors for the ensuing three years. The scrutineers reported Messrs. Hugh McCullough, John Watson and Charles Magill as having received the highest number of votes votes.

At a meeting of directors held subsequently, Hon. James Young was elected president and A. Warnock, Esq., vice-president of the company.

⁻The West India trade is said to be in a demoralized condition. A number of the fleets are laid up, and one vessel loaded for Porto

MERCHANTS' MANUFACTURING CO.

The annual general meeting of the share-holders of the Merchants' Manufacturing Com-pany (cotton mill, St. Henri) was held this week at the office of the selling agents, Messrs. Alexander Ewan & Co., Montreal. The state-ment for 1893 was presented, showing the affairs of the company to be in a healthy con-dition. Since the last meeting the company have increased their capacity, building on to the present mill an extension, in which has been placed the most modern cotton machinbeen placed the most modern cotton machin-ery. The power for the new mill is furnished by a Cross compound engine made by Messrs. John Laurie & Brother. The officers of the company are: A. A. Ayer, president; Gilman Cheney, vice-president; J. P. Cleghorn, Jas. Crathern, Jonathan Hodgson, Robert Mackay, R. B. Angus, directors; W. G. Cheney, secre-tary-treasurer, and Harold Lawton, superin-tendent of works. tendent of works.

MONTREAL COTTON COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the Montreal Cotton Company was held in their office, No. Cotton Company was held in their office, No. 87 St. Peter street, Montreal, at noon yester-day. The reports of the year were presented and were considered very satisfactory by the shareholders. The following were elected directors of the company for the ensuing year : Messrs. A. F. Gault, Chas. Garth, E. K. Greene, Jacques Grenier, R. L. Gault, S. H. Ewing and the Hon. J, K. Ward. At a subse-quent meeting of the newly elected board Mr. A. F. Gault was re-elected president, Mr Charles Garth, vice-president, and Mr. D. F. Smith. secretary-treasurer. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The bankers' section of the Toronto Board of Trade having finished their discussion of the proposed Insolvency Act of 1894, the mat-ter has been taken up by the Canadian Bankers' Association, which met at Montreal on Thursday, 15th. Mr. B. E. Walker, the presi-dent, is the only delegate from Toronto. The propositions and amendments made by the Toronto section will be considered, together with the proposed bill, and it is intended to submit the amendments to a general meeting to be held before Parliament meets.

-A meeting of the anthracite coal-producing companies was held in New York yesterday, when managers of all the leading coal com-panies were present. Stove and chestnut coal were reduced to \$4 per ton, a cut of 25 per cent. Broken coal will be sold for \$3.60, and egg for \$3.75 per ton.

-The principal laundries of St. John, N.B., have entered into an agreement, and will hereafter do business on a cash basis only.

-The proposed new binder twine factory at the Kingston Penitentiary will produce about 10,000 pounds a day.

-About 1,500 tons of ore, worth \$225,000, were mined during January in the Kaslo-Slocan, B.C., district.

CITY OF BRANTFORD DEBENTURES.

Tenders addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Brantford, Ontario, and marked "Tender for Debentures," will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1854, for the purchase of about \$200,000 of de bentures to be issued under the act respecting the debenture debt of the City of Brantford, Cap. 59, 56 Vic., 1893; and about \$60,000 of local improvement sewer debentures, under Cap. 82, 53 Vic., 1890; sta-tutes of Ontario in both cases; the principal to be payable on 15th May, 1924, and the interest at 4 per cent. per annum half-yearly on the 16th of May and Norember in each year. The debentures to be in sterling payable in London, England, or in the cur-rency of Canada, payable in Brantford, Ontario, or partly in each as the tender may request; the pur-chase money to be paid in the City of Brantford on the 11th day of May, 1894, free from exchange and all other charges. Tender to be expressed in the currency of Canada, tenderes to state whether they require the whole or what part of the issue. The highest or any tender not necessarily ac-cepted. A copy of the last Financial Statement of the said

cepted. A copy of the last Financial Statement of the said Oity of Brantford may be had on application to the City of Brant undersigned.

ndersigned. JAMES WOODYATT, Clerk of the said Municipality. Oity of Brantford, 3rd Feb'y 1894.

