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Mercantile Summary.

THE Pacific Bottling Works, Vancouver, B.C., is a company recently incorporated, with a capital of \$50,000, to buy out bottling businesses in Vancouver and Victoria, and carry on the business of brewers and maltsters.

Another fire took place at Hanlan's Point, Toronto, on the 25th ult., in which the power-house, waiting-room, and two wharves of the Toronto Ferry Co. were destroyed. Other property had a narrow escape. The loss was between \$15,000 and \$20,000, covered by

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Mercantile Summary

THE Dominion Line's Boston steamers have now been formally taken over by the White Star Line.

THE Globe Casket factory, in London, Ont., was on the 25th ult. damaged by fire to the extent of \$3,000.

THE Bell Telephone Company is about to erect a five-story extension to its building in Montreal, at a cost of \$126,000.

Some United States capitalists are said to be interesting themselves in a deposit of molybdenite recently discovered in the vicinity of Lac Seul, Ontario.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway has just placed an order for one million dollars worth of passenger equipment to be turned out at the Hochelaga shops. Probably this is the largest order ever placed by a railroad for passenger equipment alone.

THE Canada Atlantic Railway Company announce that, in conjunction with the Canada Transit Company, they will establish a line of passenger steamers and a series of hotels, to accommodate the constantly increasing tourist traffic pouring into the Georgian Bay, Muskoka and Algonquin Park regions.

THE Montreal Street Railway Company's net earnings for the past eleven months do not show up very satisfactorily, having been \$781,025, compared with \$802,295 for the same time last year. This is due to the large increase in operating expenses, these having risen from \$1,040,946 last year, to \$1,-218,968 this year. The surplus available for dividends, for the same reason is less by \$4,869.

A SOMEWHAT better demand is springing up for ocean grain space, though freights still remain low. Quotations are as follows: Liverpool, 1s., and primage September, 1s. 11/2d. October; London, 1s. 41/4d. October; Glasgow, 1s. 11/2d. to Is. 3d., October; Avonmouth, is. 3d., October; Manchester, is. 3d., October; Antwerp, is. 3d. to is. 6d, October; Leith, 2s., October; Dublin, 2s. 3d., October; Belfast, 2s. to 2s. 3d., October; Rotterdam, 1s. 6d., September. There is no change in flour rates, and the demand for space is fair. We quote: Liverpool, 10s. and 5 per cent. primage; London, 9s. 9d.; Glasgow, 7s. 6d.; Leith, 11s. 3d.; Aberdeen, 15s., and Cardiff, 10s.; Belfast, 13s. 6d.; Dublin, 12s. 6d. The demand for room for provisions is good and rates show no change. Cheese-Liverpool, is 22s. 6d.; London, 25s.; Glasgow, 26s. 6d.; Leith, 25s.; Aberdeen, 25s.; Cardiff, 25s., and Bristol, 27s. 6d. Butter—Liverpool, 27s. 6d.; London, 3os.; cold storage, 45s.; Glasgow, 31s. 6d.; C.S., 46s. 6d.; Bristol, 32s. 6d.; C.S., 47s. 6d.; Leith, 30s.; Aberdeen, 30s.; and Cardiff, 30s. Hams, bacon and lard-Liverpool, 12s. 41/2d.; London, 15s.; Glasgow, 15s. 9d.; Bristol, 15s.; Leith, 15s.; Aberdeen, 17s. 6d.;

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Mercantile Summary.

THE Great Northern Railway is about to build a six-story hotel in Vancouver.

THE Hamilton Oak Tanning Co., Limited, has been authorized to increase its capital from \$65,000 to \$125,000.

CAPT. REID, of Guysboro, N.S., is reported to have discovered an extensive deposit of hard coal of excellent quality a: Fortune Bay, on the Labrador coast.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mr. Samuel Rogers, president of the Queen City Oil Company, Toronto. He was born in 1835, near Newmarket, and was a brother of Elias Rogers.

PLANS are being prepared for the erection of a large up-to-date hotel at London, Ont., to cost \$250,000. We hear that a large proportion of the stock has already been subscribed by commercial men.

THE annual meetings of the Montreal Terminal and the Chateauguay & Northern railways were held last week. The old board of directors was elected as follows: Mr. Denis Murphy, of Ottawa, president; Mr. H. M. Melville, of Boston; vice-president, and Mr. J. P. Mullarkey, of Montreal, managing direc-

THE British Columbia Electric Railway Company last week declared the first of its new form of dividends, by which the employees share in the company's profits. Each man was presented with a cheque for \$25, and the management hope that next year this amount will be materially increased.

NEW YORK capitalists have joined together to operate the extensive plaster quarries at St. Ann's, Cape Breton. A railway five miles long will be con-structed from the plaster deposits to tide water, at North Sydney. A large pier containing pockets will also be built, and steamers will be chartered to convey the product to New York.

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TWIN CITY Rapid Transit Railway earnings are growing satisfactorily. The gross earnings during the year up to September 25th, were \$2,750,736, as compared with \$2,426,176 for the same period of last year.

CAMERON & Co., general merchants of Finch, Ont., have assigned to J. C. Milligan, of Cornwall. A. P. Cameron, the virtual owner of the business, failed in 1898, and has since done business in the name of his sister Jane Cameron.

BRIGHTMAN & Co., tanners, Peterboro, Ont., have under construction a brick addition to their tannery, which when completed, will give them twice the space they now occupy, and enable them to employ more men than heretofore.

HON. J. OUIMET and others of Montreal, have formed a company to be known as La Societe Generale de Canada, with a capital of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of working, selling, dealing in mines and mining rights, smelting of minerals and manufacture of articles from the minerals, constructing mills and machinery. They will also hold and sell timber lands, and manufacture timber, sell wood pulp and articles manufactured from it, also navigate vessels in connection with the operation of their works.

FAILURES in the Province of Quebec have been few of late. Theriault & Theriault, of Griffins Cove, on the Gaspe Coast, who have only been in business since last spring in a small way, have assigned .- A. Lajoie, of St. Fulgence, on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, who carried on a small store, with the assistance of his wife and daughter, also running a small sawmill and a trading schooner, is reported insolvent. The account has been always found a somewhat slow one .-Ludger Lacombe, general dealer, St. Victor de Tring, reported as assigned in a late number, is offering his creditors 50 cents cash.—H. Drouin, of Beauce Junction, another recent insolvent, is offering 35 per cent. on liabilities of about \$3,000.

Mr. George Johnson, the Dominion Statistician, has something to say with regard to the statement made by Mr. Thom, of the Liverpool Corn Exchange, to the effect that Canada's average export of wheat was only 6,000,000 bushels during the last six years, and that the British market the average export of Canadian wheat; fields. Mr. Johnson points out that the average export o Canadifan wheat and flour to Britain during the last six years has been 21,140,000 bushels, not 6,000,000. Canada produced in 1902 96,618,272 bushels. Of this 37,000,000 bushels were exported, 8,000,000 bushels were used for seed, and at six bushels per head, which is a high estimate, 32,-760,000 were used for home consumption, which would leave over 19,000,000 bushels fed to animals, etc., which might have been exported, if there had been sufficient inducement.

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The annual report of the Soo Railroad shows the gross earnings for the year from all sources to be \$7,293,743; increase over last year, \$1,036,151; operating expenses, \$3,719,923; net earnings, \$3,573,820; increase over last year, \$257,856; fixed charges, taxes, etc., \$1,909,323; surplus, \$1,664,497. The officers elected are: President, Thomas Lowry; vice-president, John Martin; second vice-president and general manager, E. Pennington; secretary and treasurer, C. F Clements; auditor, C. W. Gardner.

On Labor Day night, at the illumination of Montmorency Falls, three balloons were liberated, each one of which contained a tag-one entitling the finder to a box of Sweet Caporal cigarettes, another to a box of Glorias, and the third to a box of Red Cross smoking tobacco. A newspaper item informs us that one of these tags was found by a resident of L'Ange Gardien in the woods nearby, and has since been redeemed by the American Tobacco Co., for a box of 500 Sweet Caporals. This is the first tag reported found, and L'Ange Gardien is about seven miles from the spot at which the ascensions occurred.

It is stated in Vancouver that the survey for the route of the proposed Coast-Kootenay Railroad is now finished, and that construction work will begin at once. The total length of the line will be 370 miles, and it will run east from Vancouver, cross the river at New Westminster, through Chilliwack, to Hope, thence to Nicola and to Mildmay, at which point it will connect with the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern.

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Mercantile Summary.

THE Cornwall, Ont., Furniture Company's factory, built less than a year ago, was, we hear, quite seriously damaged by a wind storm, which swept over the district last week.

FROM Quebec we learn of the assignment of Joseph Shink & Co., dealers in dry goods and small wares, to Brophy Cains & Co., of Montreal. Mr. Shink was formerly one of several partners in a prominent retail dry goods concern, known as "A la Quebeckoise," who failed in July, 1902, and he subsequently started up again in business, under cover of his wife's name.

It is reported from Ottawa, that H. W. Wilson, of late doing a retail dry goods business in the name of his wife, has become involved, and is expected to make an offer of 75 cents, on liabilities figured at about \$11,000. His business record in the past has apparently been a rather checkered one. He was reported as having been closed out under chattel mortgage in 1898, and was also reported as having compromised in 1896, and as requiring indulgence on a previous occasion.

THE Berlin Robe & Clothing Co., Limited, has received an Ontario charter. Its capital is \$100,000, and the provisional directors are Wm. John Mc-Murty, of Galt; George Moore, of Waterloo; George Redpath Barrie, of North Dumfries Township; Walter Turnbull Barrie, of Milwaukee; and Robert Barrie Moore, of Waterloo. Another company which has received a charter is the Metropolitan Soap Company, with capital of \$40,000, and head offices at Toronto. The provisional directors are Frederick Thomas Weir, James Watt, Abraham Cheeseman, and Frederick William Little, of Toronto, and Robert Richard Hall, of Peterborough.

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Strange as it may seem, and prophetic of a labor millennium, this prosperous trade union actually owns its own halla magnificent building that cost, land and all, over \$9,000,000. This beautiful "People's Palace" is located on Broad Street, and has become one of the sights of the metropolis. It is built of white marble, exquisitely carved, with tall columns supporting the front portico. The main hall, in which the union holds its regular meetings, is 144 feet long and 109 feet wide. No convenience that money can buy has been forgotten, as

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As may be imagined, this union is a firm believer in short hours and high

to allow a skilled worker to do his best work; and consequently kept up a persistent agitation until it reduced its working time to five hours a day-from ten o'clock until three. It has always shrewdly insisted that its members be paid a commission instead of a weekly or daily wage, and in this regulation, perhaps, is the secret of its prosperity. In the busy seasons these men frequently make from \$5,000 to \$30,000 a day, being the only employees in the world who can command \$6,000 an hour for their services.

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Like all other labor organizations, this union has never been incorporated. It has always maintained that its word of honor was sufficient in the keeping of an agreement. It has also found that " by being unincorporated it has a better control over its members, being able to expel any culprit without being dragged into the courts.

What! You say this is merely a walking delegate's dream! Not at all. The name of this most prosperous of all trade unions is the New York Stock Exchange.-Herbert N. Casson, in The Independent.

THE ATLAS LOAN COMPANY.

