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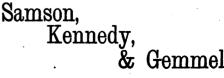
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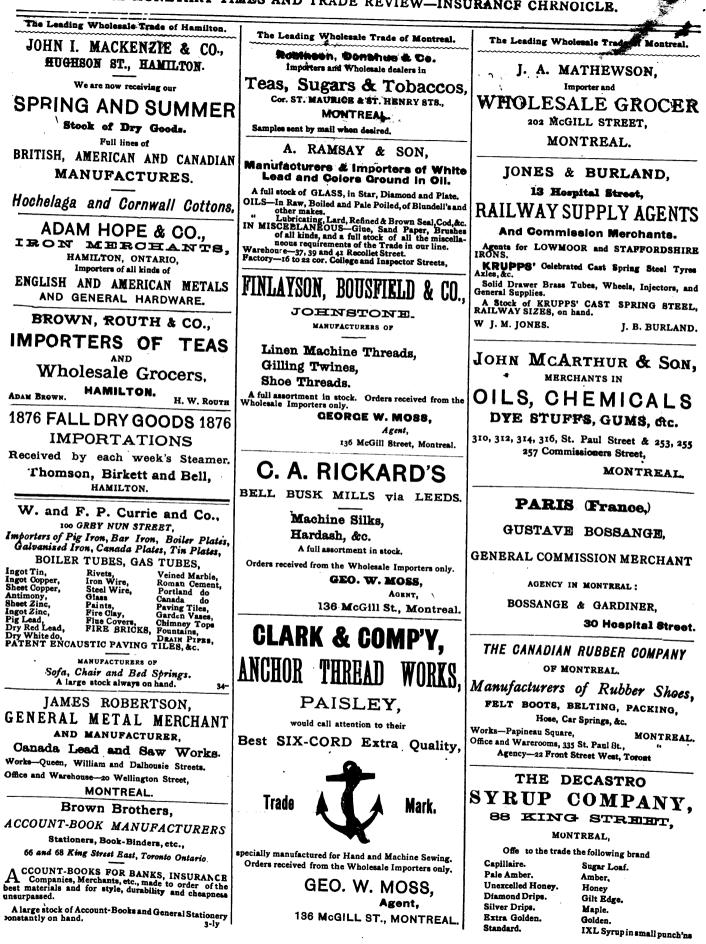
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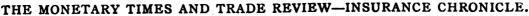
















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was 55/6. At Ingersoll, a central point in our main cheese-producing district, there were seventy factories represented at a market held last week, and 1,555 boxes were sold. Twothirds of these brought 8c, and the remainder 71 and 8c, with 7c offered for choice. In the corresponding week last year, over three thousand boxes were sold at 10, 10¹, and 10¹c. The quotations in Philadelphia are 81c for finest, 8c for prime, 7c for fair, and " good " is quoted at from 6c all the way down to 4c.

ELEVEN thousand cases of canned lobsters. valued at \$62,000, and turs to the value of \$0,000, were shipped by the brig Neva from Halifax last Wednesday. The brig Peerless goes on the berth immediately for a similar cargo.

MR. JOHN SWEENY, who has been in the boot and shoe trade in Barrie for over twenty years, held a meeting of creditors on Monday last, and is anxious to obtain a settlement by wiping out one-half of his obligations. We have not seen a statement of his assets and liabilities.

ANOTHER of the old merchants of Montreal passed away last week. Mr. John Leeming died at his residence in St. Lambert after a tedious and painful illness, which for two years past has kept him from doing any active business. The deceased was best known throughout Canada as an able auctioneer, conducting sales for the Hudson Bay Company and for the wholesale trade. Montrealers knew him, however, as associated in many industrial and charitable schemes, which were assisted by his undoubted energy and public spirit.

IN Halifax, last Tuesday, whilst the clerks of the Bank of Nova Scotia, having locked the front door, were gazing at the procession of Barnum's circus, a man entered the back door,



being admitted by the woman in the place upon his making a plausible pretext, and stole \$22,500 in bank bills. The bank has offered two thousand dollars reward for his apprehension, and it has been stated that the thief has been arrested. On the same day, and under similiar circumstances, the door of the Provincial Treasurer's office was broken open, and a tin box, containing valuable papers and over \$900 in cash was carried off. The Government has also offered a reward of five hundred dollars in this case.

THE Importers' Association of Halifax and the Chamber of Commerce of that city are awakening to the necessity of utilizing the Intercolonial Railway as a feeder to the trade of Halifax. Several meetings of those bodies have been held, and it is intended that steamship owners in England shall be corresponded with to run a weekly line to Halifax with the expectation of obtaining outward cargoes of grain, flour and produce. The advantages set forth by Halifax are, nearness to Europe, saving several days on a round trip, also lowness of port cargoes, and no delay in obtaining cargoes. It is thought that in winter there will be no difficulty in keeping the Intercolonial open by means of snow fences and sheds.

MR. L. J. CAMPBELL, about whose failure we had something to say last week, and who made some very independent statements of his position and intentions, has left Montreal for the States. Meantime, although he promises to be back for the meeting of creditors on the 14th, his assignee is unable to find the \$40,000 which Mr. Campbell said he deposited in a bank to his wife's order, and what is more, the sheriff has been notified that creditors hold him responsible in case the bail given by Campbell for his appearance prove insufficient.



TORONTO.

LIGHTNING-ROD insurance against fire is one of the so-called securities offered now-a-days to such farmers and country residents as are gullible enough to put faith in it. It is not many months since a travelling vendor of lightningrods induced a farmer in the west of Ontario to have his house and barns ornamented and protected by a series of these glittering defenders. The bargain was a hard one to consummate, but was eventually clinched upon the peddler giving a written guarantee that in case of the burning of the premises, either by fire from the heavens or any other sort of fire, the electricconductor company which the seller represented would make good the loss. Some months after this transaction the farmer's premises were burned; but he consoled himself with the reflection that he was insured, and had only to make his claim to receive the promised indem. nity. He accordingly hunted up his receipt for the purpose of acquainting the company. Having found it, and being puzzled to know whom to address upon the matter he went to a neighbor, who found that the head quarters of the so-called "company" was nowhere mentioned upon the document. Recollecting that the agent had said something about Detroit, the farmer journeyed thither to get his money ; but found that no such concern was known in that city nor indeed elsewhere. Applying, in his alarm, to a lawyer, he was made aware that he had been sold ; that his guarantee was worthless, and his loss irrecoverable. He is now looking around for that agent, with at last accounts no success.

IMPORTERS of flour at Halifax state that their orders come to hand in much better condition by the railway than by any other route. There are no broken barrels nor soiled packages but everything look as well as when first shipped. This is satisfactory.



A COUPLE of weeks back reference was made to the failure of Mr. M. Stoutenberg, of Thornbury. Ont. A few days ago he was arrested by Mr. Murdock, assignee for the estate, and brought before the police magistrate in this city. He was remanded for some days. In April 1875, he claimed to have a surplus of over \$6,000, and at the time of his suspension he submitted a statement showing liabilities of \$12,-923, and assets of \$6,621. Some transfers of real estate have been made, but the insolvent cannot tell what became of the proceeds, but thinks his wife must have received the money, about \$1,500. As children are usually tond of books, the dear little ones had to be indulged with the cash book, which is now missing, and it is thought they must have thrown it into the fire.

WE have just seen a notice sent to the creditors of Messrs Cooper & Campbell, a carriage making firm in Fredericton N.B, of an offer of one cent on the dollar of their debts, for a discharge. Strangely enough too, this offer was approved by a majority of the creditors at the first meeting, and another meeting is called for the 14th inst to ratify it. There should certainly be some extenuating circumstances thus let off for literally "next to nothing." ten or fifteen car loads.

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But what about the provision of the Insolvent Law which refuses a discharge for less than thirty three cents? That we understand to be in the discretion of the creditors, and we trust they will use it wisely. Looking over a list of the creditors we observe eight or ten for exactly one hundred dollars each ; and upon asking how this occurs we are told it is because the insolvents kept no books, and returned these accounts by guess to the assignee. This is one substantial reason at least why they should not be discharged.

THE Consolidated Bank is expending some \$20,000 in refitting and enlarging the building of the City Bank, in Montreal, as its headquarters. The whole ground floor will be made into a banking room, the other departments of the bank being accomodated upstairs, and in the wings, which are building. The change has been rendered necessary by the increase of business. Meantime this bank does business in the building on Place de Armes, formerly occupied by the Merchant's Bank.

THROUGH freights as well as passenger business is rapidly increasing from Montreal and points west to the Lower Provinces. Twenty car loads left Levi and Chaudiere Curve on about this failure, to entitle the insolvents to be Friday. The average freight per day has been

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TORONTO, CAN., FRIDAY AUG. 4, 1876.

THE WOOL TRADE.

The trade in wool and woollen goods has had its full share of the disasters that have overtaken every interest within two years back. At the present time it is in a state of deep depression. In the manufacture of woollens, over-production has been carried to an extent that has brought a complete reverse in the situation, and has hopelessly involved many of those engaged in it in heavy obligations, and caused the failure of large numbers. Surplus stocks have been accumulating in every quarter, and have been increasingly difficult to get rid of for the past two years. The burdens have become so enormously heavy that dealers have tried every conceivable means to force goods upon the market. In the United States, this has been especially the case. Manufacturers and merchants hoped that by sacrificing a part of the surplus supplies their business would undergo a change, and a favourable turn be given to their affairs. One auction sale has been succeded by another in all the great American centres. Two weeks ago, the sales of this kind were the most absorbing topic in the city of New York. But these efforts to clear the market only resulted in failure. and the excess of goods seems to be as great as ever. But little money was realized from them. And more than half of the

down, while many others are embarrassed by the unprofitable state of trade. The hope of improvement must be definitely abandoned for this season. It is in the face of such reaction that the late clip of Canadian wool is being slowing the keted.

