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It is reported from Ottawa that the proposed fast Atlantic ateamship service is at last assured.

Onor reports from Manitoba are of the most encouraging kind and with sufficient rain an extra large yiold is looked for.

Tar Grand Trunk Railway Company have put on a gervico botween this city and Halifax which lessens the time by nine hours.

The seat of Mr. J. E. Brais on the local stock exchange lias been sold for $\$ 3,000$ and a late bank official is said to be the parchaser.

Tere Kingston Locomotive Oompany has completed one of the heaviest single castings ever turned out in Canada. It is an $18,000 \mathrm{lb}$. crank for a pump.

An instance of the preference of weekly paymente, rather than monthly, is given in the case of the striking laborers on the Brockville \& Wostport Railway.

T'us Winnipeg Oo-operative Tradiug A8sociation, principally groceries, recently burned out, has assigned. Liabilities at presont unknown, but it is a small affair.
W. M. Hu,tz, storckeeper, Lower Stewiacke, N.S, previously reterred to, has assigned. He has had a hard strugglo to keop going for somo years and the liabilities are small.

From Winnipeg.we learn that Mr. Van Horno has called a speoial meeting of the Directors of the O.P.R. for the 22nd inst., to take the necessary ateps towards constructing the Souris branch.

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## SAMPLES NOW READY FOR FALL TRADE 1889.



Amone those who took paseage on the Prisian Tuesday evening was Mr. S. J. Carter, of Mesers. Ward, Carter \& On., city. He intends evmbining business with pleasure in an extended trip through Europe.

T'ur Gatineau Valley railway has been located for 50 miles, rails for 40 miles have arrived at Hull, and the only thing which delaye the commencement of construction is the exorbitant price asked for the right of way.

At a meetiug of the creditors of the minsing Louisvillu broker, $L$ II. Minaul, curatore and inspectors were appointed. The liabilities are estimated at $\$ 50,000$, and the assets, which consist wholly of real extules, are $\$ 15,000$.

An offer has been made by the Maritime Gas Light and Heating Company for the works, plant and good will of the Halifax Gas Light Uompany. The sum offered is $\$ 450,000$, but the offer has been deolined with thanke.

Mr. M. B. Davis, of D. Hitchic \& Co., of this city, has just roturned from an extended tour through the States of Virginia and North Carolim, whero ho has been looking nfter the interest of their large cigarelte and tobacco works.

Fikas are entortained for tho safuty of the spring crops in the vicinity of Prescott, as much damuge has been done by the continuous henvy raine and wind storms. The oats and hay aro reported to bo turning yellow on the low hade.
dt a meating of the creditors of Ceo. E. Honsby, furniture dealer, Prescott, Ont., whose assignment was reported some weeks ago, it was decided to make an offer of 20 cents in the dollar, unsecured. Assets umount to $\$ 1,028.40$; liabilitica $\$ 2,42632$.

An Order-in-Council bas been passed prohibiting fishing with nets of any kiad in the waters of the Bay of Quinte, from Threo Brothers

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Tes Railway Department at Moncton is about contracting for a large workshop for building locomotive engines and is otherwise increasing their conveniences at that place, all looking to the extcusive additions to meet the expected traffic to be brought by the C.P.R
As increase of over 10 per cont. in the area prepared for crop in Manitoba is reported for the present year, which is a fair criterion of the rapid progress which is being made in that proviace. The total aren under crop is 893,000 acres; 623,000 of which is de;oted to wheat.

Letrams patent have been issued to the Woodstock Electric Light, Powor and Street Railway Co., with a capital stock of $\$ 50,000$, the Idyl Wylde Fibh and Game Ulub (limited) with a capital stock of $\$ 30,000$, and the Lindsay Grain Elevator Co., with a capital stock of $\$ 30,000$.

A sonnoity of fish is reported by dealers in St. John, N. B, and a consequent rise in prices is noticed over that of a year ago. Lobster fishing is a partial failure as a rebult of the high southerly winds, and mackere! are arriving very slowly. Former rates from British Columbia lave been restored.

Ganory Brothrre, candy manufacturers, of St. Stephen, N.B., who were burned out a short time ago, have their now factory nearly completed, and claim that when they get to work again they will have the largest and best equipped. factory in Canada for the manufacture of sweet stuffe.