We have by no means heard the last of the direful consequences of queer financing in St. Thomas. At the hearing of the Atlas Loan case before the Master-in-Ordinary at Osgoode Hall this week the following somewhat startling statement was made by a retired

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farmer, who had been a depositor and shareholder in both that and the Elgin Loan Company:

"I have lost the savings of years, the money intended to keep me in my ord age. With others who have suffered through the collapse of these concerns, we desire that you, the Master, come to St. Thomas, that all books and other documents be brought there so as to save us the expense of coming to Toronto, and that you investigate the affair to the very bottom. I, with others, believe that fraud, forgery and other offences were committed by some one or some people, and that the man now in jail was not the most guilty. In February I was told that the reserve fund amounted to \$264,000, that the company did not deal in margins, and that no such dealings would be indulged in. On the faith of this statement I paid in \$1,264. This has all been lost. I am prepared to swear out an information on these lines"

The list of creditors of the Atlas Loan whose claims have been proven to the satisfaction of the liquidator, total no less than 900, besides several which are unproven. There are a number of depositors' claims, which will not be dealt with until the question of the unpaid stock and other claims against said depositors are definitely arranged, These depositors' claims approximate \$35,000. The claims of currency debenture holders against the company, which have been proved to the satisfaction of the liquidator, number forty, and aggregate \$130,000. There are claims filed by debenture holders, but not yet approved, for \$52,191, by the Elgin Loan Company \$61,500, the Merchants' Bank \$59,732, Huron and Erie Loan Company, London. The Elgin Loan Company hold as collateral security 375 shares of Dominion coal stock, not yet valued. The Merchants' Bank claim is in course of settlement. There are 45 claims of sterling debenture holders, who reside mostly in Scotland, totalling \$60,000. One of these is the Refuge Industrial Insurance Co. for \$24.333. There are about \$125,000 worth of claims filed by reserve fund depositors to be dealt with yet, as well as a number of general cieditors, their claims totalling \$15,000.

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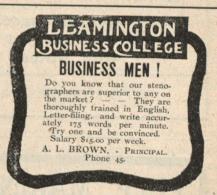
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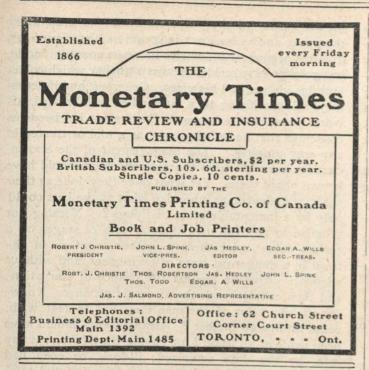
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THE STOCK MARKETS.

All over the world, the financial conditions are peculiar. General business for the most part continues good, or, in the case of Europe, not markedly bad; harvests promise satisfactory returns; industries are engaged full blast. Yet the securities market is so depressed that no bottom appears to be beneath the fall of prices. In Britain, operations have been seized with a dull apathy, and even consols have been so heavy as to suggest anxious forebodings in the minds of some. In New York, in spite of tremendous efforts on the part of big interests, the industrial stocks have been steadily going down, a decline interrupted only by occasional reactions which are them selves but the prelude to still heavier breaks. The above is a statement very similar to the recent history of our own Stock Exchanges. An apparently irresistible movement downward; apparently also no real reason, in the business and industrial outlook of the country, for such a tendency!

One feature of the situation which perhaps conserves the common weal, is the fact that the specu-

lative public is out of the market. The good advice to keep from speculating is usually given too late to be of any value—that is, when people have just been hard hit by a collapse in stocks. We would endeavor to improve upon this advice by offering it to them before the get-rich-quickly fever permeates their blood, as it is sure to do on the next rising market. As to the investing public, another class altogether from the speculative, different counsel may apply.

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The great pressing financial question of the present time is as to the money required for moving the crops, and especially the heavy crop of the Northwest. This question has to be dealt with every August and September that comes along; but formerly it occasioned no uneasiness whatever. last year the banks, taken collectively, had power to issue notes far beyond any possible requirement for this purpose. For, of course, as we showed last month, the question is one of a supply of circulating notes; for nothing else will answer the purpose. But last year a very extraordinary development transpired, namely, that the circulating power of the banks was nearly exhausted owing to the enormous demand from the Northwest. The banks very wisely determined to meet the possibility of a recurrence of this position by an increase in their capital. capital has been actually paid in to the extent of \$7,400,000. They will now, therefore, have an ample supply of currency, and be able to provide for the moving of crops without the slightest disturbance to the general monetary position. The amount of circulating power at their disposal on the 31st of August was \$17,200,000—a sum which is certain to be amply sufficient. The banks, no doubt, will have provided a supply of actual bills fully equal to their additional circulating power. This question, therefore, may be considered as settled.

As to the value of the crops of the country as a whole, there can be little doubt that the quantity available for sale by the producers will bring them more money than the crop of last year. When ,we wrote last month, the actual outcome of the crop of the Northwest was a very uncertain quantity. weather, as we said, might make a difference of millions, in fact, so it has. The storms have not by any means been so severe in their effects as was at one time feared. We may be thankful for that. But the damage has been sufficient to make a difference of two or three millions in value at least. The quantity, too, is not so large as last year; but the additional price will fully make up for these drawbacks; and we are still of opinion that our estimate that some forty millions of money would be realized from the whole crop of all kinds may be approximately reached. If it falls short of this, the additional value of the crop of Ontario and the other Provinces will fully make up for it.

It is absurd to fancy this enormous amount of money will all be available at once, and poured upon our money market en masse; it will be realized very gradually, during the course of the whole of the financial year now commencing; coming in from time to time

all the way on till the next harvest. But it will come in; and it will, as we have said, set a thousand wheels of finance and commerce in a hundred places in active motion. Unless some extraordinary contrary development takes place, it is sure to result in money being abundant for all legitimate business purposes for a year to come. But it by no means follows that it would be safe to discount the future for a longer period than that. To set to work and establish either business or speculative enterprises that will entail constant demands for more and more money during the next four or five years would be the very fanaticism of optimistic expectation.

We may call attention to the figures of the comparative statement of the banks. They show that the fall business had begun to move by the end of August. The changes, however, were not great. There will, however, be, undoubtedly, considerable expansion in circulation, deposits, discounts and reserves, during the fall and winter months.

ABSTRACT OF BANK RETURNS.

Description.	Aug. 31st, 1902	Aug 31st, 1903.	In Month
Capital paid up Circulation Deposits	\$70,270,000 55,035,000 401,172,000	\$77,617,000 60,414,000 431,401,000	In.\$ 524,000 " 2,851,000 " 1,343,000
Loans, Discounts and Investments Cash, Foreign Balances, Net & Call Loans	392,579,000 175,196,000	458,404,000	" 4,532,000
Legals	23,045,000 12,382,000	161,290,000 29,289,000 14,232,000	Dec 453,000
Call Loans Investments	102,476,000 58,514,000	80,366,000 63,411,000	" 2.093.000
Government Savings Bank Montreal City and Distr	ict Savings	61,936,000	
Bank La Caisse d'Economie, Que Loan Companies	ebec	14,797,000 6,728,000 20,000,000	
Bank Deposits			5,461,000 1,401,000
	ENT CIRCULAT	TION.	6,862,000
Large Small		\$ 27,06 \$ 12,81	6,000 6,000
Gold held, \$26,930,000 or 67 per	r/cent.	\$39,88	0,000

THE CROPS.

Our Winnipeg correspondent wired yesterday forenoon to the following effect: Weather this past week has been ideal; threshing has been general over the whole west this past week; it is well under way and the grain is coming into the elevators in abundance. The wheat is nearly all grading I and 2 Northern, but with good prices prevailing, the country is coming out all right, and the farmers have little to complain of.

THE RIOTS AT THE SOO.

That to destroy property in default of receiving wages due from the owners thereof is an absurd and unwise act; that it hurts the chances for a speedy resumption of work; that it injures not only the good name of the Soo, but that of Canadians as an orderly, law-abiding people; are theses which no one will deny. However, there is another side to the story. The lumberjack is proverbially a reckless character,

as the author of the "Blazed Trail" so graphically describes, and as is shown in countless histories of this greatest of pioneer industries in a new country; but he has good points; recklessness is a quality which colors both his virtues and his vices. Generous, and if necessary, self-sacrificing to a fault when well treated, his worst passions are aroused the instant he becomes conscious that he is being used as a tool or treated in any way unfairly. The management of the Soo industries knew of these characteristics, or should have known about them. Yet what have they done as their share of endeavor to minimize what at the best could only be a lamentable state of things? Nothing but promise to pay the men their arrears of wages on a certain date; cause them to gather together in the town in a dangerous state of excitement, and without adequate provision against the chance of starvation; and then calmly break the aforesaid promise. Knowing the character of the men they had to deal with, could fatuity go further? Arrangements should have been made at all hazard for paying the laborers, at any rate, by the date promised; ill-luck, or even bad financial management is a poor excuse for the company's lack of elementary precautions against the disgrace which has actually occurred.

TOO MUCH POLITICS.

Party politics may be a necessary curse, as somebody has said; the probability being that at the present time any alternative would be worse. Surely, however, this is no excuse for the obtrusion of the politician's partisan spirit into matters which cannot be described as political under any proper system of names in existence. Yet this is what is being done in this country, and it is jeopardizing its best interests. Things and influences are judged, not from the standard of what they are, but from that of their relation to one or the other of the two political parties. Two instances come to our notice at the moment. One is regarding the quality of Canadian butter. Now, on the first blush, it would appear that butter and politics were as wide asunder as the poles. Not so, however. Among the several people who, in the hope of spurring the shippers to better efforts, have pointed out that Canadian butter was often not so good as that from other countries, there happened to be Mr. Preston. enough for persons of the opposite political party: Canadian butter had been pronounced bad by an official of the Dominion Government; therefore, Canadian butter must be the best in the world. All this would be laughable, were it not for the fact that the real issue becomes obscured, to the possible serious detriment of a great industry.

Another illustration of what we mean comes to hand in the comments heard "on the street," as to the disastrous state of things at the Soo. According to these, Mr. Ross' Government is directly responsible for what has occurred, and it was sadly remiss in its duty in not taking upon itself to pay the men. Be this as it may, an independent observer is forced to the conclusion that the fault-finders' remarks in the vast majority of cases are prompted, not by a regard for the facts, nor by a desire to suggest a practicable way out of difficulties, but by a temptation to make political capital out of an unfortunate contretemps.

Both the above illustrations are drawn from the same political side; but we doubt not that, were the other party in power, similar remarks would apply. It is the fault of the partisan spirit which is allowed to enter into all questions however far removed they should be from politics. And meanwhile, it is the truth which suffers.

CANADIANS IN THE TROPICS.

Talking with a gentleman who has just returned frum Cuba, he told us we would be surprised at the remarkable number of Canadians now to be found sprinkled over that nascent republic. This is not so strange, however. The originator of the railroad scheme which will probably help the island to develop into the richest country for its size in the world is a Canadian, or almost one; the converters of the old-time tramway of Havana into an electric system hail from Canada. Canadians are to be found, too, in Mexico, where they are engineering the biggest electrical power in the country; while Brazilians ride in electric cars introduced by Canadians, and so do fellow-Britishers in Trinidad.