The wool trade is one of the most profit. able industries of our farmers. What the clip is worth is wholly dependent upon the state of the woollen manufacturing in this country and elsewhere, a full yield may be of less value than a scanty one if it happens that the business is dull. This is manifestly the case this season. But the progress made in improving the quality of our wool has gone hand in hand with the progress of our agriculture. The production, too, has greatly increased of late years. Such improvement has not been without its effect on prices, and these are ten per cent. higher than they were in 1870. That season was the most depressed the trade has witnessed for the past 13 years. After that year there was a large expansion in the amount sent out of the country. The height of prosperity, according to the returns, was reached in 1873. Since then there has apparently been a decline. The production has not diminished, but there has been a large reduction in value. On the contrary, the quality is becoming better year by year. Buyers have been more careful to show their preference for the higher. grades and to make a marked difference between the better and poorer kinds. Farmers have not been slow to perceive this, and they have been stimulated to produce a better article. Especially in the newer districts has cleaner washing been brought about by the efforts of local buyers. Those in the trade lead us to believe that of all the wool marketed in Ontario fully ninetyeight per cent. is washed. In the Province of Quebec the proportion of washed does not exceed ninety-three per cent. The obtaining, too, of finer qualities by the importation of English sheep, and by crossing of breeds, has been carried on of late years on a larger scale, but not so extensively as is desirable.

The annual production of wool in Canada, as nearly as we can judge from the opinions of the largest dealers, is about six million pounds. There is considerable difference of opinion on the subject, two or three of our most extensive buyers estimating the growth at five million pounds and even less. We have reason to believe, however, after careful enquiry that it is at least six millions. The clip of this year is about the same as last. In many sections the full average quantity has been delivered, but in

plies in the hope that prices, which are eight to ten cents lower than last year, would rise as the season advanced. Considering that the supply is far in excess of the demand, that prospects are discouraging, that the demand will be light, and that the tendency of prices is downward, the folly of this course is only too apparent. The American domestic wools, it should be remembered, are now so low in price that our manufacturers can buy them, quality considered, as low as foreign wools. This they have not been able to do for a good many years. Holding back the crop of Canada, which is trifling in comparison with that of Britain and the United States. would not affect prices to any profitable degree. And we doubt if in this country it would have the least effect upon them.

The quantity and value of the wool exported from Canada is very imperfectly represented in the official returns. The shipments for the past seven years are set down as follow, but the quantity must have been considerably larger :

| Q | UANTITY IN LB | S. VALUE. |
|------|---------------|-----------|
| 1869 | . 2.820.562 | \$816,785 |
| 1870 | . 2.443.762 | 770.299 |
| 1871 | . 2.892.329 | 839,145 |
| 1872 | . 3,196,234 | 1,364,989 |
| 1873 | . 3,126,572 | 1,450,927 |
| 1874 | . 3,764,796 | 983,846 |
| 1875 | . 2,647,498 | 919.680 |

For the first five years of this period the increase amounted to nearly seventy-five per cent. The figures for the past two vears incline us to reject the trade and navigation returns as utterly fallacious, knowing the hap-hazard way those statistics are compiled. The falling off for last year in quantity and value is incredible. We are assured by a gentleman who handles fully one-third of all the wool grown in Canada, that his shipments have undergone no diminution. Other dealers make similar statements. And the business of these gentlemen is not exceptional. Then the export of sheep and lambs to the United States has diminished. Such a circumstance, considering that sheep raising has not been reduced, should give this country a larger production and a larger export of wool. In calculating the amount raised, pulled wools and the quantities which farmers get manufactured for their own use, are seldom taken into account. Apart from this question the export is profitable to our farmers. The chief value of our wool for export is its lustrous appearance. For the making of lustres, alpacas, braids, and lastings, no better quality than our combing fleece can be obtained. Nearly all our exports go to make these classes of goods. And it is to woollen mills in the States remain shut others farmers have held back their sup- be regretted we have no mills in Canada for

making them at the present time. Our trade relations with the United States have rendered combing mills unprofitable in Canada.

We exchange our domestic productions for foreign wools at a profit to ourselves. And it is worthy of note that the imports are expanding at a greater rate than the exports. The imports for the seven years back were as tollow:

| • | QUANTITY IN LBS. | VALUE. |
|--|---|--|
| 1869 1870 1871 1772 1873 | 2,061,576 4,360,394 4,792,323 6,193,971 6,326,309 | \$549,694 799,944 938,473 1,661,286 1,500,000 726,084 |
| 1874 1875 | ···· 3,756,888 ···· 7,947,879 | 1,375,484 |

The greater proportion of these quantities is from the Cape of Good Hope. The remainder, amounting to about one quarter, consists of African, South American, and Australian wools. It is found more advantageous to import these in the grease and wash them here. The quantity of washed and scoured will not average more than five per cent. of the whole. These imports have direct profitable results for Canadians. But the profit is not so large as may be imagined. A comparison between the imports and exports for the last year, both as to quantity and value, would lead one to believe that by exchanging our domestic for foreign wools the country got more than double the quantity it exported for the money received for that sent abroad. Or that with the money realized from the exports we are enabled to purchase double the quantity sold. The quantities, however, will be found about equal by remembering that the exports are almost exclusively washed wools, while the imports, as has been shown, are nearly all in the grease, and that of the importations it takes 3 pounds of greasy wool to make one pound of scoured.

Taking the Provinces separately we find that the value of imports and exports set down to each in the official returns for 1875 was as follows :

| 1 | MPORTS. | Exports. |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Ontario Quebec Nova Scotia New Brunswick British Columbia Prince Edward Island | . 782,473 8,660 . none. | \$461,306 444,145 66 6,946 7,157 60 |
| Frince Euwaru Island | | |

\$919,680 \$1,375 484

As a large portion of the trade is done at Montreal, the Province of Quebes receives credit in this statement for a good part of the business of Ontario. But we see no reason why the raising of sheep and wool should be so small in the lesser Provinces.

British Columbia, and Manitoba which does not appear in the returns, have certainly every natural advantage for such industry. There is no better value given in any class of goods they want of Canadan woollens. And the raising increased more lustrous kinds of wool could be made highly profitable to the whole Dominion. Better grades of sheep, and more care in improving them, would bring about such a result. The profit would warrant the outlay. Woollen Manuufacturing too, would be assisted at the same time. Its present depression is onlytemporary. The smaller mills have probably made their expenses ; the larger mills have lost heavily by having too many fine goods, which have had to be sold at a great sacrifice to manufacturers, and consequently to wholesale houses. But as the large mill-owners are acting prudently, the reaction will probably be nearly over in another year, and the trade be brought into a healthy condition. The wool trade, for those who understand it and its wants, is sound, as these dealers have known what to do with their purchases. But for this season desirable wools may be expected to be steady, and bad conditioned lots almost unsaleable. And this remark, applicable as it is to bad and good times, is a most conclusive argument why the farming community should raise the better kinds.

THE CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

It is much to be regretted that during the last few weeks a great change for the worse has taken place in the prospects of our harvest. Reports from a very wide area have been taken, and there is a general agreement in them all, though there are differences in matters of detail. All over Ontario, from the extreme west of the peninsula to the Ottawa district, there are the same complaints, with only a rare exception here and there. And we fear that, taking every production of the farm together, the total will fall considerably below the average. The general conclusion of the whole is this : hay and root crops are very good ; oats and peas fair ; wheat far below an average ; and barley somewhat below both in quantity and quality. For those who have turned attention more to the raising of stock than cereals, the present harvest will be a splendid one. Everything they want for feed will be abundant and cheap. The cheese and butter districts will also be benefitted. and the result can scarcely fail to impart a further impetus to the movement which has been increasing so much of late years, viz., to devote more and more attention to a diversity of products, and rely less on cereals trade during the seven years from 1869 to as the staple crop. So far as the future 1875 was considerably over 700 per cent.-

development of farming is concerned, this is a desirable thing to be brought about, and in this way good may come of evil. The present year, however, promises to be a trying one to the farming interest, especially of the older and better improved portions of the country. Over nearly the whole area where fall wheat is cultivated we have complaints of rust, and even of those old and much-dreaded enemies, weevil and midge. In the fine farming regions bordering Lake Ontario westward of Belleville, as well as the counties west and northwest of Hamilton. the fall wheat is all but spoiled. Spring wheat in some townships is a fair crop, and barley tolerable. In the back townships and newer regions of country, the crops, on the whole, are much better. This is fortunate, for, as a rule, the farmers in the older parts of the country are in a good position, free from debt, and have money lying in the banks.

If, after the harvest is got in and threshing completed, the result of the harvest turns out as we fear, several important consequences may follow. In the first place, it is likely that the present plethora of money may gradually disappear. Merchants, too, may look for a period of difficult and slow remittances, with their consequences. And it is very likely to result in a year of extreme difficulty to produce operators, for prices are pretty certain to be variable, and the quality of grain to be more variable still.

THE DAIRY TRADE.

The tendency manifested for several years past in the dairy produce trade continued during 1875-our exports of cheese advanced, whilst those of butter declined. In the egg trade, which is so closely related to that done in butter, that many operators buy both, the returns show a moderate decline as compared with the previous twelve months.

The progress made throughout Canada of late years in the production and exportation of cheese has been extraordinary. In the year 1869 our exports were only 4.503,370 lbs., valued at \$549,572. Three years afterwards they had advanced to 16,424,025 lbs.,worth\$1,840,284; and during the year under review-the last year tor which we have returns-the exportations reached the handsome total of 32,342,030 lbs. the value of which was set down at \$3,886,-226. Besides this, Canada re-exported some \$26,756 worth of foreign cheese, which dealers found it advantageous to buy and The increase in the cheese sell again.

in other words, our exports increased over those of 1869 at the rapid rate of one hundred per cent. annually.

When attention became so largely turned to the production of cheese, it could hardly be expected that the exports of butter would continue as large as formerly. The decline has been greater than was expected or was believed to be desirable. Taking the same years for comparison as those adopted above in considering the trade in cheese, we find the quantity and value of the butter exported from the country to have been as follow :

| | QUANTITY. | VALUE. |
|------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1869 | 10,853,268 lbs. | \$2,342,270 |
| 1872 | | 3,612,679 |
| 1875 | 9,268,044 '' | 2,337,324 |
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The exports of butter gradually rose until the highest point was reached in 1872. And each year since then the decline has been just as gradual. In 1875 we find both the quantity and value less than in 1869. This is accounted for by the great increase in the number of cheese factories, but it may be questioned whether in many instances the raising of butter at the prices obtainable of late years, would not pay the farmer quite as well as the production of cheese at current rates. The retrogression in the production of butter is no doubt attributable to sending the milk to the cheese factories. By this means the labours of the household are greatly decreased, and all the subsequent troublse in selling the butter are avoided. Time is certainly money to the farmer as to the business man, but the same desirable end might be accomplished by the establishment of butter factories. And this could be done with manifest advantage to the country. The experiment is now being tried in some localities with very satisfactory direct results.

