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IT is reported that 2,000 head of sheep and 800 head of cattle were shipped from Montreal this week, for the English market.

THE old buildings in Montreal, formerly used as a lying-in-hospital, is being transformed into a club for working men, and will be occupied on 1st prox. There are now three hundred names on the membership roll of the workingmen's club.

A SPECIAL cable telegram says that the Grand Trunk accounts for the past half year show a sufficient net revenue to pay the preference, debenture stocks, charges, and to carry forward £ 2,300.

A BY-LAW to grant \$25,000 to the Nipissing Railway Extension project has been carried by a large majority at Minden. On the other hand, the Credit Valley Railway bonus by-law, granting \$8,000 for station grounds at Ingersoll, was defeated by 152 to 36.

THE death is announced of two well-known merchants of Halifax, Mr. W. L. Black, formerly of the firm of Black Bros. & Co, hardware and ship chandlery merchants, and a wealthy man, and of Mr. T. A. S. DeWolf, formerly a Commission merchant.

A Halifax paper announces the arrival in that city of a deputation of the wives and daughters of habitans from the Province of Quebec for the purpose of selling their useful and ornamental bead work, a branch of manufacture in which these ladies excel.

This appears to be a season of low water in the North-West. Navigation on the Red River has been troublesome because of the low water; Lake Superior is two feet lower than usual; the water of Lake Winnipeg nearly four feet below its usual level; and the Mississippi lower than for many years past.

ELEVEN flarge loads of railway iron, to lay the track of the Pacific Railway from Emerson to Roseau, are unloading at the former place, and business is active at that point. Building material is in demand. The material for a warehouse has just been received there from Minneapolis, Minn, and a 12,000 bushel grain store is just completed.

A WEEK ago, one of the largest fleets which has ever arrived at that port was in harbour at Buffalo. The entries between the 13th and 19th insts, did not fall far short of a hundred vessels, many of them belonging to the large class of heavy carriers. The vessels lay three and four abreast, on both sides of the stream, for some distance. The demand for canal boats and storage was great.

ADVICES of the 20th, from Prince Edward Island, state that the crops there have been secured in excellent condition, and they are generally reported to be of good quality and rather above the ordinary yield. The wheat crop-especially the early wheat-is more plentiful and better in quality than it has been for several years past. The oat crop, too, is said to be above the average, though the price is low.

THE value to the lake shipping of the Signal Service was markedly observable during the

now without finding the signals, and when seen, they are heeded, for they have commended themselves. It is probably within the truth to say that property enough was saved in one week, as a direct result of the signal system, to pay the total expenses of the entire service for two years.

THERe is a sugar cane plantation of five acres at Grimsby, which is attracting attention as a new industry in Canada. Mr. Wellington, the grower, has succeeded in making excellent syrup from the plant. Mr. Mallory, a colored gentleman from Hamilton, having had experience in sugar making in the South, set right to work and made a quantity, which is pronounced as being excellent.

IT was with feelings not at all correctly represented by his name, that Mr. J. Z. Bliss, of Amherst, N. S., discovered, on the evening of election day that during his absence in the interests of his party, his office had been entered and a cash box stolen, containing \$250 in money and \$3,000 in notes. A man and two women have been arrested on suspicion of the robbery.

Following is a list of saltwater craft lost during the month of July, this year. Sailing vessels :--- 26 English, 15 American, 6 Norwe gian, 4 French, 3 German, 3 Italian, 2 Russian, 1 Bolivian, 1 Danish, 1 Spanish, 1 Greek, 1 Dutch, I Portuguese, and 5 of which the nationality is unknown. Total 70, including four vessels reported missing. And of steamers-9 English, I American, I Mexican; total, 11. In this number are included 2 steamers reported missing.

CONSIGNMENTS of apples from the States are very frequent this season, Charlotte and Oswego sending them across to Kingston and down to Montreal. In the latter city, says the Star of last Saturday, the market is completely glutted with some 6,000 barrels of both American and Canadian apples. and prices are remarkably low. Canadian stock sells at \$1.75 to 1.90 per barrel in round lots, and American at \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Messrs. Healy, Whitman & Co., a firm of commission merchants in Halifax have offered a composition of 331 per cent. on time, secured. which their creditors will probably accept, as the estate would prove a poor one to wind up in bankruptcy. It is now evident that the business has been insolvent for a year or two past, but the good reputation and credit of the partners, coupled with economy in their expenditure, enabled them to keep out of trouble till now. Heavy losses in connection with lobster packing in Newfoundland are the immediate cause of their suspension, but the elements of failure have been developing for some time past.

THE total value of Cheese exported from the United States during the year ended June 30th. 1877, was \$12,729,615, nearly all from New York, which shipped 103,251,661 pounds. Be- frawghts in existense ass far I can sees, by tween January 1st and Sept. 10th of the present year, the amount of cheese exported from New York was 102,588,693 pounds, against 81,005,416 for the corresponding period of 1877. The increase in Butter exports is not so striking, the shipments from New York amounting to 16,recent storms. Vessel captains can not go far 004,234 pounds between Jan. 1st and Sept.

10th, 1878, against 13,581,291 pounds for the corresponding period of last year.

THE Quebec City Council, in committee of the whole, decided to recommend the adoption of the report made by the city engineer, upon the progress of the work upon the North Shore Railway, and the payment to the Government of \$257,000. This, with \$143,000 previously paid over, makes a total of \$400,000. including the claim of \$100,000 against the Government for the land acquired by it at the Palais. So that when the amount recommended by the Committee shall have been handed over to the Government, the latter will have received from the Corporation, equivalent to half a million dollars, or one-half the city's subscription to the road.

FROM the annual statement of the trade of the United Kingdom for 1877 it appears that the total value of the exports and imports last year was £646,765,702, against £631,931.305 in 1876, £655,551,900 in 1875, £667 733,165 in 1874, and £682,292,137 in 1873. The value of the imports in 1877 was £394,419,682 of which £304,865,684 was from foreign countries, and \pounds 89,553,899 from British possessions. The value of the exports was $f_{252,346,020}$, of which $f_{176,593,870}$ was to foreign countries and £75,752,150 to British possessions. The value of the exports of British produce was F198,-893,065, and of foreign and colonial produce £ 53,452,955.

THE manufacture of castor oil is an important industry with the inhabitants of Southern Illinois. The bean from which it is extracted is cultivated to a very large extent, enough being raised in St. Clair County alone to produce something like 300,000 gallons annually. The unctuous substance, it is contended, possesses qualities which are only equalled by that imported from oriental countries, such as the West Indies, Brazil, and Spain. The utility of this oil is not confined solely to medicine, its lubricating and illuminating qualities are not lost sight of. The proprietors of sugar mills on the Peru plantations apply it to their machinery, while the authorities of Lima use it as a substitute for gas in the lighting of their streets.

A LETTER, of which the following is a copy was lately received by an assignee in one of our cities from an aggrieved and indignant creditor.

"DEAR SIR,-I am in receipd of the insolvent A. W. ----& Co., and have to give you notice that inclosed Draft must be payd in foll, ass said goods was got on July the 27 78, and that said draft was presented only aboud a Week before they got Insolvent, and so the dont got a right to Buy those goods, and for to accept said draft, when they found that a whrit was aboud served on them, and it is one of the bigesd giving this your proper atention you will obligd. Yours Respectively."

THE large shipping firm of James Duncan & Co., of Charlottetown, P. E. I., is reported in trouble, being under many advances from some of the banks in that city, one of which was pressing for settlement. This firm is one of the largest ship owners in the Maritime Provinces, and has hitherto been undoubted; but continued depreciation in shipping and low freights have doubtless proved too much for even their reputed large capital and clever management of vessels. Mr. Robertson, the active partner, is a member of the Local Government and a director of the Merchants' Bank of P. E. I. The firm is reported to have assets far in excess of its liabilities, which are estimated at probably \$400,000. A third of which amount is owing in Britain. Their suspension has caused a quaking on the "tight little island."

ONE of our city clergymen, Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Queen Street, has been doing good service in speaking to his congregation upon buying for credit and borrowing. He relates that he noticed, while walking along a prominent street, a card in a window, bearing this legend : " Money loaned in sums from \$5 to \$500. The strictest confidence maintained." This placard he denounced as a snare for the public and a stumbling block to young men. He called upon the young men of his congregation to avoid these snares, or these "strictly confidential" gentlemen would leave them without a home to shield them from the blasts and storms of winter. He denounced in scathing terms the pernicious system of borrowing, and trusted that those who were in the habit of getting goods on credit, for personal consumption, would stop it.

AMONGST Canadian traders, there were 12 dissolutions of firms from the 15th to the 25th inst. Six traders have been sold out-3 hotel keepers amongst them. Nine attachments have been issued in Ontario and one in Quebec, 3 of these against dry goods dealers and two grocers. There were five assignments, among them Geo. Gale, lumberman, of Smith's Falls, John Dick & Co., grocers, Toronto; Joly & Venning, dry goods, Montreal. Johnston Bros. of Fergus have been made to stop payment, being under accommodation to Thorne & Parsons, of Toronto. J W. Campbell, a Halifax produce dealer, left for the States some weeks ago, and has not yet shown a disposition to return. He owes country dealers mostly. A flour dealer in Stewiacke, N.S., has also decamped, leaving numerous enquiring creditors. The liabilities of C. R. Thompson, boot & shoe dealer, of Halifax, amount to \$14,102. J. J. Fletcher, a general dealer at Mount Stewart Bridge, P.E.I., shows assets of \$8,000 to pay liabilities of \$12,000.

RESPECTING the Moorhead Mnfg. Co's., failure. Mr. Macadams, the accountant for the creditors, responds to Mr. Moorhead's letter, of which we gave a summary on the 30th ult. The page of ledger and journal is given for the entry of the \$1,000 stated to have been paid the latter gentleman by J. J. Dyas for stock. The balance, called business ledger, \$17,687.27, I assumed represented the bills receivable, book debts, &c., due Geo. Moorhead on the 1st January, 1873, but it is now evident this amount only represented extra water in the stock of the company. As to the statement by Mr. Moorhead that his current discount at the banks on the 1st January last was under \$200,000. "My

report states that during the year 1877 the accommodation paper discounted amounted to \$415,370 88, and I new reiterate that statement. and it never was intended by me to convey the idea that this amount was under discount at one time." On the whole, it would seem that Mr. Moorhead might well have left Mr. McAdam's statements unquestioned, for the latter is able to quote chapter and verse in support of most of them

THE Montreal Horticultural Society, and the Quebec (Province) Fruit Growers' Association opened their exhibition last week in the Victoria Skating Rink. The entries numbered 1000, an unusually large display, and the collection of plants and apples is described as excellent.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

1	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1877.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R G W. R. I. C. R. N. R. R. Midłand T. G. & B r & N W. P. & L	·: 20 Aug.m.) Sept. 8 ·: 7 ·: 21	\$186,824 85,61 121,129 16.726 7,081 4.755 2,517	99,364 119,546	1,583 I 398D. 1,102 I.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, Sept. 24th. 1878.