A company has just been organized in St. John, N.B., for the purpose of manafacturing the Lancaster patent vice-grip wrench and other wrenches, steel forgings, drop forgings. The capital stock sub-


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seribed is $\$ 30,000$ and the name of the company is the New Brunswick Manufacturing Company．

A shart ripple of excitement in banking circles has been causea by a rumor that a young man named Fortier employed in the Banque du Peuple as collecting clerk，is missing and the books show a deficit of $\$ 1,170$ ．The Guarantee company has issued a warrant for his apprehension，but it is surmised he has gone across the border．

Wy learn from St．Pierre et Miquelon of the failure of J．E． Stringer \＆Co．，general traders，with liabilities of $\$ 10,000$ ．They started in＇ 86 and were burned out in February last，but were reported to be insured to some extent．Insufficient capital was put into the business at the start and this checked possible progress．

Tere Nova Scotia Telephone Company held its annual meeting in Halifax a few days ago．The Directors＇roport treated of the sale of their New Prunswick business to a new company and that the present position of the company was satisfactory．B．W．Chipman was elected President；W．O．Delaney，Vice－President；B．F．Pearson，Secretary， and R．Uniache，Thos．Bazre，C．F．Fraser，C．F．Sise and R．L． Borden，Directors．

Consul－General Perlan，of the United States，whose headquarters are at Halifax，has been suporseded by a Mr．Frye，of Maine．It was thought that the seryices of Mr．Phelan would entitle him to be kept in office by the Republican Government，but the＂man from Maine＂ now rules the roost and all the Democrats must leave．Mr．Phelan made a good official and Halifax parts from him with regret．

Amona the causes which led to the failure of M．A．Ouimet，boot and shoe manufacturer，recently noted，not the least important，is an instance of reckless cutting in prices．A certain large maker of this city had taken an extensive order for long boots at a price which would allow really no margin except＂to keep things moving，＂when， to his surprise；the order was cancellerl a day or two later on the ground that Mr．Ouimet had taken it for 50 cents per pair lese，about the price of the raw material．

The annual meeting of the St．John Gas Light Company was held a fow days ago，when the directors made a very eatisfactory roport to the shareholders．The consumption of Gas during the past year has
risen to $43,850,000$ cubic feet，an increase over tho previous．your of $3,000,000$ feet，and the net income of the works totalled $\$ 75,781.23$ ． Dividends of 8 per cent．were paid the sharcholders and $a$ handsome sum was added to the rest account．The capital stock now amounts to $\$ 324,500$ ．The Board of Directors elected were：Messrs．Boyd， Barker，Wishart，Patton，Emerson，Barnhill，Tucker，Gilmour and Sheffield．

H．Sampon，a Quebec tauner，has assigned with liabilitios of $\$ 39,000$ and assets of $\$ 33,000$ ．Ho attributes his failure to losses on leather shipped to England．There is little profit in such shipments and most tanners export merely to get rid of surplus stock rather than．carry it when local trado is slock．The opinion is that the estate will pay no more than 25 c on the dollar as the absatsare largoly in plant and buildings．Mr．Sampson has been in business for many years and enjoyed a good local reputation．

T．Madae \＆Co．，carrying on a general storo at Cookshiro in this Province have assigned．The liabilities are $\$ 17,000$ direct．and about $\$ 5,000$ indirect；assets $\$ 20,000$ ．They have been in business some years，and a year or：so ago atarted a grist mill and also oponed a branch store at Sawyerville．By all accounts they attempted more than their experience and capital warranted．．One of the partners was a butcher and another a dentist，and thoy continued these call． ings under their individual names．＇It can rendily be surmised that their operations were too diverse and widespread for success．Several other failures from this cause have come to light this week．

Fire Lossbs．－Napance，Ont．，June 12，Napauee cement works damaged ；loss $\$ 500$ ；insured．Pctrolia，12th，Vantuye \＆Fairbanks carrigge works destroyed；loss $\$ 1,300$ to $\$ 1,500$ ；insured，Phoonix， $\$ 2,500$ ；Caledonia，$\$ 1,150$ ；Mercantile，$\$ 1,000$ ．London，11th， F．Blackwell＇s barn burnt；loss $\$ 1,000$ ；insurance $\$ 800$ Thorold， 13th－Building owned by M．Doyle destroyed；insured．Mitchell， 13th—Mrs．O＇Farrell＇s residence burnt；insured．Montreal，leth－ Bushnell＇s oil refinery at Mile End destroyed；los：$\$ 15,000$ to $\$ 25,000$ ．Mánotick，Ont．－Residence of Richard Wilson，of Glou－ coster，destroyed with contonts．His wife and two children wi re burned to death．Cornwall，Ont．，June 20．－Oornwall Spinning Co．＇s mill burnt，tozether with $\$ 2,000$ worth of material．Tolal loss $\$ 17,000$ ；insured for $\$ 8,600$ ．
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A contiderable number of failures aro reported from Ontario this weok．IR C．Wharren，Brooklin，has assigned，Although a business man of some yembstanding he was not a good collector，gave too much credit and was slow in payments．－E B Moreland，the pro－ prictor of a weekly payment store at Oltawa，has assigned with linbil－ ities und aseets in tho vicinity of $\$ 4,000$ ．He was a T＇oronto man and