The largest business ever done in eggs in Canada, was in 1874. During the twelve months the exports were 4,407,534 dozens, valued at \$587,284. Four years previously, in 1870, the value of the eggs shipped was only \$314,812. Coming now to r875 we find the shipments to have been 3,521,068 dozens, and the estimated worth of these was \$434,273. Comment is unnecessary on these figures, further than to say, that the egg trade is a valuable and growing one, and deserving of every encouragement.

Regarding the market for our dairy produce, Canadians may be said to be independent of the United States. Great Britain generally offers sufficient inducements for shipments, and as a matter of fact, absorbs most of our large supplies in both butter and cheese. During the past hundred and twenty miles of tramways for

889,353 lbs. of cheese to Great Britain, and only 1,406,805 lbs. across the lines; and of butter, the proportion was \$6,579,405 lbs., as against 1, 1, 1, 5, 5, Kewfoundland took nearly as much preser s'he United States, namely, 1,125,2,1 lbs. Considerable quantities both of butter and cheese were sent to the West Indies and other distant countries. Our eggs, however, go almost exclusively to the United States, but there are no duties upon them at the present time.

THE ACTION AGAINST BARON GRANT.

The trial which has just resulted in a verdict for f_{700} against the notorious Mr. Albert Grant, generally known as Baron Grant, is one of those signs of the times which may possibly indicate a return to a better state of things than has been prevalent in London for years back. It is not long since a well known newspaper expressed the opinion that the mercantile morality of the City was no better than that of a pirate's den, and every observer, outside of the tainted circles, was aware that the high standard of honor that formerly characterized the London man of business, was almost a thing of the past. The very fact that a man like Mr. Grant could be applauded in a court of justice whilst making such a defence as he did, is a proof that in certain circles the very first notions of honor and morality have utterly faded away. For the esse nce of his defence was that what he had done, though plainly dishonest and contrary to law, was so common that it was an absurdity to prosecute him for it.

What are the facts of the case which is thus accepted by a considerable number of people as natural and proper ? Briefly stated they are these : A Portuguese duke, who was unfortunately accredited as Minister to the British Court, brought over to England concessions from his Government for the construction of certain tramways near Lisbon. Such concessions from foreign governments are an essential preliminary to the construction of any public work, and there is no evidence that any improper means were employed to obtain those in question. The duke, however, coming to London and seeking for some one to carry out the project, fell in with Mr.Grant, the head of the house of Grant Brothers & Co., with a well known reputation as a promoter of public companies, to whom he opened his plans. As a result of the negotiations that took place certain contractors were found who undertook to construct one

ized and a prospectus issued to the public, the contract had changed its appearance altogether. The prospectus issued to the public announced that these said contractors had agreed to construct only sixty-eight miles for $f_{310,000}$; a marvellous difference, and one that turned the scale entirely between a successful enterprise and an absolutely ruinous one. The public, bowever, took the shares. The company was organized. The tramways were constructed, and after being operated for some time, it was found that the enterprise was thoroughly unsuccessful, and the company was wound up. A shareholder now sues Mr. Grant, alleging that he had kept back certain material information in issuing the prospectus, and in the course of the action the following revelations were made. The difference in the contract has been referred to. It was proved at the trial that the increased price paid to the contractors was in pursuance of a private agreement by which these contractors were to pay Mr. Grant £45,000 and the Portuguese Duke £22,000; besides providing qualifications for directors, and making presents to certain city editors of London daily papers.

This scandalous agreement was actually carried out; by virtue of it, Mr. Grant pocketed the enormous sum of $f_{45,000}$ for his commission as promoter of a little concern whose total capital was only £300,000. This was, of course, a highly confidential affair, and would never have seen the light but for the downfall of the company. Such confidential agreements, however, had been made before, and to prevent intending stockholders being deceived and victimised as they were in this instance, an Act of Parliament had been passed making it compulsory for all such contracts to be revealed. The Act was passed in 1867. It did not stop these iniquitous robberies, for Mr. Grant actually rested his case on the assertion that the Act was obsolete, was never acted on, and never thought of; that he did not think it was necessary to conform to it, and that such things as he had done were being done every day. To give enormous bribes to dukes and members of Parliament, in order to get their influence, or induce them to sit at a Board, and charge the whole in the contract price, was the regular course of business in organizing a railway or mining company. And of course the gentleman-Mr. Grant to wit-that knew where all these grandees were to be found, and could manage the delicate business of bribing-he, of course, must be recompensed as such extraordinary services merited. So if the Duke of Saldanha got year, for instance, Canada exported 30,- £305,000; but upon a board being organ- pany, Mr. Grant must have twice as much, his £ 22,000 out of this little tramway com-

and take £45,000. All which lets in some light on a mysterious question long agitated amongst outsiders in the world of London finance, viz., how this Mr. Grant, a mere clerk twenty years ago, had built up such a colossal fortune as enabled him to rival great houses like the Rothschilds and Barings. He certainly outrivalled them altogether in prodigality of expenditure. We are accustomed to think it pretty well for a man like the late A. T. Stewart to have lived in a marble palace that cost a million: but Mr. Grant's mansion and grounds in Kensington was said to have cost nearly five times as much. A year or two ago he bought Leicester Square, and after spending a princely fortune on beautifying and improving it, he made a present of it to the city of London. A man like this is sure to be popular. No matter how great a rogue he is, if he only scatters his money freely, the many will take his side. If some victim of his roguery endeavours to get him to disgorge by law, he will find plenty to back him up in barefaced impudence when he declares he has only done what others are doing.

Mr. Grant has promoted scores of companies and engineered doubtful loans to enormous amounts. If he has bled them to the tune of half or even a tenth of what the Lisbon Tramway company paid him, he must have made money by the million sterling every year. And the worst of it is that his success has brought about a host of imitators, and corrupted the whole monetary atmosphere of London. There is, however, some chance of his being forced to disgorge a considerable part of his ill-gotten gains. The action referred to has gone against Mr. Grant, and is only one of ninety others ready to be be brought on the same ground. The costs are about $f_{10,000}$, and the prospect is that he will have to repay about £ 50,000 on this business alone. Doubtless others will follow. The revelations connected with the Emma Mine were quite as damaging as those of the Tramway com-Once begun there is no saying pany. where the disgorging process may stop. Thousands of people in England have been deceived by Mr. Grant's operations during the last ten years, and as they are now smarting under their losses, it will be marvellous if they do not rise up by hundreds at a time to endeavour to get him to recoup them. He has already sold his Kensington palace, and will have to sell many more things, we fancy, before he has finished the process he has now entered upon. And it is not impossible, that, bold and able a man as he is, he may before long sink into the obscurity whence he emerged, and in another twenty years be forgotten.

Some would suppose it unlikely that any Canadian enterprise can have had to do with such a firm as Baron, Grant's. This, however, is a mistake. Chain debentures of this city were house, and the inter work duly adverof this city were house, and the intertised as panie at Grant Brothers & Co. The Province of Quebec also has had some dealings with the firm, and we believe its credit even now is not improved by the fact of a loan having been negotiated through this channel. It is important to observe that all such dealings in Canadian securities were entered on when the house of Grant Brothers was at the height of its credit and long before any disgraceful revelations were made.

Canada has an interest indirectly in another way. These revelations enable us to understand how it is that our Canadian railways cost so much. They were all financed in London by great promoters and contractors, and though they may not have been bled so frightfully as Mr. Grant's Tramway company, it is pretty certain that the capital raised has been tremendously weighted with underhand commissions. Mr. Grant is not the first man that has had a secret undertaking with contractors. He only carried out in a bolder way what was common enough in the palmy days of the Grand Trunk. And it would be an interesting subject of enquiry-of the whole hundred and odd millions that have been raised in England for Canadian railways, how many millions have gone into the pockets of men like Baron Grant.

There is just this more to be said. The system of secret engagements and private understandings has not been unknown in Canada itself, as we saw in connection with our own water-works scheme a year or two ago. But the fate that has overtaken Grant shews that however men may cover up their deeds for a time, a day will come sooner or later when they will be found out.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The liberal plans and inducements offered insurers by this institution continues to attract a very large amount of patronage. Notwithstanding the serious financial depression that has existed throughout the country, the company has issued during the past year 1,396 policies covering the sum of \$2,227,900. The usual care appears to have been exercised in the selection of risks, no less than 142 applications were rejected, and the death rate for the year has only been fifty-eight per cent of the usual expectation, or \$119,425 which is \$34,975 less than the interest earnings. An examination of the figures contained in the report, which we

publish in another column, will show that the company is economically managed. The ratio of expenses to premium income indicates that the new business has been profitable. The premium income from new business was \$63,446, and the total revenue of the company for the year amounted to \$601,749. After the payment of a dividend of 7¹ per cent, there remains a reserve of \$98,506. The amount at risk is now \$15,-034,486 being over one and a half millions of an increase over the year previous. These facts furnishe abundant evidence that the public are fully aware of the solid and prosperous condition of the company. Although the experience of the past year with many companies has been rather unsatisfactory, we can with pleasure congratulate the management of the Canada Life on the exhibit of its twenty-ninth year. Mr. Ramsay, was again elected President. and Dr. Hamilton, Vice-President, at the annual meeting which was held in Hamilton, on Tuesday last.

FUSION OF RAILWAY INTERESTS.—The Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways have at last agreed to arrange by arbitration the differences between them relating to the competition for traffic on the Grand Trunk line west of Toronto. The agreement is to last for ten years, and the profits are to be divided on a percentage basis. It is to be regretted that the amalgamation of rates for through traffic will not be settled until the present railway war between all the competing lines between the west and east is ended. We hope the companies will then obtain paying rates for all through traffic, which will enable them to reduce their present high local tariff at all points where there is no competition.