The shipments of oil for the week ending Sep. 19th, are as follows: Crude, 7,966 brls; Distil-late, 1,610 brls; Refined, 336 brls. These are by far the largest week's shipments for this year. But the still very large accumulation of Crude Oil-nearly 150,000 barrels-in stock, makes trade very dull, in fact Petrolia business may be said to be flat. It is not generally understood that although Crude Oil is quoted at \$2.08 per brl. of 43 gals., w.m., this price is only obtained for oil used for home consumption; and whatever is sold for export, or other purposes than refining, only fetches about 75c. per barrel. All the wells are now small and it is doubtful if, taking the whole of them, they average over two brls. each per day. The largest well here is owned by a Mr. Callahan, and said to be a forty barrel well. The monopoly in oil is still as great as ever and the only thing that keeps the price of burning oil down is the American market. Taking the whole oil trade as it stands just now and it is a very "poor business." Petrolia markets, Sept. 24th: Crude, \$2.08

per brl; Refined, per gal., w.m., 14c. New York, Sept. 23rd : Refined, per gal.,

w.m., 10³c. Antwerp, Sept. 23rd: Refined, per Kil., 243 francs.







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THE CHANGE OF TARIFF POLICY.

The announcement that Canada had concluded to make a change in its tariff policy, in the direction of moderate protection, was not likely to prove satisfactory to the countries from which she derives her chief supplies of manufactured goods; for in proportion as we manufacture at home we diminish the volume of our imports. But while opinion, we have missed the path of true English free traders lament the uprise of a protectionist policy in any of the outlying sections of the empire, they do not challenge our right to adopt a policy which, rightly or wrongly, the great majority of Canadians believe to be in the interest of the country. Assuredly the Americans have no right to complain of the decision which the Canadian electorate have arrived at. Canada will at worst but follow, at a respectable distance, we trust, the example set by the United States in their tariff legislation. The new Parliament is not likely to pass a tariff nearly so high as that of the United States; and while their tariff remains much more restrictive than ours, they can have no possible ground of complaint or remonstrance against us.

During several years past the States have been gaining on Great Britain as competitors for the supply of the Canadian market. This is owing to two causes. First, as the New York Post admits, American manufacturers have not unfrequently sold goods in Canada' at less than cost; and, secondly, some of them have passed that stage when they were unable to meet foreign competition in foreign markets. It is a free trade axiom that manufactures which can command the home market only by the shield of a protective duty cannot successfully compete in foreign markets. And though this is true of new and struggling manufactures, it ceases to be true when they have grown vigorous and taken deep root. Taken as a whole, American manufactures can scarcely be said to have become formidable competitors against English ; but they are rapidly displacing many kinds of English goods in the Canadian market. Proximity to this market, by reducing the cost | It is no doubt felt by the advocates of

of carriage on American goods, gives the American manufacturer a natural advantage, and one which he will continue to have whether our general tariff be $17\frac{1}{2}$ or 20 per cent., or indeed any other figure.

In spite of the great difference between them, both the English and the American tariffs are framed with special reference to the condition of the countries to which they are respectively applied. Neither of them is suitable to Canada. The American tariff may not be the best that could be framed for that country; but it is so in the opinion of the legislative authority by which it is passed. Each of these countries makes a tariff for itself, according to the best lights it possesses. Canada has asserted her right to do the same thing ; and in doing so she, a self-governed country, has not infringed any right of theirs. Of course English and American writers are quite at liberty to remonstrate, and point out how, in their prosperity. They are entitled to their opinions as Canadians are to theirs.

Protection will certainly now get a trial. We only hope it will not be carried to an unreasonable extreme; but that it will chiefly be applied, under the conditions and in the manner which so eminent a free trader as John Stuart Mill was able to justify. Some vagueness necessarily attaches to the assertion of the general principle ; but taking the declarations of the responsible advocates of protection to Canadian industry in the bulk, we see no justification for concluding that extravagantly high tariff will be enacted. Legislative reciprocity is a term that has sometimes been used as indiregards the United States The term is capable of more than one meaning. Hitherto it has generally implied an agreement between two nations to assimilate their tariffs. It is now coming more frequently to mean the levelling up of the tariff of one nation to the height of another. The first of these forms of legislative reciprocity requires all the negotiations and agreements which precede the formation of a treaty, some of the binding obligations of which it still wants. It has sometimes been, and may again sometimes be, possible to get this form of legislative reciprocity, when it is not possible to agree upon a treaty. But the chances of such an agreement with the States are apparently remote. The other form of reciprocity is not distinguishable from retaliation ; only it need not be vindictive but merely defensive. Canada is not likely to reciprocate the full measure of the American tariff; and whatever she does will be purely in the spirit of self-defence.

protection, who have won so signal a victory, that this shield needs most to be employed against the industrial war made upon our infant manufactures by the United States. The goods sold below cost in this market chiefly come thence. This sacrifice is too often the price paid by the holders of American stocks to realize cash; but whatever the cause, the effect on our manufactures of an abnormal competition. and one which we could not count on continuing, is not the less destructive. We should deceive ourselves if we fancied that the same sacrifices would continue to be made after the destruction of the home competition. It is possible, if more failures in the cotton districts of Lancashire are to take place, that England will, for a while, also seek in Canada a sacrifice market. We should make a great mistake if we supposed that a temporary supply of cheap goods, poured into the country to the detriment of our own manufactures, could be a permanent advantage, or that the boon conferred could overbalance the evil inflicted.

So far the way is clear. Beyond this, we traverse a region of darkness. The protectionists, if wise, will listen to moderate and reasonable counsels, and not make demands which the country is not prepared to yield, or which, if granted, would in the effect be the reverse of a public benefit.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S MENACING ATTITUDE.

British Columbia makes a stand and deliver demand to have the terms of the Carnarvon award carried out at once, with the cative of what should be aimed at, so far as alternative of separation from the Dominion. In the settlement proposed by Earl Carnarvon the construction of a railway from Esquimault to Nanaimo was intended. The Senate refused to accept the Carnarvon terms, and since then every-Eut, until last thing has been at sea. Spring, the preparations for constructing the railway on the mainland of British Columbia underwent no relaxation. Since then a halt has undoubtedly been made. Neither of the termini on the Pacific to which surveys have been made have been selected, nor has the survey of a third line, as recommended by the Engineer-in-chief, been commenced. We are not prepared to say that British Columbia has not ground of complaint in this inaction; but threats of separation are a form of remonstrance expressive of nothing but impotent anger. They are utterly unmeaning. But such was the temper of the House of Assembly, when it adopted the separation memorial, that all moderate counsels were rejected. An amendment, appealing to the British Gov.

ernment to urge the Dominion to carry into effect at once the construction of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway and to commence that on the mainland was thrown out. A proposal to abide by an arbitration, having for its object "such modification of the settlement of 1874 as will fulfil the spirit of it if it be found impracticable to carry out the letter of that agreement," was ruled out of order.

The Carnarvon terms, as they are called, were necessarily subject to ratification or rejection by Parliament. One House did refuse to ratify them and they became null. This is no more than sometimes happens between two independent nations. A generation has not passed away since France and England negotiated a treaty intended to settle the Newfoundland fishery dispute. The Legislature of Newfoundland, by its opposition, was permitted to defeat the treaty, even after it had obtained-premature it would seem-publication in the Bulletin des Lois. Want of concurrence, like that of the Senate, is not not to be put down as wilful bad faith. We are willing to admit that an agreement was previously made by the Dominion with British Columbia, which it has been found impossible to carry out. However disappointing such a result may be, the situation cannot be improved by wild threats of renouncing allegiance. The fact that the bargain was a very hard one for Canada, and made with a very slender knowledge of the facts, is a reason why some consideration should be shown to her. Access to the Pacific coast through Canadian territory is in some sort a necessity to the Atlantic provinces. But the cost of getting there, by rail, across the Rocky Mountains, will be enormous; and the value of the intervening country may easily be estimated.

Mr. Cambie, District Engineer in charge of the Pacific Railway survey, who spent eight months out of the last four years in British Columbia, gave some important evidence on the capabilities of the country for settlement, before the Committee on Immigration and Colonization, last session. From that evidence, we learn that the country is generally mountainous, though between coast range and the Rocky Mountains, the high plateau is seamed with deep valleys. On the higher parts of the plateau, the bunch grass affords good pasturage. But of this plateau, the average heighth of which is 3,000 feet, "a very small proportion"-such are the words of Mr. Cambie-only, could be made available for agricultural purposes. In carrying produce to market, it is a serious matter to have to traverse two miles of barren to one

of the country are fit for settlement. Mr. Cambie seems to doubt whether more than two or three times the small amount now settled by farmers could be brought under cultivation. Many of the valleys, which are fit for cultivation, are not more than half a mile wide at the bottom. North of the 53rd parallel of latitude, the height of the plateau diminishes to about 700 feet, a circumstance favorable to cultivation. Some parts of the Lower Frazer Valley are suitable for settlement, but the immense size of the timber makes it difficult to clear, and there alone, on the mainland, can continuous settlements of any extent be made. And even there, below Yale, a large proportion of the valley is subject to inundations; and where these occur, nothing could be raised without diking out the water at great expense. In fact, no one attempts to cultivate the lands subject to an annual overflow.

Between the mountain ranges there is very little rain-fall, and agriculture on the high plateau implies a costly system of irrigation. Successive settlements will have to be planted at increasing distances from the water supply; and the cost of conveying it to the arid places will be proportionally great. The water will have to be carried along the lower steppes, some of which are half a mile wide, toward the valleys. These steppes, which were once river bottoms, are generally fertile, the upper as well as the lower. Even "in the valleys which intersect the plateau," Mr. Cambie says, "nothing is at present growing without irrigation;" but with irrigation, wheat, barley, oats, and other cereals are successfully cultivated. Forty bushels to the acre is an ordinary crop of wheat. But there is a limit to irrigation. The western slope of the Rocky Mountains, where the bunch grass grows, is too high for irrigation; and if the water supply could reach it, the crops would be destroyed by frost, which everywhere outside the valleys, is a serious obstacle to cultivation. On the whole, Mr. Cambie is constrained to say he does not consider British Columbia a favorable field for settlement. Recent returns show that British Columbia does not grow nearly enough wheat for her own consumption.

There are valuable timber, valuable fisheries and a great extent of mines, the economic value of which is as yet but imperfectly known.

Except as a gateway to the western ocean, it is evident that this country is not what it will cost Canada in the construction of the Pacific Railway. We think this consideration should moderate the demands them within the compass of reason. If we build the mainland railway, which we doubt not is fully intended, we ought not to be expected to add the projected Esquimault, Nanaimo road. We appeal to the reason of the British Columbians not to expect the whole Dominion to face pecuniary ruin on their account.

BANKING REVIEW.