ANOTHER YEAR'S PROGRESS. ٥f New York. For the Year ending December 31st, 1893. NINETEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

	INCOME.	1	ASSETS.	
Net assets, Jan.	HICCMIN.			
1. 1893		\$1,153,825,69	December 31st, 1893.	
Premiums\$	2.089.439.61	• 1,200,000,00	United States & City bonds\$211 300.80	
Interest	43,452.75		Bonds and mortg ges 183,400.00	
Rents and other			Railroad and other stocks and	
sources	16,967.25		bonds 491,486.25	
			Real estate 234,685.41	
Total income		\$2,149,859.61	Loans on col atera's (market value, \$19,550) 10,835.79	
		0 9 909 105 90	Cash on hand and in banks 141,709.86	
	ISBURSEMENTS.	\$3,8 03,185.30	Loans on policies	
	BDURSEMENTS.		Bank stocks	
Paid claims by			Due from sgents (secured) 107,869.64	
death	\$938,373.71		Bills receivable	
Paid dividends to				
policyholders	389,321.56		Total net assets	1,410,725.75
Paid surrendered			Add:	-,,
_ policies	4,506.58		Net deferred and unpaid pre-	
Paid annuitants	1,581.40		miums	
·			Interest accrued 14,933.31	
Total to policy-	A1 000 500 05		Rents accrued 6,828.32	
holders				
Paid commissions			\$147,663.57	
& travelling ex-			Less deduction to bring invest-	
penses.	\$313,001.30		ed assets to market value	
Paid salaries and	20.110.01		Dec. 31, 1893 42,117.50	
medical fees				
Paid taxes Paid rents				\$105,548.07
Paid re-insurance				
Paid advertising,	11,112.93		Gross ass. ts, Jan'y 1st, 1894	81,516,371.82
printing, post-				
age, &c			LIABILITIES.	
Paid furniture			December 31st, 1893.	
Paid dividends to			Actuaries 4% valuation by N.Y. Ins. Dept	8901 045 77
stock-holders			Surplus, actuaries' 4%	
Total expenses	\$558,676.30			81,516,271.82
Total disburser	nents	\$1,893,459 55	No. Policies issued in 1893	Amount. \$23,6#9, 3 05
Net assets, Dec. 31st, 1893		\$1,410,725.75	" in force Dec. 31st, 189324,533	83,101, 434
4 per cent. Bonds	\$100,000, invested in U and deposited with the State of New York.	Inited States ne Insurance	B. H. MATSON, Gen'l Mgr. for (37 Yonge St.,	

Department of the State of New York.

We take pleasure in presenting the foregoing statement to our policyholders. During a year of unparalleled business depression, we have written a much larger amount of new business than ever be fore, and we accept this fact as competent proof of the popularity of our specialty, which is Renewable Term Life Insurance, whereby the banking or investment element is reduced to a n inimum. This Society has not been exempt from the increased of property in the shape of stocks and bonds, it has not altogether escaped the effect of recent shrinkages in values. Notwithstanding these ad-verse conditions, however, the record of the year shows an increase both in the amount of assets and of surplus, which is very gratifying in view of these circumstances. We particularly invite a tention to the large returns which our policyholders receive for the very moderate outlay which each one has been called upon to make. Better insurance ats lower price cannot be had.

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-The manufacturers of pine timber in British Columbia are urging upon the Gov-ernment the advisability of giving that wood a trial in railways, canals and other public works in the Dominion.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14th, 1894.

ASHES.—The market is easier, and No. 1 pots are now quoted at \$4.20 to 4.30; seconds, \$3.75 per cental. Receipts for the year so far are about 200 barrels of pots, most of which have been shipped, and there are in store only about 60 barrels. Only 6 barrels of pearls have been received thus far, making 31 in store.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS .- For cements there is no present enquiry, the hard frosty weather preventing any demand. Stocks are large for the season. For English nominal quotations are \$2.15 to 2.25; Belgian, \$2 to 2.10. Fire-bricks, \$20 to 25.00, as to brand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market in England is quiet, but as stocks here hardly exceed 15,000 boxes, holders are firm in their ideas, and 114c. is the figure for good stock. Butter shows little change; of export move-Butter shows little change; of export move-ment there is none, but a steady local jobbing trade is being done. We quote fine creamery 24 to 26c.; Townships dairy, 21 to 23c.; Western, 19 to 20c. per lb. Eggs are easier, with considerable offerings of limed stock. We quote strictly fresh 18 to 20c., Montreal limed 11 to 13c., and Western ditto considerably lower.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Quinine has devel-oped further strength, as was anticipated in former reports, and we advance quota. tions a peg or two. Opium also contin-nes to advance, and in sympathy with it morphia is firmer. Opium has ad-vanced 35c. within the last few weeks. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.60 to 2.70; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichro-mate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c., oream tartar orystals, 16 to 18c.; do. ground, 18 to 20c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 33 to 35c.; do. powder, 35 to 87c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.25; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to 2.75; roll sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Quinine has devel-2.75; roll sulphin; \$2.5 to 2.50; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; saltpetre, \$8.50 to \$.50; American quinine, 30 to 35c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 42c.; opium, \$4.75 to 5.50; morphia, \$2.00 to 2.20; gum arabic, sorts, 25 to 40c.; white, 50c. to 75c.; carbolic acid crystals, 30 to 45c. per lb.; orude 90c. to \$1 per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.90to \$4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75. Prices for essential oils are: -Oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.50 to 4.00; orange, \$3.20 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 63 to 68c.; American do., 63 to 63c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c. to 35c.