MARITIME BANK .--- We make room for a letter respecting this institution, in another column. and we wish it distinctly understood that we have nothing to do with any internal quarrels between one set of stockholders and another, except so far as the interests of the public are affected. Our criticism had exclusive reference to two measures, both of them, in our judgment, extravagant and unjustifiable. We refer to the opening of an office in London. England, and the erecting of a magnificent building in St. John, N. B. We should be glad to see the bank take its position among the well conducted and carefully managed banking institutions that now reflect, as a whole, such credit on Canada.

-The Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company has deposited \$50,000 at Ottawa, and has obtained the necessary license to do business throughout the Dominion.

-The ratepayers of the village of Hastings granted a few days ago, a bonus of \$5,000 to the Grand Junction Railway Company to assist in completing the road to Peterboro.

Meetings.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the company's offices, James Street Hamilton, on Aug. 1st. The members present were Messrs. Adam Brown, Warren'F. Burton, Hon. J. H. Cameron, W. S. Champ, F. W. Gates, Dr. Hamilton, W Hendrie, R. Hills, Rev. G. M. Innes, J. K. Kerr, J. D. Henderson, J. W. Marling, J.'G. Buchanan. Dr. McCulloch, W. R. Macdonald, Edward Martin, Nehemiah Merritt, John Riddell, Wm. Cooke. John Stuart. Thomas Swinyard, and in the above company was held at the company's Martin, Ivenemian Merrict, John Kluten, vin. Cooke, John Stuart, Thomas Swinyard, and John B. Young. The chair was occupied by the President, A. G. Ramsay, Esq. The Secretary, Mr. R. Hill, read the notices

calling this meeting, and the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

The report of the Board of directors and the financial statement, was read as follows :

REPORT

While the financial depression which has unfortunately continued to effect every branch of trade and enterprise in Canada during the pastyear has undoubtedly retarded new business, it will be seen by the annexed table that the well-established and sound position of the Canada Life, and its liberal principles and practice, have continued to attract to it allarger amount of support than has been accorded to any other institution, and the directors have much reason to be satisfied with the result, as well as with the fact that the company's other well as with the fact that the company's other operations of its 29th year to 30th April last, have been attended with a very large measure of success. During the past year 1,781 applica-tions for assurances of \$2,653,303 50 were made to the company, of which 1,396 policies for \$2,227,900 50 were actually issued—142 for \$214,500 were declined, because the lives were not such as the Directors considered it prudant not such as the Directors considered it prudent to accept, and the balance were not carried out. The new business yielded a new yearly premium income of \$53,546 53 and the revenue of the company for the past year from premiums and interest as shown by the accounts, was \$601,-748 85. The risks in force at 30th April last 748 85. The mass in force at 30th April last were for \$15,034,486 29 of assurance and declar-ed bonus additions, upon 8.165 lives under 9,384 policies, annuities for \$648 upon two lives, and a deferred annuity and assurance transaction for \$9 50 and \$45 14 respectively. The death claims calculated upon and expected during the claims calculated upon and expected during the year were for \$205,550 while those actually experienced amounted to \$119,425.40. during the severe financial depression of the past year already alluded to, cases occurred where policy-holders found it difficult or impossible to continue assurances which they had fully intended as family provisions, but in these instances such fair considerations and equivalents as the rights and interests of other members permitted, were given to them; and in other cases where the values and position of the policies have admitted of it, loans upon their security have been granted to a very considerable amount, as will be seen by the accounts. Such liberal and fair treatment of its policy-holders in times of difficulty and hardship is an advantage to a large extent peculiar to the Canada Life Assurance Company, and it has been highly appreciated by the policy-holders. The statements of receipts and payments, abstract of assets and liabilities, a report of the committee appointed liabilities, a report of the committee appointed to examine and verify the company's securities in full detail, and the report of the auditor are as usual appended hereto. A dividend of 7½ per cent upon the capital stock paid up having been declared for the past half-year, payable 1st. prox., there is left a reserve on proprietors account of \$98,505,68. Messrs. J. A. Harding, James Osborne, T. C. Kerr, Andrew Allan, and

Thos. Swinyard, being the five names at the head of the list of directors, retire by rotation, head of the list of directors, retire by rotation, in accordance with the company's charter, but are eligible for re-election. The occurrence of theor dinary interior meetings of the company in the first with August in good incon-venient, from the august in good incon-venient, from the august in the directors pro-pose holding such meetings in the upon the second Tuesday in Septembet in the year, as empowered by the 18th section of the company's empowered by the 18th section of the company's charter.

(Signed,)

A. G. RAMSAY. President. R. HILL, Secretary.

The Canada Life Assurance Co. Hamilton, Ont., July 24, 1876.

- STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE 29th YEAR, ENDING 30th APRIL, 1876. Receipts.
- To balance at 30th April, 1875.. \$2,412,462 97 premiums received on 1,306 new policies and renewals... 446,440 18 extra risks 724 95 fines interest earned on investment, and profit on sale of debentures, &c.... 154,400 87
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Payments.

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| " written off Company's prem- | | |
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| division of profits last year. | 4,590 | 00 |
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| suspended) | 12,140 | 34 |
| " re-assurance premiums | 2,122 | |
| " claims by death | 108,940 | |
| " cancelled (purchased) policies | 10,707 | |
| " annuities | 648 | 00 |
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| " dividends and bonus on stock | 59,375 | |
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| (Signed) A. G. | RAMSAY, | ~ |
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The Canada Lifé Assurance Company, Hamilton, 21st July, 1876.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILI-TIES OF THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, AS AT 30th APRIL, 1875.

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| on- | Bank Stock (Montreal) | 26 220 00 |
| en | Bills receivable | 30,739 00 |
| ro- | Loans on Polices | 1,192 б4 |
| the | do. Debentures | 112,347 90 |
| a 8 | do. Stocks, &c | I,000 CO |
| y's | Real Estate-Hamilton, Montreal | 24,137 12 |
| | and Toronto properties | . 0 |
| | Interest accrued on Debentures, | 180,000 00 |
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| • | Half-yearly and Quarterly Pre- | 38,796 30 |
| • | miums secured on Policies, and | |
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| • | payable within nine months | 94,332 14 |
| | Deferred Half-payments on Half- | |
| | Credit Policies | 221,081 19 |
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| | Liabilities. | |
| • | Capital Stock paid up | 125,000 00 |
| 97 | Proprietors' account | |
| - 0 | Assurance Funds including Half- | 107,880 6 8 |
| 18 | Yearly and Quarterly Premiums | |
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| | NoteFrom this falls to be | 1,869,782 71 |
| ~ | deducted \$45,198 46 as it is paid, | |
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| | A. G. RAMSAY | , President. |
| | R. Hills, Se | cretary. |
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| 30 | J. SIDNEY C | ROCKER. |
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| | Hamilton, 21st July, 1876. | |
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sident and Directors of the Canada Life Assurance Company :---

Gentlemen,-I have completed the annual audit of the company's books and vouchers for the financial year ending 30th April, 1876, and I have much pleasure in certifying that I found them in every respect correct and satisfactory. The cash agrees with the bankers' balances, after deducting the outstanding cheques, as well as with the journal and ledger statements. I further certify that the statements of the re-ceipts and payments during the year, and assets and liabilities on the 30th April, 1876, correctly

1 tes represent the amounts standing in the com pany's several ledgers at that date. The various Investment Funds have been carefully examined and verified in detail with the debentures and other securites.

I remain, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

I. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

Canada Life Buidings,

Hamilton, 21st July, 1876. In moving the adoption of the report.

Mr. Ramsay said :- The reports and statements, which have already been in your hands for some days, so fully explain the operations of the company's 29th year, and its position at the end of that year, that I need not take up your time by adding much to them. In moving the adoption of the report, however, there are one or two points to which I would shortly advert. The very considerable number and amount of new applications for assurance during a year of such unexampled depression as we have just passed through is an indication of what might have been looked for had the times been more propitious. On all hands we hear of persons most anxious to join our company, but either restrained altogether from doing so by the absence of means or only able to do so for a much more limited amount than they would otherwise have desired. The gradual return of prosperity to the country cannot, however, be delayed for a very great while, and when it does arrive the Canada Life will have, undoubtedly, a full share in its benefits. Already, during the current year, from 1st May last, an amount of new business has been transacted greater than in any similar period for five years back. The mortality during last year, it will be seen, was very light, and the continued absence of heavy losses in that way may fairly be pointed to as evidence of the scrupulous care which the Board and its medical officers have exercised in the acceptance of cal oncers nave exercised in the acceptance of lives. The strong position and the popular principles of the company undoubtedly bring to it a large proportion of the best class of business, and its experience of twenty-nine years enables the directors with considerable accuracy to judge of the desirability of risks offered to it without being at all influenced, as they might possibly be under different circumstances, by necessity for additional business. The result of the year's transaction added a surplus of over \$200,000 to the assets of the company, and every care has again been exercised in the investments. At the late session of the Dominion Parliament a bill was introduced in reference to life companies by the Finance Minister, which, however, after making some progress was laid over till next session ; and I take the opportunity of stating here that the measure or its promotion has been erro-neously attributed to this company; that neither the Canada Life nor any one on its behalf had any connection whatever with it. It will be observed by the report that the future ordinary meetings of the company will be held on the second Tuesday of September for the convenience of shareholders of whom so many are usually out of town in August. I shall be very happy to give any further information in reference to the business of the company, for it is at all times the desire of the directors that policyholders and shareholders should be fully acquainted with this.

Dr. Hamilton, Vice-President, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unani mously.

Mr. Adam Brown, seconded by Mr. William Cook, moved a vote of thanks to the directors for their attention to the interests of the company during the past year. Carried.

Hon. J. H. Cameron moved, seconded by Mr. W. R. Macdonald, that the thanks of the share- ity to pay which induces the latter.

holders be given to Mr. Ramsay and the other officers of the company for the zeal, attention, and faithful service rendered to the company. Carried.

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tiring. The election resulted in the re-election of Messrs. James A. Harding, St. John, N. B.; James Osborne, Hamilton; T. C. Kerr, Hamilton; Andrew Allan, Montreal; Thos. Swinyard, Hamilton.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. A. G. Ramsay was unanimously re-elected President, and Dr. Hamilton Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

Correspondence.

