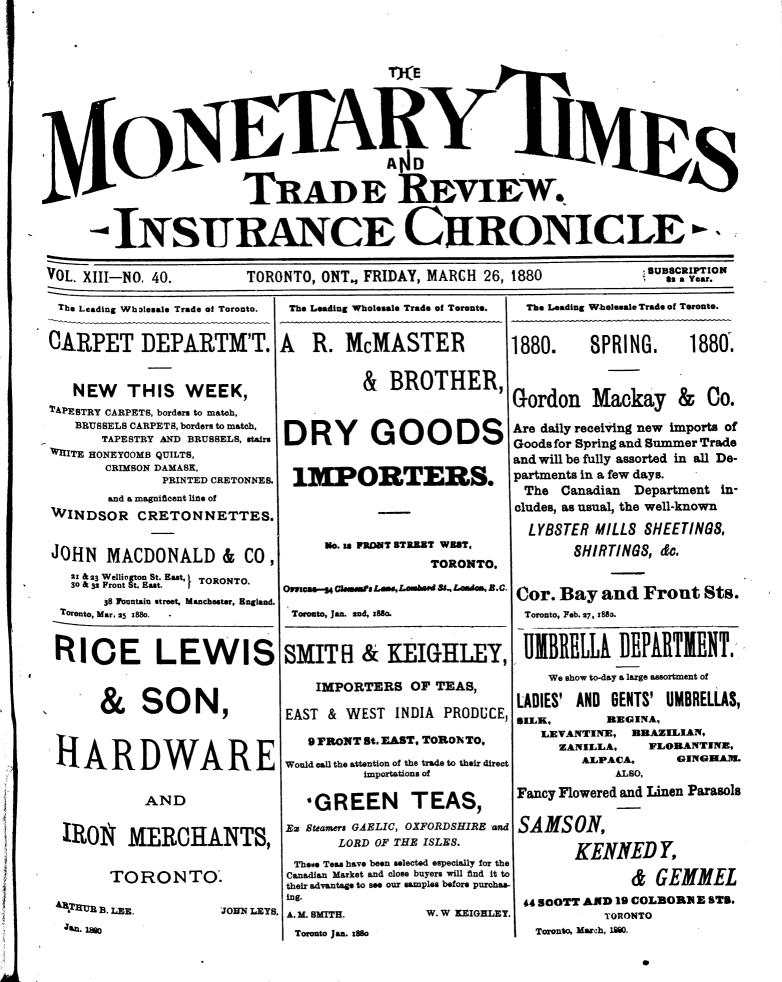
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H. L. BORDEN, of Pugwash, N.S., is served with a writ of attachment by Mrs. Annie Mc Dowell—his sister-in-law.

C. W. REEVES & Co., grocers, of Halifax, have been served with a writ of attachment; a meeting of creditors is called for 30th inst.

GEO. A. MISNER, plaining mills proprietor, of Dartmouth, N. S., has been served with a writ of attachment at suit of Theakston & Angivin, a meeting of creditors is called for 29th inst.

WE regret to notice the death of Mr. Glover, senior partner of Glover, Fry & Co., the prominent retail dry goods house of Quebec, which lately occurred at London, England.

WRITS of attachment have been issued against Arthur Baylis, grocer, J. B. Emond, bowli g alley proprietor, and F. A. Chagnon, trader, Montreal, Sam Corneil, painter, Quebec, and Louis Foisy, general dealer, Arthabaska Station, Quebec.

SPRING wheat grown at Fort McLeod, Northwest Territory is being exhibited at the Montreal Corn Exchange by Messrs. A. W. Ogilvie & Co., and is very favorably reported upon.

JOHN RAINEY, boot and shoe dealer in Oshawa, has vanished from that place with his stock, leaving behind him empty boxes and show cases for his enquiring creditors. His failure in 1876 was considered somewhat disreputable.

A GENERAL store keeper in Midland, Mr. A. D. Myers, arrived in that place from Atherly about a year ago, and has been cutting prices, in many instances selling at or below cost prices, this did not succeed in bringing bim custom and he is now attached by Messrs. Wyld, Brock & Darling.

THE stock and fixtures of the Insolvent estate of Thompson & Buckley, grocers, Montreal, were sold by the Assignee to Messrs. L. G. St. Jean & Co., for $67\frac{1}{2}$ c. on the dollar, cash.

A RETURN lately laid before Parliament shows the quantities and value of grain imported in bond at each part in Canada, from the 15th of March to the 30th of December, last year, as follow: Barley, 880 bushels, value \$1,080 : rye, 770 bushels, \$462 ; Indian corn, 446.832 bushels, \$2,126.316 ; oats, 139.011 bushels, \$37,653 ; wheat, 7,069,759 bushels, value \$7,-415,553.

MR. WM. BANNERMAN, in the lumber trade at Renfrew, has failed, after being in business over twelve years. Some six years ago, he retired from the firm of Barnet, Bannerman & Mackay, with about \$80,000. Leaving the firm appears to have been a mistake, as the old firm have succeeded well. The Merchants' bank now controls the property.

In the Superior court at Montreal, Judge Mc-Kay, in the suit of Brewis vs Stewart, which was a case brought by the owners of the S.S. "Nettlesworth" against the S.S. "Lake of Champlain" to recover £800 stg., for services rendered the latter in towing her into Gaspe harbour, where she lay disabled in a gale off Anticosti, has given judgment in favour of the plaintiffs for the full amount.

A PAISLEY store keeper, Mr. L. H. Spriggings about two years ago purchased the business of Mr. Porteous in that village, who opened a private bank. But he was not long in trade until he discovered that his stock was entirely out of proportion to his capital which was very small. Since that time he has been struggling under difficulties, and is now attached with liabilities of \$7,000, of which \$2,500 is still due on the original purchase.

IN 1878 Halifax N. S., imported 3,730,000 lbs of sugar from the West Indies. Last year the importations from those islands were 20,744,000lbs valued at \$603,000. The sugar refining enterprise appears to be succeeding. A further call of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. has been made on the shareholders of the Halifax refinery, payable on the 15th April.

THE live stock report of Mr. C. H. Chandler, of Montreal, shows that animals to the value of \$2,681,000 had been shipped to Britain last year. With the exception of 1,400 sheep and 74 mules the whole were of Canadian growth. The amount expended for supplies was \$124,100.

WE have a letter from Charlottetown, P.E.I., complaining bitterly about the condition of trade on the Island The writer says that in an experience of over a quarter of a century, he never knew so many persons seeking employment, and "the feeling is general that this Province made a bad bargain when it entered the Confederation. People are asking what about the fishery award ? and the speeches of Hon. Members from this Province are but a feeble echo of the feeling on this matter among their constituents."

It is reported that an effort is being made to put the Windsor Hotel in Montreal, into insolvency. Some persons are apparently anxious to profit even though the public should suffer. The syndicate are evidently solvent, and the only vulnerable point is that interest has not yet been paid on the second mortgage bonds held by its members, and consequently it is said that the efforts of the parties referred to have been directed towards securing some of these bonds, and thereon attempting to issue a writ.

MR. ROBT. DALBY, for many years a dealer in leather and brushes in Elora, and did an active business, was supposed to be worth considerable money at one time. He has failen into difficulty, however, and his affairs are now placed in insolvency. Mr. J. W. Anderson, spinning wheel manufacturer, in the same village, had little or no capital but has been backed by Dalby, and, in consequence, is also involved.

THE quantity of coal mined by the Intercolonial Mining Co., N.S., exceeded that of 1878 by 28,610 tons, the total quantity raised being 92,733 tons for the year 1879. The annual meeting of the Company was held in Montral a few days ago when Mr. Geo. A. Drummond was re-elected President, and Mr. H. A. Budden Vice-President. The directors chosen to serve during the year were Messrs. Geo. A. Drummond, H. A. Budden, Peter Redpath, Gilbert Scott, D. L. Macdougall, Jas. F urnett, R. Simms, R. Anderson, and J. P. Cleghorn.

MESSRS. J. & W. Sutherland, dry goods dealers in Belleville, some years ago dissolved partnership, and John went to Montreal. After four years unsatisfactory business experience in the wholesale trade in that city he returned to Belleville, and it appears purchased the business of his brother, who had failed during the interim and compromised with his creditors at 121 per cent. on his liabilities. William then went into the lumber trade and John continued the dry goods. The latter is now attached by Messrs. James Johnston & Co., with liabilities of about \$12,000 and nominal assets of \$8,000. Considering all these changes, both brothers seemed to have a fair share of the good things that are obtainable even by successful business men.

A HANDSOME new bridge of two spans has been built over the river at Bobcaygeon. The foundations are of substantial stone work, and the superstructure of wrought iron, erected by the Toronto Bridge Co. It has been admired and tested, and accepted; but now comes the question; how is it to be paid for ? A committee of seven gentlemen, chosen to look after its erection, from Victoria and Peterborough Counties, sat long and heavily on the subject, but could not agree. It now appears that Judge Dean of Lindsay, and Mr. J. Carnegie, of Peterborough, are appointed arbitrators to decide how much each County shall pay towards the structure.

Among business changes in the cities we notice the dissolution of Messrs. Lord. Magor and Munn, one of the prominent export houses of Montreal. Mr. John Magor withdraws, and together with his brother, Mr. Frank Magor, has organized a new firm to be known as Magor Bros., & Co., which is to be a general commission and export business. Messrs. Clinton E. Brush & Bro., who have been established in this city for some time as dealers in small wares and trimmings, have opened an office in Montreal, as a further convenience for thomselves and their customers. The wholesale shoe house of Messrs. John Garrett & Co., Hamilton, has dissolved, Mr. Orr retiring. Messrs. Petley & Co. have gone largely into the carpet jobbing, in addition to their other business here.

As the trade of the country grows, and the demand for its manufactures increases, new houses come forward to take part in whatever increased business the growth may afford. We observe that a new firm of boot and shoe manufactures has just been established in Hamilton, in premises next to those of Messrs. Jno. Garrett & Co., which house the new firm's partners have just left. The firm of Orr, Harvey & Co., who are beginning business consiets, we understand, of Mr. John A. Orr, who for fifteen years had been well known in connection with J. G & Co., in various capacities from junior clerk to partner, and of Mr. Wm. C. Harvey, lately traveller and head salesman for the same firm. The senior of the new firm is popular in Ontario and has a good name for business energy and success.

THE St. Catharines Board of Trade, the towns along the Welland Canal, and those interested in the shipping trade are petitioning the Government to abandon the tolls on all the canals. The petition sets forth that owing to competition the rates of freight between Kingston and Montreal were reduced to such an extent as to have little or no profit, while the commercial value of the shipping has been almost decimated. The abolition or modification of these tolls is asked for, in order that Canada may be enabled to keep to herself that through traffic which naturally belongs to her. The Petitioners also request that Montreal may be made a free port of entry for ocean vessels, the expenses of pilotage, &c., to be defrayed out of the general treasury. A subsidy for towage with a low fixed tariff of rates would go very far to revolutionize the traffic between the Atlantic and Montreal, and secure for the expensive Welland and St. Lawrence Canals that amount of business they were constructed and enlarged to accommodate. The reverse of the medal is that these canals ought to pay their own way.

ABOUT 30 years ago Mr. P. R. Jarvis, selecting the prosaic business of a general merchant, fixed on Stratford as his future place of abode. He appears to have struggled along by himself for about seven years, when he was joined by Mr. Service, the partnership lasting till about the end of 1858, when they were unable to pay their obligations in full, and Jarvis & Service became a firm of the past. Then, Mr. Jarvis became a wheat buyer and commission merchant, and in 1869 being joined by one Boag, as a grist mill firm, and then he ultimately drifted into the coal and wood line, along with his other business. After a long and chequered career, during which, however, he has generally managed to wear "purple and fine linen," if not to "fare sumptuously," Mr. Jarvis has lately had to assign, showing liabilities of about \$15,000, and with very little assets, if any, in his own name available for creditors.

IT appears that 14,000 names were obtained to a petition praying the United States Congress to authotize the building of a bridge across the Detroit river at Detroit. It may suit some rail-Way men and their friends to delay and jeopardise, by each a plan, the enormous floating commerce of the great Lakes; but we believe that 140,000 names could readily be got to a petition that Congress shall authorize no such obstruction of that noble strait. It is suggested by a Western paper that Congress will not heed this Appeal that it has no time to consider the pros and cons of bridge or tunnel, such, however, is hardly the opinion of the N. Y. Public which caustically says: "Congress has made no pro-gress. Surely no other legislative body, yet known among men, has ever spent as much time in doing the same of the same same the same time in doing mothing. The new rules cannot be bid to retard business, for none was done before they were adopted, but they have not the they were adopted, but they have not facilitated it thus far. Politican discussion, Decision avoided by this remarkable body. Decisions on disputed seats are indefi-hiely deferred; bills of all kinds are pigeon-tention of Concerns seems to be concentrated attention of Congress seems to be concentrated scribers to any charitable object.

and fixed upon the task of the British circum locution office-How Not to Do It."

MR. W. S. STRIPP, of Rond Eau, writes stating that the kindly written paragraph respecting his affairs that appeared in our columns two weeks ago, did him scant justice. It appears he did not compromise with his creditors but got an extension of time, and that about twothirds of his liabilities were paid in full. After two years he again got behind in his payments, and 65 per cent on what he then owed was offered on his behalf. This was refused, the estate was put into liquidation, but being very badly managed, some of the creditors got, as we stated, only 5% per cent of their claims.