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many millions.--James Robertson, a farmer and aawmill proprietor, Windham, bus assigned. His proparty is under mortgages.一W. $R$. anderson, hardware, Collingwood, has again assigned. His previous trouble was in ' 86 , when he compromised at 50 c on liabilities of $\$ 7,000$. Since then he was supposed to be doing fairly, but his position was somewhat indefinite.-Levi Phillips, general store, Croton, enjoying only a limited credit, bas failed.-B, G. Wabl, wagon-maker, Elmira, has assigned. 'Ho has been giving too much credit and has been pressed for cash for some time.-Gcorge Sarsfield, shoes, Kingston, has called a meeting of his creditors. His liabilities are about $\$ 3,000$ and he is offering 25 c on the dollar -F. A Despard, manufacturers' agent, and W. J. Ramsay, a Toronto manufacturer, have assigned. The assets of the former are placed at $\$ 300$, with linbilities slightly more.-John Duncumb, grocer, Toronto, has failed. He began in '87 with small means and made little, if any, headway. Another Toronto assignment is that of Alfred Butt, jewoller; liabilities $\$ 520$,-with-reported assets of $\$ 700$.

Oun Brigewater, N.S.; correspondent writes:-Never witdin the momory of the proverbial oldest inhabitant has there been such a good appearance of crops in the Maritime as this year. In Nova Scotia the hay crop is now assured, and promises to be greatly above the average, while cereals also are at least three weeks ahead of last year. The season in Nova Scotia has been an unusually favorable onc for
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Montreal Clearing Hodge.-Clearings and balances for week ending 20th Junc, 1889 :-


Hon. C. H. Toprer, Minister of Fisheries, lans written to every member of Parliament and evory newspaper in the Maritime Provinces asking for suggestions with a view to securing $a$ better phan for disbursing the $\$ 150,000$ grant, a Government fighery bounty annually voted for aiding in the devolopment of the fisheries. Under the present system blank forms of claims are supplied to fishermen thiough the fishery officers and collectors of customs at specified points.

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| 41 | 2000 | 88.00 | 38.80 |
| 42 | 4000 | 130.00 | 80,20 |
| 48 | 3000 | 111,00 | 69.30 |
| 52 | 2000 | 93.40 | 60.40 |

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| Invested Fands | 33,000,000 |
| Bonuses Distributed | 22,000,000 |
| Annual Income | 4,450,000 |
| Deposited with the | 1,180,000 |

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## MONTREAL, JUNE 21, 1889.

## THE BANK MEETINGS.

We regret that the space at our disposal this week prechuden anything beyond a passing reference to the annual report and proceedings of the Merchants Bank, given in full olsewhere Indeed Mr. Hague's address covers so much ground and does it so effectively, that on reading over the address we feel we cannol do be ter than merely direct the attention of our readers to the remarks themselves. The statement that the customers of the bank as a body have been singularly free from failures during the jear is a testimony of value to the management in respect of the care exercised in chonsing business and in judiciously checking the tondency to expansion among customers. It is here that some of the most imporiant functions of a banker' come into play, and in which, by his foresight and advice, be becomes of the greatest useduluess to the bank's clients. 'The handsome resulis of the year's traneactions, the regularly maintained dividends, the large sum again carried to the rest and the character and condition of its business fully warrant the high place, as may be seen by tho table olsewhere, which the stock of the bank has reached.