A REMEDY FOR "HARD TIMES."

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,-A good deal has been said and done of late to ascertain the cause of the " commercial depression" which prevails to such an extent in Canada. And as the almost unanimous verdict is "overproduction" or "overtrading," I would respectfully ask if the cause is not a little farther back? It is not the abnormal demands of the consumer that induces overproduction ? And is it not the credit system of the country that induces him to purchase beyond his actual wants, and oftentimes beyond his paying ability, and thus locking up millions of our traders' money ?

Now as a remedy there is, in my opinion, no more effective means of basing the demands of the country upon its paying capacity, than for the Government, for purposes of revenue, to amend the present law respecting stamp duty, so as to embrace all amounts sold on credit, by declaring all book accounts between the retail merchant and the consumer illegal, and not collectable in a court of law, but that all goods sold on credit shall be settled for by bankable paper, properly signed and stamped; also to include all outstanding accounts when rendered, if not otherwise settled, when the law comes in force a penalty being imposed on parties refusing to give a note, as now, for refusing to stamp.

Now as all great reforms are brought about by discussion and agitation I would ask you to give this article room in the columns of your paper in order that merchants and others interested may have an opportunity of expressing their views on the subject. For my part I am convinced that such an enactment would tend more than anything else to produce the follow ing results :

1st. That all small purchases would be strictly for cash, and that a large portion of the lar-ger purchases would be paid for out of money held for speculative purposes rather than sign a note, and also that employees of labour would be obliged to pay cash for such, thus making a rapid advance towards the cash system.

2nd. That such a law would inculcate punc-tuality in making payments, a lack of which is the worst feature in the credit system.

3rd. That the demands of the country (which always regulate the supply) would be based on its paying capacity, thus avoiding to a great extent those periods of inflation and depression consequent upon the abnormal demands of the country, which cause the former, and its inabil-

4th. That it would secure the party obtaining credit from being unnecessarily involved by members of his family or others, (which has often been done and of which we have ample evidence), inasmuch as all credit purchases would be under his own supervision.

5th. That it would be a very great security to the banking institutions of the country. Those notes being left with them for collection, would become a collateral security in the event of advances being made to the merchant.

And lastly, that after limiting credit to the legitimate necessities of the country, the Government would have a large amount added to its stamp revenue.

Trusting that good may result from discussing the subject. I remain,

Yours truly,

MERCHANT.

August 1st, 1876.

RATES OF INTEREST.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR,-With the rate of discount in England at two per cent., and for money on deposit one per cent, is it not an anomaly that in this country from six to eight for the former, and five per cent. for the latter, should be the prevailing rate? Yet, however advisable our banking institutions may deem it that the rate for money on deposit should be lowered, with corresponding lower rates to borrowers, they are prevented from adopting such a policy so long as the Government competes with them for the savings of the country by allowing five per cent. for deposits. To lower the rate would lead to the transfer of deposits to the coffers of the Government, and although such a result would be for the moment advantageous to the banks, which are now suffering from a plethora of funds, the evil would be felt by and by when the present depression is removed, and activity in trade, with a consequent demand for money, sets in. Then the diminution of resources would be felt, and the banks find themselves unable to respond to the wants of borrowers to the extent that the business of the country might demand. I think it must be patent to all that the course of the Government in becoming a competitor with the banks for the savings of the community is an unwise one, thereby preventing free trade in that which, like every other commodity, should be governed by the law of supply and demand. As at present, Mr. Editor, see at what a disadvantage our merchants are placed, as compared with their rivals across the lines, whose wants are supplied at half the rates which prevail here, a difference which constitutes a profit in itself.

Yours truly,

BANKER.

THE MARITIME BANK.

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To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

DEAR SIR,-I have on my desk the circular signed by J. G. Dunning, to which you drew attention lately in your columns, and notice it is signed by several stock brokers, bank Presidents and managers, and some bona-fide hold-ers of the stock. Now it seems to me that though the bank may not have made very satisfactory progress since its start, the issuing of such a circular at the Board of direction is calculated to produce ill-feeling between the Montreal stockholders and the Board, and can only result in depressing the stock and credit of the bank, to the detriment of the 'general stockholders, for no Board with any self-respect could tamely submit to such action as there indicated. The Maritime Bank in their yearly published statement show, after writing off

bad debts to the amount of \$17,307,70, a loss on the year's operations of \$9,574,42. Now we must all be careful of our own actions, to find fault with those of others, and when I see the circular headed by the President of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, and closed by the President of the Union Bank, it naturally brings to mind the exceedingly bad exhibit made by those two banks, showing a loss on their year's operations of some \$388,000 and \$147,000 respectively, but from the exceedingly ingenious way they grouped the figures in their reports it was not easily detected by the casual observer.

Now, I do not wish to put myself forward as the champion of the Maritime Bank, or defend their action in opening in London, England. but I do say, that stating, as the circular does, that the President and directors have personal reasons for objecting to measures conducive to the bank's welfare, is language that requires to be borne out, when directed against those gentlemen who compose the Board, and who are, I know from personal knowledge, as honourable and respectable gentlemen as the business circles of New Brunswick can produce, and who, being large stockholders themselves, cer tainly have the interest of the bank at heart.

I yet hope to see the day when this bank, having passed through the severe storm that has swept the business circles in New Brunswick, will take up an honourable position of usefulness in its local sphere.

I am, sir, Your obedient servant, AN UPPER PROVINCE STOCKHOLDER.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL. 4 o'clock, Aug. 2nd, 1876.

| STOCKS. | Lowest Point in Week. | Highest Point in Week. | Total Transact'ng in Week. | Buyers. | Sellers. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Montreal | 1881 | 189 | 577 | 1891 | 189 |
| Ontario | | | 3// | 103 | 104 |
| Consolidated | | 100 | 37 | 993 | 100 |
| Peoples | 971 | 97 | 328 | 994 | |
| Molsons | 9/4 | 9/8 | 340 | 1093 | 99 111 |
| Toronto | | •••••••• | •••••• | 187 | |
| Jacques Cartier | 3 7 | 331 | 175 | | 190 |
| Merchants | 02 | 028 028 | 168 | 33 | 33 |
| Commerce | | | | 92 | 92 |
| | 124 | 124 | 229 | 124 | 124 |
| Metropolitan | ••••• | ••••• | ••••••• | 55 | 56 |
| Maritime | ••••• | ••••• | •••••• | 73 | |
| Exchange | ••••• | 991 | 27 | 98§ | I.O |
| Hamilton | •••• | | ••••• | •••• | |
| Union | ••••• | | | | |
| Montreal Telegraph. | 157 | 158 | 127 | 157 88 | 157 |
| Dominion Telegraph | | | | | 91 |
| Gas | | 168 | 97 | 168 | 1683 |
| City Pass | | | | 227 | 240 |
| Sterling Exchange | 1094 | 1093 | | :008 | 1003 |
| Gold | 1113 | 112 | | 112 | 112 |
| M. Telegraph (xd) | | | | | |

TRADE WITH THE WEST INDIES .- We understand that a movement is on foot to organize a "Canadian and West India Trading Company, with the view of extending the commercial relations now subsisting between the two countries. Quite a number of our most enterprising business men, we believe, have promised their assistance, and several gentlemen in Kingston, Jamacia, it appears, are also anxious to co-operate with the Canadian promoters of the undertaking. It is contemplated to establish a line of steamers to run between Montreal and the Islands, at first monthly, and subsequently ottener, should the venture prove successful. We hear that an application has been made to the Government for a subsidy for the carriage of the mails. The prospectus of the concern will be issued in a few days. A gentleman from Kingston, Jamaica, who is at present in town, is interesting himself in the movement, and he seems confident that the scheme, if properly managed, would prove successful.-Montreal 11,039 fewer than the births ; in Ireland 28,290, averaged two per month ! Herald.

Insurance.

St. Cat

ties, , was consumed by fire. for \$2,200.

Ottawa, July 31.—A fire destroyed P. Burke's barn and stables with contents. Insurance \$1,600.

Sio House ; insured

Oshawa, July 31.—A fire damaged the millimery shop of Miss Welsh, the grocery of John Gibson and the harness shop of J. F.

Shortt. Partially insured. Montreal, July 20.—A house owned by Madame Mercier was damaged by fire. Loss \$600. The occupant W. Riley lost on contents \$200. Uninsured.

Simcoe, July 29.—A fire destroyed Steinhoffs, carpenter shop and planing factory. Loss \$4000 no insurance.

Georgetown, July 29 — The shingle mill of D. Irwin was burned. Insured. Cap Sante, July 28.—A fire destroyed the

joiner shop of M. Marcotte. Loss \$450. No insurance.

Orangeville, July 26.—The dwelling and gun-smith shop of A. Carroll and occupied by N. Watson were destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000. Insurance on building \$400, and on contents \$200.

Barrie, July 27.- A fire destroyed a large amount of property causing a loss of \$25.000. The following are the losses and insurances :-The American Hotel, not occupied as such. owned by N. King, insured for \$2,000 in the Queen's, is a total loss. T. Lennox, provision store, \$1,200 on stock, insured in the Western; \$2,000 on the building and furniture in the Lancashire; total loss on the building, stock partly saved. G. C. Buck, stoves &c., \$1,000 on stock in the Provincial. N. Hughes, flour and feed, not insured; total loss. Thompson & Raymer, saddlers, \$600 on stock, and \$300 on the building, in the Canada Fire and Marine of Hamilton. The Wellington Hotel, owned by a Mrs. Campbell, insured for \$3,000 in the Niagara District Mutual Insurance Company; total loss. Hotel occupied by Somerset, stock \$8,000 in the Canada Mutual, and \$400 in the Canada Fire and Marine; loss heavy. W. Craddock, hardware, on the building \$500 in the Stadacona, and on the stock, \$300 in the Can-ada Mutual; \$300 in the Royal; \$300 in the British American; part saved. J. Pullan, gun and locksmith, \$700 on the building, \$800 on stock ; part saved , insured in the Western. W. Moore, carpenter, on the building, \$1,000 in the Western; total loss. E. Graves, house on John street, not insured, total loss; occupied by Dr. Mackinnon, insured on part of the furniture for \$600 in the Scottish Commercial; loss \$1,000. Culverwell, occupied in the back part of the house; loss heavy; not insured. Two frame house; loss heavy; not insured. Two frame buildings, owned by Mrs. Cassin, and occupied by G. C. Buck and G. Lawrence; insured in the Citizens for \$500 and \$400 respectively; total loss.