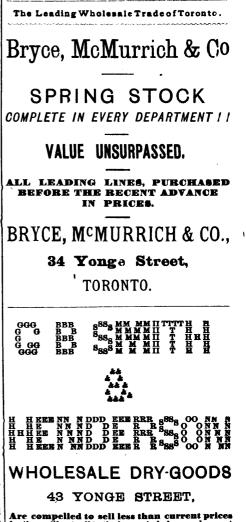
ONE person in eighteen is blind to color, so it is announced by an English physician who has been examining the subject, and many collisions on railways as well as at sea have resulted from the inability of engineers or pilots to distinguish between red and green signals. The United States Treasury Department has issued a circular as to color-blindness of applicants for the positions of first and second class pilots of steamers, propellers, tugs, and steam crafts generally. All persons applying for a license. as pilots on steam-vessels must undergo a visual examination, to determine whether they can properly distinguish the colored lights used as signals on steam-vessels; and in future Inspectors will issue pilots' licenses only upon certificates of United .States surgeons. It an is admitted fact that many serious collisions involving large loss of life and property have occurred upon our lakes, as well as on the high seas, in consequence of the mistaking of signals by pilots in charge of the vessels; many of these accidents have been attributed to carelessness, inattention to duty, or drunkenness, when probably the real cause of the disaster was color-blindness, or an inability to distinguish between the colors used as signals. It now remains for railway companies to take similar action.

THE London, (Eng.,) office of Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co's Mercantile Agency is hereafter to be managed by Mr. Thos. A. Richardson, lately connected with the Canadian business of Messre. Dun, Wiman & Co., as well as formerly in the same business in the States, who leaves Toronto this week for his new field. It is gratifying to find a Canadian employe chosen for so important a post. And it is not too much to say of Mr. Richardson that he carries to his new home a very fair knowledge of Canadian business and Canadian merchants. great capacity for honest, cheerful work, and a geniality and tact that have brought him almost as many friends as customers. His employers, his associate workers, and his friends have severally marked their appreciation by parting gifts and addresses.

IT IS a strange anomaly that a man who will not advertise, on the p'ea that no one reads the paper, is the very man who would go fifteen miles to get a copy of a paper in which he is mentioned as a "prominent citizen," and who would feel disposed to kick the editor the same distance should he criticize his actions, or accidently omit his name in giving names of sub-

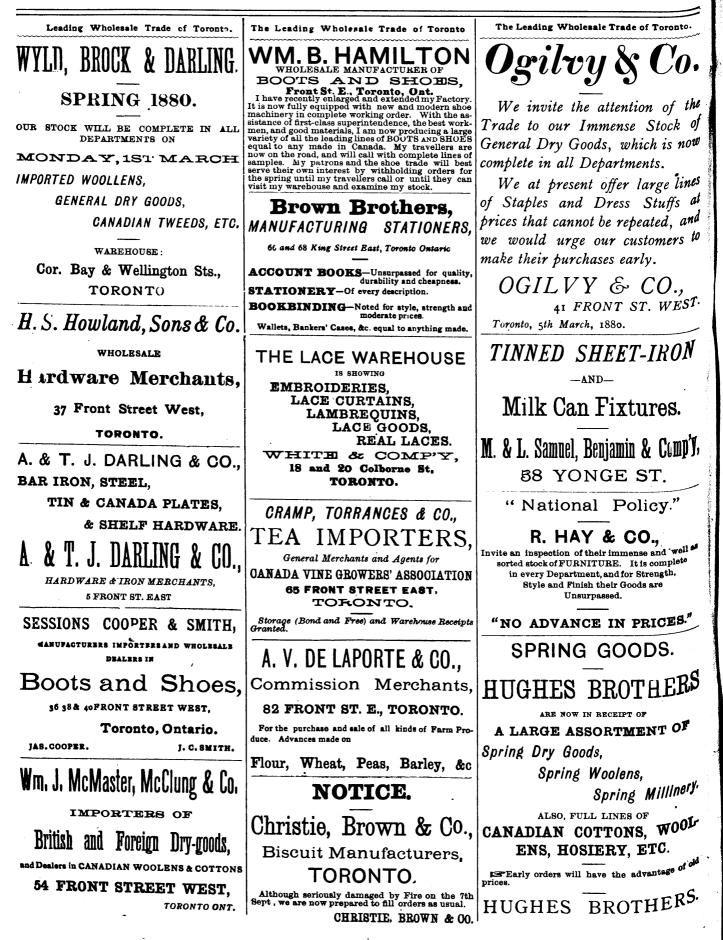
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RENEWAL OF THE BANK CHARTERS.

It now seems certain that in renewing the charters of the banks, no radical change will be made. The Government, it is be heved, did at one time intend to fashion the new charters after the National Bank system of the United States, with perhaps some modifications. That intention probably took its rise from the disasters which overtook the Consolidated, the Mechanics and some others, and the generally threatening aspect which, at one time, hung over the banking community. And once con ceived, it appears to have been entertained in a vague sort of way for several months. From the first it received no countenance from the banks. That they would oppose anything that curtailed their privileges and might lessen their profits, was a matter of course. On this opposition the Minister of Finance might have counted from the first. On some previous like occasions the banks have not acted together; there have been conflicting views arising out of what appeared to be diversity of interests. At present the banks all act together, and they present their views to the Minister of Finance without any dissentient voice. To this union they cwe their success. A more astute Minister of Finance, or one more given to finesse than Sir Leonard Tilley, would probably have found means of dividing the banks. But Sir Leonard seems to have been completely disarmed. It is difficult to say what the influence of the banks united would have been on the Legislature in opposition to a Government resolved to maintain a firm attitude in favor of such a change as was intended. In the days of Lord Sydenham, the banks were strong enough to prevent the establishment of a Bank of Issue ; they Were strong enough to defeat Sir Alexander Galt's banking scheme some years ago, and now they have once more induced the Government to yield. The present Government is said to have contemplated the es-

tablishment of a Bank of Issue among its possible reforms,—indeed this seems to have been its first plan—but all its plans have vielded to the solicitation of the banks. The idea of a Bank of Issue originated with Ricardo, himself a banker as well as a political economist. It was partially realized in Peel's Bank Act, and it is re-produced with modifications in the American National Bank system.

The existing banks will not be required to base their issues on a deposit of Government bonds, in the future, any more than in the past. But a new system in which such deposit will be a leading feature, will be commenced with future banks. Such at least are the theory and the intention. The probability of two systems of banking existing voluntarily, side by side, is not very great. As with two currencies, the cheaper system will be likely to drive out the dearer, or in this case to prevent its birth. Something may be done in a small way under the deposit plan, but it is not likely to be much. It is not probable that any large banks will be started on the new plan. A few small banks may be started in this way. Praccally, the existence of two different banking systems, side by side, has been tried before. What was called, or rather miscalled, the Free Banking Act, permitted the issue of notes by any banking company on the deposit of securities. Very little was done under this Act. and the experiments that were made did not last long. The Free Banking Act, of which the late Mr. Hamilton Merritt was a strong advocate, must be pronounced a failure. It failed not necessarily from its own inherent demerits, but because those who did business under it did not enjoy the same privileges as the chartered banks, and had not the same opportunities for making profit. What has occurred once is very likely to be repeated. It is true that in the United States two different systems of banking exist, side by side. But there the National Banks have some decided advantages over the State Banks and over what a similar system would have here. They contrast favorably with the State Banks, in that experience proves them to be much safer. The losses which the public have suffered from the failure of National Banks have been reduced to a minimum : they are scarcely anything at all. And they have facilities for reducing their note circulation-those in their tills being considered in circulation-by handing them back and selling their securities, that banks here would not have. Here the market for government securities is very limited, and it would be very difficult to find purchasers for a four or a four and a-half per cent.

security, in Canada. This want of elasticity in the circulation would be in danger of producing something akin to paralysis, and it is one of the difficulties in the way of copying the American National system, with or without variations. If that system were adopted as a whole, the market for government securities might become more extended than at present, and this obstruction would in a measure be realized; but if only a few small banks be started on the new plan, the difficulty will be at its greatest.

It would be in order to expect a considerable increase of bank capital, at present, if there were the least chance of its finding Whenever any profitable employment. considerable reduction of bank capital takes place, through loss or otherwise, the rule is that several times as much as that withdrawn comes forward, by the law of competition, to struggle for the occupation of the vacant ground. Each time when the Bank of the United States stopped, many times the capital withdrawn was put into new banks. As soon as men get thoroughly cured of the nervousness which the late perturbation in banking circles occasioned, new banking projects are pretty sure to be launched. But till another banking crisis occurs, it is not probable that they will have much chance of success. If public confidence in the present banking system were once seriously shaken, banks on the new basis would spring up. They would point to the security they offered for the note circulation as a reason why they should have the preference. But the notes of existing banks are to be secured, if not by the deposit of stocks, by making them a first charge on the assets. This, with any bank in a reasonably good position, will be ample. And there will be this advantage, that the banks will not have a large part of their capital locked up as ultimate security for the note circulation; but they will be able to employ it all in the business proper to banking. The change will alter the position of depositors, and make theirs a deferred claim. The strong banks will not suffer by the considerations to which this change will give rise in the minds of depositors, but the weak ones may, under any conditions which tend to shake confidence in them. It is possible that, in this way, the principle of natural selection will in time eliminate some of the weaker banks, and leave the stronger masters of the field.

The banks will be required to surrender the circulation of four dollar notes. The five dollar note will be the lowest denomination they can issue. At present the banks issue, in the aggregate, about four millions of four dollar notes; but it

by no means follows that government notes will hereafter fill the vacuum made by the withdrawal of the banks' fours. The banks have greater facilities for getting out and keeping out notes than the government can have. The ones and twos of the government are needed for change; and a pretty even amount of them is at all times required. They are, in fact, almost out of the circle of convertibility. But it will be different with the government fours. Banks' fives will be likely to be substituted, to a considerable extent, for the fours to be withdraw. The place left vacant by the withdrawal of the banks' fours will be shared by the banks and the government, though in what proportions it is impossible to tell precisely. The banks, with greater facilities for getting out and keeping out their notes, will be likely to beat the government in this contest. If the government could have forced the banks to increase the proportion of their reserves held in legal tenders, the government issue could have been considerably increased; but this would have been a dangerous piece of success. We are glad to hear that this change of proportion is not likely to take place.

The question of inspection, and the form of bank returns remain to be settled. The banks regard an inspection by a government officer as practicably impossible, especially where a bank has a number of agencies. As a substitute for this form of inspection, the appointment of an inspector for each bank by the shareholders finds favor, and is likely to be pressed. It is remarked that inspectors are not always honest, or above being bribed. MInsurance inspector Smyth, of the State of New York has acted in a way to diminish faith in the inspection of public companies by a political officer.

The banks would not be wise to push their claims too far. The spectre of the rag baby is only a spectre; but behind it there is a possible reality, though in a different form. The greater the exclusive privileges of the banks, the more they will be subjects of envy and attack; and a charter, which is a temporary thing, if in the opinion of the public too favorable, will lead to reaction that may go to an unreasonable extent.

BANKING REVIEW.

of the chartered banks of Ontario and Quebec to the Government, for the month ending Feb. 28th, as compared with that of the previous month :

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	LIABILITIES.	Jan. 31, '80	Feb. 28, '80
	Capital authorised	\$58,466,666	\$58,466,666
	" Paid up	54,043,261	54,049,825
	 Circulation	18,139,579	18,260,361
	Gov'ment Deposits.	10,000,059	10,536,636
	Public Deposits on		
	Demand	35,906,913	35,520,356
	Public Deposits at		00,0 ,00
	Notice	26,850,017	27,623,674
	Due B'ks in Canada	2,879,639	3,149,542
	" " U. States	35.316	28,000
	" " Gt. Britain	499,637	390,526
	Sundries	186,334	183,426
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		\$94,497,494	\$95,692,521
	ASSETS.		
	Specie & Dom. notes	14,810,574	14,699,380
	Notes and Cheques		11 3313
	of other banks	2,864,938	2,910,630
	Due from other B'ks		
	in Canada	3,255,187	3,707,674
	Due from other B'ks		
	in Gt. Britain	4,875,656	3,936,222
ł	Due from other B'ks		0.00
	(Foreign)	20,755,310	23,042,297
•	Tot. available assets	\$46,561,665	\$48,296 203
	Government Stocks	1,928,873	1,962,261
	Loans to Gov'ment	716,079	712,462
	" on Bk. Stocks	859,320	711,835
	" on Bonds, &c	4,655,701	3,941,517
	" to Corporations	3,796,440	3,861,573
	Discounts current	85,841,981	86,179,576
	Notes overdue (un-	-3104-1901	
	secured)	2,601,748	2,704,832
1	Notes overdue (se-	-,00-,/40	-1/041034
	cured)	3,052,407	2,954.424
ĺ	Real Estate	2,356,428	2,356,603
	Bank Premises	3,013,126	3,020,398
	Other Assets	3,627,949	4,167,956

\$159,011,717 \$160,869,640

The February return of the banks affords evidence of the general flatness in commercial circles, always more or less prevalent at this season of the year. It would appear that beside the provision made to meet liabilities maturing in London, Eng., on the fourth of March, very little business of a profitable character was done during the month. It will be observed that there is a difference of over \$1,000,000 in favor of English correspondents as compared with the previous month, accounted for by payments for merchandize purchased last autumn; an amount that would probably have been considerably augmented but for contra payments in favor of Canada for cattle and produce shipped in large quantities in the fall of last year. It may be a fact upon which the country is to be congratulated that in the United States we have upwards of \$23,000,000 lying at our credit, being \$2,287,000 more than at the end of January.