We hear some people complain; Canadians, they say, should develop their own country first, and there is plenty of scope for this. True, but we have now reached to national proportions, and the sooner we realize it the better. In a population as large and strenuous as ours now is, there will always be a certain percentage whose blood calls aloud for something outside usual experience; something which appeals to the everlasting cry for new fields to conquer; people, too, who have the instinct for climates not found above the 45th parallel. It is the penalty we pay for adolescence. Mistakes will be made, but the nation will be the gainer in the end-in added knowledge, in a freer outlook on the world's affairs, in that intangible effect of culture which means gradual death to the barren spirit of provincialism. Therefore, let us not spurn the rising spirit which has carried the Anglo-Saxon race to the world position it occupies to-day.

CONDITIONLESS FIRE POLICIES.

A well-known fire insurance company in Great Britain having decided to issue a policy which shall be free from the ordinary restrictions, some papers there have begun to advocate the abolition of such in all policies. The chief reason advanced for such a suggestion is apparently on the score of popularity with the masses of insurers. No doubt they certainly would be popular, though it is a question whether the final result would be equally popular. Another thing urged in favor of the cancellation of restrictions is that they are seldom read in any case; but this, with any unsatisfactory consequences to the insured party, can hardly be laid at the door of the companies.

It must be remembered, however, that in every form of insurance very much depends upon the moral hazard, just as much probably as upon the innate dangerousness of the premises under consideration, owing to inflammability of contents, proximity to other premises of a peculiarly inflammable nature, or the risky nature of the business carried on therein. Also it is precisely a knowledge of these elements which enters into a wise placing of restrictions, or lack thereof, in any given case. And it is well to bear in mind that the very company which is referred to as having introduced conditionless policies is very careful to limit these to a few classes of risks, where certainly they are not required very imperatively. This is a very different thing from what some of the advocates of an absolutely unlimited policy are thinking of.

The fire insurance companies would, no doubt, be glad to doaway with conditions, if it could be done with any degree of safety. But the very nature of the business demands them in some degree. Life insurance has now been brought to such a degree of science that it has been found possible to do away practically with all restrictions. But other forms of insurance are on a somewhat different footing. Take the casualty business, for example. If it is to be put upon a basis of value such as will appeal to the public, and offered at such price as to tempt it to purchase, limitations, and strict ones at that, are absolutely necessary. its degree, the fire hazard is similar. Given a flat rate for all sorts of conditions, present or to appear in the future, the companies would have to make such a charge for their accommodation that the public would never be induced to insure at all. The chances for fraud are another part of the story.

THE IMPERIAL TARIFF SCHEME.

One or two readers of our article on Mr. Chamberlain last week appear to think that we are opposed to his scheme for building up the Empire. Far otherwise, however; it seems to us that something along the lines suggested is absolutely necessary if the Empire is to prosper, nay, even hold its own, against a constantly strengthening world-opposition. is because we recognize its vast importance, and because a slip in the wrong direction is, to our mind, fraught with such serious consequences, that we try to point out such a scheme's difficulties, rather than its advantages, which speak for themselves. Any plan that for one of its steps makes use of an alleged feeling in the colonies, which proves afterwards to have been non-existent, makes a false start, which, we believe, will do more harm not only to the plan but to the cause of Imperial unity, even than a delay of five years. Therefore, we say, make very sure of the actual feeling in the colonies, without whose favor, on its author's own showing, the scheme cannot hope for success; but he would certainly be a bold man who should declare it, at this time, that Canada either understands what would be required of her, or is willing to grant it.

Now, any revision of a tariff is attended by tremendous and by subtle difficulties, even when that tariff's walls surround one country only. The change which is welcomed by one set of manufacturers is apt to wreak havoc with the interests of another; the boon to one province or state is the blow to other parts; and mutual interests and injuries are so bound up one with another, that it needs a daring prophet to say where under-working influences begin and where they will end. If this be so in the case of one self-

contained country, how infinitely more difficult will be the task of making a tariff, however slight, for an Empire—for a vast system, the provinces of which are divided by thousands of miles of ocean, have sometimes the same, sometimes diverse products, are possessed of climates and resources and peoples, the most similar and the most dissimilar in the world. The labors of Hercules were as nothing compared with the task in store for the framer of a tariff for the British Empire.

Yet we do not despair. One point is apt to be forgotten: Mr. Chamberlain has not yet actually formulated his plan; it may be different from what the public has been led to believe. One thing, however, we as Canadians have to bear constantly in mind: no amount of loyalty to the Mother Country will save us from blame attaching to any careless handling of the interests of Canada. First, let us study out the problem as it affects us here in Canada; let Australians do likewise with Australia; we can leave Great Britain to unravel the puzzle as it comes home to her; the final result will thus be the less likely to require undoing.

THE SITUATION IN FURS.

Our forecasts as to the scarcity of Persian lambs proved correct; last year's business finished with practically not a skin to be obtained. The position this season is that fine skins of every class are in keen demand in all countries, and in most cases, at increased prices. Higher prices were paid by the collectors in far-off countries; the trappers, ignorant as they are of the ordinary affairs of life, apparently being told by some instinct, that their particular commodity has become of greater value. The fur trade is cosmopolitan, and peculiarly affected by world-wide conditions. Business throughout the world has for the most part been good, which has resulted in good prices for furs, but these having reached higher values than ever before, people have thought that they would go still higher. For two years past, the Bokharans have made extra money from their lambskins. At the Nijni-Novgorod fair, however, this year, they found a check to the upward march of prices; buyers hesitated to operate. Only about 7,000 bales of Persians were bought, and of these only about 1,500 were of very high quality. All the world will want the latter; and they will not only retain their high value, but their present prices will probably look cheap by the end of the year. On the other hand, the lower grades, which form the bulk of the season's purchases, may or may not recede, according to the consumption. One thing should be borne in mind by Canadian purchasers, namely, that if they did not consume one single skin, the markets of the world would remain unaffected.

The high prices are certainly not the result of manipulation, as they are being paid both by the Russians and by the Tartans themselves. It seems probable that we, as a people, have not fully appreciated the intrinsic value of a good skin as clothing. When its warmth and durability are taken into consideration, it will be seen that the prices of the past have perhaps been pitched in too low a key. At the same time, it is likely that Canadian fur wearers will be among those most considerably affected by the

present continued rise. The peoples whose greatly increased demand has largely brought about the present situation chiefly apply furs as trimmings to other materials. A rise of a dollar or two per skin does not therefore make any material difference; whereas, in the case of a fur overcoat, where a dozen or more skins come into play, the enhancement becomes very marked.

As regards linings, practically all sorts show a considerable increase in value; and Canadians are calling for these more than ever. We have referred in a previous article to the demand for automobile coats, and these interfere with our low-class trade to a certain extent. One fur which sells very well in Europe just now is Canadian mink, but complaints are heard that the standard of value reached last year was too high. So it will depend upon the profit made this season whether its prevalence will continue. It would appear risky for trappers to expect such extreme values as those of last year. It is interesting to note that a fur in considerable request in England is moleskin. The mole is a very small animal, however, and the cost of preparing the skin is high; so the spreading of the fashion to other parts is hardly probable, unless some substitute be discovered.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

The volume of trade during the past week or two has been large, but perhaps not more so than was the case at this time last year. Prices keep very firm, but so far there have been no changes. The chief articles being ordered just now, as is natural enough at this time of the year, are guns, rifles, ammunition, etc., though deliveries have been delayed in some cases, owing to the manufacturers being rushed. The rolling mills are swamped with orders for nails, and find some difficulty in keeping pace with the demand. Lanterns, too, are in extra brisk demand. Barbed and galvanized wire were for a time a little easier owing to a slight decline in the United States, but the old prices have been re-imposed. Trade in these lines is going on quite briskly. Baling wire is still being called for. A very good sorting trade is being done, but it presents no special features.

The Canadian Wholesale Hardware Dealers' Association held their fifth annual convention in Toronto last week, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. O. Lewis, Montreal; vice-president, Mr. John Bowman, of London; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Jas. Hardy, Toronto. We understand that, though a good many subjects were discussed, no important decisions connected with the trade were arrived at.

The metal trades are in a fair condition, things having now settled down to a more normal condition than was the case a little while ago, more particularly as regards pig iron. For the moment, this article is a little weak in local markets. Prices, however, remain the same. Bar iron is also easy. For galvanized and black sheets, and Canadian plates, the demand seems to be improving. Tin fluctuates from day to day. For copper, the demand is very fair. The demand for cement seems to grow each week, the price at factory remaining around \$2.25.

According to the last reports from Great Britain, there was a flat market for Cleveland warrants, the closing quotations marking a loss of about 1s. per ton on the previous week. Consumers again were buying freely, and makers were being pressed to keep up their deliveries, whilst the public stores continued to be drawn upon.

As to the state of things in the United States market, the following extract from a recent article in the Iron and Machinery World, of Chicago, will give a good idea: "Everybody is scared to death, is the way one sales agent for iron and steel expresses the situation. He proceeded to

explain that buyers refrained sedulously from ordering material, not because they do not need it, but because they were led to believe that prices would decline. This condition applies generally in all buying territory, east and west, north and south. It is a temporary condition which must be followed by lively buying as soon as the consumers turn back to their requirements and cease watching the quotations of securities. There is observable in other directions a curtailment of output. Individual furnaces are beginning to blow out. Mills generally are running at slower speed, and in some instances suspensions of operations are occurring. There have been reports of reductions in the price of steel that are without foundation. At least some of these reports are put in circulation or magnified for the purpose of aiding in the bear raid on securities. In reference to pig-iron, a note of discord is the fact that the price of southern iron is lower in some of the eastern markets than in the Chicago district. before the southern makers made the price for seaboard delivery \$1 lower than the price for Chicago delivery, for the ostensible purpose of driving out foreign iron. The discrimination was not relished by western buyers and did not last."

PRINCIPLE IN BUSINESS.

Recently there was a convention in New York of the National Educational Association, and a discussion arose out of the subject of the proper length for a collegiate course, in which several notable educational leaders took part, including President Butler, of Columbia, and President Eliot, of Harvard. One speaker, Prof. West, pointed out that the chief danger to liberal education at the present day was commercialism, the feverish pursuit of what pays, as the one end of life. There is certainly a tendency at the present day to lengthen out the educational training for a business career. And there can be no doubt that this tendency is in the right direction. Of special importance is it, in this age when business is such an important factor in the world, that those entering a business career should have some training in the principles of philosophy. Their minds should be grounded in the ethical principles which underly all right living.