Fish.--The demand has been active, and stocks of salt fish are in limited compass. Green cod is especially scarce, and holders of No. 1 large are now asking \$8 or over; No. 2 ditto, \$5 50; dry cod, \$5 to 5.50; Labrador herrings, \$5 to 5 50; shore ditto, \$4.50; fresh haddock and cod, 34 to 40.; frozen herrings, \$1.25 to \$2 per hundred.

MONTRELL STOCKS IN STORE

	MONTRE	ALL BIUCK	2 14 010M	4 •
Wheat.	bushels	F F	'eb. '2, '94. 636,614	Feb. 5, '94. 637.149
Corn	66			3,845
Oats	**		153,460	159,994
Rye	**	••••		38,386
Peas	"		153,514	150,630
Barley	"	•••••	48,738	48,788

GROCERIES .--- The trade do not report any material increase in business as yet, and or-ders are on the small side for the season. A slight advance has been established in sugars, granulated and yellows having both been put up an eighth of a cent on Monday, mak-

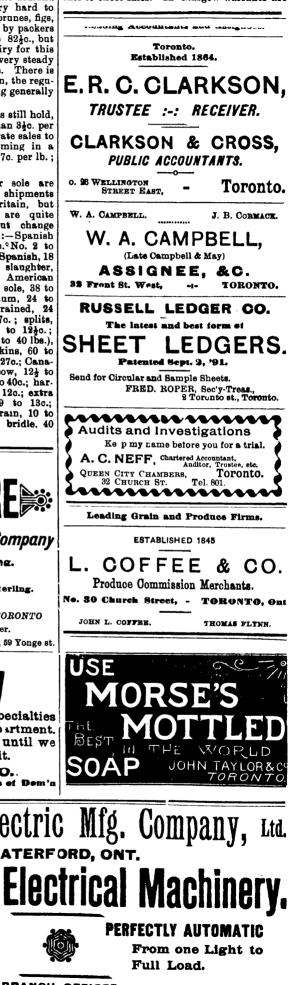
dark yellows might be had at a shade under at the inner figure. Teas are dull and inclined to be flat, but the finer grades of Japan hold their value well. The firmness in Valencia raisins holds, and sales in lots to Western jobbers are reported of fine off stalk Western jobbers are reported of fine off stalk at $4\frac{3}{2}$ o.; ordinary, $4\frac{1}{2}$ o.; for layers the demand is not so good. Currants are very hard to move. Nothing new in sultanas, prunes, figs, etc. Some few sales of tomatoes by packers are reported at 85c., and corn at 82 $\frac{3}{2}$ c., but there is still little jobbing enquiry for this class of goods. Dried apples are very steady at 6 to 7c.; evaporated, 10 to 11c. There is nothing new in the tobacco situation, the regu-lar advance on duty paid price being generally observed. observed.

HIDES .- The low prices of hides still hold and dealers are not paying more than 34c. per pound for No. 1 green, with moderate sales to tanners at 4c.; calfskins are coming in a little more freely and bring 64 to 7c. per lb.; sheepskins, 75 to 80c. each.

LEATHER.—Some fair orders for sole are reported, and there are regular shipments of this class of leather to Britain, but transactions in black leather are quite moderate. Prices remain without change of notable character. We quote :--Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 220.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 190.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 200.; No. 2, 16 to 170.; No. 1, slaughter, 19 to 230.; No. 2 do., 18 to 190.; American oak sole, 39 to 430.; British oak sole, 38 to 45; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 260.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 240., grained, 24 to 260.; south grained, 25 to 270.; splits, large, 14 to 180.; do., small, 10 to 1240.; calf-splits, 37 to 300.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 600.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 700.; colored calf, American, 23 to 270.; Cana-dian, 20 to 230.; colored pebbled cow, 124 to 1340.; russet sheepskin linngs, 30 to 400.; har-LEATHER.-Some fair orders for sole are 131c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffe cow, 11 to 12c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 10 to 13c.; rough, 16 to 18c.; russet and bridle. 40 to £00.