Below we publish the return for August, of the banks of Ontario and Quebec to the Government, together with that for July of the present year :---

LIABILITIES.

	uly 31, '78.	Aug
Capital authorised	\$63,966,066	Aug. 31, '78. \$63,966,666
Capital paid up	58,050,540	58,070,426
Circulation	16,528,026	17,337,962
Government Deposits	5,577,180	5,611,944
Public Deposits on		
demand	33.320,090	32,886,978
do do at notice	26,059,0 50	26,657,848
Due Banks in Canada	1,384,644	I,599,339
do not in Canada	1,628,084	1,857,864
Sundries	147,821	201,480
	\$84,644,895	\$86,153,415
	ETS.	
Specie & Prov. Notes	12,631,282	12,491,366
Notes & Chqs. of other	,-j-,	-2,491,300
Banks	3,411,539	3,073,479
Due from other banks		0. 10,119
in Canada	3,426,325	3,405,360
do not in Canada	5,594,830	5,572,435
Available assets	\$25,063,976	\$24,542,640
Goverment Stocks	1,881,461	1,881,461
Loans to Government	1,152,843	1,138,885
Loans to Corporations	3,686,438	3,768,590
Discounts current	112,463,723	114,823,450
Notes Overdue Real Estate	6,006,782	6,007,740
Bank Premises	1,895,704	1,907,923
Other assets	3,105,662	3,128,173
	1,466,714	1,524,074

\$156,723,303 \$158,772,935

The general election is now an event of the past, and if the prognostications of politicians are of any value, the country is on the eve of a fresh era of progress. The banks will certainly be first to reap the advantage of improved demand in the profitable employment of capital now lying idle or invested at a nominal rate of discount. There has already been abundant evidence of a firmer feeling in the stock market, and a consequent advance in prices. This, however, should be regarded merelyas the result of feeling, for facts that would warrant such a tendency have not been adduced.

New enterprises will doubtless be launched, and it will be for the banks to discriminate between such as should be fostered, and such as would glut our markets with a class of merchandise of which the supply is already equal to the demand. The August of good land. Only small isolated portions of our Westernmost province and bring return of the banks is the most encouraging exhibit we have had for a long time. Circulation has increased during the month by \$810.000 and discounts by over \$2,300,000. Aware of the extremely hazardous and unprofitable operation of carrrying grain in winter, farmers and holders have wisely taken advantage of present prices and have found the banks ready to afford them the necessary accommodation. Barley has been shipped at remunerative figures and several cargoes are now on their way to the consumers.

Of the \$2,300,000 increase in notes discounted \$1,770,000 is represented by merchandise and produce, \$460,000 by municipal and railway bonds and \$120,000 by bank stocks.

We detail the most important changes in loans on bank stocks in the course of the month as follows ;-

INCREASE.

Can. Bank of Commerce\$	995 400
Bank of B. N. A.	220,400
Exchange Bank	80,500
	57,500
DECREASE.	
Bank of Toronto	\$12,000
Dank of Hamilton	20 000
Ulitario Bank	34,000
Standard	66,000
Federal	41,000
Banque du Peuple	41,000
Quebec Bank	31,000
Quebec Dallk	76.200

The three items of loans to corporations, on bank stocks, and on bonds, amounting to nearly \$12,000,000 are in themselves evidence of the difficulty that banks have experienced in employing their funds; and we hope soon to congratulate them on a transfer of a large proportion of this sum to the more legitimate and profitable discount column. In the amounts due to other banks we note an increase of \$444,500. This is due to the movement in the produce market and to large remittances of sterling exchange in payment of spring purchases.

In last week's issue we referred to the question of the liability of bankers in the matter of marked cheques. We would take occasion to emphasize our remarks by referring to the distrust that must naturally arise between banks, and ultimately between themselves and the public, should there be any misapprehension upon this point. Whatever may be the circumstances under which a cheque has been marked, we contend that a bank is bound to honor its acceptance. If such a cheque should be accepted under false or doubtful representations, the law provides a remedy, and in the interests of commercial morality, whatever its consequences to individuals, the course that should be taken is unmistakably clear. Were there no such remedy the dishonoring of an accepted cheque would be of doubtful

always been its pledge to the public, it is of the first importance that confidence should be maintained, let the result in other respects be what it may.

When the cases now pending against one of our chartered banks are judicially decided, we shall look with some anxiety for a clear deliverance from the courts, so that it may be understood whether in law the acceptance of a cheque is binding or otherwise.

DRINKING HABITS AND LIFE IN-SURANCE.

That a good number of deaths are occasioned by the too free use of intoxicating drink, and that life insurance companies suffer loss by having to pay claims through deaths thus prematurely occasioned, are circumstances so patent as to require no elaborate proof on paper. The habits of persons are made a subject of strict inquiry by Life Insurance Companies before risks are accepted ; but it does not appear that the use of beer, wine or ardent spirits, so long as it does not perceptibly affect the health or conduct of the user, is regarded as seriously impairing the risk which the company has on such a life.

Much has been said of late by Dr. Carpenter and others about the effects of alcohol on the human body; and it is strongly contended that the injury done to some constitutions by even what would be called the moderate regular use of spirituous beverages outweighs all the good which its use is claimed to do for others. Indeed the teetotallers deny altogether that ardent spirits does anybody good, and assert that its influence is evil, and that continually. The question is a broad one, and we will not now pretend to say that what does one person harm may not do another good. But we find in the recent report of the United Kingdom Temperance and Provident Institution, a table of mortality experience which bears upon the relation between the use of intoxicating drink and the rate of mortality.

In 1877, according to the Actuary of this company the mortality on whole life policies was as follows. Expected claims in Temperance (we presume Total Abstinence) Section, 179. Actual claims in that section, 132. Expected claims in General Section, 291.—Actual claims 280. Thus the deaths in the Total Abstinence section of their policies showed a gain of 27 per cent. upon the estimated death rate, while the gain on the general section was under 4 per cent. This result, if corroborated by the experience of other years, would justify the expediency, for as the mark of a bank has company in giving more liberal terms to in- was a hundred thousand pounds, found it

surers who were abstainers, and it goes to strengthen the contention that strong liquor drinking does increase the ratio of mortality. If it can be proven to life companies that teetotalers as the most economic risks, the result will be sure to follow in the shape of reduced rates to such insurers. And the converse will prove to be the case: that closer discrimination will be made between drinkers with a view to their possible chances of life. These two points cannot fail to attract the attention of our actuaries. Some American companies, as we showed a few months ago, are already becoming much more strict in their dealings with what have been termed " bibulous risks." The element of cost is being considered more closely than ever before, and expenses of all kinds are closely scanned. An American Insurance journal. the St. Louis Review thus refers to the drinking auestion :---

"Now, if a man insures his property and then sets fire to it he forfeits his insurance. All fair minded men believe that companies do right in resisting his claim. But when he insures property in the form of a productive life and slowly but certainly burns that life out by the use of intoxicating drinks, why should not that fact void his policy? Why are life companies under legal and moral obligation to pay the amount in this case and not in the case The crime committed against of arson? society is no greater in the latter case than in the former. The fact that one is a slow process and the other is not, does not affect the principle which should govern in such matters.'

But there is a difference between the two cases. The life insurance companies are dealing with the known average duration of human life; and they are quite at liberty to make a distinction between different classes of risks; but they are not at liberty to repudiate a bargain once made, which includes the contingency, which the above suggestion would make a ground of refusing payment. Repudiation of this kind would immensely diminish the otherwise great-ly reduced amount of life insurance. Those who take the premium must be content to take the risk attached to habits of life which are not a secret for anybcdy.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLING. DOES IT PAY ?

Canadian importers have had some cause to realize that the conditions of business are changed from those of 1861 to 1872. The abnormal state of commercial affairs brought about by the civil war in the neighboring States, created an extraordinary demand for our imported and manufactured goods. Houses whose customary turn-over

possible to swell their imports to a million dollars, and still the demand kept up. The rapid strides made by Canada in production, in railway and canal extension, and in manufactures, between 1865 and 1873, enabled her merchants to double their purchases in foreign markets, and still have a demand, apparently legitimate, for their increased imports.

But the reaction came; and with the falling off in demand, and the shrinkage in values, comes the realization of the need for retrenchment, and for the bringing of our purchases and our methods into harmony with the more economical spirit of the times. For a series of years, up to say 1872, the policy of importing houses seemed to be : "Because we sold \$1,000,000 worth of goods last year, we shall be able to sell \$1,500,000 this season." Buyers were commissioned accordingly, and instructions and samples given to travellers predicated upon the business of a former season. It is not too much to say, that prudent houses are to day laying their plans very differently; and that the actual needs and capacity of their customers to pay have more weight in determining the imports than the memories of the sales of previous inflated years. The commercial machine, in all its parts, must be reconstructed, must be reduced in cost and in relative extent, if it would be proportioned to the business which may be healthily transacted.

This being the case, it is manifestly improper to attempt the continuance of the same appliances which characterized a time of expansion and overtrading. Travelling salesmen cannot safely be employed to the same degree to force sales of goods, when the imports of goods are reduced. No merchant in his senses will retain in his warehouse as many clerks to handle \$,600-000 worth of goods, as to handle \$1,000,000 worth. How much the more, then, should he retrench his staff of travellers when he finds a lessened demand from the country, and feels the need of reducing his expenses.

The truth is, commercial travelling has been overdone in Canada; and among the forces which went to stimulate our overtrading this was a potent one. It is time to consider how far this portion of the machinery of our internal commerce may be reduced, a c whether much of the business entrusted of late to the commercial traveller can not be done as well or better without rim.

The question is attracting much attention in the United States, where the system of making sales through travellers has been, to use an American phrase, "run into the ground." And as an economic move, the experiment of doing without

" drummers " is being tried by a number of influential houses. A New York firm, which had the choice of paying \$5,000 for a store in a great thoroughfare or \$500 for one in a quiet cross street, chose the latter, devoting the \$4,500 saved in rent exclusively to advertising. This was its first step to an increased business and greatly increased profits. A wholesale grocery house in Chicago, which a few years ago carried 16 drummers, at an expense of \$40,000 per annum, and did an almost profitless business, has abandoned the drummer system, spends one-fourth their cost annually in newspaper advertising, dividing the balance among customers. As a result, their trade has increased tenfold, and the net profits to the house in 1877 were \$130,000. This leads the St. Louis Journal of Commerce to ask "Will not somebody here try the experiment? The day is not far off when they must all come to it again, the same rule applying to other branches of the wholesale trade with equal force."

The Philadelphia Dry Goods Journal goes so far as to characterize their use as "the pernicious custom of employing travellers, who keep apart buyer and seller, who overrun the land, disquieting the retailer, vexing and worrying if they do not ruin the jobber." That journal asserts : "That the in crests of the retailer are best protected by constant, regular personal intercourse with the jobber. It is thus they come to mutually understand the habits of business peculiar to each; thus they personally inspect the stock exhibited, and select from many. rather than few, and so obtain better selections than would be possible under other circumstances. They have the present visible competition of many anxious firms, and every advantage over the dealer who relies exclusively or even partially upon the "runners."

The whole principle is radically defective wrong from beginning to end—if only for the reason that the thoroughly educated merchant, whose accretions during long years are left at the risk of his business, whose sagacity and prudence are everywhere recognized, by and through this iniquitous custom, is made to relinquish his personal control over his own affairs; the terms of the credits are dictated, the prices of his wares are determined, and the parties who are to be sold are defined-and poor man, he is left a prey to the always voracious, and too often unveracious travelling salesman.