The danger that threatens our business life is not dishonesty in its grosser forms. On the contrary, the old adage that "honesty is the best policy" is one of the corner-stones of business. Never was the standard of honesty higher than it is to-day. There probably is less stealing than there has ever been in any age of the world. Moreover there is a high appreciation of the value of a man's word. It has a commercial rating. But, nevertheless, modern business needs above all things a code of recognized principles that shall control men in their business relations to each other, as buyers and sellers, as producers and consumers, as employers and wage-earners. By this we do not mean a code of principles based on the law of necessity and utility, but one based upon the law of right in its higher interpretations. As business becomes more and more powerful, in fact the controlling factor in life, there needs to be, directing and restraining it, more of the higher law of justice and truth. There is manifest in commercial life an impatience and disregard of law when it interferes with the progress of the great transaction immediately in hand. There is a tendency to sacrifice all else to success. In no other way may a knowledge and appreciation of true principles be better obtained than by early instruction in an educational institution conducted on safe and sound lines.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Trade at both the Montreal and the Toronto cattle markets this week has shown considerable improvement, owing to a marked enhancement of values in Chicago. This has caused American buyers to turn their attention to the Canadian market, with the last few days' firmness, as a

natural result. British cables show a very weak market, with prices tending lower. And this state of things is not improved by the high quotations for ocean freight, which, with cattle selling at 1 to 11/2c. per pound lower than a year ago, is yet equal to something like 15s. per head higher than then. At the same time, the shipments of cattle from the port of Montreal have been considerably more this year than last, having been, up till Saturday last, 110,356, as compared with 52,113 for the same period of 1902. Of United States cattle shipped from Montreal so far this year, the numbers have been 40,456. The following will serve to show the run of prices, so far as the local market is concerned. It refers to choice quality; special extras fetching a little more, and common somewhat less: Export cattle, ex-choice, \$4.70 to 4.80; do., choice, \$4.40 to \$4.60; do., others, \$4.20 to 4.30; do., cows, \$3.10 to 3.70; inferior cows, \$2.50 to 3; butchers' picked lots, \$4.40 to 4.50; do., choice. \$4.10 to 4.25; do., fair to good, \$3.75 to 4; do., rough to common, \$2.25 to 3.10; good cows, \$3.25 to 3.50; rough, do., \$2.50 to 3; bulls, export, heavy, \$3.50 to 4; do., medium, \$3. to 3.40; do., light, \$2.75 to 3; stockers, 800 to 950 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.70; do., light, \$2.50 to 3; do., common, \$2.25 to 2.75; feeders, short keep, \$3.60 to 4; do., medium, \$3.40 to 3.70; do., light, \$2.75 to 3; milch cows, each, \$30 to 50; export ewes, per cwt., \$3.40 to 3.50; do., bucks, per cwt., \$2.50 to 2.5; culls, each, \$2 to 3; spring lambs, each, \$2.50 to 3.75; do., per cwt., \$3.75 to 4.10; calves, per lb., 4c. to 51/2c.; do., each, \$2 to 10.

The British Board of Trade returns show that the live stock trade of that country has been materially changing of late. The chief point is with regard to the comparative shipments into Britain from Canada and the United States during the first six months of this year. The latter country sent over 32,000 less than was the case a year ago, while Canadian exports jumped from 26,776 to 68,606. It should be remembered, however, that the embargo against cattle shipments from Portland and Boston, which was the chief cause of the changed conditions, has now been removed, so that the above ratio is not at all likely to remain good British imports of live sheep from Argentina grew considerably, numbering 82,941 during the two months that the ports were opened. Those from Canada numbered 18,103, a large increase, but only a mere indication, no doubt, of what this branch of the trade might become if it were fostered.

GREAT NORTHWEST TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The chief feature of the annual meeting of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, in Toronto, on Wednesday last, was the retiring of Mr. H. P. Dwight from active management, though it is pleasing to state that he will, as president, continue to take an active interest in the company's affairs. Mr. Dwight, who was born in New York State in 1828, has been connected with telegraphy practically all his life, and indeed to many is known as the "Father of Canadian Telegraphy." His successor will be Mr. Isaac McMichael, formerly manager of the Minneapolis and Northwest districts for the Western Union. He expects to take up his new position on November 1st. The statements submitted at the meeting showed that the year ending June 30th last had been the most prosperous in the history of the country. Officers were elected as follows: President, H. P. Dwight; vice-president, Adam Brown; general manager, Isaac McMichael, directors Richard Fuller, A. S. Irving, W. C. Matthews, James Hedley, H. N. Baird, Col. R. C. Clowry, Hon. Wm. McDougall; secretary-treasurer, George D. Perry; auditor, A. C. McConnell.

—The New York Credit Men's Association, who held their annual meeting last week, have now 512 members compared with 456 a year ago, and are doing a lot of admirably useful business in the community. Officers were elected as follows: President, Charles E. Meek, Nation I Lead Co.; vice-president, Malcolm Graham, Jr., F. O. Pierce Co.; treasurer, Edw. E. Huber, Eberhard Faber.

THE COAL AND STEEL COMPANIES.

The Dominion Coal Company's shareholders met together in Montreal on the 25th ult., and ratified the action their directors in cancelling the agreement with the Dominion Coal Company. It is believed by those interested that its prospects are rendered materially brighter by this step, though its floating indebtedness is largely increased, owing to having to pay off the Steel Company. This amount, however, is provided for by means of a two year loan. The directors acknowledge that during the period when the coal property was being operated by the Steel Company, development work was carried on vigorously, the amount expended on the property from March 1st, 1902, to July 31st, 1903, having been nearly \$1,-700,000. The president, Mr. James Ross, entered somewhat into the question of profit and loss as regards the cancel-The coal company could, under its lation of the lease. terms, re-enter upon its property after default in payment of rent, which the Steel Company could not meet, and upon such re-entry it could acquire all improvements Yet the directors considered it would be best for everybody concerned to come to a friendly arrangement with the other company, thus avoiding legal complications with their losses and delays. At the same time, with the modified coal contract now made, some of the ambiguous and dangerous features of the old lease are removed. So, while a sum is paid by the Coal Company which is perhaps considerably in excess of the value of the acquired assets, yet this is offset by the immediate regaining of their property, and by the making of a new contract on more favorable We gather from the statement of the company's position that the aggregate liabilities have increased to a greater extent than the liquid assets by the sum of \$1,093,-018.68. As against this increase there has been a capital expenditure on the property of nearly \$1,700,000, and the common stockholders have received \$1,500,000 in dividends. Or during the seventeen months the Steel Company was in possession of your property, the shareholders of common stock received \$1,500,000 in dividend, \$1,700,000 was spent in improvements on the property, and the indebtedness of the company has only been increased \$1,100,000. The magnitude of the Coal Company's operations is shown by the fact that its gross earnings are at present about \$8,000,-000 per year, while its output of coal has doubled within three years.

On the same day took place a meeting of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, at which the action of the directors in abrogating the lease of the Coal Company's plant was Authority was also given to issue second mortgage bonds to the extent of \$2,500,000, of which amount the directors have already subscribed \$1,500,000. Mr. J. H. Plummer, chairman of the committee of management, explained that the lease of the Coal Company had proved disastrous to the Steel Company, because, to carry on a coal business successfully, it was necessary to carry some \$2,-000,000 of liquid assets. It was satisfactory to think that a corporation in the position such as that in which they found themselves had been able to sell out its assets at par. At a subsequent meeting, it was decided to pass the regular dividend on the preferred stock, due on October 1st, as the present earnings would not warrant its continuance. It is hoped, however, that with the completion of the mills and consequent increased earnings, dividends may be resumed. It, however, bears a cumulative dividend at the rate of 7 per cent.. per annum, payable semi-annually, on October and April 1st. So that while its passing will mean the immediate saving of \$350,000 yearly, the relief is only temporary, as the dividends are cumulative.

OUR ST. JOHN LETTER.

The city of St. John has arranged with a Mr. McLean, a naval architect, to prepare plans for a new ferry boat. Since the inauguration of winter shipping business, traffic between the east and west sides of the harbor has grown rapidly, particularly the team traffic, and an improved ferry service has become a necessity. Mr. McLean has advised

a steel boat, 140 feet long, and suggests that she be built in England, shipped out here in sections, and put together under his directions. Mr. McLean is a Scotchman, now resident in New York. For his plans the city will pay him \$800, and he will get \$50 each month for the expenses of a trip of inspection to see how the work of construction is progressing. The estimated cost of the ferry is \$75,000. There are many in the city who think that a wooden boat, equally well adapted for the service, could be built for half the money, and they regard as very much of an extravagance the capital expenditure of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 that is only going to permit of the carriage of two teams more than are carried on the present boats, built more than thirty years ago. While the city has agreed to have Mr. McLean prepare the plans, it has not yet committed itself to the project of having the boat built in England, and if there are Canadian builders anxious to figure on the job, it would pay them to get into communication with the civic authorities.

There is considerable feeling among owners of private wharves in the harbor of St. John over the action of the Railway Department in renting to Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co. a portion of the I.C.R. deep water wharf, as a terminal for the steamer Senlac, which the firm is building to run between St. John and the South Shore of Nova Scotia. The private wharf owners contend that the wharf was built for export trade, and that as the Government property escapes taxation, it should not be rented in competition with private properties. The Messrs. Thomson are pushing along the work on the steamer, and expect to launch her in a few weeks now, and to have her on the route probably before the first of the year.

The destruction last week of the river steamer David Weston has brought about some changes in the river service. The steamer Majestic, which has been running between St. John and Georgetown, has been purchased by the Star Line, owner of the David Weston, and is now on the St. John-Fredericton route. It is expected that the Star Line will build a new steamer during this winter, and will then keep the Majestic as a spare boat for picnics, etc., in midsummer, and for service in the spring and fall when it is not desirable to operate the larger boats.

A second river tragedy, more appalling than the burning of the David Weston, was threatened on Monday, when the St. John Board of Trade gave an excursion trip to the Chamber of Commerce delegates, who arrived here Saturday night. The party, about a hundred and fifty all told, including forty-five visitors and many of the leading citizens of St. John with their wives, went up river on the steamer Crystal Stream. Leaving the main river, the steamer was turned into the Kennebeccosis, a route with which the officers were not familiar. When near Rothesay a sunken rock was struck. Fortunately the steamer did not ground, but slid over into deep water. Then it was found that she was taking water faster than the pumps could throw off. Those who realized the condition of affairs said little, but devoted their energies to keeping the boat on an even keel, while the officers ran her with all speed for the dock, which was safely reached, but not before the water had risen almost to the grate bars of the furnaces. The English guests who were hurried ashore, did not realize that there had been imminent danger of sinking. Five engines and tugs had to be summoned to keep the steamer afloat, while a diver went down and made temporary repairs.

The erratic course of the Daily Telegraph on the Transcontinental railway question, has revived talk of a new Liberal paper in St. John. Recently it was to be an evening paper to oppose the Globe, because it did not endorse the New Brunswick Local Government. Now it is a morning journal that is talked of to take the place of the Telegraph, as the chief Government organ in this province. Whether or not anything comes of the talk remains to be seen, but there is at present much speculation over the future course of The Telegraph.

The fall fairs now being held in different sections of the province bear evidence of the constant improvement that is taking place in agricultural matters. The reports are

that exhibits of grains, roots, and stock are superior to previous shows, and that there are everywhere evidences that farmers are taking a deeper interest in the matter of improvement on all lines. It is significant that one New Brunswick farmer this year took his herd of Jerseys to the Sherbrooke Fair and swept the boards, defeating men who for several seasons have been carrying all before them at the St. John and Halifax exhibitions.

New Brunswick is just now being visited by many sportsmen in search of the moose, deer, and caribou, which abound in our woods. The shooting season opened on September 13th, and already St. John and Fredericton taxidermists have received many fine heads to mount. The game seems more plentiful than for years, and some unusually large specimens have been secured. The majority of those who come here to shoot are Americans, principally from Boston, New York and vicinity, and last year the Government received more than \$12,000 from game licenses. An even larger amount is expected this year.