METALS AND HABDWARE. --- With hardware men business is not so active as is looked for at the season, and some of the larger houses report sales behind last year at date. In heavy goods there is also quietude, and pig iron men are resorting to all sorts of expedients to effect sales. In Glasgow warrants are





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Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company will be held at their offices, Nos. 16 and 20 Front street, east,

Thursday, 15th Day of February, '94.

at the hour of 12 o'clock roon, to receive the annual report, for the election of directors, and for all gen-eral busicess relating to the management of the

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Sealed T nders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be re-ceived at this office up to noon of MONDAY, 19th March, 1894, for the delivery of Indian + upplies, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1895, at vari-ous points in Manitoba and the North-West Terri-tories.

tories. Forms of tender, containing full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the As-sistant Indian Ommissioner at Regina, roto the Indian Office, Winuipeg. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted This advertisement is not to be inserted by any newspaper without the authority of the Queen's Printer, and no claim for payment by any newspaper not having had such authority will be ad-mitted.

HAYTER REED Deputy of the Supt. General of Indian Affairs.

0 Department of Ludian Affairs, Ottawa, January, 1694.

\$17.50; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, Cana-dian, \$1.85; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates-Blaina, or Garth, \$2.45 to \$2.50; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, \$0 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates-Brad, ley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X. \$4.75 to No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Brad, ley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I. C., \$3.10 to 3.25; coke wasters, \$3.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 42 to 5c.; Morewood, 6 to 64c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 64c.; No. 26. 64 to 63c.; the usual extra for largesizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30 to 2.35. Common sheet iron, \$2.25 to 2.40 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, 1-quarter inch and upwards, \$2.00; ditto, 3-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65 to \$1.85; heads, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 104 to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.80 to 3.00; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 104 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40, round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 20 to 22c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 114 to 12c.; sheet zino, \$5.00 to \$5.25; spelter, \$4.60 to \$4.75; American do., \$4.60 to \$4.75. Anti-mony 104 to 12c.; bright iron wires Nos.0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Coil chain, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 5c.; $\frac{2}{3}$ in., $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7-16 in., $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ in., $\frac{3}{2}$ to 4c.; $\frac{2}{3}$ in., $\frac{4}{3}$ c.; $\frac{2}{3}$ in., and upwards, 3c. OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Orders for spring

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS .- Orders for spring shipment are reported as coming in pretty well, but complaint is made of remittances. Weil, but complete a lattice new beyond an advance of 2½c. in turpentine in the Southern markets, which may shortly be felt here. We quote :—Turpentine, 50c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 49c. Linseed cil, raw, 60c. per gallon; boiled 63c.; 5 brl. lots 1c. less; olive cil, none here; castor, 7 to 7½c. in cases; smaller lots, 7½ to 8c.; Nfd. cod, 40c. per gallon; Gaspe cil, 38c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 46 to 48c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5c.; genu ine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow cohre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce cohre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.35 for second break; third break. \$2.90. In prices there is little new beyond an ad-\$2.90.

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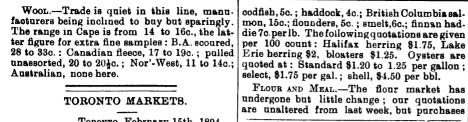
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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, February 15th, 1894.

DRUGS .- Trade is not very brisk at present, but an increased movement is soon looked for. Values in this market have undergone some fluctuations. Among the articles that have hardened in price, we note morphine, opium, cocaine, quinine, menthol and flax seed. On the other hand castor oil, glycerine and car-bolic acid have shown tendencies to decrease in value.

FISH.--As is usual at this season of the year. the stocks carried by dealers are very full, but the Lenten trade does not appear to be as large as that of previous years. Quotations stand as that of previous years. Quotations stand as follows: Salmon trout, 7c.; white fish, 7c.;

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Corn	0 56 0 51	Very bright	8 and 9 dy A.P 2 55 0 00 6 and 7 dy A.P 2 70 0 00 4 and 5 dy A.P 2 70 0 00	"Horse Shoe, 4 doz" 1 35 1 60 "White Salmon" 1 10 1 10
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No. 1 light "No. 9" Berness, heavy	0 18 0 20	Kangra Valley 0 20 0 30 Oolong, Formosa 35 0 55	Linseed, raw	CAR OR CARGO LOTS.
" light Upper, No. 1 heavy	0 90 0 91 0 25 0 30	TOBACCO, Manufactr'd Dark P. of W	Seal, straw	0 1 in pine & thicker, cut up and better \$25 00 27 00 0 11 in. """" " 33 00 36 00
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can be made at shaded figures. In catmeals, can be made at shaded lighters. In outmeans, however, there is a good movement with val-ues well maintained. "Gold dust" stands quoted at \$3 to 3,50, and corn meal at \$2.75 per bbl. But little mill feed is offering, and the market is steady.