In another line of business, that of lumber, we find the same antagonistic feeling to selling thr ugh travellers. Says the North Western Lumberman :

"The system which gave birth to the drummer's calling and which now sustains it, is a pernicious one. It is recognized by business men everywhere as an evil in whose rapid growth there is much cause for alarm. It represents a tax upon trade

a drain that is made up by no increase of profit. Many a man, it is no doubt safe to say, has been borne down and overwhelmed by it, and its list of victims is by no means complete. Some even go so far as to make it directly responsible to a very large extent for the depression which has long prevailed in all kinds of business. The natural and unavoidable effect of drumming is to force trade, and to force trade is only to make business unbealthy and unremunera-The drummer is put upon the road tive. to sell his employer's goods, and knowing this he fully appreciates the fact that unless he succeeds in effecting that object his position is worthless. What is the result? Simply that every customer he meets is plied with all the arts of which the average travelling sales nan is such an accomplished master, and generally persuaded into giving an order whether he wants the goods or not. This helps the drummer, as it makes him the apparent means by which trade is secured; but its effects upon business in a less specific sense is not happy. Sales made by drumming are not usually profitable ones, involving as they do so ereat an outlay in the way of salary and expenses as to consume nearly all the mar-

gin that is realized from the low prices. Country dealers are very apt to buy of drummers, stock which they do not need, and the result is that the seller frequently has to wait months beyond the usual time for his pay. All in all the system seems to have nothing to recommend, while it has everything to condemn it. It demoralizes trade, fosters, and very often creates, disastrous competition, and brings with it, generally, such a long train of ills that its introduction into the lumber business might almost be regarded as a first-class calamity. True, other lines of trade suffer from the same affliction, but this is not a very consoling reflection. The fact only shows how firmly the evil is rooted in modern commercial practice, and how hard it will be to get rid of."

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF ONTARIO.

Almost every Provincial Exhibition, since 1847, has shown some advance on its predecessor. We believe the present one is no exception to the rule. In the machinery hall, many of the machines are seen in action. This is well ; but we fear that some of the elements of competitive excellence are wanting. But few of the machines in motion are really at work ; and there are no sufficient means of ascertaining the relative capabilities of such as are at work. The most valuable information which it is possible to obtain from such an exhibition is therefore lost.

There is not much that is new in the agricultural implement department. The mode of handling this department shows a backward step. The machines that were once submitted to a competitive test are now left to be judged solely by their appearance and which results in no corresponding benefit; movement. The ploughs are no longer

tried in the field; and the reapers merely | ly looked after. In this way our people throw their arms into the air instead of gathering up the cut grain. Machines intended to do the rough work of the farm are varnished and veneered, as if their place was in the drawing room instead of the field. Spectators gaze vacantly upon them without being the wiser for what they see. It is said that some makers of agricultural implements petitioned the Agricultural Association not even to give prizes for their manufactures, on the ground that persons who won nothing might be injured in their business. If the implements were to be commended or condemned at sight, and without actual trial, the objection was good; but if they had been submitted to trial, as they ought to have been, such a petition ought not to have been listened to.

It is very much to be regretted that an exhibition of all the triumphs of industry and skill here represented should be allowed to leave behind it scarcely a trace for the guidance or instruction of men engaged in pursuits similar to those who carry off the prizes. What we want to know is not that such and such a person was awarded a prize for the best sample of wheat; but what are the special conditions and processes by which he attained that result. We want this put on record for the guidance of others. And the remark applies to all other products of the farm and the garden as well as wheat. Until a change is made that will give us this information, not half the benefits which it is possible to derive from these exhibitions will be gained by the public.

EXPORT TRADE.-A Montreal correspondent, in writing us upon Canadian exports of manufactured goods, makes the following suggestion: "Our folk have not shown the same push and enterprise as the Yankee. Do you know, that you can scarcely pick up an English, Scotch, or Irish country paper, that you will not find in it one or two advertisements of AMERICAN IMPLEMENTS. Nearly all the large makers of implements, and many makers of tools, have agencies n Liverpool and in London; in some cases they have branch offices over there. This being the case, why should not Canadians make an effort to do the like ? Seeing that our makers are perhaps not yet strong enough to stand branch houses in foreign countries, let us do as the Americans themselves did at first, combine. Let six, or ten, or a dozen manufacturers pull together, and send an agent over to Britain with samples, to search out channels for their goods. Such a representative might appoint sub-agents, and visit them twice a year to see that matters were being proper- | canal in this table.

might get a share of the British business, and also be brought into contact there with foreign and colonial buyers. I believe they might actually work more quickly into a large export trade than by doing direct with such distant countries as Australia."

—An incident related by a Canadian gentleman who spent some time in Britain this summer, is of interest, as showing on the one hand that American goods are making progress in that market, and on the other, that Canada is making herself known abroad. Our Canadian friend, chancing to converse one day with a Liverpool acquaintance in the shoe trade, the pair were joined by an English manufacturer of shoes, who shortly said, "By the bye, I had a call yesterday from the representative of an American shoe house, Mulliky & Co., (Mullarky & Co. ?), and do you know that he showed me goods made in Montreal, and offered to lay them down in Liverpool thirty per cent. cheaper than I can manufacture them here ! " " 1 hope," said the first Englishman, "that you did not encourage that sort of thing." "Well," said the other, "I don't see why I should not, if the "American" house will make the goods to suit our market, and at such prices as they named." The result was that lasts were sent out to the firm mentioned, with a conditional order for some of the goods of which samples had been shown.

THE MOVEMENT OF CRAIN.-Grain shipments via the Lakes from western ports during the week ending September 7th, were the largest recorded in any week for five years. They amounted te 5,289,071 bushels, and the shipments by rail during the same week were only 1,316,419 bushels. Four-fifths of western grain by lake is a rar. proportion. The Erie Canal and the railway show remarkable fluctuations in the quantities of grain brought by them, respectively, to New York since last July, as witness the following statement of the receipts weekly for seven weeks past:

Week			n	
ending-	Canal.	Railroad.	Total.*	c. by rail.
Aug. 5	1,051,000	2,029,827	3,081,736	
. 12	1,260,776	1,787,8c4	3,048,580	59
·· 19	1,002,424	2,486,398	4,488,821	71
Sent 2	1,147,158	2,329,162	3,476,320	67
" o	1,512,009 2,547,939	2,193,013	3,705,022	59
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,838,426	1,684,774	4,232,713	40
	~,030,420	1,617,940	4,458,078	36

The decrease in rail deliveries is probably due to the action of the railroads themselves, for the difference between rail and water rates has been constantly decreasing since August 19, not by the decrease of rail rates, but by the advance of

water rates; the railroads, however, perhaps have maintained their rates more firmly of late. as their rolling-stock has been fully occupied.

HALIFAX IMPORTS AND EXPORTS .- The Halifax Customs returns for the six months ending with August show that the amount of entries for home consumption during that period was, in free and dutiable goods, 20 per cent. less than in the like period of 1877, and the duty collected 11 per cent less. Sugars, teas, meats and liquors show an increase; dry goods, rice, molasses, &c., a decrease. For the month of August the entire home consumption entries were 15 per cent. less than in August, 1877, the decrease being greatest in hardware, iron, woollens, ship materials, teas; and an increase being shown in meats, rice, coal oil, clothing and liquors, the decrease in duties collected being as much as 17¹/₂ per cent. being \$68,050 against \$82.852 in the previous August.

The exports at Halifax for August 1877 and 1878 were :---

1877 The Mine\$ 1,196	1878 \$
The Forest	" 385,508 21,316
Approvide and their products. 2,390 Agricultural products	2,670
Malufactures 37,086	3,634 47,908
Total produce of Canada. 287,240 Goods not produce of	461,036
Canada 44,523	29,764
Total Exports\$331,763	\$490,800

-The Guelph Central show was held this week, and its success was unfortunately somewhat marred by the untoward weather, the elections and the fact that farmers' crops were not all housed, but 11,000 people were present on the last day. The number of entries compared well with last year. In 1876 there were 5,672 entries, and in 1873, the largest number of all, 5,810. There is a marked decline in the entries of horses, from 531 in 1874 and 406 last year, to 379 now. Cattle, sheep and pigs show an increase over the three years past. In roots, garden produce, poultry, dairy products, and all manufactures, excepting agricultural implements, there was an increased number of entries, greater than ever before in woollens, flax and cotton goods. Mr.W.Whitelaw was chosenPresident, Messrs. L. Parkinson and M. Sweetman, Vice-Presidents, and Mr. George Murton, Sec.-Treas.

-It is stated, and apparently with truth, that the United States is the greatest paper-making and paper-consuming country in the world. Fifty per cent. has been given as the proportion in which she exceeds other countries in the relative manufacture of this article. The meeting of the representatives of the industry at Saratoga lately agreed that to reduce production by one-sixth from October 1st to April 1st, was the best means to restore the trade to a healthful activity; but there will manifestly be a difficulty in getting the 960 paper mills repre-

^{*} A little is received by coasting vessels, which in all but the last two weeks is credited to the

sented at that gathering to adhere to any such programme closely enough to make it effective. It was stated at the conference that while there were 960 mills, there was not legitimately a demand for the full-time product of over 400, and, as a New York journal puts it, to seek to keep them in operation, by make-shifts, is but another way of compelling consumers to pay for their product prices just so much above their natural level as 960 is above 400.

MARKET OVERT .- In England the purchaser of any goods or chattels in open market, or what was technically termed "market overt" acquired, with a few well-defined exceptions, a perfect title, notwithstanding any imperfection that might exist in the title of his vendor. In this country it has been held that there is no such thing as market overt, so that the general rule here is that a purchaser of goods acquires no better title than his vendor had, no matter what the circumstances were under which he purchased or how firmly he believed that the party assuming to sell was the real owner. The question recently arose in the County Court of the County of York, in an action for the price of an organ which had been loaned to Professor Anderson, the so-called "Wizard of the North," and which was afterwards taken to an auction room without the knowledge or consent of the owner, and there publicly sold. The action was by the owner against the person who had purchased (apparently in perfect good faith) at the auction sale. His honor, Judge Mackenzie, held, following the decided cases, that the plaintiff was entitled to succeed. It is said that the defendant means to carry the question before the Court of Appeal, and make this a test case. It remains to be seen whether that court will disturb the law as it has hitherto been understood and acted upon.

EXEMPTIONS .- An insolvent in London, Ont., whose estate was not good for more than twenty cents on the dollar, was lately requested by his assignee to hand over, as part of his assets. a gold watch valued at \$150, which he carried on his person. The insolvent refusing to comply with this demand, an application was made to the court, under section 143 of the Insolvent Act, to enforce] compliance. This application was resisted by the insolvent upon the ground that the watch was an ordinary and necessary article of wearing apparel and as such privileged from seizure under execution and consequently under the terms of the Insolvent Act, exempt from seizure by the assignee. Dictionary definitions of wearing apparel were quoted to show that the expression covered all articles usually worn on or about the person as well as clothing, and the pros and cons were learnedly argued by gentlemen well versed in the law. His Honor Judge Elliott, while acknowledging the cleverness of the sophistry by which it was attempted to retain the much valued chronometer, did not think that such a timepiece was a necessary article of wearing apparel for a man who owed so much and owned so little. There are cases in this and other cities where the law ought to be enforced as it was in this instance.