-The(annual) death-rate in the United Kingdom in the first quarter of the year 1876 was 23.3per 1,000 of the (estimated) population. in England and Wales the ratio was 23.5 per 1,000, being 1'I below the average rate in the corresponding quarter of the preceding ten years; in Scotland 24'I per 1,000 or .67 below the average; in Ireland 21'3per 1,000, or 't below the quarter's average for the preceding five years; but registration is said to de very imperfect in Ireland. The deaths in the quarter were 142,269 in England and Wales, being 87,711 fewer than the births; in Scotland 21,294, or

or 9;442 fewer than the births. Thus, the 300,045 registered births in the United Kingdom show a natural increase of 108,192 souls by their excess over the number of registered deaths. The Board of Trade returns state the emigration at 17,648, of which number 2,464 were foreigners. The present resident population is, in round numbers, not quite 241 millions in England and Wales, a little over 31 millions in Scotland, and a little over 5,300,000 in Ireland, making a total of rather more than 33millions.-Post Magazine.

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SECRET OF SUCCESS .- The Secretary of a Life company in discussing the secret of success in soliciting, says to his agents: "We would again remind you, that more depends upon the agent himself than upon the nature and stand-ing of his company. The people, to a great extent, lose sight of your company by the exercise of energy, perseverance, tack, honesty, and knowledge of your business on your part. What you are in your community is what your company will be, to a great degree. Your record as a man of sterling worth, or the opposite, is the criterion used by the people in making up their verdict as to the company you respresent, and as no man has the right to traduce the fair name and fame of his company, and thus impair her influence for good, see to it that in your daily life diligence is exercised, and honesty and honour conscientiously practised. An eminent authority has said: The explanation of the advantages of a comp my and the value of insurance as a principle, are undoubtedly among the principal elements of success in an agency. We think this true, and therefore urge upon the importance of fully comprehending the value of the protection afforded by, and understanding the special features of, your company.'

-Illustrative of the local power of the agent over the business which he has solicited and secured among his friends and neighbors, who know and trust him and deal with him upon the assumption that he does their insurance business altogether irrespective of what companies he places it in, is a remark contained in a letter recently received from one of our correspondents est companies withdrew from us and expected, we suppose, to break up the agency thereby but while they took from us some beautiful glass signs, we have retained nearly every one of the risks and have secured many more. Our business has increased over 1875 each month, and we have no reason to regret the position which we have assumed." The vital importance of the agent as a factor in the great insurance problem is one which we have constantly urged, and we only repeat what we have said hitherto forty times when we state our belief that those companies which treat their agents as if they were men and not dogs, which main-tain the closest, most friendly, and most cordial relations with them, are the companies which will, during the coming five years, secure the greatest amount of good from the agency business.-Monitor.

-A recent case in the Court of Bankruptcy, at London, decided the point that money left with a broker for specific investment is not a trust fund, and the principal is entitled to payment only pro rata with other cteditors.

-The late manager of the London and Lancashire Fire company, Mr. James E. Gale, has been fully committed for trial by the Liverpool police magistrate for embezzling £6,000, the money of the company.

-During the last half-century the failure of fire insurance companies in the United Statesfailures of companies actually organized-has

ed atHalifax loaded with gull's eggs,or more pro perly speaking, hen's eggs, from the Bird Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. As their export was at one time forbidden, the Halifax collector at first refused to enter the vessel, but the Dominion authorities having no law to prohibit the importation the cargo was landed.

The old country is assuredly waking up to modern industrial enterprise. Fancy the Glasgow News advertised in letters seventy feet in length, cut in the turf of an estate sloping to the bank of the river Clyde ! If a Yankee were to do that (and they have done infinitely worse along the Hudson) what a smart thing it would be considered.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, August 1, 1876.

Since this day week up till Saturday last the weather was cool, indeed too much so for this season of the year, and we have also had a good deal of rain. Since Saturday warmer weather has prevailed, but nothing like the "hot spell" we experienced about ten days ago.

Trade has ruled dull all week; sugar still forms an exception for which there is a good demand, market keeping very firm, and prices are likely to be maintained. Dry goods, although the demand just now is not very active, it is quite up to what was expected. Hardware is quiet, and no particular change to note this week. Leather is not in excessive demand, imports are small but sufficient for the present wants of the trade. Wheat is unsteady, and flour has a downward tendency. Provisions quiet; potashes advancing. The stocks of flour and grain in store this morning shows a decrease of 8,584 bls. of flour held here on the 15th ult., and decrease of 54,156 bush. wheat on the stock held here on the 15th ult. Full particulars will be found under the respective paragraphs.

Ashes.-Pots-The advance noted at the close of the market last week has been fully maintained, and we have again to quote higher prices. A fair business has been done in firsts at \$4.40 to 4.50; market closing at \$4.30 to 4,40; seconds, \$3.30 to 3.40. Thirds are nom-inal, nothing doing. *Pearls*—There has been rather more doing in pearl ash during the week. but as receipts are very limited sales are not numerous; firsts, \$4.90; seconds, \$3.95 to 4.05. The stocks at present in store are pots, 4,555 brls.; pearls, 1.024 brls. BOOTS AND SHOES.—The fall demand has

been so far quite up to expectations, and manufacturers have their hands well filled with orders. Quotations keep pretty steady. We have no change to note in prices, which have presented no alteration for some time past.

CATTLE.-There was a poor show of cattle in the market to-day, and very few buyers. The only demand was for distillery fed cattle at from \$4.00 to 5.00 per 100 live weight. Hogs were not in large supply; sales at \$6.75

per 100 live weight. DRY GOODS.—Wholesale houses have more to do just now in receiving goods than in sending them out. Still orders to a fair extent are coming in, and great hopes are entertained that the demand will prove quite equal to the supply; and travellers report the prospects in the country to be very favorable. The retail trade in the city has been pretty brisk of late.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Very little doing in a wholesale way but there has been a moderate jobbing demand, and prices are not materially Yokohama under date.

Wegquote Bi Carb is firm \$40 to 3.50. Sal Soda \$1.15 to \$1.20; Soda \$1.75 to \$2.00; Countin Soda 2.2t

but in the present state of the market dealers do not care about buying at any price there being no demand. Very little is expected to be done until the reports of the next English sales are received, in the meantime prices are nominal.

FREIGHTS .- A considerable decline in rates of freights has taken place since our last report, and engagements has not been numerous. Amount of tonnage offering has been small. Heavy grain by steam to Liverpool has been taken at 4/6 to 5/- and for the same by steam to Glasgow from 3d. to 6d. more, is paid. Flour for Liverpool and Glasgow by steam has been taken at 3/ to 3/6. FISH.—There has been some enquiry for Dry

Cod at \$5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$, but there has been nothing do-ing in any other kind of fish the market being quite bare.

FLOUR.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 57,630 brls., against 66,214 brls. on the 15th ult., and 45,992 brls. on the 1st of August, 1875. Receipts during the past week 18,241 brls.; total receipts from 1st Jan. to date 459,047 brls., being a decrease of 44,735 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875 ; Shipments during the past week 23,059 brls.; total from 1st January to date 308,423 brls., being a decrease of 30,911 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. Since this day week the decline in price has led to more business being done, but prices show a downward tendency, although yesterday this was to some extent arrested, and there was more firmness exhibited. To. day there was a rather better enquiry and a little more doing at quotations. Superior Extra \$5.15 to 5.20; Extra Superfine \$5.00 to 5.10; Fancy \$4.80 to 4.85; nominal Spring Extra \$4.50 to 4.60; Superfine \$4.20 to 4.30; Strong Baker's flour \$4.80 to 5.00; Fine \$3.60 to 3.70; Middlings \$3.25 to 3.40; l'ollards \$2.75 to 3.00; City Bags \$2.45 to 2.50; Upper Canada Bags \$2.30 to 2.321; Oatmeal dull at \$4.10 to 4.40; Cornmeal 3.00 per brl.

GRAIN.-Wheat-The stock in store and in the hands of millers this a.m. was 284,527 bush. against 338,683 bushels on the 15th ult., and against 338,083 bushels on the 15th ult., and 262,784 bush. on the 1st of August, 1875. Re-ceipts during the week 191,668 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 3,503,036 bushels, being a decrease of 52,910 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1875; Shipments during the week 39,749 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date area 666 bushels being a decrease of date 2,734,662 bushels being a decrease of 199,042 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. This market shows no improvement since the date of our last report and only trifling sales are reported, U. C. spring is nominal, winter is also nominal at \$1.05 to to 1.08. Peas .- Sale of a cargo reported early in the week at 86¹/₂c per 66 lbs; Maize is nominal at 50 to 52c; Oats are dull at 34¹/₂ to 35c but few sales transpiring. Barley.—Lower Canada 55 to 65c per 48 lbs.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Japans, new crop is arriving and some small sales have been made of the higher grades at from 50 to 65c, been nothing has been done in invoices, buyers only purchasing for the supply of immediate wants. The stock of inferior grades of old crop teas is heavy and it is not readily moved at prices satisfactory to importers. The latest mail advices from Messrs. Chas. Thorel & Co. of

"Yokohama, June 24th, 1876.

"At the departure of last steamer, 10th inst., teamen were somewhat pressing business and submitting to a further decline of about \$2 on all grades below Fine, some inducement was offered to buyers. Although business even now cannot be reported general, still a considerable quantity of leaf has been settled, and holders are now more confident with regard to the lower grades than formerly.

"Finest kinds remain about the same, the limited demand keeps them steady; holders occasionally appear to force sales which makes market somewhat irregular; supplies are only moderate, or we should no doubt see a decline in these kinds.

"Our market is still over supplied with the lower grades. Teamen during the early part of the fortnight appeared to have little confidence in these kinds, and forced sales were made apparently to give some tone to the market. There is now a rather more firm feeling for these grades, but this probably will be more than counteracted by telegraphic and mail advices from America, and considering the undesirable character of most Medium kinds, owing to careless preparation rather than want of quality, it is probable that our market must decline still more for these sorts.