The sub-committee of bankers will meet, we are told, in Ottawa, on Friday and Saturday of this week, to discuss with We summarize below the monthly return the Finance Minister the details of the new features of the bill. It appears to be a general opinion among bankers in Canada that government inspection would prove to be utterly imperfect

sibility on the Government which, in the end, they probably would not like. And the labor of it, practical men know, is a serious consideration. The branches of the large banks cannot be got round to more than once a year, even by their own men, who have been brought up to the business and in the institutions they are called on to inspect. Then, as 10 value of assets: even the general managers themselves, and all the staff of the banks, do not know the actual value of the bill-cases. While objecting to government inspection by a political appointee, however, bankers admit the advantage, and we venture to think would welcome the introduction of an audit by professional accountants of the highest integrity and standing. The only persons who have really suffered much by bank failures are the poor shareholders; and these should therefore appoint the auditors with such instructions as they may choose - full or partial inspection. The London and County Bank, for example, voluntarily published the result of an inspection made of that bank for the stockholders. The statement was signed by three directors, who verified its correctness; then by the general manager and chief accountant. That statement was then handed to the auditors, who went to work upon it. These were chosen from two of the first firms of accountants in London. First-class accountants such as these are unlikely to be influenced in any way; they can keep secret the accounts of customers, they capnot afford to give an incompetent or wrong certificate, while they may be trusted not to try blackmailing.

We do not think the banks will lose much by giving up the circulation of \$4 notes. There are nearly four millions of \$4 notes in circulation, but that does not mean that the Government will secure that amount.

CREDITORS RELIEF ACT, ONTARIO, T880.

This measure professes to be one merely for the abolition of priority among execution creditors. It is meant to take effect upon the repeal of the Insolvent Act. It does not profess to deal with the larger subject of the administration of the affairs of insolvent debtors, except so far as this is brought about by providing that execution creditors shall share pari passu the moneys levied by the sheriff. It applies to traders and all other debtors alike. It does not apply to the case of creditors whose executions shall be in the sheriff's hands before the act comes into force, which will and inadequate, and would throw a respon- be on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

It has no application to Division Courts; though a means is provided whereby those who have judgments in such Courts may transfer their claims to the hands of the sheriff, and whereby also a sheriff may in-^{sist} on delivery to him of any assets under seizure by a Division Court bailiff. Payments made to the sheriff under an execution in his hands do not come within the law. It is meant to cover only cases where money is realized by the sheriff by sale of the goods and chattels or lands of the debtor. Where money is thus realized by the sheriff under an execution in his hands he is required to enter, in a book to be kept in his office for the purpose, a notice setting forth the fact of the levy having been made, the amount realized, and the date of entering the notice. This book is to be kept open to public inspection without charge. The money so realized is to be retained one calender month and then distributed with all other moneys levied within that time, pro rata, among all creditors whose executions or certificates to be obtained in the manner pointed out by the act, shall have been placed in the sheriff's hands, before the expiration of such month. A separate levy on the debtor's affects appears to be necessary under each execution or certifi-Cate, as it comes into the shieriff's office.

The whole proceedings in reference to certificates, which under the Act are to take the place of executions in certain cases, are to be carried out through the machinery of the County Courts. One grave objection to this is that it will take a very long time before any sort of uniform practice is established in the different counties. Our County Court Judges are, besides, unfortunately not all men of the proper type to mould satisfactorily a new practice. Many of them are old men, who have been achooled under the laws of twenty or thirty years ago. and whose ideas are more or less stereotyped. It is obviously hopeless to expect from all such judges, scattered over the country, and without any opportunity of intercommunication, an administration of a radically new law either broad and liberal or intelligibly consistent.

These certificates are obtained in this way: when a debtor permits an execution against his goods to remain unsatisfied until within two days of the time fixed by the sheriff for sale of the goods seized under such execution, or for twenty days after such seizure, or allows an execution against his lands to remain unsatisfied for nine months after it has been placed in the sheriff's hands, all creditors whose claims are overdue may proceed to establish them by affidavit instead of ordinary process. This is done by an affidavit being made by the cre-

ditor or his agent in duplicate, setting forth the nature and amount of the claim made. One copy of this affidavit, with a notice shewing the ground upon which the creditor bases his right to proceed under the statute. must then be personally served upon the debtor, unless such personal service is dispensed with by the judge. The other copy, with proof of such service and of the existence of the facts giving the right to proceed by this means, must then be filed with the County Court Clerk, who on the expiration of ten days after the service of the affidavit and notice on the debtor, shall give to the creditor a certificate entitling him to recover the amount stated therein from the debtor, unless the latter shall in the meantime enter on oath a notice disputing the claim. If the claim is disputed, the question at issue may be tried by the County Judge, summarily; or he may order a suit in the court having jurisdiction over claims of the amount in dispute to decide the question.

In the machinery provided for working out this remedy, it requires no very critical examination to discover where many doubts and difficulties will arise. It would be useless to attempt here any enumeration of the weak points in the sections of the Act governing this subject. One provision is rather a novel one. We mean that whereby the County Court Judge is allowed, on the application of the debtor, to extend the time for payment of any claim being proved by affidavit from time to time, such extension not to exceed in all the period of three months. We venture to predict that the conferring of such a power on judges will be found to operate most injuriously on the interests of the creditors affected by its exercise. This alone will in many cases determine creditors to adhere to the old remedy by suit instead of venturing into the new path.

After the period of distribution comes, creditors may contest each others claims; which contests may be decided by the County Judges summarily, or referred as in the cases of disputes by the debtor to some From this source much other Court. trouble and delay are sure to emanate. perhaps necessarily so. Indeed one is strongly impressed, upon a careful perusal of this statute, with the idea that the delays under it cannot but be much greater than they have been under the much abused Insolvent law. Nor is it likely that the expenses will be much less. While this is the case, there are many classes of assets that the act is practically impotent to reach at all. This is notably true in the case of debts due to the debtor, the machinery to reach which is singularly in fficient. Some other features of this law we may have occasion to discuss hereafter.

THE REGULATION OF BROKERS.

In the course of the last two or three sessions, the business of brokers has engaged, more or less, the attention of Parliament; and there is now a bill before the House of Commons for further regulating their action. At present, a broker is required to give the number of the bank stock he offers for sale. Some regulation of this kind was found to be necessary, both here and in England; and in 1867, the Imperial Parliament, (30 Vic., Cap 29) enacted that the sellers of stock must name either the numbers or the registered proprietors of the shares. Here the numbers must be given ; and this is found to be very difficult, if not practically impossible. [t would, perhaps, be advisable to amend the law so as to make the specifying of the owner of the stock sufficient. The reason why the English law was enacted, was that a number of persons would join together to "rig" a particular stock. They would sell large quantities without owning a single share, their expectation being that the effect would be to depress the stock, and when the price got low enough they would buy to fill the requirements of sales made at higher figures, when they first began to operate. The same thing was done extensively here, especially in Montreal.

It has long been the policy of the English law to discourage gambling in stocks. At the same time, bona fide transactions have been encouraged. All contracts for stock were required to be specifically executed, and if the seller failed to deliver, the buyer might purchase other stock, and recover from the defaulting seller the difference in price. But when any one sold stock which neither he nor his client possessed, not only was the sale void, but the offender was subject to a a penalty of £500. To sell stock which one does not possess is mere gambling; and if gambling, when voluntarily engaged in by two individuals, be prohibited by law, with how much more reason ought it to be, when the transaction affects third parties : the general body of the proprietors of the stock made a subject of gambling ? Besides, as between buyer and seller, the terms are not equal, if the seller trusts to mere luck to pick up what he sells without possessing, while the buyer is bound to take what he buys. The seller plays with loaded dice, and the buyer carries on the game at a disadvantage ; for a contract to deliver could not always be filled, if it involved a heavy loss. Another rule has been that brokers, being agents, and acting in the capacity of trustees, should not be allowed to purchase on their own account. The principle which applies to all trustees may, without injustice, be applied to this particular class; and it is the more neces-

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sary that it should be, because their temptations are greater, perhaps, than those which beset any other class of trustees. With these restrictions, brokers may fairly be allowed to regulate admissions to their guild.

SIR ALEXANDER GALT'S MISSION.

A farewell banquet to Sir A. T. Galt, given at Montreal, afforded our new agent in England an opportunity of explaining the objects of his mission and what he thinks can be accomplished. The renewal of the commercial treaties between England and foreign powers will make it desirable that some one should be present to speak on behalf of Canada. Canada, being a dependency, cannot make treaties on her own account; but she may do something to prevent herself being ignored, in these international engagements. In this way, an agent in the position of Sir Alexander Galt may be of essential service to the country. He is of opinion, and in that opinion we concur, that if there had been any one to speak on behalf of Canada, when the Anglo-Gallican treaty, which had Mr. Cobden for sponsor was made, our interests would not have suffered as they did. Sir Alexander assumes that, by the British North America Act, England deprived herself of the right of negotiating commercial treaties in which Canada should be included, without her express consent; and though we have no independent power of negotiation with foreign countries, we may hope to influence negotiations conducted in the name of the Imperial government. This may be ; but we do not see in what sense Canada has diplomatic relations with foreign countries, for officially she is not known there. To talk of diplomatic relations between the dependency and the metropolitan state is to use language in a new and forced sense. An agent may negotiate without being a diplomat or minister.

Sir Alexander Galt made the important announcement that Canada is to take charge, through him, of her own finances in London. It appears that some colonies, far inferior to Canada, do this. At present, the charge of our financial affairs in England entails a heavy cost; and if the work can be done as well through an agent, a considerable saving may be made. The experiment is one on the success of which it would not be easy to pronounce, in advance.

Sir Alexander seems to have persuaded himself that England can be induced to consent to put a duty on foreign wheat, when she becomes convinced that our North West is "the great food producing district of the world." This statement discounts the future to an extent that may well cause surprise. Whatever may be the productive capabilities

of our North Western prairies, they are not yet, and will not for many years be, "the great food producing district of the world." And when that time arrives, the English operative will be difficult to persuade that he ought to reconcile himself to eating a taxed loaf, because the flour of which it is made was grown in a British dependency. For ourselves, we must decline to believe that he would take so complaisant a view of the revival of the bread tax, in any shape, or that such revival will ever take place. But, we may be told, and this is naturally implied, that the bargain need not be one-sided : that Canada could stipulate to discriminate in favor of British manufactures. It is astonishing that any one of the eminence of Sir Alexander Galt should hug so transparent a delusion. This would be to cut off ourselves from the continent to which we belong; and then, instead of prospering, Canada would once more come to resemble the girdled tree of Sir Francis Head. England, our agent thinks, must promote emigration on a large scale, if she would avoid a social revolution. For this reason he thinks the tenants of Tipperary and the farmers of Yorkshire are as much interested in the settlements of the wheat fields, at the foot of the Rocky mountains, as the inhabitants of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Ontario. We do not see what earthly interest the tenants of Tipperary or the farmers of Yorkshire have in the development of our North West. When we speak of those tenants and farmers, we must confine ourselves to those who remain The competition of our on the soil. fertile prairie lands cannot in any way benefit them. No country frames its policy to suit those who leave their native soil ; the policy must be framed for those who remain to bear the burthen. If Malthus had never lived, and the law of population had remained unknown, the spectre of a social revolution which alarms Sir Alexander, might possibly have frightened others. Certainly there has, in previous times, been much greater reason for fearing a social revolution in England than at present. Besides, a social revolution is not necessarily an evil. The present Emperor of Russia made a social revolution when he abolished serfdom. A great change in the land tenure of England would make a social revolution ; but it does not follow that the change would be for the worse.

Sir Alexander has another minor object in view. We have got the privilege of claiming some half-a dozen commissions in the British Army for our military cadets, and he thinks it would be a great object to get a similar privilege for "our naval strength,"

worth while to organize a naval reserve, presumably on the principle suggested by the Adjutant-General of Militia. These are objects which, in our opinion, it would be very easy to over-value. Decidedly, in his notion that the regime of protection may be restored in England, Sir Alexander is a little flighty; though in some other respects he talks very sensibly. On the whole, good results may be expected from his mission.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS.

As the time draws nigh when the repeal of the Insolvent Act is to come into effect, and such measures as can be enacted by the Local Government are to take the place of Bankruptcy laws, an increasing feeling of uneasiness is quite discernible among the members of the mercantile community. The Province of Quebec is probably better prepared for the change than any other portion of the Dominion, provision being made in the Civil Code for the rateable distribution of insolvent estates. This law having been in force before Confederation, it is not likely that any question can now arise as to its constitutionality.