-It is the opinion of parties interested in the lumber trade here that the quantity of lumber wintered over this year will be less than during any season for the past ten years. There is a fair shipping demand here. This week two cargoes of bill stuff have been sold for the Welland Canal, to repair breaks by the late storm ; one cargo of common lumber was shipped to New York at the current prices, another to St. Catharines, and another vessel is being loaded here to-day for New York. A Toronto firm has also been shipping cargo lots from Georgian Bay to different points in Western Ontario. A tolerably lively Fall trade in this line is expected to set in about a fortnight or so hence. Stocks at the mills are getting very light, and it is impossible to obtain any quantity of dry stock.

-We understand that Mr. George A. Cochrane, a well-known dealer in dairy produce in Montreal, has been requested to prepare a pamphlet on the butter trade of Canada, with the view of having it printed at the public expense, and circulated widely amongst farmers and country store keepers. The gentleman named has a thorough knowledge of the butter trade, and doubtless has had reason to observe closely the defects of much of our Canadian product as compared in the British markets with Irish, French and Dutch butter. In making, as well as marketing, our people have still much to learn, and we should like to see practical information and suggestion, such as are expected from the source named, given the widest publicity and consideration, for the dairy interest in Canada is of great and growing importance.

-The revenue of the Dominion of Canada for the month of August amounted to \$2,059,-936.63, raised as follows:

Customs	,263,353 363,436 102,157 254,193 21,767 55,028	09 13

Total.....\$2,059,936 63

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR.—We observe in your last issue a para. graph to the effect that Messrs. W. A. Law & Co. retain the agency of this Company, and in regard to which, as it may convey a wrong impression, we desire to say that although Mr. W. A. Law has had a sub-agency from us, during his partnership with Mr. Matson, we have received from him no notice of his altered arrangements nor have we been favored with an opportunity of considering in how far it might be agreeable to us that his new firm should succeed him. Whatever may be ultimately decided as regards relations with the new firm, for business outside the city, we desire it to be understood

that Mr. John R. Mitchell is our city agent and has the sole charge for us of our Toronto business, and that it is our desire that all Toronto business should come through his hands. Yours faithfully,

S. C. DUNCAN-CLARK, & Co., Chief Ag'ts Lancashire Ins. Co. Toronto, 25th Sept., 1878.

Meetings.

THE LONDON AND ONTARIO INVEST-MENT COMPANY (LIMITED.)

The first annual general meeting of the shareholders was held at the Company's office, No 34 Church Street on Thursday the 19th September, 1878 at noon, The President, Hon.Frank Smith in the chair. The manager, Mr. A. M. Cosby acting as Secretary.

The following report and financial statement to the shareholders were submitted by the Directors.

Report.

On behalf of the Directors of your Company, I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration some account of our operations from the inception of the Company and commencement of business to the close of the first fiscal year, June 30th, 1878, together with a statement of the Company's position on the latter date.

You will doubtless remember that when you were called together at our first meeting, May 15th, 1877, it was then announced that subscriptions to the share capital had been received amounting to \$1,107,000, and that the twenty per cent. calls upon the same had in most cases been promptly met. The few shareholders in arrears shortly afterwards paid in the amount of the calls upon them, and to day we have a capital account (the twenty per cent calls upon which have been fully paid up) as follows:

Canadian Subscrip'ns 10,970Shares \$1,097,000 Subscribed British Subscriptions 525 do 52 500 do

The additional subscriptions shown by these figures have been taken by the Company's Agents in Britain, who desired to do so notwithstanding that the Stock Books were closed in Canada. Although such subscriptions are unnecessary, and were not sought by the Board it was deemed prudent to allow some British subscribers to take shares.

In the month of June, 1877, the Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Beatty, left on a trip to Britain for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for the disposal of the Company's debentures. In this visit he was successful in securing the services of the following firms to represent the Company in Scotland:

Messrs. McGrigor, Donald & Co., Glasgow

- " J. & A. Peddie & Ivory, Edinburgh.
- Leburn & Henderson, Edinburgh.Davidson & Garden, Aberdeen.

And in Ireland:

Messrs. Boyle, Low, Murray & Co., Dublin.

"W. A. Robinson & Newett, Belfast. Satisfactory arrangements were also entered into with the following Banks for the purpose of receiving the proceeds of Debenture sales and payment of the Company's interest warrants; In England. The Bank of British N. America. In Scotland. The Royal Bank of Scotland. In Ireland. The Provincial Bank of Ireland. During the year applications for Loans from

the funds of the Company were received and submitted to the

Directors amounting to..... \$1,513,923 00

the extent of \$476,714 14 were effected upon Mortgage security, appraised by the Company's valuators as worth \$1,254,105 00 "Year's proportion of commission on loans and debentures, and stamping charges on latter ... 748 43 We have every reason to be pleased with the character of there investments. The Manager Interest paid and accrued in de-bentures to date 4,028 00 has personally visited and inspected a large portion of the properties under Mortgage to the " Loss on sale of Sterling Exchange 300 15 Company, and can testify to the ample security \$10,856 Go held for the advances made. To balance carried to Net Revenue With respect to the profits of the Company Account. and proposed to be apand the sale of our securities in Britain, it must propriated as follows: be remembered that the first year of such an en-Preliminary exterprise as this is the most trying period of its penses obtain. existence. ing Act of In-Since we commenced to issue our debentures corporation and in September, 1877, the amount placed is f_{46} ,-Amending Act\$800 00 900 stg., or \$228,246 66. Brokerage on stock1,589 53 Then as to our profits, it has been impossible Rent. salaries, to obtain suitable legislation, establish satisfacprinting, adtory domestic and foreign agencies, and give the vertising, and foreign capitalist all necessary detailed informaexpenses incition concerning the Company, without incurring considerable expense. Such charges have been dental to opening and estabgrouped together in our accounts as "Preliminlishing agencies ary Expenses," and have been written off the books of the Company, as shown in the annexed &c 1,974 94 \$4,364 47 Revenue Account. Debenture expenses, print-These expenses aro only incidental to the first ing advertising in Great Britain and Ireland, Cables &c. 1,036 65 year, and will not occur again. The balance of the profits after this reduction has been carried to and will form a nucleus of a "Reserve Account." Reserve Account 9,000 00 Balance left at credit of For some time after the opening of the office Net Revenue for business, we were compelled to leave por-tions of our money received from Shareholders 229 34 14,630 46 on deposit in the Banks, at a low rate of interest awai ing permanent investment. Our profits would doubtless have been increased had we \$25,487 15 been able to avail ourselves of the same power possessed by other Companies to take short date lonns on Bank Stock and similar securities. The By interest received on Loans and ...\$13,368 87 not yet due.... 12,118 28 limitations of our charter, however, forbid this course. The following figures gives a summary of the \$25,487 15 disposition of the year's profits : Net revenue afrer deducting GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30TH, 1878 Expenses of Management and Interests on Bonds\$14,630 46 Liabilities. Preliminary and Debenture To capital stock, \$1,149,500 sub-Carried to Reserve Account 9,000 00 scribed, 20 per cent. of which is paid up\$229,900 00 14,401 12 Sterling debentures, Balance not appropriated £46.900 stg......\$228,246 66 " Reserved for interest \$229 34 Your Directors are fully assured as to the accrued on debenwisdom of this course, for although it has compelled them to suspend the declaration of a dividend, it will not only tend to our future presperity, but will place the Company on a more satisfactory footing in Britain. tures to date 1,501 57 Coupons not presented 319 12 230,067 35 We have been able to secure a very good con-" Amounts due to banks in Canada 13,662 51 " Amounts due to borrowers, connection during the year, and when the Company sisting of balances on loans not exercises its borrowing powers to the full extent, fully completed ... a good return will be realized on the invest-2,398 61 "Reserve account, placed to credit this year, being Net Profits after ment which we have made in the shares of this Company. We have endeavoured to administer the deducting of all preliminary exaffairs of the Company economically and profipenses, &c..... 9,000 00 tably, and have pleasure in testifying to the efficiency of the Manager and Office Staff, and " Balance remaining at credit of net revenue 229 34 to the uniform care and attention which they have bestowed upon the business of the Com-\$485,257 81 pany. In conclusion, I have only to add that the Assets. statements of account in detail, duly audited, By investments: are submitted herewith for your approval. (Signed) FRANK SMITH. Mortgage loans .. \$478,746 36 Debentures pur-Toronto, July 3rd, 1878. President. 1,878 72 chased \$480,624 08 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR BNDING 1,264 29 JUNE 30TH, 1878. By office furniture and stationery.. 92 01 To expenses of management to date.\$ 4,133 62 Cash on hand Office expenses, rent, postages, stationery, advertising &c "Balance in banks in the United 1,609 81 1,265 80 " Inspection charges 380 65

" Commission on debentures after deducting of proportion applicable to first year \$1.462 99 \$485,257 81 A. MORGAN COSBY, Manager. To the President and Directors of the London and Ontaria Investment Company, Limited, Toronto. Toronto, July 3rd, 1878. Gentlemen,-We have the honour to state that we have this day completed the audit of the books of your Company for the year ending 30th June, and the statement herewith attached is a true exhibit of the affairs of the Company to that date. We have also carefully examined and compared the Mortgages and Securities with the Register, and take this opportunity of testifying to the correct and satisfactory manner in which the books and papers of the Company are kept.

We have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

W. R. HARRIS, A. B. CAMPBELL, Auditors.

The above report was adopted by the meeting, and the retiring board of Directors were unanimously re-elected.

FIRE RECORD .- Westville, N. S., Sept. 20th. Hugh Fraser's house and barns; M. McKay's house and storehouse; B. Graham's warehouse and barn; M. Hay's barn were all burned by a supposed incendiary fire. McKay's house was not insured, his stock was saved, Graham's stock mostly saved, building insured for \$1,200. Barney's River, N.S., 26th. The drying house of Robt. Dewar's furniture factory was burned with contents, consisting of material for 1,000 hairs, 300 bedsteads, &c. Loss about \$2,000. Lindsay, 19th .- D. Dunoon, s cooperage, with

outbuildings, was burned. Loss considerable. Partly insured.

Stottsville, 12th.—The store, storehouse, cheese-factory and barn of N. Guay were burned. Loss \$2,000, supposed incendiary, barn only insured. Reynolds' hay-press and store house destroyed the same day.

Valcartier, Que., 19th.—Arthur McBain's resi-dence took fire and was consumed from the careless leaving of cinders in a barrel.

Bedford, Que., 11th.—The barns and stables of S. Tree were burned. Loss \$680, insured in

Missiquoi and Rouville Ins. Co. Lacolle, Que., 10th — The dwelling of R. Dennison, Jr., of Henrysburg, was burned, partially insured.