The President of the Bank of Hamilton was surely justified in speaking of the prosperity of the bank in the language to be found in his address included in the report elsewhere. Notwith. stauding the increase in the capital, the profits are shown to have been 13 as per cent. after making every allowance for bad and doubtful debts and paying all expenses of management, \&c. This proportion of earnings can hardly fail to lead shareholders to make comparisons with other investments. Out of the profits two dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum were paid

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and $\$ 40,000$ carried to the rest. The Bank of Hamilton is fol lowing the wise example set by our largest bank in establishing a reserve for rebate of interest on curren't bills discounted, which, in the present case, amounts to $\$ 20,000$ The balance of profits carried forward is nearly $\$ 10,500$. The management and directorate are to bo congratulated upon the excellent showing made in the report.

## THE STATE OF TRADE.

The six months of the current year now nearing a close lave presented some interesting developments and there has been a quiet but steady expansion of trade. Fortunately the forebodings of disaster heard in some quarters in the early winter months have not borne fruit, and although there has been a wiping out of a number of large concerns and of many smaller firms, these failures have rarely urisen from what may be termed strictly legitimate causes and in nine cases out of ten have caused a healthy clearance.

An important featurs has been the opening up of new or more direct avenues of trade by our enterprising trunk lines, notably the Sault line and the new road to St. John and Halifax on the part of the Canadian Pacific, whilst the Grand Trunk has made great improvements in its American connections south of Montreal and has wonderfully shortened its time with the Maritime Province by new rumning arrangements. These changes, giving us close and speedy intercourse with the thrifty provinces by the sea and the Great West, can be safely counted upon to greatly augment the trade and commerce of this city and port in the very near future. As usual towards the close of June seasonable dullness is beginning to make itself noticeable and the condition of the crops and the prospects of fall trade are being canvassed and discussed to a large extent. There have been some adverse changes of weather, but despite all these the indications of heavy crops on this continent are most promising and the increased conflence in the future, which is gaining ground, is fully justified by present calculations on the condition of the yield at this stage of growth. Owing to the high prices and apparently good prospects during the seeding months large areas have been put under crop and the yield in the United States, should conditions continue favorable, will be probably as large as ever known. The same may be said of Ontario and Quebec, but in Manitoba and the Northwest territories more ground has been broken than ever known. The figures as to the Territories are not available, but in Manitoba the total area under wheat is 623,245 acres, an increase of 191,111 over last year. There are 218,744 in oald, an increase of 03,568 , and 80,238 in barley, an increase of 24,128 acres. The area under llax is 18,383 acres, compared with 8,539 in 1887.

The money market has had every appearance of ease until quite recently, when the large exports of gold from the United States and an anticipated large and early demand for fall currency bas caused the banks to pursue a more conservative policy. The United States Treasury seems to have recognized the need of checking so far as possible the excessive accumulation of money at financial centres, as this tends to encourage rash speculation. Bond purchases have" been limited, but although the disbursements are filly adequate to present needs, on the other hand it is recognized that if the accumulation of surplus in the Treasury is allowed to continue, a large and sudden release of currency will be necessary-when fall demands make themselves felt. The manufacturing outlook is good, especially for cottons, all the mills being busy with long lists of orders ahead. In woolons, the fall trade will scarcely be more than fair, owing to the stocks carried over from last winter.

It may be noted, however, that the new wool clip continues to command a good market in the United States at sustained prices despite the dissatisfaction of buyers, who see little margin for profit at the present prices and outlook for the finished product. The boot and shoe factories are now busy with antumn stock and have booked a aatisfactory number of orders. The sugar refineries are actively employed and the market continues to strengthen owing to the comparative scarceness and dearness of both beet and cane. Our local metal works of varioua kinds are running steadily and the last element of uncertainty about the immediate future of prices seems to have been removed by the marked improvement which has at last taken place in the United States iron trade, both North and South In their eagerness to manufacture for themselves and keep out the foreign article, the American manufacturers overshot the mark and the unexpected development of the Southern mills aggravated the situation to such an extent that while iron and metal have been booming in Europe the United States market has been stagnant and depressed.