So far as the other provinces are concerned, it is probably beyond the powers given by the British North America Act to local legislatures to enact so comprehensive & remedy as that given by the Civil Law of Lower Canada. The view apparently taken by the Local Government of the Province of Ontario is that it is beyond the scope of their authority to deal with unmatured debts. This view is probably well-founded; and being admitted is a strong circumstance to show that no redress which can by any possibility come from this source is likely to be at all effective. Even as to the measures enacted in the different provinces, questions are sure to arise of their constitutionality. Vexatious law suits, to determine whether this or that provision is ultra vires, are not a cheerful prospect to look forward to.

In view of all these considerations, there is a very generally felt desire that a law should be passed by the Dominion House for distribution of assets applicable to all the Provinces alike. There appears to be no good reason why this should not be done. The Dominion Government would be untrammeled by any such restrictions as hamper the action of the local authorities, and could pass a comprehensive measure, covering the whole ground. The mere fact that the House of Commons has pronounced against the insolvent law and the principle of granting discharges, does not prevent the government from making, at any rate, some provision for an equitable distribution of the and that to earn this privilege it would be assets of an insolvent debtor among his creditors.

Here is an opportunity for our Boards of Trade to render the mercantile community a real service. Let them unitedly and at once urge upon the Government the necessity for the immediate enactment of such a law. There is no time to be lost. Immediate action must be taken if anything practical is to result.

If any further consideration than those we have suggested were necessary to render evident the advisability of such a course, we have it in the fact that uniformity would thereby be secured in the law on this subject in the different Provinces. The advantage of this, in a matter so important to the trade relations of different sections of the country, can scarcely be over estimated. Let us hope that every Board of Trade in the country will be alive to the interests it is supposed to represent, and leave no stone unturned to reduce to a minimum the evils which must result from such a disturbance of trade relations as now awaits us.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS.

In all cases where property is burned, we believe that a strict investigation into the causes and the facts connected with the fire would be found to be of benefit to the country. But where any suspicious circumstances are known, it is really necessary that the strictest inquiry should be made, in order that the innocence or the guilt of the parties may be made fully apparent. An innocent man may go through life having a cloud over his character without the means of dispelling it, unless he can command a Proper tribunal before which the evidence may be brought and acted upon. Jury trials are for the most part unsatisfactory; an honest verdict is seldom obtained from one whilst local, personal, sectarian, national and other influences obtain amongst them to an extent only known to those who have been accustomed to manipulate them. Some contend that a proper officer, accustomed to fire investigations, should be entrusted with this duty, under such arrangements as Would enable him to procure the commitment of criminals, without fear of personal consequences.

Such an inquiry was demanded in the case of the burning of McNabb's Bending Pactory, at Exeter. which occurred on Feb. 15th ultimo, and which we are told was twice before set fire to, because all the circumstances were such as to throw grave suspicions upon several persons, and each one of them had right to such investigation as would relieve him from the burden. As the case is yet before the courts, we do not presume to make any extended comment at present. But very grave assertions made

against persons whose guilt or innocence may be made apparent before the enquiries cease.

One McNabb, for example, says that the building cost in 1877 \$500, and the machinery cost \$2,448, making a total of \$2,948. In the applications for insurance, the building is valued at \$900, and the machinery at \$4.400, making a total of \$5,300,upon which values the parties obtained insurances to the amount of \$3,533.33. A great deal of evidence was postponed at the Coroner's inquiry, and more is said to be forthcoming in due time. But enough has been shown to make it quite evident that in such cases, any one at all liable to suspicion should have every facility in establishing his innocence. Similarly, every one having ground of suspicion, or possessing proofs, should be enabled by adequate procedure, to procure the conviction of the guilty parties.

UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

This association, of whose new building we have pleasure in presenting to our readers an illustration to-day, has reached its fifteenth year, having been incorporated in 1865 under the name of the Union Permanent Building and Savings Society. In consequence the growth of the Society's business, and the extended character of its financial transactions, it was decided in 1876 to change its name to the one it now bears. The business having grown from year to year, it was found necessary to provide more roomy premises and a permanent location. The handsome new office on Toronto street in this city, which the Company now occupies, were therefore erected. The lithographed view gives our readers a good idea of the bold style and the roomy proportions of the building, But the materials of the front, Ohio grey stone, New York brown stone and New Brunswick granite, by their effective treatment make a far greater impression upon the eye than any picture can convey. The structure is in Gothic style of architecture, and has a frontage of 51 feet by 107 feet in depth. The main building, which is 64 feet deep, consists of a broad central hall, on one side of which is the Company's fine suite of offices, the other being occupied by the Union Fire Insurance Company. Immediately in the rear of the main building are situated the staircase, passenger elevator and fire proof vaults. The front, the height of which is 66 feet above the pavement, is of grey freestone, with granite pillars, and carved capi als. The tower and spire exterds to a height of 93 feet. About twenty suites of offices are in the building, the interior of which is finished in polished chestnut. Much credit is due Messrs. Langley, Langley, & Burke, the architects, for erecting such a fine looking building, outside and inside, for the moderate sum of \$37,000.

It will be observed from the last report of the Another point of interestis, that the cancella-Company that the profits of the past year have tion of the policies of the makers of notes in

enabled the Directors to pay two half yearly dividends at the rate of 5 per cent., and after writing cff all ascertained bad debts, to add \$5,000 to the reserve fund, which now amount to \$105,000 besides leaving \$1600 to the credit of contingent account, a result which must be as pleasing to the stock-holders as it is creditable to the management. The President Mr. Francis Richardson, and the Vice-President Mr. Arthur Lepper, who are both re-elected, have held them respective positions from the incorporation until the present time, Mr. Maclean, the Manager, has acted in that capacity since the death of Mr. Pyper, the former secretary of the Company, in 1869.

DUFF VS. THE CANADIAN MUTUAL FIRE IN-SURANCE.-This suit was an appeal from the report of the master in Chancery at Hamilton, and the " Times" of that city reports that Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot held: 1st. That the bylaw authorizing the guarantee capital was not ultra vires. 2. That subscribers to the guarantee capital are liable to pay up the balance of the sums subscribed by them. 3. That the guarantee capital might properly be applied in payment of losses as they occurred in all the branches. 4. That members of the Hydrant and Country Branches are not liable to be assessed on their premium notes to repay amount paid and to be paid on guarantee capital used in payment of losses in other branches. 5. That resolution of 26th March, 1878, so far as at variance with the report of the Directors at general meeting declaring each branch liable only for its own losses and a just proportion of the expenses of general management, is void. 6. That makers of notes in the Commercial Branch, though their policies are cancelled, continue liable for assessments for losses up to the date of cancellation, while the notes remain in the hands of the Company. 7. That the Company should carry on business in Quebec. Costs of the appeal reserved until hearing on further directions.

Excepting in one or two particulars, this case does not specially interest mutual insurers. Singular as it may seem, almost every Mutual Insurance Company pos. sessed of a guarantee capital has collapsed. The Beaver & Toronto, the Niagara District, the Canadian Mutual are in the last throes of being wound up, and they were (we believe the only) companies which offered that "additional inducement to intending insurers." So much therefore as relates to Guarantee Capital, its subscribers and their liability, in the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor, may be set aside as not likely ever again to engage the attention of mutual insurers. There are two points, however, which merit some consideration. The Canadian Mutual had separated its business into branches. A resolution which was passed by the Board of Directors, at variance with the report of the Director at the general meeting, declaring each branch liable for its own losses and just proportion of expense, was held to be void. The gist of that resolution was to do away with the separation of the company's business into branches. Another point of interest is, that the cancella1146

any branch does not affect their liability for assessments for losses to date of cancellation, "while the notes remain in the hands of the Company."

INSTRUCTIVE CORRESPONDENCE.—Under the appropriate heading of "A natural outgrowth of the custom of compromise settlements," the San Francisco Country Merchant prints the letters which follow. The legislature of that state were considering an insolvency bill, which had an objectionable insolvency clause in it, and this clause the paper in question opposed, with so much force, as to evoke a feeling of opposition among California merchants to its passage, and to get it expunged by the Judiciary Committe of the Legislature :

OROVILLE, Butte Co., Cal., Feb. 5th, 1880. Messrs. —, Sacramento, Cal.

One of my creditors, becoming unnecessarily alarmed, attached me on the 27th ult., and to protect, or to give my creditors an equal chance, I have filed my papers in insolvency. My liabilities are about \$6,300, assets about \$1,200. I propose to settle with my creditors at ten cents on the dollar, giving my note for ninety days, so as to give me a chance to get the money from the east. This I think will be the best for all concerned, for if my creditors force me through insolvency, there will be nothing left after paying expenses. Yours Respectfully,

To which letter the jobber replied in the following spicy terms:

SACRAMENTO, Cal, Feb. 6th, 1880.

-, Oroville, Dear Sir : Your sin-Mr. gular letter is received. We don't think, by your showing, that the firm you name were much out of the way in attaching you, as it is quite necessary to clean up an institution that has eaten up about 75 cents on the dollar. All we blame you for is for not getting away with the entire thing. We are not going to make you respectable by settling with you for ten cents on the dollar. We don't fear any bankrupt court. If you have got any kind of a court up there that can get away with any portion of what you have left before you do, we think they deserve the thanks of all the creditors, and the community besides. Just think of the offer you make, ten cents on the dollar, and ninery days Think of taking your note for \$1.80 for ninety days. Send Yours Truly. us your likeness.

-A few days ago an important deputation of lumber merchants from the Ottawa, St Maurice and other lumitering districts, waited upon the Quebec government for the purpose of obtaining in an authoritative form a distinct and official declaration as to the validity of the lumbermen's title to their limits, so as to allay the feeling of uncertainty shown to exist in financial circles in England in relation to this question. The lumbermen, it seems, want the same right to timber limits that they had previous to 1:69, and that the legislation of 1872 and orders-incouncil passed at that time shall in no way interfere with or cast any doubt upon their vested rights. The petitioners also ask the government to consider the advisability of revoking the clause in the regulations exacting a bonus on each transfer of limits, an enactment which is found very burdensome and vexatious and a means of preventing individuals from realizing on their assets, which in many instances has become necessary from the long continued depression in trade. Mr. Chapleau, the Premier, promised to give the matter the attention it deserved.

-At the adjourned annual meeting of the members of the Fire Insurance Adjusters Association, held in the British America Assurance Company's building, in this city, on the 22nd inst., the following gentlemen were elected officers of the Association for the current year. President, Mr. R. McLean, of the Scottish Commercial, first Vice-president, Mr. James Spier, Liverpool & London & Globe, Montreal, second Vice-president, Mr. James Pringle, Western Insurance Company. Executive Committee : Messrs. Jos. B. Reed, Liverpool & London & Globe, Toronto, Fras. H. Berry, Quebec Insurance Company, Toronto, J. B. Hughes, Waterloo Mutual, Waterloo, W. Henderson, Hartford, Toronto, and F. R Despard, Dominion, Hamilton. Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. M. Simons.

-The imports at Montreal for the month of February show a falling off in value of no less less than \$1,335,494 as compared with February last year, and this, notwithstanding the fact that all articles of merchandise are at much higher prices than a year ago, so that the decrease in quantity must be very considerable. In February 1879, it will be remembered, larger quantities of goods than usual were brought in anticipation of tariff changes, which explains the magnitude of the deficit this year. A comparison shows:

Dutiable goods Free goods Tobacco for excise Coin and Buillion	184.060	FEB. 1880 \$1,792,358 232,522 50,811 8,630
TOTALS	\$3,419,818	\$2.084,324

-The sudden advance in the United States of four cents a pound on paper partly manufactured of wood pulp, has caused a great out cry amongst newspaper and grocery men using that class of paper. There is evidently a combination among the manufacturers, for the American paper makers association fixes the price from month to month. The prime cost of pulp it appears is only one cent and a quarter a pound, but it sells for four cents, a profit of 320 per cent: "This increases the expenses of the papermaker, but the increase is more than met by an addition to the price of paper, and it comes out of the buyer in the end.

—It is reported that a French line of steamers has been established to ply between Montreal and Havre, the first packet of which will sail from the latter port for the St. Lawrence on the first of May next. The shipment of cattle to France is one of the objects for which the new line is started. -On Friday last, a large and influential meeting was held at Orangeville in the interest of the 'oronto Grey and Bruce Railway, Among those present were several members of the Local Legislature and representative men from the Municipalities through which the road passes. Strong appeals were made to the delegates to come to the assistance of the road. The amount required to widen the guage and place the line in first-class condition is \$667,000, of which the Municipalities will be asked to grant \$400,000, the stock and bondholders to supply the remainder.

-A deputation of Montreal hardware men, consisting of Messrs. Crathern, Darling, Hutton, Saunderson and others, is to proceed to Ottawa next Tuesday to discuss with the Minister of Customs, the question of the difference between purchase, and assumed market values at date of shipment, for Customs entries. At a meeting of the leading hardware men of Toronto Messrs. Wm. Thomson, Joseph Robinson and Thos. Lee were chosen to proceed to Ottawa on the same day to aid their Montreal confreres in this important matter.

-Mr. Crombie, the present manager of the Merchants' Bank at Hamilton, goes to Montreal and Mr. John T. Gault, in charge of the Walker[•] ton branch of the same bank, takes his place, the branch of the same Bank at Sorel P. Q. is to be closed on Saturday next; the building has been rented to the late manager of the branch, Mr A. A. Tailton, who opens a banking house under the name of the Richelieu District Bank.