Maidstone, 12th.-The stable of M. McHugh Maidstone, 12th.—The stable of M. McHugh was set on fire this morning by lightning; flames spread to his barn, full of grain and hay, and his loss is \$1,600. Not insured. Puslinch, 17th.—The barn of Robt. Douglas containing 1,000 bushels grain was destroyed by fire. Building partially insured. St. Laurent, Que., 16th.— Barns and out-houses of W. Scott with harvest and vehicles burned. Loss. \$2,000.

burned. Loss, \$2,000, Hillsburgh, 19th.—B. Franklin's tin shop burned. Loss, \$800. Insured in Wellington Mutual for \$500.

Montreal, 18th.-W. Semmelsack's tobacco Montreal, local. - We consider a boacce shop took fire, small loss; insured in Royal Canadian. 19th. - An old building, 762 Craig street, the carriage shop of A. Ouimette, took fire; several hundred dollars loss on tools; in-sured in Canada for \$500. Jno. Cameron, saddler, next door, stock damaged by water; insured in British America for \$400; R. Lang, shoe shop, water damage ; not insured.

Belmont, 8th.-H. Copperthwaite's dwelling 194 63 was burned, with contents; insured for \$150.

Hamilton. 20th.—The west end of the north Burlington pier took fire from a spark of a steamer and was soon in flames. A lucky shower and the arrival of an engine per special H. & N. W. R. train, put out the fire and saved the swing bridge.

St. Anne's, Que, 20th.—The steamer "Cantin" took fire, presumed through spontaneous combustion in the coal bin, and was destroyed. Loss is about \$12,000, and \$6000 insurance in the Royal.

Mitchell, 20th.—Barn and outbuildings of Jasper Pridham, Fullarton Township, took fire from the sparks of a steam thresher's engine, a loss of \$3,000 was the result.

-The Bank Clerks' Association is not a secret society. They have tellers. -Detroit Free Press.

-Several years ago the number of cigars imported by dealers in new Orleans was about 13,000,000. Now it is only about 2,500,000 annually.

—A number of our young men had been, on the 17th inst., attending a night school where Latin is taught. At least we judge so, for we saw a crowd that evening who had got as far as "Hic."

—An additional sign of reviving trade is the number of orders which are being received by the Sheffield manufacturers. An order for 400 tons of steel and 3,000 dozen of files for Canada, has just been secured.

-Fortnightly steam communication has been established between Liverpool and Cyprus. Two ships have already sailed for Larnaca, carrying miscellaneous cargoes such as hardware, building materials, and manufactured goods, chiefly such as are necessary for preliminary operations.

-Twenty-three years ago the type and press of the Nor' Wester newspaper was loaded at St. Paul, Minn., on Red River carts, for Fort Garry. To-day there is issued at Battleford, 500 miles north-west of Fort Garry, the Saskatchewan Herald. This illustrates the progress of our great West.

—The New York Elevated Railroad traffic for ten months was 3,204,820 passengers, making the average daily traffic 10,542 passengers per day. The increase over the traffic of the corresponding period of the previous year was about 30 per cent.

about 30 per cent. —We learn from a late number of the London *Economist* as follows respecting the labour troubles in the old country :—

SHIPBUILDING.—At a meeting of platers and rivetters employed in Dundee, it was agreed to submit to a reduction of one shilling per week, and to strike if the masters insisted on carrying out the full 10 per cent. reduction.

COTTON, &C., MANUFACTURING.—The balloting of the work-people on strike at the Great Western Cotton Works, Bristol, on the question of resuming work, concluded on Wednesday, with the following result:—For resuming work, 54; against it, 662. The weavers employed at Mr. Deane Stanley's towel manufacturing mills, Ashton-under-Lyne, who have been on strike for upwards of three weeks, have returned to work. The strike originated out of the operatives' refusal to accept the reduction of $2\frac{1}{2}$ pcr cent.

IRON AND COAL.—At a meeting of the Staffordshire nailers' delegates the resolution passed last week to reduce the demand was rescinded, and it was decided to return to the original terms of 10 per cent. off the 1875 list. The masters show no signs of yielding, and the strike continues. The Denaby Main Colliery dispute, whereby a strike of 700 men was threatened, has been settled. The men at the Oak Pit Colliery, Mold, have received notice of a reduction of 7½ per cent. The ironmasters of the West of Scotland, at a meeting held last week in Glasgow, unanimously agreed to give notice of a reduction of 10 per cent. in wages.

-The General Passenger and Ticket Agents' Association, we understand, voted down all the propositions made looking toward the carrying out of the resolution of the Saratoga conference in favour of abolishing the payment of commissions on ticket sales and the maintenance of outside agencies for securing passenger business. It is probably true that there are many roads which cannot hope to maintain as large a through traffic as they have had, if they do not in some way make some unusual exertions to get it, or have arrangement with their competitors concerning it. On the other hand, it may be said that to some of these roads their through passenger traffic is not worth having- that it costs more than it comes to-and if the cost of through passenger business were exactly reckoned, we fear that this would be true of some roads which do not make extraordinary exertions to get it. Average trains of five or six cars weighing 20 or 30 tons apiece and with average loads of six or eight passenger per car-and these can be found-carried at a cent and a half or two cents per mile at fast speed, are likely to show a balance on the wrong side -R.R. Yournal.

How RAISINS ARE PREPARED .- A strip of and bordering the Mediterranean somewhat less than 100 miles in length, and in width 5 or 6 miles is the raisin producing teritory of Spain. Beyond these boundaries the Muscatel grape, from which the raisins is principally produced may grow and thrive abundantly, but the fruit must go to the market or the wine press. When the grapes begin to ripen in August the farmer carefully inspects the fruit as it lies on the warm dry soil and one by one clips the clusters as they reach perfection. In almost all vineyards slants of masonry are prepared looking like unglased hot beds and covered with fine pebbles on which the fruit is exposed to dry. but the small proprietor prefers not to carry his grapes so far. It is better he thinks to deposit them nearer at hand where there is less danger of bruising and where bees and wasps are less likely to find them. Day by day the cut branches are examined and turned till they are sufficiently cured to be borne to the house, usually on the bill to the house, usually on the hill top and there deposited in the empty wine press till enough have been collected for the trim mers and pickers to begin their work. At this stage great piles of rough dried raisins are brough forth from the wine press and heaped upon boards. One by one the bunches are carefully inspected, those of the first quality being trimmed of all irregularities and imperfect ber ries and deposited in piles by themselves : so in turn are treated those of the second quality, while the clippings and inferior fruit are receiv ed into baskets at the feet of the trimmers and reserved for home consumption. A quantity of small wooden trays are now brought forward, just the size of a common raisin box and about one inch deep. In these, papers are neatly laid so as to lap over and cover the raisins evenly deposited in the trays, which are then subjected to heavy pressure in a rude press. After pressing the raisins are dropped into boxes for the market.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.) Montreal, 24th Sept., 1878.

The election excitement interfered very much with business early in the week, but of late there has been a return to the usual activity of this season of the year. Dry goods travellers have returned from their fall trip well satisfied with what they have done. Groceries on the whole have been quiet. The prospects for the fur trade are good, and high prices are likely to rule. Leather has been in good demand in all lines. Hardware is quiet. Breadstuffs dull and inactive with downward tendency. Provisions quiet. Ashes dull. The catch of Labrador Herrings has latterly been very small and imports are likely to be less than usual. Weather has become quite like the fall, and on Sunday night there was pretty sharp frost in this neighbourhood.

ASHES.—Pots.—The Ashes market this week has been quiet with prices ranging from \$3.87½ to \$4.00 for Firsts, according to tares—the outside price at the close being \$3.90; very little reported in Seconds and Thirds, which are reported at \$3.30 and \$2.80 respectively. *Pearls*, a few small sales of firsts are occasionally quoted at \$4.90; nothing doing in inferiors. Stocks at present in store are : Pots, 2,058 brls; Pearls, 258 brls.

Boots AND SHOES.—Trade done during the week has been moderate, and orders on hand will keep manufacturers busy for some time to come; remittances are fair. We quote Men's Stoga \$2.00 to 2.50; do., Kip Boots, \$2.50 to \$3.00; do, French Calf, \$3.25 to \$4.00; do., Buff Congress, \$1.40 to 1.75; do., Split Brogans, 95c. to 1.00; Boys' Split Brogans, 85c. to 90c. do., Buff and Pebbled Congress, \$1.20 to \$1.50; Women's Buff and Pebbled Bals., \$1.15 to 1.75; do., Prunella Bals, 75c to \$1.50; do., do. Congress, 65c to \$1.25.

CATTLE.— The demand for Butchers' yesterday was very light, the number offering was not large and prices were pretty well maintained, ranging from 4_{c}^{c} to 5c per lb., live weight, for good to prime quality. A considerable number were sold for shipment to England at $4\frac{3}{4}c$ per lb. Hogs were plentiful and sold from $4\frac{1}{4}c$ to $4\frac{3}{4}c$ per lb., live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- During most of the week this business was almost at a stand still, but latterly it has begun to pick up again, and a moderately active business is being done within our range of quotations, which are unchanged. We quote : Bi Carb Soda, \$2.95 to \$3.00 per 112 lb keg, Soda Ash, \$1.50 to 1.75 per 100 lbs, Cudbear, 10 to 18c per lb.; Arrow root, 11 to 15c per lb.; Borax, 9 to 10c per lb.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 25c to 26c per lb; do Ground, 29 to 30; Caustic Soda, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 100 lbs. East India Senna, 12 to 13c per. lb.; Sugar of Lead, 12 to 14c per lb.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to \$1.63 per 100 lbs.; Madder, 71 to gc per, lb.; Alum, \$1.62 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; Copperas, 1 to 11c per lb.; Sulphur, 3c to 31c per lb.; Brimstone 2 to 24c. Epsom Salts, \$1.50 to 1.75 per 100 lbs., Sal Soda, 90c to \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.25 per 112 lb. keg, Blue Vitriol 5 to 6c.

DRY GOODS.—The business done by travellers is reported to have been on the whole quite up to expectations; the bulk of fall purchases are now over. There are however a good many complaints regarding the slowness with which remittances are coming in, and too many renewals are still being asked for.

FISH.—Labrador herrings are still out of stock but are expected to arrive about the 1st October. There was a fair catch of this fish early in the season, but of late it is feared that the catch will be short. We quote Dry Cod \$4. to \$4.50. Salmon \$10. \$9. and \$8.00: for Nos. 1, 2. and 3. respectively.