In glancing over the official table of United States exporis for May, we find that the exports of wheat exceeded those of the previous May by one million dollars, while corn exports were $\$ 1,700,000$ in excess, and wheat flour fell $\$ 700,000$ behind. In cotton the value was greater than last year $\$ 10,263,187$ and $\$ 10,055,720$, but the quantity was smaller- 210,279 as compared with 212,003 bales. Great Britain was by far the largest buyer of cotton for the month, taking 141,918 bales valued at $\$ 7,038,016$. British North America is credited with 5,742 bales, valued at $\$ 285,603$, which is more than half of the purchases for Russian account. For eleven months of the American flacal year the exports under all classes, except breadstuffs have been greator than last year. The figures are as follows:-

|  | 1889. | 1888. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Breadstuffs. | \$111,000,000 | \$117,500,000 |
| Cotton | 235,000,000 | 223,500,000 |
| Provisions | 90,000,000 | 80,000,000 |
| Cattle and hege......... | 14,000,000 | 10,000,000 |
| Potroleum .............. | 45,000,000 | 43,000,000 |
|  | \$495,000,000 | \$474,000,000 |

The increase here shown in exports of cotton is about double the decrease in shipments of breadstuffs, whilst the increase in exports of provisions, including cattle and hogs is even greater than in cotton. The decrease in exports of breadstufls is confined exclusively to wheat and wheat flour which dropped ofl' in value twenty-four millions of dollars, but three-fourths of this decrease was made up by increased exports of corn, barley, oats and rye. These figures whilst they cannot fail to be satisfnctory to the trading community of. the United States also possess interest for Canadians, most of our exports being in common. They indicate clearly enough that the great consuming countries of Europe are still largely dependent on this continent for sapplies despite the remarkable developments in India, Russia, Australia and elsewhere.

## COLLIECTIONS.

In spite of the complaints of chronic grumblers there can bo no doubt that a fair average trade is being done. Doubtless purchasers are conservative. We have too recently emerged from a period of depression to be anything but cautious in launching out; but every day gives increased confidence, and so soon as the ordinary summer slackness is over we look to see a marked revival. At present we bavo really very litite to complain of. Things are not booming; but the bank statements and the reports of the smaller manufncturers show that business is far better this year than it was at tho same time last year. Manufacturers who were thon doing nothing, liave now a fair amount of orders on hand; the small dependent industries are all well employed; and all round there is a feeling that we are on the edge of better times.

But there is one constant complaint that mars every satisfactory statement. On all hands it is admitted that collections are unpleasantly difficult, and that ropeated visits are necessary, to extract payment where formerly returns were immediate. Why is this? Largely, we believe, because people have got.out. of the habit of paying. During the poriod of depresaion through which we have just passed a very large indulgence was, perforce, allowed to debtors. It was [elt to be useless as woll as unwise to attempt to insist on payment and thus risk forcing the unfortunate into an assignment. . Creditors became accustomed to waiting, and to the stereotyped requeats to call again aftor
the "fourth"; and the debtor became so used to being allowed an extension that habit became a second nature Now that things are better and there is once more money in his purse, the average debtor still clings to his old exenses. It is not that he cannol pay; it is simply because he hates to part with hís money until he is positively compelled to do so, and because the privilege of deforrims payment, originally granted in order to give him time to rake op the fands, has come to be regarded as a right.

No doubt thore is not ao much money available for circulation among eertain cinases as there was. The constant influx of mochanies and farmers' soos into the ranks of clerks and shopmen hat rosulted in a steady decrease in the wages of this alass of semi-skilled workgrs. Every lusiness man who desires to fill the phace of an employe knows that he can do so at a lower ligure if he chooses. He may not get so good a hand, but he will gel ono that as a general rule is quite good enough; and los will het him much cheaper. Girls, too, are commencing to crowd into the ranks of an already overstocked market, and the introluction of the girl stenographer and typewriter has lowered the wages of correspondence clerks below the remunerative lovel. This has all tended to lessen the amount that this most imporiant class of workers are able to spend. Rent, clothing, laxes, and food are all as high as thoy were five years ago; but salaries are decreasing every day. Naturally the sufferers are compolled to reduce their expenditure or fall into debt, and thus the trade of their suppliers fialls off, money is more difficult to get, and eventually the wholesaler suffers.

I'he workingman (as it is now usual to style a man who works with his hands alone) has suffered only to a comparatively slight oxtent. 'The fact that he has a trade at his fingers' onds and that he belonge to a more or less powerful labor organization enables him to meet his employers on a far more independent basis than the clerk or shopman. Naturally he has not sullered; in fact artisuns' wages are very nearly as high as over. But oven in his case his expenses are greater. The spread of education and intelligence has obliterated the old clase lines. The mechanic now dresses and lives in a far more expensive style than in lormer years, and, as a consequence, his wages do not go so fir. In his case then, also, it is necessary to rotrench; and in doing so he curtails the trade of his auppliers.