St. John, N.B., Sept. 29th, 1903.

THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' EXCURSION.

We have received from a member of the party of manufacturers on their way west, a postcard bearing the date September 26th, which reads as follows: "On train southward from Edmonton since 10 last night. Beautiful country—warmest receptions. Spending to-day at Calgary, to-morrow at Banff. Delightfully harmonious party of 166, of whom 48 are ladies.

"Have just come in sight of the mountains, and people are neglecting breakfast in their excitement. We publish a paper on board the train daily."

We note that the publication in question bears the euphonious title of "On-the-Go," and is "published by the single married men of the C.M.A." Needless to say, it is a journal of marvellous design.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIAN TRADE.

All the world appears to be crying out for our produce, if we will only be wise enough to snatch the opportunity while it is held out, and to nurse it when once grasped.

Mr. J. G. Jardine, the Canadian trade commissioner in South Africa, points out, for the benefit of Canadian shippers, that condensed eggs, desiccated and tinned, are attracting large sale in South Africa, where fresh eggs sell from 3s.6d. to 7s. 6d. a dozen. They consist of eggs, from which the superfluous water is extracted, and sugar added. By adding a little water and beating briskly, it is hardly possible to tell it from the ordinary fresh egg. They are packed for the South African market in hermetically sealed tins containing one pound and upwards, a pound being equivalent to fifteen eggs.

An article in a German newspaper draws attention to the opportunities offered for the sale of building material and furniture in Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.

The display by the Canadian Department of Agriculture at the recent Exhibition at Osaka, Japan, has resulted in trebling the shipments of butter from the Government creameries in the northwest of the Flowery Kingdom this year. The trade with China is also developing, and the shipments to the Yukon are largely increased. There is room for a much larger expansion, however.

English cider manufacturers are interested in the prospects of being able to get supplies of cider apples from this country. They are also asking for samples of dried apples, such as supplied to continental cider makers. One Devonshire man, we hear, has the idea of establishing a cider factory in this country.

Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian trade commissioner in Australia, says there should be a good demand in that country for Canadian wheat and flour, owing to the long-continued drouth. Speaking of the class of goods required in Australia, Mr. Larke says they should be packed in the

smallest possible space, as freight rates on Canadian goods have in some cases put them out of the market altogether. He instanced the case of a bookcase which had been shipped from New York. This had been manufactured by the American firm so that it packed into half the space that a Canadian case which competed with it on the Australian market, took, and the result was that the American article sold at from \$6 to \$8 less than the Canadian manufactured.

It is pointed out that Cardiff, Wales, presents splendid openings for Canadian fruit and produce, one estimate saying that 20,000 boxes of Canadian butter and over 5,000 boxes of cheese could be disposed of in that district every week.

The Canadian Commercial Agent, at Birmingham, Eng., advises his Government that in dozens of stores in that city he had not seen a single case of Canadian goods. He tells of a conversation with a large importer, that if Canadians would put up pork and beans, so that they would go on the market a little cheaper in price than Heinz's, there was an enormous market awaiting such goods in the Midlands, and so with every class of vegetables.

Among enquiries recently received are the following: A commission merchant wishes to be placed in touch with exporters of apples, of which he could handle 1,000 barrels per week, and turkeys, of which he can handle 300 cases in feather or plucked, sixteen to a case, to arrive about 10th December. Communication is desired with manufacturers of best spruce deals 2½-in. wide preferably, delivered in Glasgow or Liverpool. A Midlands firm wishes to communicate with firms in Canada selling pork trimmings, pigs' feet, pigs' heads, chawls, ox tongues, head cheese, hog casings, etc. Wanted a representative in Canada for the sale of tubes, etc., also lamps.

A commission agent in Great Britain wants agency for sale of canned goods, cereals, flour, etc. A firm in Great Britain wishes to appoint an agent in Canada for the sale of water tube irons. Commission agent in Great Britain is prepared to handle large quantities of apples; is desirous also of opening up machinery for export and home trade. Wanted, to negotiate with shippers of poultry and fish from Canada.

A manufacturer of different classes of pottery is anxious to know in what part of Ontario or Quebec can the material be found in its raw state? A firm of lead manufacturers is willing to undertake the handling of lead from a mine, would establish works, and is in a proper shape to manufacture sheet lead, ingot and pipe, and would like to hear from some municipality in the West where shipping facilities are good. Can handle almost the entire output in Great Britain. A gentleman connected with large glass works in Great Britain would like to correspond with municipalities in Canada as to opening a factory. He is prepared to take out about 50 workmen and their families, purchase one hundred acres, and build cottages for his men.

A Yorkshire firm wants the names of Canadian houses open to buy serges direct. A Gloucester firm making a speciality of indoor and table games desires business openings in Canada. Dublin gentleman asks names of Canadian manufacturers of hosiery and woolen goods desiring representation in Ireland. Enquiry is made for the names of owners of crude asbestos mines in Canada. A Paris firm wishes to be placed in communication with producers of Canadian wood pulp and other goods desiring to be represented in that city. Would also act as buyers of French goods for Canadian houses. A Manchester firm asks to be placed in touch with Canadian producers of graphite. A Newcastle-on-Tyne firm wishes to hear from Canadian manufacturers of closet seats. Linen manufacturers are prepared to appoint resident Canadian agents.

Further particulars may be obtained by sending addressed envelope to this office.

—The Rolla L. Crain Company, Ottawa, makers of loose-leaf systems of ledgers, etc., are putting in a full equipment for the Home Savings and Loan Company, Toronto, whose inauguration under a banking charter will take place at an early day.

FINANCIAL ITEMS.

The Union Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Mount Brydges, Ont.

A correspondent informs us that the Ontario Bank at Peterboro is remodelling its premises. When the work is completed, he says, the branch will be among the finest bank offices in the Province.

The sub-agency of the Bank of British North America, at Weston, Ont., is moving into more commodious quarters. It is under the charge of Mr. A. C. Weir, and being the only bank in that locality is already proving a great boon to the whole countryside.

From one of our travelling representatives we learn that the business men of Omemee, Ont., would welcome the opening of a chartered bank in their village. There is not even a private bank, although the population is 800 and the place is prosperous.

The semi-annual report of the Bank of British North America shows that the profit for the last half year's business was £36,696, out of which the directors declared an interim dividend of 30s. per share, being at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. The reserve fund is £390,000, deposits and current accounts amount to £3,339,054, notes in circulation £522,836, total assets £8,367,468.

A new idea is responsible for the organization in Washington, of the Bank Depositors' Insurance Company, for its aim is to insure bank depositors against loss at a premium of \$4 for every \$1,000. From a Canadian point of view we should not think that there is very much hope of success for such a company, for it seems likely to unsettle people's confidence in the banks without the probability of obtaining any large amount of business for itself.

A cable from London says that subscriptions are invited for the Grand Trunk's issue of £750,000 four per cent. guaranteed stock. The issue price is £97 10s. per £100, 10 per cent. on application, 25 per cent. on allotment, 30 per cent. on December 1st, 1903, the balance on January 1st, 1904. The interest rate is four per cent. allowed above payments to be paid January 1st, 1904. Application, with a deposit of £10 per £100 nominal share applied for, is to be made to the Glyn, Mills & Currie Company, London.

INSURANCE NOTES.

We note that the Pelican and British Empire Life Insurance Company is now empowered to do business in this country. Mr. Alfred McDougall has been appointed chief agent for the company in Canada, with headquarters in Montreal.

Grizzly Peter—"Did yer hear about Bronco Bill tryin' to defraud th' life assurance companies?"

Hurricane Bob-" Nope, how?"

Grizzly Pete—"Got heavily insured an' then called Alkali Ike a liar."—Judge.

We understand that Messrs. G. J. F. Marter & Son have decided to continue in the position of Toronto city agents for the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, of Liverpool, heretofore occupied by them. Mr. Alfred Wright, the Canadian manager, has left on a two-weeks' trip to Winnipeg, in the interests of the company.

There comes to hand this week a little booklet setting forth what is known as "The Parable of Reel-Thing." The story is interesting, and is rendered more so by the addition of several pictures which remind one of Flaxman's Homer brought up to date. All parables are supposed to have a moral, and that of this one is: Insure in the Etna Life of Hartford, from whom the book can be obtained.

The Insurance Institute, of Montreal, has made arrangements whereby members wishing to avail themselves of the examinations held by the Federation of Insurance Institutes of Great Britain and Ireland may take the papers and undergo examinations. A list of subjects and application forms containing particulars may be obtained from the assistant secretary. These examinations embrace fire, life,

and accident insurance in all their aspects, and afford an opportunity to young insurance men to qualify themselves for the highest positions in the profession.

The recent increase in insurance rates in London, Ont., appears to have caused the citizens of that place to begin asking themselves serious questions. The Board of Trade is looking into the question of purchasing new fire engines and putting in a second main, which is deemed highly necessary, bearing in mind the occurrence of last spring, when the present main broke, and the city was without any real protection against fire for some time. The matter of better fire protection upon which lower insurance rates hang, is likely to be taken up by the council.

The Health Department of an American city says that female lives are 10.6 per cent. better risks than male lives, and asks why do not insurance agents take advantage of the fact? We have heard one reason why they should not, though it is hardly a chivalrous one. Briefly stated, the reason is, that women have an objection to insurance unless they have become aware that their health is in danger. According to this—whether it be true or false, we do not pretend to know—the women who insure are bad risks, and those who do not insure are good risks.

The fire last week on Toronto Island, the second serious one within a month, draws attention to the lack of fire-fighting equipment possessed by that locality. Some time ago it was estimated by Mr. R. Newman, that the cost of a steam fire barge, with pump, would be \$1,500, and the cost of maintenance, including coal, not more than \$4,700. Considerable civic work could be done by the barge, the revenue from which would help to offset this cost, while the crew could help in keeping the bathing places, etc., in repair, besides which it might render service in inspecting the water-front life-saving appliances. Such a vessel would render property on the Island very much safer, while it would be a valuable adjunct also to the city's fire protection.

GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

On the 24th inst., all the big Minneapolis flour mills closed down, owing to a refusal of the "loaders" to work more than eight hours per day. The millers declare that such a change would throw their whole business out of gear, and that rather than accede to the men's demands they will close the mills indefinitely. About 2,000 hands are affected, and this number may be increased largely by trouble with the coopers, baggers, and bakers of the city.

A London report of 18th ult., re Canadian butter, stated there was a good healthy demand, especially for fresh arrivals and saltless, which was in light supply. An early rise in prices was expected. Choicest salt was fetching 95 to 96s., with occasionally a shilling more. Saltless 98 to 101s.; finest salt sold at 93 to 94s. For Canadian cheese, in spite of the high prices which are 5s. in excess of last year, a good demand existed.

Late reports from Essex county speak of the probability of a short crop of tobacco this year, owing to rot in the young plants, and bad weather conditions. It is now estimated that the yield will not go much beyond 700,000 pounds, as against 1,000,000 pounds last year. The quality is also said to be poor, though prices are likely to be kept up in spite of this fact, by the shortage.

DRY GOODS NOTES.

Halifax mercantile circles are lamenting the death of Mr. John Murphy, senior partner in the wholesale dry goods firm of J. & M. Murphy, which took place in the sixtieth year of his age. The deceased was a director of the People's Bank of Halifax.