—It is stated by the Montreal Post, that the Mechanics' bank affairs will turn out better than was expected some months ago. Collections are said to be coming in pretty freely, over \$35, ooo being now in the hands of the assignce.

-The Grangers of Kings county N.S., are shipping 4,000 barrels of potatoes to England via Halifax. A vessel at Canada Creek, Kings county, is being loaded with 6,000 bushels of potatoes, also for the English market.

Correspondence.

THE NEW DOMINION NOTE ISSUE.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—Borrowing, says Mr. Gladstone, is the vice of European Governments, nor can it be said that the Government of this Dominion is entirely free from it. In order to relieve the Government from the necessity of borrowing abroad the Minister of Finance has decided to make a further issue of Dominion notes. Instead of the twelve millions which may now be issued he will issue twenty millions. When notes are issued by a Government or by banks there ought always to be held a considerable amount of specie in reserve to meet probable demands for resumption. Under the present Dominion note act the Government is obliged to hold three millions three hundred thousand dollars in gold against an issue of twelve millions. This was the amount

fixed by the Finance Minister who introduced the act. But the present Minister of Finance evidently does not agree with his predecessor, for he proposes to hold only three millions in gold against an issue of twenty millions. This is a dangerously low reserve. The Government securities he proposes to hold in addition to the gold is an illusory reserve, seeing they are mere-ly promises to pay held to meet promises to pay. There is no more security in the bond than in the note for they are each the obligation of the Government, and the one is of no more binding nature than the other. Therefore, the only really available reserve, is the small amount of gold which it is proposed to hold. If not the "rag baby" pure and simple, this is very closely allied to be launched on a financial career which will sooner or later land us in an irredeemable paper currency. The necessities of the Government are so great and still growing that there will probably be another issue of notes in a short time, and the reserves may be still further les sened in proportion to the notes to be issued.

To borrow by the issue of notes is dangerous for any Government and is full of temptation to excess. In the old revolutionary days a member of congress is represented as having asked. "Do you think that I will consent to tax my constituents, when we can send to the printers and get as much money as we want?" This is the spirit which is produced and fostered by a Government borrowing by means of the issue of notes. They are so easily produced, Govern-ment can so readily pay their debts by means of them, and should they be brought back for redemption in awkward amounts a simple order in council can suspend specie payments, that there is every temptation for any Government to borrow in this way. No Government having the welfare of the country at heart should adopt this plan, for it has invariably resulted in disaster whenever it has had its full development. So long as specie payments are maintained the Government can only issue and keep in circulation as much as is required by the country, and it will be unable to increase its issues except by displacing those of the banks. This result must be calculated on by the Finance Minister, and therefore, it is clear that the Government has decided to reduce the available banking capital of the country in this way at the very time that it is assuring the country that trade is improving, and will continue to improve, whereby more banking capital will be necessary. Thus will be satisfied the "rag baby" enthusiasts and all who think that banks are injurious to the development of a young country. But sober minded men, men whose views are far reaching and clear, will view with alarm this proposed increased issue of notes combined with a diminished specie reserve. The end may not be yet, but it cannot be far off. The Government were supposed to be cocuetting with the "rag baby" nurses, and it is now quite evident that the supposition was correct. Before the conquest of Canada, bills were made a legal tender in the old colonies, and as fast as one set of bills matured, others in increased amount were issued, just as the present Government is doing. Then the current expenses of Government were paid in legal tender paper as our Government now proposes to do, and should a crisis occur the inevitable result, a suspension of specie payments, will follow; and we may, sooner than some unthinking people expect, see the specie dollar worth five, eight or fourteen paper dollars as in pre-revolutionary times. The proposition of the Finance Minister to increase the issue of Dominion notes ought to be sternly resisted, for it is in every way dan gerous to the state. It will tend to increase Our already large expenditure (money easily gained is quickly spent), and must derange sooner or later the Finances and endanger the commercial survey of the country commercial success of the country.

meetings.

UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the tockholders of this company was held at its office, Toronto street, on Friday, the 19th day of March, 1880. Present :- Francis Richardson, Esq., President, in the chair; Messrs. Arthur Lepper, Dr. Walter B. Geikie, R. H. Trotter, Jan.es McGee, John Eastwood, James Crocker, Directors ; John H. Rose (Messrs. Rose, Mac-Directors; Jonn H. KORE (MESSTE. KOSE, MAC-donald, Merritt & Co., Solicitors); K. Cerberry, E. Cooper, Herbert Mortimer, J. C. McGee, R. Gilmor, S. B. Canton, Rev. John Gillespie, Dr. Cariyle, J. N. Lake, J. P. Clark, Robert Dow, N. A. Gamble, George Gamble, W. H. Pearson Rev. Dr. Perslav. John Ellicit. J. H. Pearson, Rev. Dr. Barclay, John Elliott, J. H. Davis, G. R. Hamilton, Dr. H. Robertson. Jas. M. (ffray, W. T. Boyd, &c, and the Secre-tary, Mr. Maclean, read the notice convening the meeting, and then presented the following

Report.

1. The Directors of the Union Loan and Savings Company have the pleasure to submit their fifteenth annual report, and to direct the attention of the stockholders to the statements of account appended thereto, which will show that, notwithstanding increasing competition, the Company steadily progresses from year to year.

It will be observed that your Directors 2. have been enabled, after providing for all expenses and writing off all ascertained bad debts, to pay to the stockholders two half-yearly dividends at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and to add \$5,000 to the Reserve Fund of the Company, which now amounts to \$105,000, besides leaving \$1,500 to the credit of the Contingent Account ; a result which your Directors feel assured will be highly gratifying to the stockholders.

The total assets of the Company amount 3. to \$1,072,563, which includes mortgages and other securities valued at upwards of \$900,000, the Company's new building, which now produces upwards of sten per cent., gross rental, on the cost, and \$103,577 standing to the Company's credit in the Dominion Bank.

The loans passed during the year amount to \$212,584, being less than for the corresponding period last year, but the cash on hand and amount received on account of new stock for the year preceding will more than account for the difference. Owing to the wide-spread depression which has prevailed, the Di ectors have exercised the utmost possible care in the passing of all applications for loans-believing it better to loan less money with undoubted security, than to extend business on a basis less sound.

5. The deposits amount to \$388,553, and show an increase of \$80,000 over the corresponding period of last year, which affords additional proof of the increasing strength and prosperity of the Company.

6. It is not the intention of your Directors to issue any more new stock, at least until the aggregate amount of money deposits, together with the amount of debentures, shall amount to double the capital, as provided by the Act, and then only with the sanction of the stockholders; but so long as fixed and permanent deposits and debentures can be obtained at moderate rates of interest there will be no necessity to do so for some years to come.

7. Your Directors have the satisfaction to report that they have secured the services of Messrs. Rose, Macdonald, Merritt & Co., as solicitors of the Company, in place of Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, resigned.

8. The Auditors have, as usual, bestowed great pains in the examination of the Company's their certificate appended to the statement.

The Directors hold their seats from year to year, but are eligible for re-election in accordance with the Company's by-laws. Respectfully submitted.

W. MACLEAN. FRANCIS RICHARDSON. President. Manager.

STATEMENT OF RECEIFTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29TH FEBRUARY, 1880.

Receipts.

Cash	in l	ank from	n last year \$	60.555	б5
**	on	hand	•••••••	175	43
**	on	account	of stock	22.550	30
44	**	"	"loans	255.168	25
"	der	osits rec	eived	417.071	35
	on	account	of interest	5.054	63
61	- 66	**	" premiums	127	13
**	**	66 1	" debentures	7.300	
**	۰.	**	" rents \$1,078 63	/1300	•••
**	**		" sundries 306 68		
				1.385	21

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Amount of loans	\$212,584 87
Amount of deposits returned	352,956 96
Amount of borrowers' insurance, &c	21,588 45
Dividends paid	45,972 12
Debenture and sundry interest	4,073 2 3
Paid on account of new buildings	28,929 33
Office expenses, rent and taxes	5,400 00
Directors' and Auditors' fees	2,764 00
Petty disbursements	357 31
Cash in bank	103,577 23
Cash in hand	184 50

\$778,388 00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. Assets.

Mortgages, present value Collateral Securities New Building Office Furniture, &c Agents in Scotland Rents and charges, paid and out-	
staanding	988 18
Cash in Bank	103,577 23
Cash in hand	184 50

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Liabilities.		
Due to stockholders \$500,000 00 Less balance due		
on new shares 14,687 84		
•	\$485,312	ıб
" to Depositors, including in-		
terest	388,553	
" on Debentures	69,106	66
" " Dividend No. 30	23,190	75
Reserve Fund last year \$100,000		
" added this year 5,000		
	10 5,000	00
Contingent account \$4,458 16		
Written off 2,857 46		
	1,600	7I

\$1,072,763 56

We, the undersigned, have audited the books of the Union Loan and Savings Company for the year ending 29th February, 1880, and find them in conformity with above statement, and have checked the Vouchers and Mortgage Registers and found them correct.

JAMES CARLYLE, Auditors. JOHN S. LAKE,

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, briefly adverted to the prosperous condition of the Company, and congratulated the stockholders of the valuable property they had acquired in the erection of the handsome new books and accounts, and reference is made to edifice in which they were now assembled. He hoped when they met again next year that the

result of the Company's business would be equally favorable, and he had no doubt would go on increasing from year to year, as it has done in the past. Mr. Herbert Mortimer, in second ing the adoption of the report made some very practical remarks, showing the gradual increase in the percentage or increase in the reserve fund, which now amounts to about 221 per cent. on the carital. after several other eulogistic remarks from Mr. Geo. Smith, Dr. Barclay, Mr. W. H. Pearson, and others, the Directors and Auditors were re-elected for the current year, and a substantial vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice-President and Directors of the Company for their able administration of the Company's affairs. A special vote of thanks was likewise passed to the Manager, Mr. Maclean, and the officers of the Company, for the efficient and attentive manner in which they had discharged their respective duties.

W. MACLEAN,

Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. Francis Richardson was re-elected President. and Mr. Arthur Lepper Vice-President for the current year.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, 23rd March, 1880.

CRUDE oil continues gradually weakening. This is just now very natural, and it may be expected to be quiet until the sun begins to go southward again. Sales are now very few, the last genuine transaction we heard of being \$1.30 on board cars. That may be called the average quotation, with downward tendency. Refined oil, as anticipated in a previous report the refiners have lowered their price to IIC. in Lon-don, which will probably be the ruling rate during the summer months, no accurate estimate can be formed however, until the fire-test legislation is accomplished. Drilling is steady, with few noteworthy strikes.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?-- "When the young Lieutenant called on General Sherman to ask him for his daughter's hand in marriage, smart old Tecumseh turned sharply upon him with the question : "What can you do?" "Take an engine apart and put it together again," promptly responded the limb military. "You are the boy for me," said the General, as he made the young couple happy by handing the Lieutenant over to "Min" for safe keeping. A wise father this, say you. There can be no doubt of it. How different is the young man who explains confidently and at once what he can actually do now from the other fellow who stares fate in the face through an eye glass without an idea how he is to get on in the world further than he fancies him. self just elegant in the hosiery department of some "store," or doing something "light and genteel in the canvassing business." Let us help our children and ourselves to overcome this aversion to the trades. The avenues to distinction and wealth are as many, as easy of access, and are really more attractive in the arts and appfied sciences than are those of mere professional life; and, in any view, are certainly more desirable than the meagre livings available to those who spend their lives among haberdash-ery and kindred occupations. The educated artisan is the coming man. It is the boy who, not heglectful of his books, takes kindly to his bench and becomes, through a faithful apprenticeship, the cunning workman, who will become the future Superintendent and President of manifold and diverse manufacturing interests. This is the iron age, and bles ed is the child who shall not fear to grapple with the metals in

needs of the race. To the bovs, therefore, we add Commissioner of Public Works : New York Gas Cut loose from the crowd, burn the bridges behind you; be quite sure of the kind of talent which God has given you, then go with a quiet but determined purpose, and a high resolve, and learn a trade. Yes, learn a trade. "Work for a living !" says my boy with a groan. "Oh," says mamma, sympathetically; and papa, who has been a good worker in his day, but who allows himself to drift with the current,-papa sits in silent acquiescence with the general repugnance. To many an unwise parent, nothing to do, and an ever-present breeches-leg full of sovereigns is the bright particular Utopia which they hope, by a fortunate marriage or other hook or crook, may be their children's portion.-Exchange.