It is probubly to the reasons we have just given that tho present dinieulty of making collections is patly due. But we still cling to the beliof that the existing dilatoriness in payments is more the to the recollection of the indalgences granted during the procoding yoars than to any real shortness of funds. l'eoplo have bucome so atcustomed to "standing of" their creditors that they never think of pay a bill until it has been called for over and over again. Demands for cash discounts are made unblushingly whon the account is long over due, and some dobtors raally soom to look upon paying at all as a favor on thoir parts. It will probably take some time to oradicate this evil, but it will have to be done; and if the expected revival in trade takes plase in the full we shall probably witness a marked improvement in colleclions, duo as much to increased strictness on the part of creditors as to any incroase in the cash balances of their debtors.

## dEDDUCED INVOICES

So long as dution are so high that it is worth while to smuggle, so long will it be nocessary to enforce the laws which protect the honest importer from the unfair competition of those whose consciences are not so nico; and until nations take a step backward and resort to direct taxation for the means of carrying on the machinery of the government, must tarifl legislation prevail. liven in "froe-Lrade" England Lobscco continues to be a temptation to tho consumer and demer. Many of our people atill dorive thoir economic ideas from the school of Adam Smith and Stuart Mill, and accordingly diangree with the law of the land of their labor where frese trade is sa yet impractieable. The sunggler finds mapologist in the former who describes him as "a person who, though no doubl highly blameable for violating the laws of his country, is frequently incapable of violating those of matural justico, and would have been in evers respect an excellent citizon had not the laws of his comntry made that a* crime whish mature never meant to bo so." Thus Adam Smith, the fathor of l'olitical Sconomy, throws the blame upon the law and noh on the transyressor, as ono who wrote in lighter strain once rhymen without roason that

When lovely womon go astray,
The stars are more in fault than they"

This kind of a priori reasoning on behalf of the smuggler led him in former years to be often regarded as a popular hero. But though times have changed, and old manners gone, there bo a number of persons yet in the community who, because they do not give in their adherence to the party which framed the laws, feel they are doing little or no wrong in violating them on every possible occasion.

It cannot be expected, therefore, that the foreign agents of foreign manufacturers are likely to be imbued with a greator respect for our laws than we are ourselves, moreover when their interests are all on the other side of the balance. The case of a general importer of this city, whose wayward methoda have been brought to the honest light of day within the last fow weekg, is among the latest of the kind. Not content to compete on equal terms with other importers, this man appears to have availed himself of the facilities which seem so ready at hand when, as pointed out in a former article, foreign manufacturers, factors and agents set their wits to work to increase the ratio of their profits, with only their regard for the laws of the country of the importer to deter them. The officers of the government appear to have had much difficulty in obtaining the necessary ovidence in this case. The absence of certain correspondence was accounted for in a way that staggered them while it bore conviction along with it; but a number were discovered-sufficient to expose the whole affair. The air of injured innocence and morality with which some houses at first received the proposals for re-invoicing (decote) was not unworthy of certain vessels of goodiness at home. The matter has, however, been thoroughly sifted. The attempt to father the ofiance upon a clerk whose engagement had not began until after the period covered by the principal transactions complained of, is an example of the slifts to which resort is had under such circumstances. The plan was simply that the manufacturer sent a correct invoice with a blank form to an agent or friend in the same country, who prepared a new invoice to suit the cupidity of the importer. Had they contented themselves with a slight reduction of five or ten per cent it had probably longer oscaped notice. The total of the invoices in the caso was 120,000 francs, which with an average duty of 25 per cent makes a total of $\$ 27$, 450 under the simple penalty of the Act.

It is claimed by the foreign manufacturers or exporters in such cases that as " they are guiltless in the mattor and no witting party to the transaction "they should not lose the goods seized by the Government. It will probably be replied that the goods are subject to risk by this species of loss equally as though the importer had made a hasty disposal of them by auction or hypothecated them and lecamped with the proceeds to the south of the international boundry, in which case he has also broken the laws of the land and which consequently cannot be expected to hold itself responsible for the loss to the exporter. This is a risk which it would be well for every European or other exporter to ponder on ore shutting his eyes to the crooked methods of customers in their endenvors to defraud the laws of the land to which the goods are exported and which the request for blank invoices so plainly betrays.