Probably few people realize the extent to which the desire to enlarge the cotton supply is making itself manifest in different parts of the world. Especially is this the case in the British West Indian colonies. British Guiana, too, is another country in which the culture of cotton is receiving serious consideration. That it is admirably adapted to the

industry is proved by its past history, which shows that at one time the colony exported 10,000,000 pounds annually. A Cotton Growers' Association has been organized, and everything points to success.

The Dominion Cotton Company has issued a circular advising an advance of from 5 to 12½ per cent on all the products of their Hochelaga mill, including grey and bleached sheetings, pillow cotton, quilts, towels, yarns, and warps.

The offerings at the London wool auction sales on the 28th ult. amounted to 12,899 bales, including a large supply of medium grades. Competition was spirited and prices were maintained. Faulty scoureds were rather irregular. Slipes were in keen demand. Cape of Good Hope and Natal grades were in fair request, and several parcels of first greasy three-quarter breds were taken by American buyers.

The New York Dry Goods Economist says that the radical decline in China exchange has not been followed as yet by proportional concessions in raw silk in the Canton and Shanghai markets. Steam filatures continue higher than comparative grades of European silks, and tsatlees are proportionally higher than other varieties. The tendency is in the buyers' favor on other China and Canton silks, and recent cables are said to have contained some offers very close to buyers' ideas. The outlook is for an early resumption of business in these silks. The Japanese silks have been the only active varieties again. They are the only silks that have sold for distant delivery, yet the few transactions of this sort that have been consummated have been put through at close to spot prices.

-Latest reports say, that Mr. Clergue has arranged with the Soo banks, through the mediation of the Ontario Government, to pay the men in full at once.

—In England an association has been formed under the name of the Institute of Directors. Its objects are to afford a means of communication between directors of public companies, on matters of mutual interest; to arrange meetings for reading of papers and the discussion of topics relative to directors' duties and responsibilities; to watch over company legislation and promote what may be desirable as well as endeavor to check what would be injurious, and to collect literature of value to directors.

—The Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants held their annual meeting in Montreal last Saturday. It was decided to hold, some time this year, a conference as to what should be the attitude of accountants with respect to prospectus figures, the sufficiency of published financial statements, the treatment of goodwill and other questions. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Hyde, Montreal; first vice-president, W. H. Cross, Toronto; second vice-president, A. W. Stevenson, Montreal; treasurer, John MacKay, Toronto; secretary, A. F. C. Cross, Montreal; council—Henry Barber, Toronto; John C. Browne, Ottawa; W. Simms Lee, Halifax; F. S. Sharpe, St. John, N.B.

—As the aftermath of what will perhaps prove to have been the historical Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, at Montreal, the delegates, on their return from an eye-opening trip through Western Canada, were tendered a reception in Montreal by the members of the Chambre de Commerce. The welcome which was extended the delegates was not so different from many which they have received in some of the other parts of Canada, but was significant in that it showed forth the feelings of an important section of the Dominion's population; a section speaking another tongue, but living in peace and good-will with the majority, under the protecting folds of the British Flag.

—A timid advertiser will never be a successful advertiser. The moment a merchant goes into an enterprise in a half-hearted spirit, he chills the iron which ought

to be struck when it is hot, and kills all chance of shaping the metal to the form of success. Only courage and enthusiasm will impart the magnetism so essential to satisfactory results, and if an advertiser does not possess these he would better be content with the small triumphs to be gained in the most conservative channels. "Be bold, be bold, be bold," was originally applied as the course to be adopted for those desiring success in politics and war, but never was it more applicable than to-day as the proper policy for the man who would win success in business.—Printers' Ink.

-Alderman Spence, of Toronto, has a scheme for buying the street railway. He suggests that the amount of money received in percentage from the railway, over and above that required to pay the interest and sinking fund on the street railway pavement debt, should form a fund for the purchase of the line at the expiration of the present franchise eighteen years hence. The money paid by the city as allowance for track pavement last year was \$962,666 gross, \$708,019 sinking fund, and \$254,647 net. It is estimated that the city's revenue from the street railway this year will be about \$260,000, several thousands more than the net pavement debt. For that matter it will not be long before this debt is practically wiped out. The result will be that the city's net revenue from the street railway franchise will be \$225,000, or considerably more if the company's receipts continue to grow as they have done in the past. Mr. Spence's conclusion is that at the time the Toronto Railway Company's agreement expires, the city will be in possession of \$4,000,000, with which to purchase rails, plant and equip-

THE CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE.

According to a list recently published by the Dominion Department of Fisheries and Marine, the total number of vessels on the registry books on December 31st last, was 6,836, of 652,613 tons register; which is an increase of 44 vessels, and a decrease of 11,870 tons register compared with 1901. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of registered shipping last December would be \$19,578,390. Of these, steamships numbered 2,289, their gross tonnage being 303,353 tons. The port having the largest number of vessels on its register was Quebec, with 654, of which 500 are sailing vessels, while Montreal has the largest tonnage, 91,347, and Toronto, the largest number of steamers, 240, which is an increase of twenty over the previous year. The number of new vessels built and registered last year was 316 of 30,216 tons register, and of a total value, estimating the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, of \$1,359,720. Of these 140 were built in Nova Scotia, 60 in Ontario, and 36 in British Columbia. Among the chief owners of tonnage, Canada stands eighth among the nations; Great Britain, United States, Germany, Norway, France, Italy, and Russia being before her.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for Canadian clearing house for the week ended with Thursday October 1st, 1903, compared with those of the previous week:

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	Week Ending	Week Ending
	Oct. 1st, 1903.	Sept. 24th, 1903.
Montreal		19,054,960
Toronto		13,569,521
Winnipeg		4,450,316
Halifax		1,648,078
Hamilton		1,008,433
St. John		1,140,857
Vancouver	1,519,364	1,525,378
Victoria	512,815	601,417
	1,239,530	1,532,577
Ottawa	1,429,098	1,841,384
London	794,116	756,347
	\$48.082.807	\$47.130.258

Joseph Martineau, hardware retailer, Montreal, has assigned. He first began business in the spring of 1899, in succession to his father, who has accumulated a fair competence. He, however, failed in October, 1900, and an arrangement was then made by which the father agreed to take over the liabilities, and settle the same on extended terms.

THE following list gives a record of the patents which have been granted to Canadian inventors in this country and the United States: A. Blake, moulds for casing brake shoes; W. J. Walsh, book holders; T. E. McCollum, car brakes; E. Michaud and C. Desjardines, bouquet holders; G. V. Gzowski, mould boards of ploughs; H. J. Anderson, pneumatic stackers; F. W. Fryer, heat non-conducting joints for handles of metallic vessels; J. Standinger, harrows; J. A. Williams, cattle guards; A. R. Bissett, coal bucket releases; J. S. Scott, hot water coolers; E. A. Manny, canal lock gates; H. Hamelin, baby gates; W. Cross, washing and drying apparatus for photographic films; W. Byrd, machines for cutting and welding pipes, tubes and flues; A. A. Dickson, peat presses; J. Dudley, propellers for vessels; W. G. Anderson, display cabinets; M. H. Miller, process of sugar making; I. W. W. Plewes, advertising devices for vehicles; J. H. Thomas and B. Broughton, power hammer; E. T. Tolhurst and W. Wilson, incubators and brooders; W. Cox, vibrators; J. Armstrong, hinges; J. S. Leitch, packages for holding salted peanuts; J. L. Kieffer, needle guide mechanism for sewing machines; T. Tetreault, medicinal compound to be used as an anticholeric; S. E. Chapleau, refrigerators or cold storage structures; J. Brissette, hot water heaters; A. E. Henderson, roller bearings; A. Crunican, air motor or windmill; O. Zeph, stoppers; G. Graham, devices for shifting threshing machine bodies; A. G. Roberts, car fenders; C. W. Stokes, sectional cookers.

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NEW ENTERPRISES.

Local London, Ont., capitalists have joined together for the purpose of establishing a hide glue factory in the north side of that city.

Messrs. Hogg, Carmichael and other Collingwood parties have organized a company, with a capital of \$90,000, to build a furniture factory at that place, to employ between 100 and 150 men. Some of the contracts for buildings, machinery, etc., have already been awarded.

Mr. A. W. Fraser, of Ottawa, is said to be at the head of a syndicate recently formed in Winnipeg to put up a million dollar flour mill at Keewatin, having a capacity of 3,000 barrels per day.

The St. John, N.B., Ladder Company have secured the rights for the wagoner patent extension ladder for the Maritime Provinces, and will erect a factory in the above-named city for its manufacture.

Barrie ratepayers have declared themselves in favor of granting a loan of \$20,000 to the Barrie Carriage Company, in addition to a free site, water and light for twenty years.

The Grand Trunk Railroad has decided to erect large shops at Allandale, Ont. A site has also been purchased for extra yard accommodation, and for the erection of coal chutes of large capacity.

FROM THE ENEMY'S VIEW-POINT.

A Buffalo correspondent of the Marine Review, referring to the manner in which the St. Lawrence route has been cutting into the grain trade of eastern ports makes the following remarks: "If the roads were grasping

all the grain at a low rate, as they were till lately, there would be little for the canal to do and there would be no cry that the St. Lawrence route was taking all the grain. Some good people are saying that the new scare is a good thing, as it shows the average business man the need we have of an enlarged canal, but it of course has no impression on the farmer, who is the chief opponent of the project. He does not want to help the cities in any way lest they run away from him still further. The vote is pretty sure for canal en-largement though. There is an effort to shut off the Montreal route by the reduction of I cent a bushel on export rail grain from Buffalo, but that is hardly enough to accomplish it, as there is a rate of 3 cents against us. The canal has reduced its rate only 1/2 cent, which shows that there is a belief that there will be grain enough to keep the little fleet busy at that figure. With the 1,000-ton barge ready to carry grain at I cent a bushel—the cost is figured at only about a half cent-there would be no Canadian route possible. really the first time that the Canadian route has made any inroads upon us. It would be very interesting to know just how much money had been spent by the Canadian Government to accomplish this advantage. It is an advantage, too, that can be snatched away at any time, without the aid of a canal, for the roads used to carry for 2 cents the grain that they have asked 5 cents all summer for, out of this port to tide water. Of course,

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the canal boatmen starved then and they would again, if anything like it should be repeated."

Evans, Coleman & Evans, Vancouver, B.C., are about to construct an extension to the wharves where the Ocean Steamship Company, and China Mutual Company's vessels berth. The cost of the work is estimated at about \$40,000.