FURS.- No prices have been established as yet, but the result of the late London sales has caused a much better feeling in this market, which has a decided upward tendency, and a great improvement on the fur trade is looked for this winter, which will be satisfactory to the trappers and dealers in furs. what they have done. Groceries on the whole much demand this week, and rates have been have been quiet. The prospects for the fur trade rather weaker, engagements having been made

for heavy grain by steamers and iron clippers to Liverpool and Glassow at 4/- to 5/-; Oats, 3/9to 4/-; Flour, 2/6 to 2/9; other rates unchanged.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week, 21,-705 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 620,933 brls; being an increase of 147,953 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments for the past week, 29,689 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date, 454,579 brls; being an increase on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877 of 77,997 brls. Owing to elections and one thing and another this market has been very quiet all week, only a few hundred bls changing hands, and at the close the market was weak with slightly downward tendency, but with little doing. We quote Superior Extra, \$4.25 to 4.70; Extra, \$4.50 to \$4.55; Fancy, \$4.422 to 4.50 nominal; Spring Extra \$4.45 to 4.50 Superfine, \$4.25 to \$4.35; Strong Baker's Flour 95.00 to \$5.25; Fine, \$3.20 to \$3.30; Middlings, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Follards, \$4.75 to \$2.80 Ontario Bags, \$2.25 to \$2.30; Oatmeal \$4.00 to \$4.15; Cornmeal, kiln dried, \$2.35 to 0.00.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts for the past week 472,704 bushels. Total receipts for the past week 472,704 bushels. Total receipts for mist January to date 5,029,151 bushels, being an increase of 2,519,321 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 341,042 bushels; Total shipments from 1st January to date 4 443,845 bushels being an increase of 2,794,571 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The wheat market has been at a stand-still all the week and beyond the sale of a few cars of Red Winter at \$1.05; nothing has been reported, at the close \$1.02 was offered for No. 2 Canada Spring afloat but not taken. Peas were sold to some extent yesterday at 79c; holders at the close asking 80c. Maize is held at 48c; but no transactions reported. Oats.—Several round lots have been placed at 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Barley is

GROCERIES .- Teas .- There has been very little movement in tea beyond the sale of a few job lots, no speculative demand exists at the moment. • Prices are, if anything, in holders' favor, but can hardly be quoted higher than last week. Fair ordinary to good Japan is selling from 221 to 30c-very little demand for the higher grades. Green and black very little enquired for. Coffee.—The market keeps steady and good samples have been placed at our quotations. Old Govt. Java 27 to 30c ; Singapore, 22 to 24c; Maracaibo, 20 to 22c; Mocha, 30 to 33. Sugar.-The market during the week has been somewhat unsteady, and at the close was decidedly easier, sales have not been heavy. We quote Scotch Yellow 74 to 84 according to brightness; American Yellow 74 to 8c. Granulated, 91 to 92; Dry Crushed, 10 to 101. Raw Sugar is not much euquired for, holders are asking from 71 to 72. Molasses.-Market is steady, but without much animation. Barbadoes, $37\frac{1}{2}$ to 42c; Trinidad, 32 to 35c. Syrups are in moderate demand, Amber, 48 to 50; Standard, 41 to 43c. Rice is firm and in fair demand at \$4.14 to 4.50, according to quality. Sago, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Spices, there has been very little done in spices, Nutmegs are a shade dearer, at 75c to \$1.10; Black Pepper, 8^s/₂c to 10c; White Pepper, 16c to 18c; Pimento, 12c to 12¹/₂c; Cloves, 35c to 40c; Cassia, 15c to 19c; Ginger, unchanged. Fruit. -Almost all the old stock of fruit is cleared out and the new has hardly begun to arrive yet, at least not in any quantity, and prices here in the meantime are nominally unchanged, and we repeat last week's quotations : Sultana raisins, 51 to 6c; new layers, \$1.60 to 1.65; loose Muscatels, \$1.65 to 1.80; Valentias, 7 to 71c for new crop; currants, 51 to 61c; figs, 8 to 10c; dates, 5 to 6c; Tarragona almonds, 141 to 15c; filberts, 7 to 8c; walnuts, 61 to 12c.

HIDES.—There is a fair demand for Hides mand and commands full prices say from 8 to and the supply is improving, prices remain as 8_{12} ; while early make brings from 1½ to 2c; less.

before, viz: \$7.50; \$6.50 and \$5.50 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Sheepskins, 55c to 60c.

HALDWARE.-Business continues in about the same state as reported last week, with little or no change of any consequence, merchants talk more hopefully about the prospects of next season on account of the result of the elections, and some expect protection on every side even to the extent of their overdue accounts, We report quotations of last week. Pig Iron per ton, Summerlee, \$16.50 to 17.00; Langloan, \$17.25 to 17.75; Eglinton, \$15.50 to 16.00; He-matite, \$24 to 25. Bars.—Per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.70 to 1.75; Best, ditto, \$1 90 to 2.00; Swedes and Norway, \$4.25 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$5.50 to 5.75. Canada Plates.—Per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.15 to 3.25; Arrow, Penn and Garth, \$3.15 to ***3.15** to 3.25; Arrow, renn and Garth, ***3.15** to 3.50; Hatton, ***3** to 3.10. *Tin Plates*—Per box, ordinary quality, Charcoal IC, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Charcoal, IX, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Charcoal DC, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Coke, IC, \$4.75 to \$5.00; *Tinned sheets*, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookley K, or Bradley, 11 to 111c per lb.; Galvanized Sheets No. 28 best 7¹/₂ to 7¹/₂c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.15 to 2.25. Sheets, best brands, \$2.35, to 2.50. Boiler Plates per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to 2.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 9 to 9 c lb; Cut nails.--Per 100 lbs., 2 d v to 7 in \$2.00 lb; Cut nails.--Per 100 lbs., 12 dy to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.30; Shingle nails, \$3.80; Lath nails, \$4.60, subject to the usual trade discounts. Lead, Pig, per 100 \$4. to 4.25; Sheet, \$4.50 to 4.75; Bar, \$5.50 to 5.75; Shot, \$6 to 6.52; Steel, per lb., 12 to 13c; Spring, do, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire do., \$3 to 3.25; Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 2.75; Ingot tin, 16 to 17c per lb.; Ingot copper, 17 to 18cper lb.; Horse shoes, per 100 lbs., \$3.121 to 3.25; Proved Coil Chain, § in. \$4.50 to 5.00; Iron Wire No. 6, per bdl., \$1.60 to 1.65.

LEATHER .- A fair amount of business has been done the past week in nearly all lines. Spanish Sole of best quality continues scarce and the price is firmer; Upper and Splits are also the turn steadier in price although only in moderate request. Buff and Pebble have sold more freely, the former being in small supply is held at outside figure. We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1; B. A., 23 to $24\frac{1}{2}c$; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to $21\frac{1}{2}c$; Buffalo sole, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19c; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 24 to 26c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto, heavy, 32 to 35c; Grained, 32 to 36c; Splits, large, 22 to 29c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 621c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 321c; Harness, 22 to 30c; Buffed cow, 12 to 15c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 18c; Patent Cow 16 to 17c; Pebbled cow 12 to 15c; Rough 21 to 24c.

OILS.—There has been some demand this week for Cod, and steam refined Seal oils with sales at quotations. We quote Nfd. Cod Oil 47; and Halifax 45c; Seal, pale, 45c; ditto, straw, 40; ditto steam, refined, 47 to 50c; Linseed raws 59 to 60fc; ditto, boiled, 63 to 63fc; ; Olive Oil, goc to\$1.10; Petroleum stocks are low and the consumptive demand increasing. Prices are unchanged and so long as the American prices remain at present figures, there is not much chance of an advance here, there is no speculative demand. We quote car lots 17c; part cars 17fc: single barrels 18 to 18fc; per gallon wine measure.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts 4,809 pkgs, shipments 3,468 pkgs. Fine butter has been in fair demand at 14 to 16c. Western dairy 10 to 13c. Cheese.—Receipts 8779 boxes; Shipments 9894 boxes. Late made cheese is in good demand and commands full prices say from 8 to 84c; while early make brings from 1½ to 2c; less. Pork.—Receipts 158 brls; shipments 83 brls. A little more firmness has been observable in the market but sales have been light; Mess Pork, \$13.00 to \$13.25; Thin Mess is nominal. Lard in pails is selling at 10c.

SALT.—Importations have been fair, but, as the demand is good, are not beyond the wants of the trade, market is firm for Coarse at 60c to $62\frac{1}{2}c$; Factory filled, \$1.00 to \$1.15.

WOOL.—There is no change in price in Wool, 22c to 24c being current rates for Pulled; small sales have been rather more numerous during the last week. There have been some arrivals of Cape wool, but we have not heard of any sales yet, some of it damaged and advertised for auction on Friday next.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Sept. 25, 1878.

As expected, there has been an increased demand for dry goods, groceries, provisions, hardware, boots and shoes, and in fact for nearly all kinds of goods in the city, consequent upon the Provincial Exhibition being held here. Of course the buyers are nearly altogether retail men from the country, and purchases are not individually large. As the result of enquiry, we have to report a decidedly stronger feeling of confidence among business men generally, as to the effect on trade of new tariff arrangements deemed likely to ensue upon the coming change of government. Remittances, which have been very slow for a long time past, have considerably improved. The movement in grain so far has been very small; during the past week scanty supplies have caused an inactive market, and prices have varied, being firm in some instances and weak in others.

Boots AND SHOES.— Sorting up orders for Fall goods have continued to arrive by mail, and quite a number of country buyers have delayed making their purchases until this, the Exhibition week. Sales, therefore, were more numerous during these past days, and orders somewhat larger. Pric-s unaltered.

CATTLE ETC.—Receipts of cattle at the Western Cattle Market during the week were about 2,400 head, about one-half bought for exportation. A large number of cattle, intended for the Exhibition, were accommodated for a few hours in the market. Last week's prices were repeated, export grades bringing \$4.75 to \$5, and small inferior cattle, weighing 800 to goo lbs. each, only \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. About 4,000 head of Sheep and Lambs have changed hands. Several droves of sheep were purchased for exportation, at \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt. Second class bring \$4 to \$4.50 each, and thirds from \$2.50 to \$3. Values for lambs are unaltered. Calves were plentiful and in good demand. First-class were sold to butchers for the Exhibition week, as high as \$12 to \$14 per cwt. live ing the week, and \$4 to 4.25 per cwt. live weight, was paid for animals bought for exworts \$5.50 to 6.00 per cwt. Heavy Hogs have been selling at \$5 to 5.50 per cwt. DRY GODS.—There is a large number of

DRY GODS.—There is a large number of country merchants in the city this week, visiting the Exhibition, but few wholsale houses in this line are uncommonly busy. Purchases have not been individually heavy, but fairly numerous. There is not much difference noticeable yet in remittances, but, altogether, there is a more confident feeling in the trade, DRUGS.—Business in this department is fairly ccounts.

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active. There are no changes in prices of any consequence to note. Quinine, which has been for some time out of market, in consequence of having been bought up for the South, is now coming forward in small supplies, price \$4.00 to 4.05 per ounce. Remittances from the country are still a matter of hope, but expectations of improvement are strong, as the crops are being realized upon.