GBOCERIES.—A fairly active trade has been done during the week. Valencia raisins, and especially off stalk and selected, are scarce, and there appears to be some difficulty in transportation facilities. The currant market is quiet. Sugars are firmer, and prices up $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb. for both yellow and granulated, the rise taking place at the first of the week. The feeling in syrups is firmer, but local quotations show no change. A general demand for teas exists, but the market is a little on the quiet side.

GRAIN — Prices of wheat are lower at a decline of from 1c. to 2c. per bush., and only a nominal movement to millers is taking place. a nominal movement to millers is taking place. Quotations of barley are unchanged, with the feeling, if anything, a little weaker. Oats are quiet and steady, with a good local trade but no export movement. The only export trade is that doing in pess, and L. Norman & Co., London, Eng., in their last report give Cana-dian peas as steady but quiet. Rye remains steady, but the movement is limited. Corn is approximately and the protection of the star. nominal, while buckwheat is described as having no life. The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur,

on 2nd February, were 1,801,989 bushels. During the week there were received 87,698 bushels, and shipped nil, leaving in store on the 10th February, 1,889,687.

HIDES AND SKINS.---When prices of buff reached 4c. dealers said that this was the lowest quotation on record, and were certain that no lower figures would be reached. But the no lower figures would be reached. But the market, instead of improving, has shown an opposite tendency, and sales in car lots of oured have been made within the week of No. 1 (oured hides at 33c. Green hides are, as a result, weaker; 31c. now stands as a quotation for No. 1, and there have been negotiations for No. 1, and there have been negotiations among merchants to make 3c. a buying price. The hides are now beginning to be more grubby, and 2's and 3's are more plenti-ful. Within the week sales of No. 2 hides have been made at 310.; No. 3 sold at 3c. and we hear of some inferior stock selling at 230. Calfskins have undergone no change. Sheep-skins are steady at unaltered quotations. The country appears to be full of skins, while deal-ers report that there is but a limited demand. The tallow market is somewhat easier, dealers paving 54c. for stock, and selling at 6 to 64c. paying 51c. for stock, and selling at 6 to 61c.

LEATHER.-The actual trade movement is very limited. The labor difficulties still continue in Toronto, but we are told that negotia. tions are in progress which may lead to a set-tlement. In the event of this occurring leather merchants look for increased demands. The movement of sole and slaughter leathers to eastern houses is not so large as that taking place at this time last year. For colored stock there is, however, a fairly good demand.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is un changed, with receipts equal to the demand. Cheese is quiet and steady, with a fair trade doing. The situation in hog products is described as a weak one, and the operations of

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packers are very limited; dressed hogs con-tinue to be received, and \$5.75 is being paid for heavy, and \$6 for light weights. Eggs are again weaker, and some produce dealers say that prices were never lower; new laid are quoted at 15c.; pickled, 8 to 9c. per doz., and held fresh neglected. We have heard of no export movement in either dried or evaporated apples during the week.

BEEDS.—The quotations given in our Prices Current, it will be remembered, are the prices paid by merchants at outside points for seed as offered by farmers. There is no brisk trade doing in red clover seed for local consumption, and business done thus far has been upon the basis of export prices. Outside markets are without strength, and this has had a weakening effect on the market hare. A moderate more. effect on the market here. A moderate move-ment of alsike is reported; prices are steady, although the market is quiet. Timothy is be-ginningto be offered more freely, prices are unchanged, and the seed offered shows a very wide range in quality.

Wool.-No special feature has marked the transactions of the local market. A moderate business continues to be done, but trade is without snap. The tendency of prices is downward, and quotations given by dealers are as follows: Palled, 17 to 18c.; super, 19 to 21c.; extra, 23 to 25c. per lb.



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The twenty-second annual meeting of thi company was held on Friday, the 26th of Jan. 1894 at one o'clock p.m., at the company's office, Berlin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The president, Mr. Fennell, read the direc-tors' report as under:

BEPORT.

BEFORT. Before entering on the business report, the directorate deem it proper to lay before you an expression of the deep sense of the loss the Economical has sustained in the removal by death of our late manager, Wm. Oelschlager. His memory will be long revered by all as an "Honest man—the noblest work of God," and one whose energy business test and cention one whose energy, business tact and caution made him a model assurance manager. In the selection of Mr. Krauz, your former presi-dent, as his successor, your directors have the fullest confidence that the success which has characterized this company in the past will be extended to it in the future.

Your directors beg to submit their 22nd annual report and the manager's financial statement for the year ending 31st December, 1898. During the year just closed your com-pany met with the heaviest losses it has sus-tained since its formation, 23 years ago, but we have been able to meet promptly this ex. traordinary demand on our resources without materially reducing the cash assets of the

company. We have paid during 1893 for 155 claims \$57,230.83. All these losses have been care-fully investigated; they comprise some of the best risks on our books, and only in three cases were suspicious circumstances connected with the origin of the fires.