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Shorts Cornmeal, Domestic	3 80 4 25	Broken Pekoes	0 28 0 35	Brass Copper Wire	0 23	Plums-Greengage 2's " 1 20 1 25
	30 00 32 00	Pekoes Pekoe Souchong	0 .9 0 21	Galvanized	3 45 5 00	" Lombards 2's " 1 oc 1 15
Winter Wheat	0 75 0 76	Souchong Kangra Valley	0 18 0 20 0 20 0 35	Coil chain § in	2 90	Apples—Gal. Cans
Spring Wheat Man. Hard, No. 1 g. i. t	0 71 72	Oolong, Formosa Tobacco, Manutactured	0 35 0 65	Iron Pipe, 2 in	12 55	Blueberries—2's " 0 95 1 00
Nort, No. 1	0 95 0 96	American Tobacco Co		Screws, flat head	o 87½ o 82½	Cherries—White 2's
" " No 2 "	0 90 0 91	Derby, 3's, 4's, 8's, 16's Old Chum, cut, 1/10	0 65	Boiler tubes, 2 in	0 15	Pineapples 2's
No. 3 Extra		Empire Tobacco Co.		STEEL: Cast	0 171	Canned Vegetables.
No. 3 Extra No. 3	0 42 0 43	Cur'ncy, 6's, 10's, 10½'s Empire, 3½'s, 5's, 10's.	0 42	Black Diamond Boiler Plate, ½ in	0 08 0 10	Beans-2's Wax and Refugee doz 0 85 0 05
Oats Peas	0 30 0 31	Bobs, 5's, 10's	0 39	" " 3/16 in " 3/8 th'kr	2 25	Corn-2's, Standard " 0 90 1 10 Peas-2's " 0 87½ 1 25
Rve	0 64 0 65	Beaver, 9's B't'h Navy,6's, 15 oz	0 73	Sleigh Shoe	2 10 2 10 2 25	Pumpkins—3's " 0 90 1 00
Corn Canadian	0 44 0 45 0 38 0 40	B'th Navy,6's, 15 oz	0 39	CUT NAILS:		Tomatces—3's, Standard " 1 05
Provisions.	0 30 0 40	Macdonald's		30 to 60 dy	2 45	Fish, Fowl, Meats—Cases. lb tin
Butter, dairy, tubs	0 16 0 17	Prince of W.,8's,16's Napoleon, 8's	0 66	8 and 9 dy	2 45	Mackerel per doz \$1 10 Salmon—Cohoes 1 35
" Prints	J 18 0 20	Brier, 8's	0 70	6 and 7 dy	2 55	" Sockeye " 1 60 1 75
Cream ry, boxes	0 20 0 21	Mahogany, 8's	0 62	4 and 5 dy		Lobster-XXX ½'s flat " I 90 2 00
Cheese	0 12 0 13	Myrtle Navy, 4's Cut Myrtle, 1/10	0 74	2 dy	3 35	Sardines-Alberts, 1's per tin 0 20 0 21
Dried Apples Evaporated Apples	0 00 00 04			Wire Nails, basis Rebate HORSE NAILS: "C"	0 10	"Sportsmen, \(\frac{1}{3}\) s, key opn'r " o 13\(\frac{1}{3}\) o 14
Hops, Canadian New Beet, Mess	C 18 O 21	Pure Spirit, 65 o. p	in b'd dy pd 1 26 4 80	Horse Nails: "C" Monarch	dis 40-10-71	" ½, key opener " o 21½ o 22 " French, ½'s, key opener " o 20
Pork, Mess	18 00 19 00	" 50 o. p	I 14 4 37	Peerless		" " is, " " 0 16 0 17
Bacon, long clear	0 10 0 104	Family Proof Whis-	0 60 2 22	HORSE SHOES, 100 lbs CANADA PLATES: all dull	3 80	Canadian, 48 0 04 0 04
Hams	0 14 0 15	key, 20 u. p	0 66 2 40	Lion ½ pol Full Pol'd	2 90	Chicken-Boneless Aylmer, 1's
Lard	0 091 0 092	Rye and Malt, 25 u. p.	0 66 2 40 0 62 2 25	TIN PLATES IC	3 85	2 dozs per doz 2 35. Duck—Bi's Aylmei, 1 s, 2 doz " 2 25
Picnic Hams Eggs, \$\poldsymbol{\text{doz.}}\ doz.\ new laid	0 10 0 11	Rye Whiskey, 4 y. old 7 y. old	0 8= 2 60	WINDOW GLASS: 25 and under . dis 10%		Turkey, B'l s Aylmer, 1's, 2 doz " 2 25. Pigs' Feet—Aylmer, 12's, 2 doz " 2 50 2 50
" Pickled	0 16 0 17	G. and W	******	26 to 40 "	4 00	Corned Beef-Clark's, 1's, 2 doz " 1 55
Beans, per bush	1 90 2 00	Special 1887	3 00 6 45 5 25 8 70	51 to 60 "	4 50	" " Clark s, 2's, 1 doz " 2 70 Ox Tongue—Clark's, 1½'s " 7 50
Coffees		Leather.	3 -,, - ,	61 to 70 "	5 00	Clark's, 2's
Java ₩ lb. green	0 24 0 35	Spanish Sole, No. 1.	29 0 31	ROPE: Manilla basis	O 14½	Lunch Tongue- " 1's, 1 doz " 3 15 3 25
Rio "	0 072 0 10 0 20 0 24	" No. 2 Slaughter, heavy	0 28 0 29	Lath yarn		Chipped Beet—½'s and i's, p'r d'z " 165 275
Mocha	0 20 0 28	" No. 1 light	0 2) 0 31	Single Bits	6 75 7 00	Soup-Clark's, 1's, Ox Tail, 2 d'z" 1 00
FRUIT:		Harness, heavy	0 30 0 32	Double Bits	11 00 12 00	Fish-Medium scaled Herring. " 0 16 0 17
Raisins, Malaga Valencias	0 081	" light	0 28 0 32	Cod Oil, Imp. Gal		Kippered Herring—Domestic " 1 05 1 10
" Sultana California	0 09 0 125	Upper, No. 1 heavy '' light & medium	0 30 0 40	Palm, # lb	0 063	Ales, Etc.
Currants, Filiatra	0 04 0 06	Kip Skins French Domestic.	0 75 0 90	Lard, ext	0 55 0 75	White Label \$1 00 0 70
" Patras " Vostizza		" Veals	0 60 0 50	Linseed, boiled Linseed, raw	0 54	India Pale
Calit. Apricots	0 10 0 15	Heml'k Calf (30 to 40) French Calf	1 15 1 50	Spirits Turpentine	0 33 0 31	Jubilee
Prunes, 90—100	0 050 0 060	Splits, \$\Pi\$ lb Enamelled Cow, \$\Pi\$ ft	0 20 0 23	Olive, # Imp. gal Seal pale S.R	1 05 1 10	Half and Half 0 90 0 60
" 70—80 50—70	0 062 0 075	Patent	0 18 0 22	Amer'n Family Safety	0 55 0 60	Sawn Pine Lumber, Inspected, B.M.
5060	0 08 0 08	Pebble Grain, upper	0 11 0 15	Petroleum.	0 17 0 172	CAR OR CARGO LOTS AT MILL.
40—50	0 092 0 10	Buff	0 13 0 16	F.O.B., Toronto	Imp. gal.	1 in. pine No. 1, cut up and better \$35 00 40 00 11 and 2 in No. 1, " " 50 00 55 00
Tarragona Almonds Peanuts, green	0 13 0 00	Russets. light, # lb	0 06 0 07	Canadian, 5 to 10 bls Can. Water White	0 17 0 18	11 inch flooring 21 00 26 00
" roasted	0 0 0 10	Saddlers Russets	0 08 0 10	Amer. Water White	0 10 0 19	1½ inch flooring
Grenoble Walnuts Filberts, Sicily	0 14 0 15	Degras	0 67	Pennoline, Bulk	0 18	1X10 and 12 dressing 26 00 31 00
Brazils	142 0 15	Bides & Skins.		White Lead, pure		1X10 and 12 mill culls 13 00 14 00
Pecans	0 28 0 30	Cows, green, No. 1	0 00 0 08	in Oil, 25 lbs	5 10 5 35	r inch dressing and better 26 00 31 00
SYRUPS : Com. to fine,	0 20 0 33	Steers, 60-90 lbs. No	0 082	White Lead, dry Red Lead, genuine	5 75	1 inch siding box 14 00 15 00
Fine to choice	0 03 0 332	Cured and inspected	0 081	Venetian Red, Bbrigh Yellow Ochre, French	t 1 75	r inch siding mill culls
Pale Molasses: W. I., gal	0 30 0 40	Caltskins, green Sheep & Lamb skins	0 07 0 09	Vermilion, Eng Varnish, No. 1 furn	1 50 2 25	r in strips, 4 in. to 6 in. Canadian dressing and better 26 00 31 00
New Orleans	0 22 0 50	Tallow, rough	0 02 0 03	Varnish, No. 1 furn Varnish, No. 1 Carr	0 90 1 00	1 inch strips, common 17 00 18 00
Patna, dom. to imp	0 052 0 06	Tallow, caul	0 04 0 00	Bro. Japan	. 0 60 0 80	XXX Shingles, 16 in
Japan " " Genuine Hd. Carolina	0 05 0 062	Wool.		Whiting ordinary Putty, in brl per 100 lb	o 65 1 00 s 1 80 2 00	Lath, No. 1 3 00
SPICES: Allspice	0 18 0 20	Fleece, combing ord	0 16 0 17	Drugs.		Lath, Norway 2 50 2 75
Cloves	0 15 0 21	Pulled, combing	0 17 0 18	Alum	b 1 90 2 50	2x4, 6, and 8 common
Ginger, ground	0 20	" super	0 17 0 10	Blue Vitriol	0 06½ 0 07½ 2 00 2 50	Hard Woods — WM. ft. Car Lots
Ginger, root	0 35 0 60	" extra	0 19 0 20	Dorax	0 011 0 05	Ash white 1st and 2nd-1 to 2 in \$28 oo 35 oc
Mace Pepper, black ground	0 172 0 18	Hardware Tin:	\$ c. c.	Camphor Carbolic Acid	0 75 0 80	black, " 2½ to 4 in 35 00 40 00 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
" white, ground .	0 28 0 30	Ingot	31 00 32 00	Caustic Soda	0 092 0 10	Birch " 1 to 4 in 20 00 25 00
Sugars Cut Loaf, 50 s	4 93 4 83	COPPER: Ingot		Caustic Soda	b 0 03½ 0 05 b 0 27 0 30	" square, " 4x4 to 8x8 in. 23 00 25 00 " Red, " 1 to 1½ in 20 00 25 00
Cut Loaf, 50 s	4 93 4 73	LEAD: Bar	4 50 5 00	Extrt Logwood, bul	K 0 12 0 12	2 to 111 32 00 48 00
Extra Granulated	4 28	Sheet	. 0 05 0 05	boxe	S 0 15 0 17	" 1½ to 2 in 20 00 25 00
Beet Granulated Cream	A 12	Shot, common Zinc sheet	4 75 5 15	Glycerine, per lb	. 0 10 0 22	Butternut, " to 1½ in 24 00 30 00 to 3 in 25 00 35 00
Bright Coffee	2 08	Antimony Solder, hf. & hf	8 00 3 00	Hellebore	0 14 0 16	Chestnut, " 1 to 2 in 25 00 35 00
No. 3 Yellow	3 88	Solder, hf. & hf Solder, Standard	0 19 0 21	Insect Powder	. 0 28 0 30	Cherry " 1 to 1½ in 48 00 55 00
" " "		Brass: Sheet	0 24 0 25	Morphia Sul	1 60 1 75	Elm, Soft, " 1 to 1½ in 18 00 22 00
TEAS:		Refined	22 00	Oil Lemon, Super	T 50 T 75	" Rock " 1 to 12 in 18 00 22 00
Japan, Yokohama Japan, Kobe	0 20 0 35	Horseshoe	. 265	Paris Green r b pk	0 10 0 12	" " " 1½ to 3 in 20 00 25 50
Japan, Siftings & Dust	0 09 0 11	Swedish	2 90 4 25	Potass. Iodide	2 75 3 00	Hickory. " 11 to 2 in 28 00 30 00
Congou, Monings	. 0 18 0 50	Bar, ordinary	1 95 2.05	Saltpetre	z. 0 39 0 42 b 0 07 0 08	Maple, " 1 to 1\frac{1}{2} in 16 00 18 00
Yg. Hyson, Moyune Yg Hyson, Fuchow &	. 0 20 0 65	Hoops, coopers	2 90 3 00	Sal Rochelle	0 28 0 30	Oak, Red Plain" 2 to 4 in 20 00 25 00
	0 20 0 50	Band	2 00	Sulphur Flowers	0 02 0 03	"White Pl'in" 2 to 4 in 35 00 38 or
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Tienkai, com to cho't. Yg. Hyson, Pingsuey	0 20 0 35	Boiler Rivets, best	. 4 50 5 00	Soda Ricarb #9 kgg	0 02 0 03	" " 2 to 4 m 30 00 34 0
Tienkai, com to cho't.	0 20 0 35 0 18 0 65	Boiler Rivets, best	. 4 50 5 00	Soda Ash	2 25 2 75	"Quartered" 1 to 2 in 60 00 60 0 Walnut. "1 to 3 in 00 00 05 0

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept, 30, 1903.