FLOUR. -Stocks in store 350 brls., against 650 brls. last week and 940 brls on like date last year. The market has been rather more active than during the preceding week, though the business done was not large. The downward movement in price has been arrested, and Sup-erior Extra sold at equal to \$4.50 here on Monday. Spring Extra has been rather unsettled, with sales at \$4.35 at the close of last week, and at \$4.20 to 4.30 during this week. The Banks difference is probably due to old or new wheat. Extra has been bought at \$4 35 on track recently, and Fancy has been easy, and sold at equal GRAIN.—Wheat—Fall—Stocks in store 17,082

Уd bush., against 12,262 bush; last week, and 40,-548 bush, on like date last year. The market has ruled very quiet, in consequence of small offerings. Old No. 2 fall sold in car lots at 99¹/₂ f.o.c. on Saturday, and new at \$1.00 f.o.c. on Monday. Red Winter sold on Monday at 90c. furnished f.o.c. On the street Fall is worth goc. to \$1.01. Returns Wheat—Spring—Stocks in store, 12.922 bush. against 10,561 bush. last week, and 40,548 bush. on like date last year. Spring wheat has been inactive, because scarce, but New No. 2 is t_0 wanted at goc, and a car at least equal to No. 2 sold by sample on Tuesday at goc f. o. c. There according was no movement reported to-day. Street prices are 8oc to \$1. Oats-Stocks in store, 16,985 bush., against 16,985 bush. last week, and 7,475 bush. on like date last year. The market has been very dull, and prices have continued weak. 1878, Canadian have not been offered and prices are therefore purely nominal. Rejected American, to arrive, have sold this week at 25c, but for good grades 29 to 30c has been paid for car lots. Street prices, 30 to 33c. Aug., Barley.—Stocks in store 77,680 bushels, against 88,415 bushels last week, and 42,514 bushels on like date last year. The market for this grain 31*st* also has been kept inactive, from short supplies. ending There has been a brisk enquiry for the first grade but none has been offered. Last Thursday a single car of uninspected new sold at 89c., f.o.c., Month and a car of new No. 2 to-day at 78c. on track. For new No. I there were ready buyers to-day ror new 10.1 there were ready buyers to day at \$1.05, but no sellers. On the street 2,500 bushels sold at 75 to \$1. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 1,195 bushels, against 713 bushels last week, and 15,909 bushels on like date last year. Sales the for have been made on the street at 64 to 66c, but no car lots have been offered, therefore prices for them remain purely nominal.

Charter. GROCERIES .- Both the jobbing and country trade have improved, and some houses were very busy during the week. Remittances, too are slightly better. Coffees remain quiet and ununder changed. Fruit is easier; a few extra small lots of Valencias have recently arrived, and Acting larger lots are on their way hither, and prices are quoted from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c. Sales have been made at these rates. There are no new currants in the market yet, and old lots are selling at NKS from 4 to 61c in small quantities. Rice is unchanged ; a steady demand continues, and small parcels have been moving off regularly at our BAquotations. In Spic.s a slight improvement in the demand was reported, but no change in OFprices. Sugars have been moving off rather freely at outside prices. Bright Scotch freely at outside prices. Bright Scotch are still very scarce and prices, though firm in consequence, are not quotably higher, ranging from about $8\frac{1}{4}$ to gc. Sales of this kind are made as fast as the stocks arrive. Reported sales of other descrip-tions include round lots of ground at $9\frac{1}{4}$ to $9\frac{2}{5}$ c., and smaller lots at $9\frac{3}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{5}$ c; round lots of extra C. at gc; one job lot of dry crushed at roc; dark Scotch, in lots, at $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{5}$ c; and raws

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in lots at $7\frac{1}{2}c$ for Porto Rico. Teas are reported a shade firmer for Japans and Greens, but there are no actual advances on our quotations. Trade is steady but not active. One grade of Solace Tobaccos is reported 2c. higher, the range being now about 38 to 40c. There has been a little more activity in Wines and Liquors for the city trade, during the past week, at previously quoted rates.

HARDWARE.—Trade has been fairly active during the week, there having been a good many buyers in from various parts of the country, and the demand continues good for all kinds of fall goods, including Canada plates, tin, Russia Iron, window glass, etc. Sales generally comprise small lots only, and prices are unaltered throughout.

HIDES AND SKINS .- The market for Hides has been rather active for the season, but prices are thought too high for the value of leather, and tanners must guard against over production. According to recent advices, Hides have been as scarce in the western markets as here. All the green offering have been wanted and taken at unchanged prices. One lot of 400 and another of 200 No. I was resold at $7\frac{3}{4}c$, but other lots sold at $7\frac{1}{2}c$. Sheepskins have been coming forward rapidly, and all have been sold readily at outside quotations, but pullers complain of a too small margin, and no advance on the present value, 60c, may be looked for this month. One lot of 1,600, green, was re-sold at 60c. Dry usually bring 40c to 50c. Calfskins remain merely nominal, at unaltered quotations, as the season is about over and the offerings are very few. Tallow has continued to move off in large lots at unaltered prices.

LEATHER.—Business has been reported good during the week in small lots of general stock suitable for the country trade. There is not much being done just now with the large manufacturers, but there is a steady demand for Heavy Spanish, Harness and Kips, Upper has also been in very good request, and prices though firm have not been changed. Pebble, Buff and Splits are rather quiet. Not much improvement in remittances.

OILS.—Petroleum—Has been in better demand during the past two weeks, and business is expected to increase in activity as the season advances. There is no speculative enquiry, however, and prices are rather firmer, without essential change.

PAINTS, ETC.—Trade has been flat for some weeks past, but during the past seven days a slight improvement has been noticed in the demand. For window glass the enquiry is brisk just now. We have this week revised our price list, and made some corrections, but no recent changes are reported.

PROVISIONS.—Business generally has been fair, and, with retailers, rather active since our last. Remittances have slightly improved also. Butter-The movement has been small, as the quantities offering for shipment are mostlyinferior and are often refused ; some sales have been tor and are often refused; some sales have been made, however, at 8, 83 to 9C., and even IOC. for good shipping lots. A good article of dairy, tor local use, is wanted, at II to IJC., say I4C. for selections. Ordinary lots are purely nomi-nal at 8 to IOC. In England, extra fine is quoted at 75/ to 80/. On the local street mar-ket from I5 to 20C. has been paid for pound rolls. Bason has been active. and Cumberland rolls. Bacon has been active. and Cumberland Cut and Long Clear have been moving off freely in case and ton lots at 6 to 61c. for the formly in case and ton lots at 0 to $0\frac{1}{2}$. for the form-er, and 7 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c for the latter. One lot of 100 sides of light C. C. sold to.day at 6c. Stocks are now reduced, and some holders would make concessions on large latter in the latter. make concessions on large lots. Cheese has been in good local demand, and a good deal has been sold in small lots to the country trade, at from 81 to 10c, prices being somewhat firmer for the finest qualities. One lot of 50 boxes of July and August was bought on Monday at 8[‡]c, but this could not easily be repeated. Stilton Cheese is beginning to come in, and fine qualities are worth 10 to 12c. Dried Apples are quiet and unchanged.

There are no new lots in the market yet, and old are neglected. Eggs have been in fair request, at a slight advance, viz., 12 to 121c for lots, and on the street fresh bring 13 to 14c per doz. ROBERT CO., Hams have been rather quiet, the demand being SERVICE Å only in a retail way, as the new season approaches. They are worth 12 to 12¹/₂ c for fine canvassed lots, short cut. Sales comprise only Canadian Pacific Railw'y case lots. New Hops are just beginning to come in, and some have been sold at 15c per lb., but the market is unsettled as yet. Lard has been HAMILTON, are now prepared to offer Merchant Tailors the in fair request and small lots have moved off regularly at steady prices, 81 to 9c for tinnets, TO CAPITALISTS AND CONTRACTORS. and 91 to 10c for pails. Mess Pork has met with BEST VALUE a fair enquiry, and prices are rather easier, rang-ing from \$12.50 to \$13 for small lots, and \$11.75 to 12.25 for car loads. One car at the latter price will likely have been sold to-day. The Government of Canada will receive proposals for Wool.—The market has remained quiet, and dealers are not shipping any lots at all just now to the American markets. An increased de-mand from the mills here is reported probable. constructing and working a line of railway extending Woollens & Tailors from the Province of Ontario to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, the distance being about 2,000 miles. Memorandum of information for parties proposing to The movement in Fleece is very light. For Trimmings, Tender will be forwarded on application as underneath. small lots offered 23c was paid, but one lot of Engineers' Reports, maps of the country to be traversed, 2,000 lbs., delivered, brought 24c, as would more large lots. For Lambs and Pulled super, prefiles of the surveyed line, specifications of preliminary 21C to 22C have been paid, but the offerings are works, copies of the Act of the Parliament of Canada THEY HAVE EVER SHOWN. under which it is proposed the railway is to be constructnot numerous. A lot of 5,000 lbs. was re-sold ed, descriptions of the natural features of the country at 22c, and another of 1,200 lbs. at 211c. and its agricultural and mineral resources, and other information, may beseen on application at this department THE CITIZENS STOCK or to the Eogineer-in-Chief at the Canadian Government Offices, 31 Queen Victoria street, E. C., London. INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA. Sealed Tenders, marked, "Tenders for Pacific Railway," will be received, addressed to the undersigned, LARGE Fire, Life, Guarantee & Accident. until the 1st day of December next. AUTHORIZED CAPIT.L \$2 000 000 F. BRAUN, Secretary, SUBSCRIBED 1,138,000 AND Public Works Department, Ottawa. Deposited with the Dominion Government, \$103,000. Ottawa, May 20, 1878. HEAD OFFICE, MONTEAL. DIRECTORS- Sir Hugh Allan, Paesident; Adolphe Roy, Vice-President; N B. Corse, Fronty Lyman, And-rew Allan, J. L. C. S. idy, Robert Anderson, GERALD E. HART. Genl. Manager. WELL NOTICE-EXTENSION OF TIME. Fire Risks taken at equitable rates based upon their respective merits. All claims promptly and lberally settl-d. ASSORTED The date for receiving proposals under the shove advertisement is hereby extended to the 1st January, 1879. Toronto Office, 20 King St. East. F. BRAUN, Secretary, HIME & LOVELACE. Public Works Department. Agents. Ottawa, Septembe-, 1878. H. L. HIME. FRED. G. C. LOVELACE. WROUGHT IRON FENCING AND CRESTING CAMPBELLS' IN A GREAT VARIETY OF STYLES AND PATTERNS, AND GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY. SPECIAL DESIGNS MADE TO ORDER. OFFICES :- York Chambers, 1 Court Street, GEORGE GILLIES, Manufacturer, TORONTO. Gananoque. HIGH .50. Insurance of all kinds effected and losses adjusted. foot. 3 foot Extra FEET W. B. CAMPBELL. W. CAMPBELL. FEET wIDE; 3 FEET 9 INCHES of Gate 87 HIGH. 5 per HIGH. C) ARE YOU INSURED? SEND nice for 6 FEET INCHES H INCHES H INCHES 21 either double or single gates 6 FOR BOW INCHES 9 St. Anne, Ottawa River FEET FEET TOPS, LISTS FENCE-3 4 BOW Notice to Contractors. Ċ FENCE AT CENTRE g

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