A VALUABLE DEVICE .- The Milwaukee Sun says Sam Medill has invented a device to prevent market men from palming off old eggs for fresh ones. The invention is thus described :-He proposes to arrange a rubber stamp in the nest of every hen, with a movable date. This stamp is arranged with a pad which is saturated with indelible ink. When a hen lays an egg, as is well known, she kicks slightly with her hind leg. An electric disk is arranged so that her foot touches it, when the stamp turns over on the ink pad and then revolves, stamping the date on the egg. The hen then goes about her business, the farmer's hired girl removes the egg, replaces the stamp, which is ready for another. On each evening, after the hens have retired to their downy roost, with the roosters, the date of the stamp is changed to the following day, and the good work goes on. In this way there can be no cheating. You go to the grocery and ask for fresh eggs, and the grocery man says he has some eggs of the vintage of January 29, 1880, for instance. You look at them, and there are figures, which cannot lie. With this method it is an object for the man to get rid of his eggs, knowing that to-morrow may be too late.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA RAILway.-In 1878 the gross earnings were reported in four different returns, representing as many, sections of the road. The following are the total receipts: 1879, \$1.361,944; Increase in the last half of 1879, \$433,637. The following in four different returns, representing as many is an abstract of the operations of the land department of this company for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1879 :--

Acres.	Price.
Amount of cash sales 22,687	\$ 49.329
Amount of sales on credit 88,440	431,861
Total amount of sales III,128	\$481,190
Received on cash sales	\$49,320
Received on lands contracted Interest received on lands contracted	47,456
Received on sundries	5,75I
Received on town lots	5,75I

\$140,825

-The financial statement submitted by the Directors at the tenth annual meeting of the Provincial Building Society St. John N.B., showed the Society's assets to be \$118,164.42, and the total liabilities \$96,103.23. Thus the balance on hand was \$22 of 1.19, which was an balance on hand was \$22 001.19, which was an increase over the balance of 1878 of \$1,450.64. The capital stock paid up during the year amounted to \$22,450, and the sum of \$2,925.49 had been placed to the credit of paid up investing shares. The old Directors were re-elected for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. F. Butt was again chosen President, and Mr. W. K. Crawford Vice-President.

The Plumber and Sanitary Enquirer of New York says the following proposals for furnishing illuminating gas for lighting the public markets, armories, buildings and offices in the the rough and compel them to conform to the city for the year 1880 were received by the

Company, gas of 16 candle power \$1.40 per 1,000 cubic feet; Manhattan Gas Company, gas of 18 to 22 candle, 75c. per 1,000 cubic feet; Mutual Gas Company, gas of 19 candle power, \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet ; Municipal Gas Company, gas of 22 candle power, \$1.00 per 1,000 cubic feet; Metropolitan Gas Company, gas of 19 candle power, 60 cents per 1,000 cubic feet ; Harlem Gas Company, gas of 16 candle power, \$1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet.

THE shipbuilders and dry-dock men of Buffalo have had a meeting and adopted the following rates for dockage; "Twenty-five cents per ton for vessels ranging from 100 tons upwards to 500 tons; tonnage in excess of 500 to be charged 10c per ton upon the excess, but the amount of additional tax in no case to exceed \$175. Dockage for vessels under 100 tons burden is left to be arranged at each port separately. Upper-deck propellers are to pay dockage only upon measurement below the tonnage."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 23rd March, 1880.

The wholesale trade has been very quiet all week, and not much more activity is expected till near the opening of navigation. Dry Goods houses are doing a fair business, but Hardware has been quite inactive with a tendency to lower prices. Groceries are not much enquired for sugars are stronger. There appears to be a better feeling in Leather, and holders are firm. Breadstuffs are still almost nominal. Petroleum has declined in price here but there is almost no speculative demand buyers apparently waiting for lower prices in the west. Ashes are steadier and rather dearer than last week. Provisions are dull. Cattle market is well supplied with Easter Beef.

ASHES .- Pots .- The market is rather steadier this week, and prices are now higher and firmer than on the previous Tuesday at \$3.65 to 3.70. Pearls are quite nominal; the last sale reported was at \$6.25. The stocks at present in the Inspection stores are Pots, 790 brls; Pearls, 324.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Manufacturers are still busy with orders on hand, but there are not many orders being received. Prices are firm at our quotations which are unchanged since this day week. Collections are coming in fairly. We quote Mens split stogas \$1.90 to 2.25 ditto Cow hide ditto \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto Kip Boots \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto Split Brogans \$1.00 to 1.10; ditto Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; Womens Prunella Congress and Balmorals 600 to \$1.50; ditto Pebbl-d and Buff Balmorals \$1.20 to 1.75; ditto Split Bals 85c to \$1.10; Misses Split ditto 80c to \$1.00; ditto Pebbled and Buff ditto \$1.10 to 1.25; Childs ditto 60 to 85c; ditto Split ditto 55 to 60c; Infas ntCacks \$4.00 to 6.50 per dozen pairs.

CATTLE.—A large number of very fine cattle have been brought into the city during the week for the supply of the Easter demand and for shipment to Europe. The demand was brisk and some very high prices were obtained, but these being 10 and 11c were exceptional. The range for good stock was from 4 to 51c; for inferior from 3½ to 4½ c was paid. Spring Lambs were in good demand at \$2.50 to 8.00 each. Calves 3 to \$15 each. No Live Hogs offering. Dressed Hogs are steady at 5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs, but stocks are now pretty low.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Owing to the almost

complete failure of the crops in India, opium and morphia have made a stiff advance, and still higher prices may be expected. A very fair sorting up business is being done, and remittances are very good for the season. We quote Bi Carb Soda, \$3.60 to 3.75; Soda Ash, \$2.75 to 3.00; Bi Chromate of Potash, \$16½ to 17½; Refined Borax, 14 to 15c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 29 to 30; -20; Cream Tartar Crystais, 29 to 30; ditto ground, 32 to 35; Caustic Soda, \$3.00 to 3.50; Sugar of Lead, 12¹/₂ to 15¹/₂C: Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to 2.50; Alum, \$2.00 to 2.25; Copperas, per 100 lbs \$1.25; Sulphur \$3.25 to 3.50; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; Ebtom Solit, 175 to 30.00; Sal Soda \$150 2.50; Epsom Salts, 1.75 to \$0.00; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; Sulphate of Copper, \$7.00 to 8.00; Whiting, 65 to 70c; Opi-um, \$8.00 to 8.50; Quinine, \$4.25 to 4.50; Iodide of Potass, \$6.50 to 6.75; Bromide of Potass, 50 to 55c; Morphia, \$3.50 to 3.75; Castor oil, 13 to 14c; Cod Liver oil, \$1.00 to 1.10; Shellac, 55 to 6oc.

DRY GOODS -Business still continues moderately active, caused by buyers in the city, a number of them from the North-west, the city trade has also been doing well, and there is much more disposition shown to lay in considerable stocks. Both cotton and woollen goods are firm, although there is a report of a decline in the Manchester market. Remittances in this trade show a considerable improvement since our last report.

FURS.-There will not be much doing in the local market for a fortnight or three weeks, when some spring lots will begin to come in, meanwhile prices are pretty well established, the only change we have to note this week is a reduction in the price of Fisher. We quote Mink prime, dark large \$1.25 to 1.40; ditto small, 75c. to \$1.00; Marten, prime, 75c. to \$1.00; Beaver prime dark, per lb., \$2.00 to 2.25; Bear large, \$7.00 to 8.00; ditto small, \$2.00 to 4.00; Red for, \$1.50 to 1.60; Musk rat, fall 8 to 10c; winter, 10 to 12 ; spring 15 to 17c; Lynx prime large, \$1.00 to 1.50; Skunk prime dark, large. 40 to 60c; ditto white large, 20 to 40c; Racoon prime, 40 to 60; Fisher prime, \$4.00 to 6.00; Otter, prime dark, \$6.00 to 8.00.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the rast week 6,072 brls: Total receipts from 1st January to date 61,717 brls., being a decrease of 59,452 brls., on the receipts for the same period of 1879: Shipped during the week 2,416 brls: Total shipments from 1st January to date 23,879 brls., being a decrease of 18,9 5 brls., on the shipments for corresponding period of 1879. The market has been quiet and business has been confined to the supply of local wants. Although we have heard of enquiries being made there has nothing as yet been done for future delivery. We guote Superior Extra \$6.15; Extra Superfine, \$6.05 to 6.10; Fancy, \$5.971 Spring Extra, \$5.90; Superfine, \$5.50 to 5.60; Strong Baker's Flour, \$6.25 to 6.50; Fin, \$5.00 to 5.10; Middlings, \$4.35 to 4.50; Follards, \$3.20 to 3.30; Ontario Bags, \$2.85 to \$2.95; Oatmeal, \$4.50 to 4 60; Cornmeal, \$2.90 to 3.00.

GRAIN.-Wheat.-Receipts for the past week 9.800 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 343,176 bushels, being a decrease of 154.350 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding of 1879. Shipments during the week 6,102 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date, 275,448 bushels, being a decrease of 218,691 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1879. There is no change as yet to note in the state of the wheat market, and in the absence of transactions price is still nominal at \$1.40 to 1.42 for Canada spring. Maize is inactive at 70c. Oats are more enquired for, price is firm at 32 and 34c is offered for May delivery. Peas are held at 8oc, but we have heard of no sales. Barley and Rye are nominal. SEEDS. - Timothy \$3.40 to 3.50. Clover \$3.80 to 4.00.

GROCERIES .--- Japan markets are very low and considerable orders have gone out there but the new crop teas will likely be here as soon as those now ordered which will most likely be coming by sailing vessels. Our market is very dull and no appearance of any recovery of the late decline. Prices are nominally unchanged. Coffee is dull and without any change in values since this day week. Sugar.-The market is very firm but the demand has not been very active. Last weeks advance has been fully maintained, and we still quote granulated 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c, and yellows $7\frac{8}{4}$ to gc. Raw sugars are nominally unchanged at 8 to 81c. Molasses are firm and a moderately active business has been done, several large transactions are reported within our range of quotations. Barbadoes 33 to 36¹/₂, holders now ask 39c for small lots. Porto Rico, 32 to 36c; Trinidad, 30 to 34c; Rice \$4.20 to 4.50. Spices .- If anything, the market is easier, but we cannot make any change in quotations which would probably be shaded for large lots. Black pepper, 10² to 12c; White pepper, 18 to 19c; Allspice, 13 to 15c; Cloves, 35 to 40c; Cassia, 16 to 17c; Nutmegs 35 to 85c; African ginger, 7 to 8c; Jamaica ginger, 20 to 25c; Mace, 74 to 90c. Fruit.-Stocks of most kinds are pretty low, and as a consequence prices though nearly unchanged are firm. We quote, loose Muscatels, new, \$2.45 to 2.50; ditto, old, \$1.75 to 1.85; new layers, \$2.15 to 2.30; new London layers, \$1.85 to 3.00, Valen-cias, 8 to 8½c; Sultanas, 8½ to 9½c; Currants, 6²/₄ to 7²/₈c for new, ald ditto, 4²/₄ to 5¹/₉c; Figs 10 to 12c; Prunes, old 6¹/₂ to 8c; Tarragona almonds 18 to 20c; Filberts 8 to 9c; Walnute, Bordeaux 81 to 91c.

HIDES.-Grubby hides are plentiful, and the late reduction in prices is maintained, we still quote \$8, 7, and 6 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Calfskins, 121c.

HARDWARE.—General dullness is still the prevailing feature of the Hardware market, there has been a slightly downward tendency in prices but we repeat last week's quotations, as in the absence of transactions prices are nominally unchanged. We quote Pig Iron, Glengarnock, \$32 to 33; Summerlee, \$32 to 33; Eglinton, \$30; Carnbroe, \$32 to 33; Hematite, \$40. Bars per cwt, Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.75 to 280; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.10; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 6.75; Canada Plates, Swansea and Penn,\$6.00 to 0.00 ; Hatton,\$5.75 to 6.00; Arrow, \$6 00 to 6.75. Tin Plates ordinary brands, Charcoal I C, \$10.00 to 10.50; Charcoal I X, \$12.00 to 12.50; Charcoal D C \$9.00 to \$9.75; Coke I C \$9.00 to 9.50. Tinned Sheets, \$14 to 14¹/₂. Galvanized Sheets best brands, No 28, \$8.75 to 9.00. Hoops and bands \$3.25 to 3.50 ; Sheets best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75. Steel, cast, per lb, 13 to 14c ; spring per cwt. \$4.50 to 4.75 ; best do., warranted, 0.00 to 0.00; tire ditto, \$4.00 to 4.25; Sleigh shoe, \$3.25 to 3.50. Boiler Plates. ordinary brands per cwt, \$3.50 to 3.75; best ditto, \$4.00 to 4.25; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.25 to 8 ; Lead per cwt, Pig, \$5.50 to 6.00 ; sheet ditto, \$6.00 to 6.50; bar ditto, \$6.00 to 6.50 ; shot, Canadian, \$6.50 to 7.00 : Ingot Tin, \$28 to 30; Ingot Copper, \$22 to 23; Horse Shoes, \$4.00 to 4.50. Sheet Zinc, \$6.75 to 7.00; Cut \$4.00 to 4.50. Sheet 21m, 4075 to 9 dy., nails 10 dy., to 60 dy., \$3.85; 8 dy., to 9 dy., \$4.00; 6 dy., to 7 dy., \$4.35; 4 dy., to 5 dy., \$4.65; 3 dy., \$5.35; the above nails are Hot cut American or Canada Patterns, Cold cut nails of Canada patterns 4 dy., \$4.35; 3 dy., 4.85; Press ed spike 8 3.90 to 4.75.