Ashes.—Owing to the extreme lightness of supply prices of first pots are again firmer, and as high as \$5.95 has been paid for desirable lots. Neither in second pots or pearl ashes have any recent transactions been reported.

Cements and Firebricks.—A good sorting business is reported in cements; bricks are dull. Receipts last week were 5,000 bbls. and 18,300 bags of Belgian cement, and 35,000 firebricks. For week ending to-day receipts are 640 bbls. and 22,192 bags of Belgian and German cement, 656 bbls. of English cement, and 82,956 firebricks. Prices are steady.

Dairy Products.—Butter shipments to Britain last week were quite liberal as compared with figures of former weeks, aggregating 30,216 pckgs., but the total for the season thus far is still 114,000 pckgs. short of the figures a year ago at this date. Cheese shipments keep up well, 79,504 boxes having been exported last week, and the total for the season is 1,818,231 boxes, being 321,000 boxes ahead of the figures just a year ago. The steady late advance in cheese appears to have reached its limit, and the market is showing a little easiness, though choice Westerns are still quoted at 12 to 121/4c. on spot; Townships, 117/8 to 121/8c.; Quebecs, 111/2 to 113/4c. Butter quotations showed some stiffening after last writing, and, though enquiry from abroad has apparently been checked by the higher prices, still the market may be called a pretty firm one at 211/4 to 213/4c. for fancy Townships, with good to fine ranging from 201/2 to 213/8c.

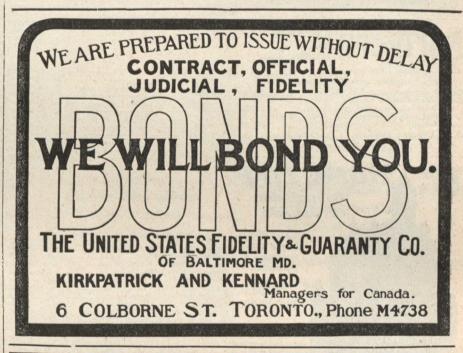
Dry Goods.—Wholesale business continues of a satisfactory character, and city retailers report a good trade except on the occasionally warm days. Failures are remarkably few, and thus far few applications for renewal favors on paper maturing the 4th prox. are noted. Under date Sept. 28th the Dominion Cotton Co. advises an advance ranging from 5 to 12½ per cent. on all the products of their Hochelaga null, including grey and bleached sheetings, pillow cotton, quilts, towels, yarns and warps.

Groceries.-A good seasonable movement is reported in this line. Recent cables advise a strong upward tendency in Valencia raisins, the quantity of full standard fruit being short of the estimates first made. Malaga fruit is also much firmer, owing to increased demand arising from the fact that California Muscatels are very high in price this year. Currants, which were a little off, have recovered to the highest point of the season. Sultanas remain cheap. It is yet too early to quote figs, but comparatively few Comadres will be brought in this year, owing to surplus stocks being carried over. For sugars there is continued good demand; prices remain as quoted last week, and outside

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STOCK AND BOND REPORT.

BANKS	Share	Capital Author- ized.	Capital Sub- scribed.	Capital Paid-up	Rest	Dividend last 6 Months	Closing Prices HALIFAX, Sept. 28, 1903
British North America Exchange Bank of Yarmouth Halifax Banking Co. New Brunswick Nova Scotia People's Bank of Halifax People's Bank of N.B. Royal Bank of Canada St. Stephen's Union Bank, Halifax Yarmouth Merchants Bank of P.E.I.	\$ 243 70 20 100 100 20 150 100 50 75	\$ 4,866,000 280,000 1,000,000 500,000 1,500,000 180,000 4,000,000 200,000 3,000,000 500,000	\$ 4,866,000 280,000 600,000 500,000 2,000,000 180,000 2,972,000 336,000 330,000 325,000	\$ 4,866,000 267,000 500,000 500,000 2,000,000 180,000 2,818,000 200,000 1,303,000 300,000	\$ 1,898,000 50,000 525,000 750,000 3,000,000 165,000 2,956,000 45,000 888,000 50,000	3%, 24, 32, 32, 34, 4, 24, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32	130 136 115 116 192 199 300 301½ 268 277 136 140 210 162 168 100
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Canadian Bank of Commerce Dominion Hamilton Impe rial Metropolitan Ontario Ottawa Standard Sovereign Toronto Traders Western LOAN COMPANIES.	50 50 100 100 100 100 50 100 100 100	10,000,000 4,000,000 2,500,000 4,000,000 3,000,000 3,000,000 2,000,000 4,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	8.700,000 3.000,000 4.190,000 3,000,000 1,000,000 1,500,000 1,500,000 1,000,000 1,300,000 1,300,000 500,000	8,700,000 2,991,000 2,987,000 1,000,000 1,500,000 2,435,000 1,000,000 1,290,276 2,818,000 1,596,000 434,000	3,000,000 2,991,000 1,722,000 2,650,000 1,000,500 500,000 2,256.000 925,000 324,807 2,918,000 450,000 175,000	3½ 5 5 5 Nil 3, 4½ 5; 5; 5; 4; 5; 3½ (qu'rtly) †And 1% bonus	Toronto Sept. 30. 154 156 226 230 215 230 128 129 230 250 288 1332 1412
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markets for raws are reported firm. The canners' combination has declined to book further orders for tomatoes and corn until it is more definitely seen how the crop turns out. It is said some of the smaller packers in this province have asked \$1.25 for tomatoes.

Hides.-As anticipated last week. lambskins have been advanced, the present figure being 60 to 65c. In hides there has been no change of late.

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do. Eq. bonds, and charge 6%		123	126
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do. Second preference stock 3\dagger	****	101	102
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	Dominion 5% stock, 1903, of Ry. loan	101	103						
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	do. 31% do. Ins. stock	101	105						
	Montreal Sterling 5% 1908								
	do. 5% 1874,	100	102						
	do. 1879, 5%,	100	102						
	City of Toronto Water Works Deb., 1906, 6%	100	107						
	do. do. gen. con. deb. 1920, 5%	108	110						
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)	do. do. Bonds 1929 3½%	97	99						
	City of Ottawa, Stg. 1904, 6%	102	105						
	City of Hamilton Debs. 1934 5%	102	104						
	City of Quebec, con., 1905, 6%	103	105						
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Leather.—Trade in this line is still comparatively quiet, local shoe manufacturers not being free buyers as yet. Quebec manufacturers also are not in the market to any degree, as jobbers have not yet placed orders to any extent for spring footwear. Prices in all lines are well sustained.

Metals and Hardware.—Good business is reported by all dealers in these lines. As regards values, few changes are reported. Ingot tin has shown further easing off, and is now quoted at 291/2c. in a jobbing way for Straits; copper steady at 14c., and lead at \$3.10. Antimony continues to rule low at 7c. It is reported that cast iron, steam and hot water fittings, of which considerable quantities are imported from the United States, are being offered at considerably lower prices. Pig iron inclines to easiness. No. I Summerlee is quoted at about \$20, and No. 2 at \$19.25 to \$19.50. There is little English iron available owing to a scarcity of tonnage from shipping ports. The new furnace at Londonderry is not yet blown in, but is expected to be in blast shortly. Bars

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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 1, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.-The volume of trade being done in local drug circles is fair; prices remain steady, but there is no very special feature to report. Ouinine and opium are both in moderate supply. British reports speak of a fairly good export demand for some lines, but domestic wants are of a handto-mouth order.

Flour and Grain.—The firmness in flour continues, and, indeed, the tendency is still towards higher prices. Car lots of ninety per cent. patents fetch \$3.05, in buyers' bags, middle freights, with extra brands a little higher. Millfeed is firmer, while oatmeal is steady. Ontario wheat has gone down from I to 2c., while Manitoba is dull at unchanged quotations. Barley and oats are I to 2c. lower, and dull at the decline. Peas and rye unchanged. Not very much is moving.

Fruit and Vegetables.-Arrivals of fruit are gradually falling off, but the demand continues good and prices keep steady. Peaches are plentiful, and sell at 20 to 35c. Grapes are now coming in in large quantities. Cape Cod cranberries sell at \$9 per bbl. Other prices may be quoted as follows. Cocoanuts, per sack, \$3.70 to \$5; oranges, late Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5; Jamaica oranges, \$6.50 to \$7 per bbl.; lemons, Verdelli, \$4 to \$4.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.50 to \$2; firsts, \$2 to \$2.50; extras, \$2.50 to \$3; sweet potatoes, \$3.75 to \$4 per bbl.; tomatoes, 20 to 25c. per basket; celery, 30 to 35c. per doz.; cucumbers, 15 to 20c. per small basket; gherkins, 40 to 90c.; Spanish onions, \$2.75 to \$3 per large case, and 90c. to \$1 for

Groceries.—A good business is being done throughout the country. In canned salmon, cohoes are hard to obtain under \$1.35. Canned tomatoes are nominally \$1.05, but we have heard of more having been paid. Dried fruits will be arriving within the next week or so, and prices will be better fixed then. Teas continue high priced, but not very much business is passing. Sugars remain unchanged from last week; the movement is fair.

Hides, Skins and Leather.-A somewhat easier market prevails for hides, though prices remain generally the same. Sheepskins continue at 55c. Calfskins are steady. Tallow is unchanged. Prospects for a good fall's leather trade are good, but for the moment it is

Provisions.-Both butter and eggs are showing the effect of a good brisk demand from the Old Country. Dairy butter has gone up to 16 to 17c.; prints. 18 to 20c., while creamery boxes fetch 18 to 20c., and prints 21 to 22c. are held at 18 to 19c. for new laid, 16 to 17c. for pickled. Cheese is firm around 12c. Receipts of poultry are larger and prices are easier. A good demand exists, however, in all lines. Smoked meats of all sorts are in request, and it is likely will continue so till navigation



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