During the year 4,486 policies have been issued covering \$4,951,732.

The total amount at risk on the 31st Dec. 1893, under 8,429 policies and distributed over 950 municipalities was \$8,599,457, being an increase in the business of \$1,500,000.

The increasing volume of the company's business requires that greater supervision be given the risks, and to meet this want your directors have appointed one of the office staff to this position. Mr. Henry Oelschlager will hereafter act as inspector of risks and adjuster

of claims. Wecommend to your attention the efficiency We commend to your attention the efficiency of our staff of careful agents, and to their promptness in making collections and remit-tances, the balances due by them at the close of the year being the small amount of \$373.95. Pursuant to statute six members of your board of directors retire, but are eligible for re-election. JOHN FENNELL,

President. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts. Tom

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1, 1893 First pro system	ce cash assets emiums, cash niums, mutual	•••••	\$	78,873	72
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	1892				
**	1893				
	-			26.116	74
Rebate o	f claim from			20,110	12
Queen I	ns. Co	\$ 271	67		
		875	00		
	fees	117			
				3,947	49

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			\$101,081	41
Expend	itures.		·	
By losses		••	\$57,230	83
Commissions and bonus				
to agents		77		
Law costs				
Fuel, light and water	108	28		
Travelling expenses	1,401	47		
Salarice, directors' and				
auditors' fees	6,139	40		
Printing and stationery	1,259	96		
Postage, telegrams, tele-				
phone and express	932	23		
Repairs to building and				
new furniture	456	08		
Taxes	179	46		
Miscellaneous	127	85		
Goad's plans	1,147	40		
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is	premium	779 1 7 9	64 53		
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		\$161,081	41
	Assets.		
	To building	\$15.000	00
	Mortgages	41,590	
	Cash at head office \$246 29	11,000	•,
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	of Commerce 8,981 32		
l	Current acot. savings		
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	of collection for course		
ł	of collection \$2,900 15	•	
I	To due bills 1,650 09		
l	Agents' balances 373 95		1
ł	Accrued interest 1,328 68		
ł	Accrued rent 42 50		
l	Goad's plans 1,147 40		
	Office furniture 500 00		
l		7,942	77
	Net premium notes	210,942	76

Liabilities.

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\$20,932 31 272,771 20

\$293,703 51

By unadjusted losses .. \$6,720 00

Re insurance reserve .. 14,212 31

Balance of assets

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Your auditors beg to report that they have audited the company's books for the year end-ing 31st December, 1893, and they have much pleasure in stating that they have found them pleasure in stating that they have found them in good order, proving accuracy on the part of your office employees. They have inspected the securities held by the company and have verified all the items shown in the financial statement given above, and hereby certify to their being correct.

their outers and assistants of the company for their courtesy and for the facilities afforded them in connection with their audit. J. S. ANTHES, J. S. HOFFMAN, Auditors.

Berlin, Jan. 6th, 1894.

On motion of the president, seconded by Mr.

Lang, the above report was adopted. Moved by Mr. Pabst, seconded by Mr. H. L. Janzen, and carried, that the financial report, as read by the manager and certified

report, as read by the manager and certified to by the auditors, be confirmed. After ballot was taken, the sorutineers, Messrs. Hoffman and Anthes, declared the following gentlemen elected as directors, viz.: H. Kranz, J. Fennell, J. A. Mackie, George Lang, Henry Knell and H. L. Janzen, all of Barlin Berlin.

It was then moved by Mr. Frank Turner, seconded by Mr. T. W. Thompson, that the retiring board of honorary directors be re-elected. Carried.

It was then moved by the manager, seconded by the president, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the agents, for their endeavors

Mr. I. Hord moved, seconded by Mr. A. B. Powell, that the thanks of this meeting be tendered the manager and his assistants.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors Mr. J. Fennell was re-elected president and Mr. Geo. Lang vice president.

PETROLIA OIL SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of crude and refined, reduced to crude equivalent, which left Petrolia over the lines of the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Railways for the month ending January 31st, 1894, are as follows :--

Gra	ND TRUNK RAII	WAY.
Cru 'e.	Refined.	C. Equiv.
19,640	20,875	71,827
MICHI	GAN CENTRAL R.	AILWAY.
* 5,935	11,730	35 ,2 60
25,575	32,605	107,087

Thus the total oil reduced to its equivalent in barrels of crude oil was 107,087 for January, 26,921 59 1894, against 96,756 barrels in January previous.