LEATHER .- Business continues quiet, though the movement has shown a little more activity the past week. With firmer markets abroad. sole has stiffened and there has been a rather better inquiry from the shoe manufacturers as well as from the retailers. In curried leather there is no improvement to report while stocks beeves command from 5 to 5½c., live weight. are slowly accumulating. Buyers are holding Calves are selling pretty well, "holy week"

off waiting for lower prices though their chances in this respect are not favorable in face of an adxancing hide market. We repeat our quotations of last week. We quote Hemlock Spanish Sole, No. 1, B. A. 26 to 274c; ditto No. 2, B. A., 24 to 254c; No. 1, Ordinary, 25 to 26c; No. 2, ditto, 23c to 24; Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 22 to 25c; ditto No. 2, 20 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 27 to 30c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 37 to 424c; ditto, heavy, 35 to 38c; Grained, 35 to 40c; Splits, !arge, 28 to 34c; ditto, small, 25 to 300; Calfskins, (27 to 36 lbs.,) 55 to 70c; per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 60c per lb; Sheepskin linings, 30 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 34c; Buffed cow, 14 to 17c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 17c; Patent Cow, 15 to 17c; Pebbled Cow, 13 to 17c; Rough, 24 to 28c.

OILS .- Petroleum .- This article is rather off in price this week and we reduce our quotations all round. There is a fair consumptive demand, but speculators are holding cff in hopes of lower prices. 'I he syndicate price in London Ont., is firm at 13c, and no change is likely to take place there until Parliament has decided what the 'Test" is to be. We now quote car lots 141 to IGC; according to the time it has been in store. Five brl., lots 151 to 16c; Single brls., 16 to 161c; Linseed oil is firm at 71 to 72c, for boiled and $67\frac{1}{2}$ to 70c; for Raw. Fish oils are quiet and few transactions of any moment are transpiring. Cod Oil is still worth 47½ to 50c; Seal, pale, 50 to 52½c; steam refined 57½ to 60c; Olive \$1.05 to 1.25; Palm oil 81 to 9c.

PROVISIONS .- Butter .- Receipts during the past week 838 pkgs.: shipments 301 pkgs. There is almost no shipping demand, and business is almost entirely confined to the supply of local wants. Old butter from good to best qualities bring from 16 to 20c. but new butter commands full prices, say from 20 to 22c. Cheese .- There have neither been receipts or shipments this week, and the local demand has been meagre, the price is nominally higher than last Tuesday, say 14 to 151c. Pork .- The demand for this article is not very active, but a few sales transpire now and then at \$16.00 to 16.50: Lard is in more request and some large transactions are reported within our range of quotations, 10 to 101; Smoked hams 11 to 12c; Bacon q to 101c.

SALT.-Prices are firm and a few sales are occasionally made at our quotations. Coarse, 11's 65 to 70c. 10's 70 to 75c; factory filled \$1.15 to 1.25 for well known brands.

WOOL.-There is little to report in this branch of trade, stocks of Canadian wools keep so low. We give the range for Canadian unassorted pulled at 32 to 35c, and Greasy Cape at 22 to 230.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 25th, 1880.

The prospect of spring which bright skies and open water affords us, does not appear as yet to have given much of an impulse to trade. The delay till 1st of May in opening the Welland Canal, which contract arrangements appear to render unavoidable, will be a serious disappointment to shippers, as well as to vessel and steamer owners at home and abroad. Navigation will open early on the Western lakes; steamers are plying on Detroit river and Lake Erie now. Admission is to be given by the canal feeder, via Dunnville, however, about the middle of April.

CATTLE.-A moderate trade has been doing, and a good demand exists for export. Good

having given a spur to the demand, prices range from \$10 down to 5. A decided rise is noticeccounts able in prices of sheep & lambs. No. 1 sheep bring \$5 to 5.50 per 100 lbs.; lambs bring \$5 to 5.50.

There are indications that this year will be Public an active one in he cattle export trade. From Ontario county and from Leeds and Grenville, shipments will be made of 2000 or 3000 head, between 1st May and 1st July. Preparations of are being made at Halifax for numerous cargoes. Auditor One of our Toronto firms, Messrs. Thompson & Flanagan, have nearly 1000 head fattening in the byres, and are shipping this week to Portland and Boston. Their most important purthe chase has probably been the "big steer," of the Guelph Fair, a handsome animal of 3,550 lbs. 10 weight, which has taken various first prizes. Two others, which, together weigh 5,600 lbs., Banks raised also in Waterloo County, prize cattle, were bought by this firm for shipment abroad, or t xhibition, as well as a handsome 4 year old heifer, of 2,400 lbs. weight, from Wellington County. These will be sent forward by the the 9 Dominion Line steamer " Brooklyn," from Halished ifax, 4th April. They are confidently called the finest cattle to be had in Canada, and show what prudent buying and careful feeding can do. furni

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- The article which is most prominent in drug circulars this week is Returns opium, a speculative movement in which the United States has sent the price up from \$5.25 to 6.75 duty paid for new in New York. This advance is professeldy based upon reports from Smyrna, of damage to the growing crop by bad weather, in which there appears to be some 10 truth, though not enough to justify the prices the attempted "Corner" will demand, we quote meantime \$7.00. Borax is higher, so also is *Cream* of *Tartar*. We quote quinine \$4.20; Morphine, \$3.80 to 4.00; soda bicarb, \$4.20 to according 4.30.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-Flour.-Stocks in store 13,500 brls. against 13,400 brls. last week, and 27,790 bush. on like date last year. The week has been a fairly active one in Superior flour for lower ports, 7,000 or 8,000 brls. changed hands for that destination, some by G. W. R. etc., to 29th Boston, the rest all rail. The grades principally ending shipped were superiors at our quotations, a better quality of flour that Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers used to buy mainly from us. There is no fancy in market and no demand. Month The active request for strong bakers, comes as much from Montreal as from our own bakers; This grade is temporarily as high as superior Oatmeal is inactive at about our quotaextra. the tions. 101

GRAIN.-Wheat.-Fall.-Stocks in store 180-883 bush. against 176,197 bush. last week, and 96,245 bush. on like date last year. The market is dull and declining, no transactions on the week except an odd car load for milling; no exweek except an odd car load for mining; no ex-port demard. Quotations are 1 to 2c. lower. Wheat.—Spring. Stocks in store 152,495 bush. against 162,444 bush. last week and 225,384 bush. on like date last year. We quote No. I say \$1.28 to 1.29; No. 2, \$1.26 to 1.27. Oats.-Stocks in store 22,350 bush. against 22,350 bush last week and 8,411 bush. on like date last year. This grain is in adequate supply and prices steady. Barley.—Stocks in store 124,771 bush. against 129,393 bush. last week and 88,813 bush on ilke date last year. The market is somewhat easier, and a moderate demand exists. Peas.— Stocks in store 59,377 bush. against 57,552 bush last week and 50,499 bush. on like date last year. Prices unchanged. Ö

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HIDES AND SKINS .--- The prices for green and cured hides continue as previously reported, 9c for steers and $8\frac{1}{2}c$ for cows. A car sold this week of cured at 9c. For green calfskins $14\frac{1}{2}$ and 131c are paid, while 15 and in some cases 151c are obtained for cured. The usual number sheepskins for this season are offering, and 5

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HAY & SEED.—There is an abundance of hay offering, which finds ready sale at from \$11 for choice, to 7.00 for common, per ton. Strate brings \$5 to 6 per ton, offering freely. The supply of *timothy* seed is mostly derived from the Western States, and sells at 3.50 to 3.60, per bushel of 48 lbs.; there is none of local growth offering. For prime clover, 3.60 is had in a job-bing way, per bush. of 60 lbs, and a moderate movement; owing to report that the coming crop will be considerably frost-killed, the feeling is firmer. The article is scarce down East, but there is a good deal in hands of farmers and others in western Ontario.

HARDWARE .- Business has been moderate, and parcels generally small, prices are weaker in a few lines (tin plates, pig tin, and copper) and higher in others such as hoops Window-glass is very firm.

PAINTS AND OILS.—There is evidently a "boom "in turpentine. The Standard Oil Company, an American concern which has acquired some notoriety for sharp practice, for " corners" for " inside tracks " and for various monopolistic movements in connection with petroleum, is reported to have "collared" turpentine, which is much higher; we quote to-day 70 to 72c. We alter our quotations of white lead to a basis allowing a discount of 10 per cent. instead of $7\frac{1}{2}$ as before.

PROVISIONS .--- The market for hog products has been dull; a further break took place in Chicago this week, mess pork selling down to \$10.-20, a price which has not strengthened the posi-tion of holders here. We quote \$14 to 15 here, as to quantity. Considerable movement of bicon has been made, large quantities going to Manitoba and the North West, but transactions have been on p. t. Our quotations will still apply to jobbing lots. Hams are very quiet; a good demand exists for lard, principally from the East, at prices unchanged. Butter has been scarce and wanted, retail sales of Brockville have been made at 23c, and of jobbing lots at 211 to 22c. Cheese still maintains its price, stocks are very light. Eggs have been in excessive supply, selling as low as roc.; we quote to to ric to day. Dried Apples, several car loads have been sold at from 71 to 71c. Stocks are now much reduced.

WOOL.-The market is active and prices firm Our wo I merchants have been laying in supplies of South American and other foreign wools and considerable sales of them to our manufacturers are reported. For domestic fleece, 32c, continues to be paid, and for pulled 33c, is paid; these prices have brought out a fair number of lots, mostly ranging in size from 500 bls., to 3000 bls. Not a great deal of extra is offering, 38c, is paid and sales have been made by our dealers at 40c.

Parks' Cotton Yarns.

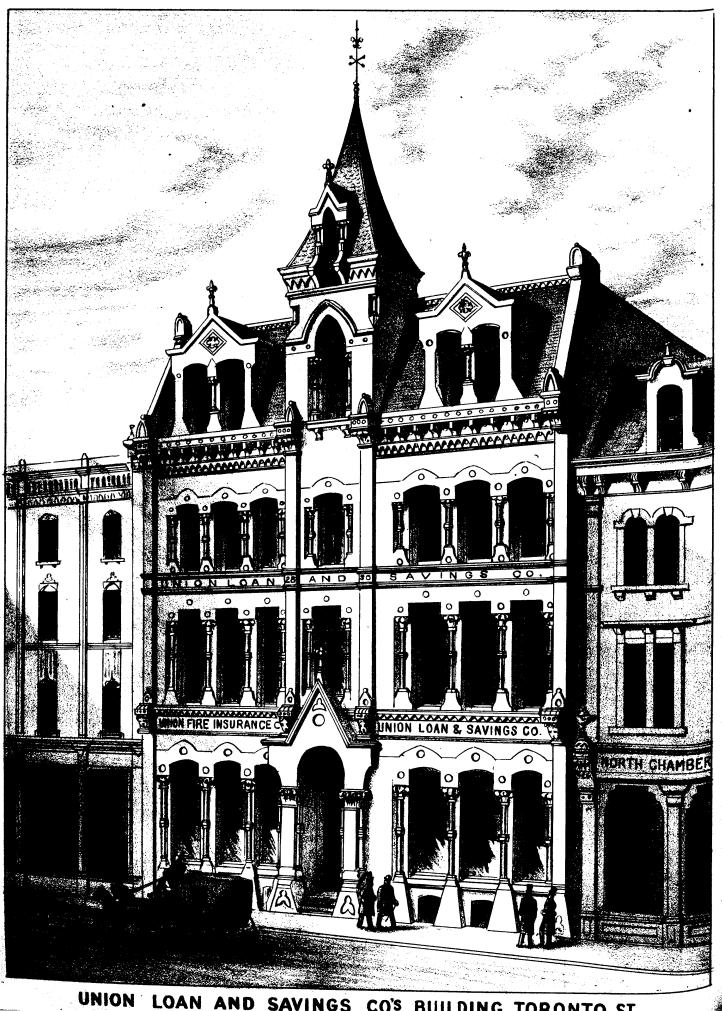
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H. A. NELSON & SONS. Manufacturers and Importers, 91 to 97 ST. PETER ST., 56 & 58 FRONT ST. WEST, TORONTO. MONTREAL. Merchants visiting either of the above Markets this Season should not fail to call and examine our EXTENSIVE STOCKS. We have a very large collection of NOVELTIES suitable for the SPRING and SUMMER TRADE and our STAPLE DEPARTMENTS are replete in all the various branches : DEPARTMENTS. Although materials of all kinds have advanced from 25 per cent to 60 per cent, we have not Corn Brooms as yet, changed our prices of Brooms and Whisks since November last, but are giving our customers the benefit of large stocks laid in previous to the more recent advances. NOW is a very favorable time to order but we cannot guarantee present prices for any and Whisks. length of time, will doubtless have to advance again soon. PAILS, TUBS and MATCHES, are considerably higher as might have been expected from the low prices which have ruled for the last few years. We will always sell at as low Wooden Ware figures as we can afford, and as we are the largest dealers in this line in the Dominion, Mer-& Matches. Chants cannot ma chants cannot make a mistake in sending their orders to us for whatever they may require in Our Stock is very large and as it was manufactured at the most FAVORABLE time Brushes. (before FIBRES and BRISTLES advanced), we can offer great inducements in this line. Cordage and We have everything in this line which is usually kept by WOODEN WARE HOUSES, and will sell at lowest Market Prices. Twines. Baskets. Our usual large assortment at former low prices. Travelling Bags We carry a very large Stock in this line, and Dealers can rely on obtaining the best styles in the Market at low prices. and Satchels. The AMERICAN ARCHERY CO. have appointed us their Sole Agents in the Dominion. The Goods manufactured by them are without doubt the *best in the world* while prices are lower than other makes. Illustrated Price Lists containing all information will be Archery. furnished to the trade on application. CLOCKS-A large assortment in Wood, Nickle and Iron Cases. Looking Glasses and Plates, Soaps and Pefumery, Combs, Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Braid Pins, CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, Bird Cages, Marbles, Tops, Purses, Specialties. Cutlery, Fans, Pipes and other Smokers Articles, &c. Our lines in this Department are too numerous to mention here, embracing, the largest Fancy Goods. collection to be found in any one house in the Dominion. Our travellers are now on the road, and we would respectfully ask dealers to kindly inspect their Samples when waited upon. We will strive to execute ALL ORDERS PROMPTLY and CORRECTLY.