"We quote: Medium, \$20 to 22; Good Medium, \$24 to 26; Fine, \$28 to 30; Finest, \$33 to 36; Choice, \$38 to 42; Choicest, \$43 to

46; and Fully Choicest, \$48 to 50 per picul. "Settlements of large parcels of very low priced goods are reported, say from \$15 to 20 per picul. Market closes somewhat quiet, but we anticipate that should buyers be found, teamen would continue to press business at quotations.

Latest telegram from New York reports market quiet, and prices weaker, at 23 cents for Good Medium.

"The steamer Oxfordshire left 12th inst., with 471,684 lbs. to fill up at Hiogo and Amoy, via Suez Canal to New York, and the steamer Gordon Castle is loading by same route at $\pounds 4$ per ton of 40 feet.

"The American ship Monte Prosa has been circulated to take tea, via San Francisco and overland, to Eastern States and Canada at 28 cents per lb. gross.

"The ship Sir Launcelot, due here next month, is advertised for New York, via Cape, and another ship will probably be dispatched shortly. Rate of freight not settled yet.

" Export this season :

lbs. San Francisco, per sail 25,513 str.392,366

417,879 Eastern States, per str.

1,904,394 -2,322,263

" This mail takes 10,828 packages from this port.

"Exchange has declined considerable again, closing at 3/107 for 6 mos. Documentary bills on London.

"Market closes apparently flat; Teamen are freely showing samples, but it would appear there is not now so much disposition to operate as a day or two ago. Telegraphic advices as to out turn of second steamer goods should now be due, and will probably cause a quiet feeling in our market.

"Choice kinds are now in better supply, and are being shown more generally, and some con-cession could no doubt be obtained."

Black and Green Teas are dull, and to induce sales concessions have to be made. Sugar-The activity noticed in this trade has been maintained; stocks here are small and holders are careless about selling, expecting a further advance. American granulated meets with a ready sale at 101 to 101 according to quantity.

Dry crushed 101 to 102; Scotch refined 71 to heavy 30 to ooc; grained upper 32 to 35c; Stocks are in small compass, but there is suffi-cient for the present demand, prices generally charness of the store store sheepskin linings 20 to 30c; stocks are small and the demand has been fair to the store stor at \$3.85 to 4.00; the outside price being for small lots. Spices—There has been very little doing on which to base quotations. B Pepper Io to Iolc; Nutmegs go to g5c for No. 1; Cloves 38 to 40c; Cassia 16 to 20c., Mace and Pimento are unchanged; Jamaica Ginger 19c. t'ruit—A pretty fair demand has sprung up lately, but at present stocks are light. Layer Raisins \$2.25 to 2.30; Valencias, new crop, 71 to 8c.; Seedless 91 to 101c; Sultanas 13 to 14c; Currants are in very small supply and prices are firm at 62 to 7c; Figs nominal at 12} to 14c; S S Almonds 12 to 13c; Walnuts 7 to 8c. HIDES AND PELTS.—Market has been very

quiet, the demand for hides has been small and at unchanged rates. The advance usual at the beginning of the month on Lambskins has not yet been fixed. We quote No. I Hides \$6.00; No. 2 do. \$5.00; No. 3 do. \$4.00; Lambskins are taken at 45 to 50c each; Calfskins 8c. per lh.

HARDWARE .- There has been the usual dullress in this trade which always takes place at this season of the year. Importations are coming to hand pretty freely and an active business is anticipated as the season advances. Quotations are without material change, but for large we quote:-Pig Iron-Eglinton and Clyde \$18.00 to 19.00; Carnbroe \$19.00 to 20.00; American \$21. to 23.; Summerlie and Calder \$19.00 to 20.00; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$20.00 to 21.00; Coltness \$20.50 to 21.00; Hematite \$26.00 to 27.00. Bar, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.10 to 2.20; best do., \$2.30 to 2 40, Swedes and Norway \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.00 to 4.20; Garth and Penn \$4.00 to Buda, \$4.00 to 4.20, Gath and 1 cm \$4.00 to 4.20; Arrow \$4.25 to 4.50; Hatton \$3.75 to 4.00. *Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC*, \$7.00 to 7.50; ditto, IX. \$9.00 to 9.50; ditto DC, \$6.00 to 6.50; Coke IC, \$6.00 to 6.50; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26, 13c. extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26, 13c. Galanized sheets best brands No. 28, 91 Hoops and Bands \$2.70 to 2.80; to 10¹c. Sheets best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.00to3.25do; Best brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Russian Sheet Iron 13 to 14c; Cut Nails, manufacturers list 3rd February, 2 D Lath, \$4.60; ditto, 2¹/₂d to 4 shingle \$3.80; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger \$3.; 100 keg order 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead-Pig, per 100 lbs 6.50 to \$7.00; do Lead—Fig, per 100 105 0.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; Steel cast, 12 to 14C; Spring \$4.25 to 4.50; Sleigh Shoe \$3.50 to 3.70; Tire ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00. Ingot Tin 22 to 23C; Ingot Copper, 21 to 22C. Horse Shoes \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved Coil Chain, § in., For 50 to 6.00; Auchors met Son Accidence Server \$5.50 to 6.00 ; Anchors 7 to 8c ; Anvils 10 to 12c. Iron wire \$2.30 to 2.40; G'ass to 25 united inches \$2.00.

LEATHER.--A steady demand from manufacturers at last weeks prices. Stock in nearly every line are well assorted though receipts are only moderate. Prospects are unfavorable for any advance in price this season and unless the demand improves some descriptions will rule still lower before the close of the year. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. I B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. 1 Orinoco 21 to ooc; No. 2 ditto 17 to 18c; Zanibar Spanish sole No. 1 20 to ooc; do. No.

22 to 2 LIQUORS.- 150 * gough leather

have no change to report on the quitations given in our last. -

OILS.—**There is a good** demand for steam refined seal and prices are advancing. Cod oil is quiet. We quote Cod Oil 621 to 65; Sealoil. -no pale in stock do straw 471; ditto steam refined 55 to 574c; Menhadden Oil 32 to 35c; Crude Whale 474 to 50c; Linseed Boiled 58 to For the supply of the local demand at last weeks quotations.

PROVISIONS - Butter-Receipts during the week 747 kegs; shipments, 1357 kegs, demand has improved in consequence of the fall in temperature, and the market is decidedly firmer; sales reported from 16 to 191c, the latter for Townships butter. Cheese-Receipts, 15,732 boxes; shipments 24,730 boxes; not much doing here, prices are weaker at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c, $\frac{1}{2}$ c more was paid for some very choice samples. Pork—Receipts 61 brls. ; shipments 166 brls ; market has been dull and inactive this week, prices keep steady at \$21.50 to 22 for New Mess, and \$20.50 to 21 for Thin Mess. Lard is still in good demand at 121 to 13c. Tallow quiet, at 71 to 8c.

SALT.-The demand is improving, and a much stronger feeling exists in the market. Large sales of Coarse have been made at 55 to 571c. Fine is nominal. Factory filled \$1.10 to 1.20.

WOOL .- Prices are nominal at present, no demand exists, transactions are in very small lots, holders are in hopes that by lowering prices, manufacturers will be disposed to purchase more liberally.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 3, 1876.

The produce trade has been rather unsettled during the week. This has followed from the state of outside markets and the character of the reports on the coming harvest. Groceries retain the fairly active state of the past couple of weeks, the advance and active movement of sugar being firmly maintained. Provisions are dull and stocks low. The prospect for lumber does not seem to have improved any and present movements are small. Leather has been extremely dull. Orders for boots and shoes are sufficient to keep manufacturers steadily engaged with a good number of hands. The sales of hardware are not individually heavy but altogether constitute a moderate business.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business as conducted on the order system is satisfactory and of a cheering character. Orders are numerous but none appear to be large, and on the whole manufacturers are doing a good business. Prices show no change. There is considerable doing in the sorting-up trade.

CATTLE .- Beeves-Receipts for the past week were 333 head against 424 head for the week preoious. The demand for shipment has again begun, but it is very light. Supplies are beyond the wants of the market except in the better grades, which are scarce. Medium and in-ferior qualities are abundant. First-class change hands readily at \$4.50. Second-class are weak in price, and the range is range is

3.25. Sheep-Receipts for the past week were 1,197 head against 832 head for the previous one. Most of these as formerly were lambs, but the supplies of sheep are larger. The tendency of prices is downward with an actual decline of 25c. Second class sell rather slowly at \$3.75 to 4.25, and third-class are not wanted. Lambs—The large supplies offering have been in excess of buyers' wants, and prices are about 50c lower. Picked sell at \$3.75. First-class are worth about \$3.25 to 3.50; second-class \$2.75 to 3, and third-class \$2 to 2.25. Calves-There is very little doing, and prices are un-changed. First-class are selling at \$9 to 10; second-class at \$5 to 6.50, and third-class at \$3

to 4. FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour.—Stocks in store on the 31st ult. were 6,395 brls. against 5,112 brls. on the same date last year. There has been a slight improvement in the market and prices are firm but movements have been small. Superior extra has sold at equal to \$5 to 5.15. A few sales of extra were made at \$4.85 f.o.b., probably \$4.90 would be paid. Fancy brought \$4.60. Spring extra shows a little wider range \$4.00. Spring extra snows a intre while large in prices, sales having been made at \$4.25 to 4.30 and \$4.35 f.o.b. Oatmeal.—The market is steady with a few sales of ordinary at \$3.90 to 3.95, and one lot of 200 brls. of choice at \$3.95. Small lots are worth \$4.25 to 4.50. Bran.—The market is weak with sales of car lots at \$7.00 to