LOWER DUTIES WANTED.

The full text of the memorial made to the Government by the Winnipeg Board of Trade on the subject of the customs tariff is printed in full by the Winnipeg Free Press. We sub-join a partial list of the suggested reductions. In the following list the council submit some examples where the tariff, in its operation, bears especially severely on the settlers of Manitoba and the North-West Territories: Lumber-20 per cent. Cut nails-\$1 per 100 lbs., or equal to 95 per cent. on American value. Wire nails-\$1.50 per 100 lbs., or equal to 120 per cent. on American value. Builders' hardware-35 per cent. Wood screws-Say 50 per cent. Pumps-35 per cent.

Pumps-35 per cent. Building paper-40c. per 100 lbs., or equal to 25 to 30 per cent. Tarred feit for building purposes - ic. per

Tarrea leis for building purposes — ic. per lb. or equal to 40 to 50 per cent. Carriage bolts—lc. per lb. and 25 per cent., or equal to 50 to 60 per cent. Iron rivets—lic. per lb. and 30 per cent., or equal to 50 to 60 per cent. Iron, bar, band, etc.—\$13 per ton, or equal to shout 65 per cent.

Axles and springs, iron and steel—10. per lb. and 30 per cent. or equal to 50 per cent.

Barbed wire-14c. per lb., or equal to 60 per cent.

Mechanics' tools-35 per cent.

Mechanics' tools-35 per cent. Chopping axes-\$2 per dozen, and 10 per cent., or equal to about 50 per cent. Shovels and spades-\$1 per dozen, and 25 per cent., or equal to 40 to 60 per cent. Harvest tools-47 to 83 per cent., as per at-tached list. (Not printed.) Binding twine-123 per cent. Reduced last year from 25 per cent. Mani-toba, for the year ending June, 1892, paid in duty 60 per cent. of the whole collected in Ca-nada. this province alone contributing \$25,962.

nada, this province alone contributing \$25,962. Lubricating oil—Petroleum—7 1.5c. per im-perial gallon, or equal to 60 per cent.

Manitoba paid \$3,452 duty on this article in the year ending June, 1893. Lubricating cil—other - 25 per cent.

Manitoba paid \$731 duty in 1892. Horse clothing—woolen—10c. per lb. and 25 per cent.

Coal oil-74c. per imperial gallon, or equal 854 per cent., and in addition 40c. Candles—paraffin—5c. per lb., or equal to over 50 per cent.

Candles-tallow-2c. per lb., or equal to

25 per cent. Raisins-1c. per lb. and 10 per cent., or

equal to over 50 per cent.

equal to over 30 per cent. Pails, tubs, churns, etc.—25 per cent. Crooks, jars and demi-johns—3c. per gallon measure, or equal to 60 per cent. on American value.

Goods on which heavy freight charges must be paid from eastern Canada, as the tariff practically prohibits importation from the closer markets in the United States.

Glass lamps and chimneys-30 per cent., with same duty on boxes.

India rubber overshoes-35 per cent. Articles absolutely necessary to the settler. India rubber clothing-10c. per lb. and 25

per cent.

Gloves and mitts-35 per cent

Hats and caps—30 per cent. Cotton clothing—35 per cent. Woolen clothing—10 cents per pound and 25 per cent.

per cent. Cotton shirts—\$1 per dozen, and 30 per cent On goods costing \$8.52 per dozen the duty equals 41% per cent., whereas on goods costing \$1.64 per dozen the duty equals 90% per cent. Woolen cloth overcoating—10c. per pound and 20 per cent

and 20 per cent. On goods costing \$1.95 per yard the duty equals 291 per cent. On goods costing 39c. per yard the duty

equals 833 per cent.

Hosiery-10c. per lb. and 30 per cent. On fine goods costing \$2.92 per doz. the duty equals 37 per cent., whereas on goods costing 49c. per doz. the duty equals 70²/₄ per cent.

cent. Woolen hosiery—105. per lb. and 30 per cent On goods costing \$4.87 per doz. the duty equals 31g, but on goods costing \$1.22 per doz. the duty equals 50g per cent. Blankets--10 cents per lb. and 20 per cent. On blankets costing 49 cents per lb. the duty equals 40 2.5 per cent., while on goods at 16 cents per lb. it equals 82g per cent.

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Toronto, Nov. 8, '98,

P.LH. SIMS, Secretary.