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and Grain Leather of all descriptions.	Alum	0.027 0.03	Eglinton No. 1	0 60 0 00	(Refixed, & gallon.) Delivered in Toronto :	Imp.gal
Fine Waxed Upper, Kip, Calf & Splits. Oil Tanned Larrigan	Camphor	0 46 0 00	W. W. & Co Nova Scotia	30 CO 32 00	No. 1, car loadde Sto 10 brisde	0 00 0 00
and Lace. Harness and Sole Leather to Order.	Caustic Soda	0 12 0 15	Bar 🍄 100 D	2 75 5 00 2 75 2 90	" single brls do	0 18 0 00
I. W. SIMMONS, Manager.	Gream Tartar	035 058	Hoops-Coopers	3 50 3 75	Produce. Flour (per brl.) : f.o.c	
	Skiract Logwood, bulk "boxes.	0,11 0 12	Boiler Plates	3 50 4 75	Superior extra	5 70 5 75
SCOTTISH	Madder.	0 11 3 18	Hatton Derrie	5 25 5 50 6 00 6 00	Strong Bakara	5 60 0 00
Commercial Indurance Company	Opium. Oxalic Acid	7 00 0 00	Thistle Pen	600,600 60360	Superfine	7 60 6 03
Commercial Insurance Company,	Quinine	6 49 6 50 4 20 0 00	Bar # 100 lbs.	∪ 1 /5 ∦ / 06	Comment amoliliate	5 15 5 20 4 10 4 20
CAPITAL - £2 000,000 Stg.	Soda Ash Soda Bicarb, per keg	0 038 0 05 4 0 4 25	Pig. Sheet	0 2 0 052 0 ⊂0 6	1976HB: LOC	5 35 3 50
CANADA BRANCH	Tartaric Acid	3 80 4 00	Shot	1 6t 0 7	Fall Wheat No. 1 No. 2	1 30 1 31 1 28 1 49
	Biimstone	0 vai 0 c3	No. 6, 10 bendle	2 40 2 50 2 70 2 90	No. 3 Spring Wheat, No. 1.	I 24 I 85 I 28 I 99
Notice is hereby given that Thomas Simpson (late of Simpson & Bethune), has been appointed sole	Groceries Coffees : Java, 🌵 ID		Ponden Dianting Co.	3 00 3 ±0 0 00 3 50	" No. 2	1 26 1 3/
Agent of this Company for the city of Montreal and vicinity, from this date.	Rio. Mocha	0 20 0 22		0 · 0 4 75 0 00 3 50	Oats Barley, No. 1	0 30 0 5/
LAWRENCE BUCHAN, Resident Secretary and Chief Agent for Canada.	Ceylon native " plantation	0 30 0 32	Blasting, English FF Window Glass : 25 & und r	0 00 4 me	" No. 2	0 63 0 55
Montreal, March 1st, 1880.	Fish Herrings, Lab. new scaled	7 00 7 25 C 30 C 35	26 x 40 do	2 00 2 20	Peas	0 50 0 C
WM. BARBER & BROS.	Salmon, salt water Dry Cod, 🍄 112 lbs	510 5 25	51 x 60 do	2 55 2 60 2 90 2 95	Rye Corn	0 78 0 80 0 55 0 00
www.dAnden@dnuð.	Fruit: Raisins, Layer,'79 "London Layer	2 70 2 00	Cast Steel	0 (0 0 13	Provisions	
PAPERMAKERS,	"Sultanar, new " " old	0 (78 0 084	Machine y do Bessemer do Tin Plats (4 months ;)	0 11 0 124 0 00 0 0 0	Butter, choice, W It . Cheese	
GEORGETOWN, - ONT.	" Valentias, new " Muscatel	2 50 2 75	IC Coke	8 50 9 0	Dried Apples, Pork, mess, Bacon, long clear.	0 061 0 071 14 00 15 00
-News, Book, and Fine Papers.	Currants, new old		IC Charcoal	12 00 12 00 1		
JAMES BARBER.	Molasses: Clayed, P gall. Syrups: Golden	035 037 050 055	IXX " DC " Hides & Skins. V D.	9 00 9 50	Hama Bmoked	0 09 0 11
	" Amber " Pale Amber	0 55 0 58	≥teers, 6o to go lbs	0 00 0 00	Eggs.	0 (91 0 15
BARBER BROS.	Rice	0 044 0 042	Cured and inspected	0 (0 0 8 4 0 09 0 69 4	Hops, new	0 30 0 55
WOOLLEN MANUFAC: URERS,	Spices: Allapice	016 017	" cured	0 1/3 C 145 0 15 6 00	Salt, etc. Liverpool coarse per bag	1 00 1 10
STREETSVILLE, ONT,	Cassia, whole, # Ib Cloves	0 50 0 55	Tallow, rendered	1 50 2 25 0 00 0 053		
Tweeds and Coatings in Thre-Quarters and	Ginger, ground Jamaica, root	0 23 0 27	Leather, @ 4 months. Spanish Sole, rstquality		Stoved	- fo 1.90
Six-Quarters. WM. BARBER. ROBT. BARBER.	Nutmegs. Pepper, black	e 12 o 13	Do. No.2	0 29 0 32 0 27 0 29	Qts	2 65 3 50
DAMBER.	Sugars-Porto Rico, # 11 Cuba		Slaughter, heavy Do.light	0 27 0 20	OtardDupuy&Co ()	10 73 10 00
BARBER & CO.	Ca adian Refined, low to extra bright	e o81 o 291	Buffalo Harness, Upper No. theory	0 30 0 31	J. Robin & Co "	900 95
MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS CANEDIAN #OOL ENS,	Standard Granulated Redi ath a Cut Loaf	0 10 0 10 10 0 10 0 10 0 10 0 10 0 10	Upper, No 1 heavy iight & medium Kinskins French	0 40 0 45	BAD	1 824 5 05
7 JORDAN STREET, TORONTO.	Teas : Japan common to good.	6 35 0 55	Kipskins, French "English "Domestic	070 080	green cases	4 37 75
ROBT. BARBER, JR.	" fine to choicest. Colored, common to fine	0 42 0 47	"Veals Hemlock Calf (25 to 30	0 70 0 75	Rum: Jamaica 16 o.n.	600 661
BARBER & ELLIS,	Congou & Souchong Oolong, good to fine	0 35 0 60	lbs.). to dog. per lb	0 60 0 65	Demerara "	2 47 2 124 9 5 ³
Manufacturing Stationers-Ontario Envelope	Y. Hyson, com. to good. Medium to choice	0 35 0 42 0 44 0 57	36 to 4. lb3	1 20 1 50	GOODERHAM & WORTS' Terms CashUnder 5	
Factory,	Extra choice Gunpwd com. to med	0 62 0 80	Splits, large, # 10 mail	0 25 0 27	bris., nett.; 5 to 10 bris., 24 p.c. off; 10 bris. and	In Duty Bond, Paid
15 JORDAN STREET, TORONTO,	" med. to fine. " fine to finest.	0 47 0 60 0 62 0 82	Enamelled Cow, per ft Patent	0 17 0 10 1	over, 5 p.c. off.	0.71 \$ 4%
BLANK BOOKS, ENVELOPES & GENERAL STATIONERY JAMES BARBER, JRJOHN F. ELLIS.	Hyson. Imperial	0 32 0 85 0 37 0 60	Buff	010 018 016 018	over, 5 p.c. off. Alcohol, 65 o.p. Y I. gall Pure Spirits "	0 71 5 48 0 72 5 55 0 65 1 15
	Tobacco-Manufactured	0 35 0 39	Russetts, light	0 06 0 061	" 25 H. D. "	0 35 1 25
BARBER & BARBER,	Dark "Western Leaf, [good to fine	0 35 C 39	Sumac	0 05 0 06 0 05 1 0 06	PamilyProof Whisky I.g Old Bourbon """	0 40 1 17
PAPER STAINERS,	Brightsorts, gd. to fine	0 43 0 52 0 70 0 50	Oils.		" Toddy " "	03/ 11
		0 38 0 45	Cod Oil W. Gall'	U 53 0 55	" Malt ""	0 3/ ; c0
Georgetown, Ont., WINDOW SHADES AND WALL DARDS	I WOOI. I		Straits Oil	0 48 0 50	Domestic w hisky 32 u.p.	64 19
Georgetown, Ont., WINDOW SHADES AND WALL PAPERS, FRED. W. BARBER. J. M. BARBER.	Fleece, per lis	0 52 0 00 0 00 0 33	Lard, extra	0 728 0 5		0 33 50 0 65 1 50 0 75 1 70 0 85 1 70 0 95 1 80

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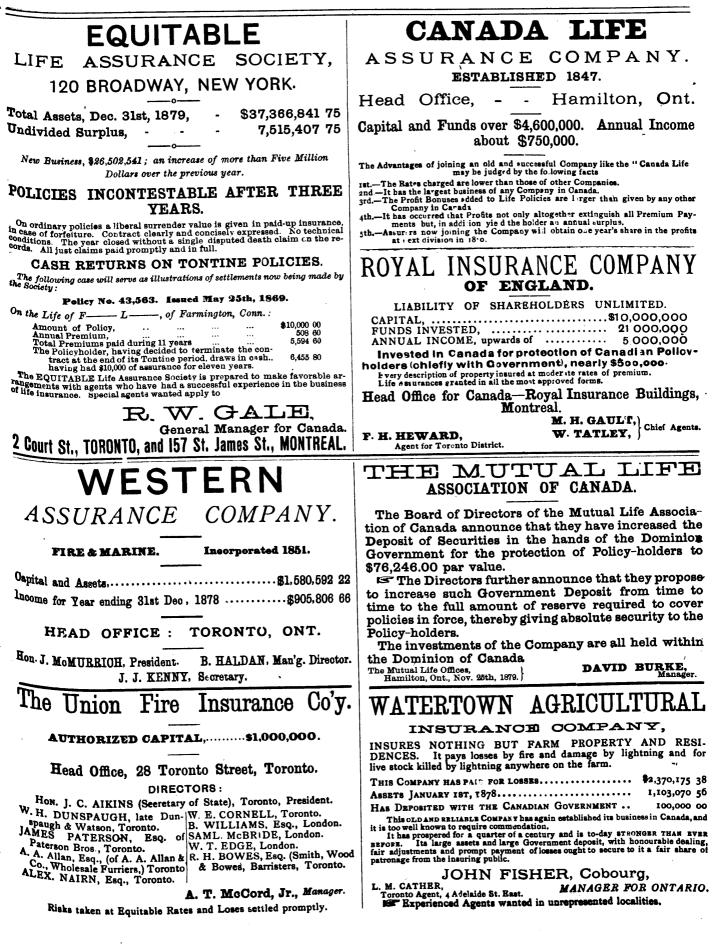


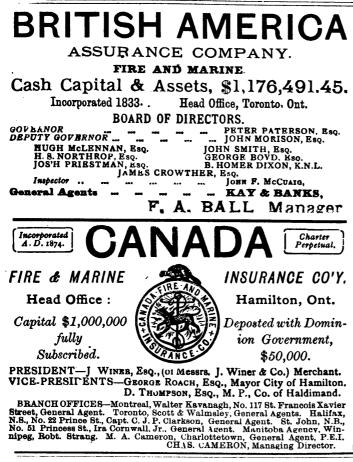
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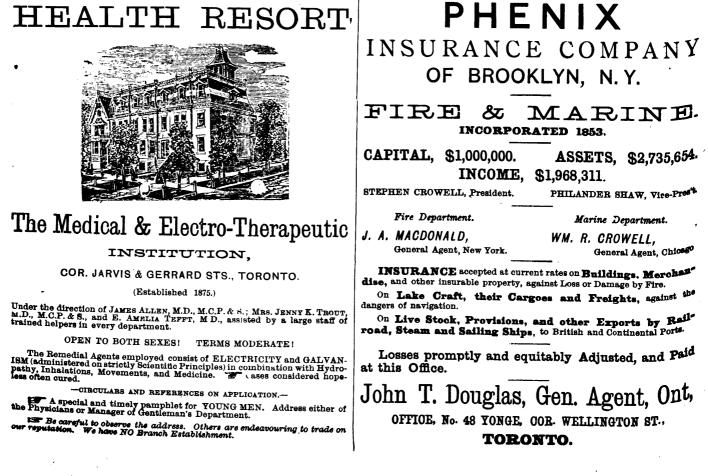
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