FREIGHTS .--- There are no charters, as far as we can learn, to Lake Erie ports. Rates to Oswego are unchanged at 11c American currency, and to Kingston at 11c gold. Grand Trunk Railway-Rates are as follows; Flour to Montreal zec, to Point Levis 35c, to St. John via the Intercolonial 51c, to Halifax 55c per via the Intercolonial 51C, to Halifax 55C per barrel; to St. John via Portland 46C, and to Halifax by the same route 50C. Rates by Steamer-Rates per the Jacques line to Mon-treal are 20c on flour, and 5c on grain ; and 124c on flour, and 4c on grain, to Kingston, Prescott or Brockville. The Royal Mail line carries flour to Montreal at 20c. Through rates to Britain-Flour to Liverpool via Allan Line is nil per bbl.; or in bags 55s. od. per ton; grain, nil, exclusive of bagging ; butter and cheese 62s. 6d. per ton ; boxed meats, tallow, pork, and beef in barrels, 60s. od.; lard, 60s od.; oil-cake, 57s. 6d. per ton. To Glasgow via Mon-treal, flour is nil per bbl.; wheat, nil per cental, and boxed meats and pork, 623. 6d.; cheese and butter, 67s. 6d. per ton; tallow 62s. 6d.; lard 62s. 6d. per ton ; flour and oatmeal 55s. od. per ton

GRAIN.-Stocks in store on the 31st ult were fall wheat 112,712 bush, spring wheat 238,339 bush, oats 12,659 bush, barley 10,158 bush, peas 14,048 bush, spring wheat 23,697 bush, oats 48,811 bush, peas 498 bush, and corn 186 bush, on the same date last year. Wheat on the same date last year. Wheat There has been a slightly upward turn in the market with very slow sales to note. No. 2 fall sold some days ago at \$1.06 f.o.b., and it is worth about the same figure now. No. 1 spring has sold at \$1.06 f.o.b., but yesterday it was re-ported offering at \$1.05 to 1.06. There have been sales of No. 2 spring at \$1.02 to 1.04. Oats-Car lots have changed hands at 32c on the track. Barley is purely nominal. Peas-No supplies are offering and probably 73c would be given for lots.

GROCERIES .- Coffee-There is a little better demand and movements to the country are fair. Java has sold in lots at 27 to 28c, and small quantities at 29 to 30c. Rio ranges from 23 to 25c, and Jamaica sold at 20 to 21c. *Fish.*—The market is quiet and prices without change. *Fruit* — The market is dull. Layers are offering in lots at \$2.25, but small lots still range from \$2.40 to 2.50. 2 16 to 17c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 17¹/₂ to 100 c; 40. 14c weak in price, and the range is small lots still range from \$2.40 to 2.50. No. 2, 16 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 23c; small, and the numbers offering are altogether waxed upper light and medium 28 to 33c; do. above buyers wants. These are worth \$3 to unchanged and quiet. *Rice*—The market re-

mains firm. Large low have changed hands at \$4, and small lots bring \$4,10 to 4.25. Tobacco —Some improvement has taken place in the demand, and sales have been larger but prices are without change. Liquors-Brandies continue firm, but movements of all kinds of liquors are not large, nor is there any change in price. Sugar—The firmness of the past couple of weeks is maintained. Dry crushed is worth 10% and granulated sells at 101c. A good deal of Scotch has been moved in lots at 8 to 8%c for dark and 81 to 8%c for bright. Small quantities bring 9c. Demerara is worth $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c; Porto Rico sells at $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c; Barbadoes changed hands at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c. *Tea.*—The dealers appear to be more hopeful and in New York there is an impression that "bottom" has been reached though the unsatisfactory sales made in San Francisco a few days ago hardly warrant such a conclusion. Jobbing here has been more active and a good number of lines changed hands at much the same prices as formerly. HARDWARE.—There has been a good business

done in shelf goods and galvanized iron. A decline of 10c has taken place in bar iron. Canada plates are fully 25c lower. No change has yet taken place in tin plates, though a decline of 1s to 1s 6d is announced from England. Sales of nails and glass keep up well. HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides—Yesterday dealers

lowered the price of both No. 1 steers and cows to 5½c, and No. 2, to 4½c. There is a steady business doing. Cured are worth 6c. Sheepskins remain unchanged and fairly active at 55c. Calfskins are rather dull at 11 and 8c.

LEATHER.-Movements are' small and prices barely maintained. The prospect is in no means cheering. The enquiry for native stocks and oils is limited.

PROVISIONS. -Butter. Buyers have shown a tendency to keep out of the market. Some supplies on consignment have arrived and this tends to show that the outside demand is also falling off. About 16c is the best that could be obtained for shipping lots. Choice dairy for local requirements is worth 17 to 18c. Cheese is slightly weaker with small sales at 9¹/₂ to 10¹/₂c. Eggs, all offering are wanted at 14c it fresh. Pork is nominally unchanged at \$21.00 to 22.00. Bacon Large lots of Cumberland are worth 91c, while ton lots bring 10 to 101c. Long clear is worth rit to ritc. Smoked shoulders sell at 9½c and green at 8½c. Hams—Prices are firm and unchanged with very small sales to note. Lard -Sales are light at 13c for tierces and 13kc for tinnets. Hops are worth 12c in lots. Dried Apples are selling at 7c in small parcels.

SALT.—Liverpool in small lots is offering at 80 to 85c, and Canadian brings \$1 to 1.05.

Wool .- The market is rather weaker and nothing over 27c is paid for the best combing fleece. Some lots have been taken at 261c. From that figure the range for all classes of wools is down to 18c.

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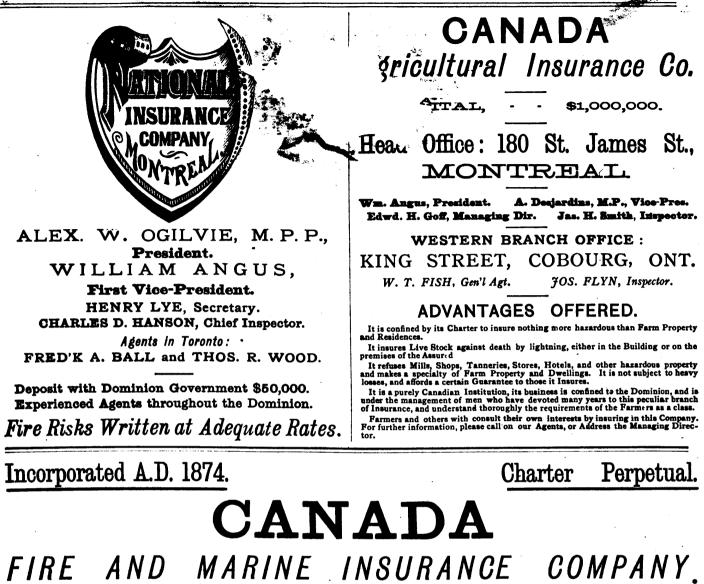
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| LAWRENCE COFFEE. • THOMAS FLYNN | Colored, common to fine Congou & Souchong | 0 45 0 75 | Splits, large, # 1b. | I 25 I 45 | Rum: Jamaica 16 o. p Demerara " | 2 30 2 40 I 85 2 00 |
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| JAMES LOBB, | Tin (four months): Block, P 1b | 0 22 0 28 | boiled | 55 0 57 0 59 0 61 | Domestic Whisky, 32 u. p Wool. | 0 26 0 00 |
| TORONTO. | Grain | 0 24 0 26 | Machinery | 0 30 0 40 | Fleece, ib. | 0 27 0 |
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as recently alluded to in Parliament, by the Returns, show that the Canada Life still main-

BUSINESS OF LIFE COMPANIES IN CANADA FOR 1875.

| COMPANY. | PREMIUMS OF THE YEAR. | No. of Policies New. | Am't of Policies New. | Amount of Risk. | COMPANY. | Premiums of the Year. | No. of Policies New. | AM'T OF Policies New. | Amount at Risk. |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Canada Life Ætna New York Life Connecticut Mutual Equitable Phoenix Mutual Standard Life Association of Scotland | 328,737 226,430 211,143 180,232 179,047 151,373 139,810 | 971 327 249 478 571 348 112 | 1,469,092 768,435 633,705 1,038,305 678,277 .578,242 256,998 | 8,967,672 6,000,000 5,439,997 5,332,945 3,982,782 5,022,565 4,163,157 | Sun Mutual Scottish Provincial Mutual Briton Medical Citizens North Western National | 59,438 59,006 54,363 43,561 37,787 35,697 35,481 | None. 386 222 60 115 | None. 433,243 413,500 88,633 165,732 335,980 | 1,404,927 1,128,371 |
| Union Mutual Travelers' Confederation | 109,679 | 481 | 1,346,365 722,875 1,383,915 | 3,189,151 | Royal Atlantic Mutual | | | 31,250 248,847 | 1,084,022 1,223,854 |

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| INSURANCE COMPANY | Co'y. | LITE ASSOCIANCE COMPANY. |
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| Fotal Revenue, Fire Premiums, & Interest 223,77 Fotal Losses 63,52 | | L. W. FULTON, Agent and Inspector of Agencies. |
| Invested Funds | Montreal, | IMPERIAL Fire Insurance Company of London. |
| Cash in hand and Deposit 49,15 Other Assets 49,88 | WM. ROWLAND, | No. 1 Old BROAD STREET, AND NO. 16 Pall Mall. |
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| The success of this Company for the first 30 months without parallel in Canadian Life Insurance. Its repo for 1873 shewed: | NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE | FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY |
| Assurances in force - \$1.514,300 00 Cash Assets - 138,184 38 Security held for Policy-holders 588,184 38 | Fire & Life Insurance Co. | Of the County of Wellington. |
| Expenditure for that year only - 11,426 95 | ESTABLISHED 1800. | Business done exclusively on the Premium Note System |
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| 80 per cent. PROFITS is awarded Mutual Policies; an its Stock rates are lower than those of any other Can | d Accumulated Funds 2544752 " | The Waterloo County |
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| In its efforts to obtain business it studiously avoi novelty and its equivalent—ambiguity—basing all transactions on the known equities of the business, th | | THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY IS DIVI- ded into three separate and distinct branches, the |
| ensuring justice to all its members. Reports and Table of Rates may be obtained at any | | VILLAGE, FARM, AND MANUFACTURES, Each Branch paying its own losses and its just propor- |
| the Company's agencies, or at Head Office. R. MACAULAY, Secretary. | adapted to meet the various contingencies connected with this department. | tion of the Managing expenses of the Company. C. M. TAYLOR, Sec. J. W. WALDEN, M.D., Pres |
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| Life Assurance Company | 1876, will, in terms of the Rules of the Company, rank in that Division for Five Years' Bonus. | Mutual Fire Insurance Company. |
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