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North British and Mercantile insurance co.	standard Life Assurance Co., of edinburgh.	North American Life Assurance co.
ESTABLISHED 1809	ESTABLISHED 1895.	Head Office, – Toronto, Ont.
Paid-up Capital - \$3 345,833	Head Office for Canada, - MONTREAL.	President-JOHN L. BLAIKIE, Esq., President Conada Landed and National Inv't Co
Assets at 31st Dec., 1892, \$54,004,298 REVENUE 1892. Fire Department \$7,815,606 Life Department 5,929,185	Total Assurance over \$109,200,000 Total Invested Funds \$38,000,000 Bonus Distributed \$7,500,000 Annual Income \$5,000,000 Total Assurance in Canada 14,000,000 Total Investments in Canada \$,125,000	Vice-Presidents HON. G. W. ALLAN, J. K. KERR, Esq., Q. C. During 1893 (the most successful year in its his- tory) the North American Life Assurance Company made unexcelled gains in every department tending to financial prosperity. The following figures are taken from the last financial statement : Cash Income \$ 482,514 08
Total Revenue, \$13,744,791 OANADIAN INVESTMENTS, \$5,155,356	WOBLD-WIDE POLICIES Thirteen months for revival of lapsed policies with out medical certificate of five years' existence. Loans advanced on Mortgages and Debentures purchased. W. M. RAMSAY, Managor. OHAS. HUNTER, Supt. of Agencies.	Expenditure (including death claims, en- dowments, profits and all payments to pol- icyholders 216,792.45 Assets 1,703,453.39 Reserve Fund 1,319,510.00
AGENTS IN TORONTO R. N. GOOCH H. W. EVANS F. H. GOOCH THOMAS DAVIDSON, Man. Director,	Liverpool & London & Globe InsuranceCo. Invested Funds	Net Surplus
ACCUMULATION POLICY	Head Office, Canada Branch, Montreal. DIRECTORSHon. H. Starnes, Chairman; Ed- mond J. Barbeau,Esq. Wentworth J. Buchanan, Esq. Risks accepted at Lowest Current Bates. Dwelling Houses & Farm Property Insured on Special Terms JOS. B. BEED, Toronto Agent, 20 Wellington St. B	BKITISH EMPIKE MUTUAL Life Assurance Comp'y
of the	G. F. C. SMITTH, Chief Agent for Dom., Montreal	GANADA BRANCH, - MONTREAL.
NEW YORK LIFE		Canadian Investments, - \$1,500,000 Accumulated Funds, 8,200,000 Annual Income, over - 1,300,000 Assurance in Force, 31,500,000 Total Claims Paid, over - 10,000,000
BUT A SINGLE CONDITION,	INSURANCE COMPANY.	Bonuses every 3 years. Free Policies. Special advantages to total abstainers. F. STANCLIFFE,
THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.	Mgr. for Ontario, Manitola and the North-West. MARTER & YORK, Agents, Toronto. TELEPHONE 600.	J. E. & A. W. SMITH, Gen Agents, Toronto. WM. CLINT, Gen. Agent, P. Q., Quebe
DAVID BURKE, General Manager for Canada.	The IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO., Ltd. "FIRE." Established at London 1803.	FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
SUN FOUNDED A.D. 1710.	Subscribed Capital Section 2000,000 Total Invested Funds, over	Capital,
HEAD OFFICE	Resident Manager for Canada.	MONTREAL. E. P. HEATON, G A. ROBERTS, Manager. Sub Manager Toronto Office, Cor. King and Toronto Sts. H. D. P. ARMSTRONG, MALCOLM GIBBS General Agents.
Threadneedle Street, London, Eng.	OF LONDON, ENGLAND. Instituted IN THE A.D.	FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON. Established in 1769. Canadian Branch established in 1804. Lossee paid gince the establishment of the
Transats Fire business only, and is the oldest purely fire office in the world. Surplus over capital and all liabilities exceeds \$7,000,000. CANADIAN BRANCH,	Reign of T. L. MORRISEY, Resident Manager, 55 St. Francois Xavier st., Montreal.	Established in 1782. Canadian Branch established in 1804. Losses paid since the establishment of the Company exceed \$75,000,000. Balance held in hand for payment of Fire Losses, \$3,000,000. Liability of Shareholders unlimited. Deposit with the Dominion Government (for the security of policy holders in Canada), \$200,000. 35 St. Francols Xavier Street, Montreal. GILLEFTE, PATEBON & Co., Agents for the Dominion. LEWIS MOFFATT & Co., Agents for Toronto. B. MACD. PATERSON, MARAGER.
15 Wellington Street East, TORONTO, ONT. H. H. BLACKBURN, Manager	HE GUKE FIKE INS, UU	WELLINGTON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.
This Company commenced business in Calaus of d, osting \$300,900 with the Dominion Govern bout for security of Canadian Policy-holders.	Total Assets	F. W. STONE, CHAS. DAVIDSON, President. Secretary.