## COUNTRY CREDITS.

The retail merchant who conducts a liue of business in any of our large cities, whether boots and shoes, hardware, dry goods, groceries, drugs, etc., who orders his supplies by telegraph or mail or by telophone from the wholesale house across the street, who accepts drafts at his desk or tenders cheques for the paymont of his accounts, and deposits his money each day in the bank, is altogether a dealer different to his brothor merchant of the country store. He does not work as hard and his hours are not as long. His residence and place of business are generally some distance apart and consequently when away from duty, his mind and his hands are aloof from the cares of his shop and his customers. He is at rest if he so desires. Whatever commodity finds its way into the market, whether springing from the fountaius; of fashion or conceived by the man himself, is directly brought to his notice by a descriptive circular or comwercial traveller, aud the natural result is that he cannot fall far behind the times if he give but a fair amount of attention to the mercantile werld as it moves.

The country storekceper, on the other hand, is subject to many trials, which one has only to go outside the city to find. In the average, not more than one-fifth of the people pay cash for their supplies, and probably one-half the remainder bring produce and provisions to meet their requirements. As a conse-

цuence a general credit business is conducted, and, with the exception of notes, which are sometimes given in the spring and summer, accounts are soldom settlod till the grain is marketed in the fall. In the ordinary course of credit extended to farmers each year till the above spason, it would seem natural to premume a merchant with a fair sharo of capital and eredit, combined with the necessary experieuce, should continue to prosper and do us safe a business and fully as desirable as the city merchant, who meets with severe opposition and cannot claim the - assured custom which awaits the man of credit in the rural district. Bui in every farming conmmity there is always to be found a certain shifting class, who, with little or no capital, but rather through influence or security for the first year, rent or get possession by a transfer of mortgage of a farm, and, as any ready money they may possess is always needed for seed-grain or the payment of some note falling due for implements or stock which had to be obtained at the outset, they are always the first to fill a page on the credit account books of the general storekeepar at the village, who can cite an original excuse for every enstomer of the kind who asked for a line of credit; for no two were ever known to have just the bame need for the cash at that particular time, which should have gone to the payment of the goods being bought.

In the generality of cases these customers manage, parily through bartor and partly cash, to pay for their purchases for a time; but as the months roll by and they have formeda friendly acquaintanceship, there is generglly found a want of judgment in making their purchases equivalent to their present means of payment; nor does this always find ite origin in the mind of the customer, for the anxious merchaut, partly relying on their honor and partly on their ability to pay the balance in cash as formerly, induces them to "just take the balance of the piece along, there is only $5 \frac{1}{2}$ yards left and I'll put in the remnant at two cents a yard less." After a conversation as to the extra quality of the goods and a verbal guarantee that they cannot be duplicated at any thing like the same price, the customer agrees to take them along, and in settling up there is perhaps a dollar "balance on goods" to go on the book. The amount is paid the next visit, and there is another remnant or a deficiency through some other purchase which again seeks the book-this time for a longer stay. The merchant feels no alarm in seeing their account gradually growing beside that of his other credit customers, and no obstacle appearing in the way of a satisfactory settlement besides feeling sure of their entire trade now that they have the knowledge of obtaining credit when necessary, he naturally looks to them as his most profitable callers, especially from the fact that they seldom display that closeness in doaling, that anxiety to cut down prices which he is so often and regularly compelled to face in 'a class of goods, too, suoh as sugars, cottons, \&e., on which there is little if any margin after being brought to his place of business and sold at 3 to 12 months' time.

When the day for payment arrives, this class of customers for the first year strive to meet at least the greater part of their accounts and give notes of 3 months for the balance, which the merchant, if he wishes to use, indorees and discounts in the bank. Whon these mature there are other open accounts as large or largor than the notes and a small payment on either is followed by the merchant's retiring the bank note and the customers renewing for full amount of account with interest on the notes, ouly to be ayain followed during the summer by further renewals, till at the close of the secoud season the customers find what seems like a double account to pay and the merchant finds experience very likely about to take the place of profit. Fior with the maturing of his indorsed papers in the bank come notes for improved farm implements and extra stock, which, together with rent or payment of interest on mortgage, form a much larger aggegato than the producis of their farms will pay.

Choy are deniod further credit at the store from the fact that they lave given a chattel morlgage on their stock, \&c., and then on their honor alone rests any hope in the mind of the merchant ay to the evontual settlement of their accounts. The morlgages and maturing notes compal many a trip to tho city, and it is only then that they manage to pay cash for their supplies; and he who trusted them so long now finds them driving by each week on their way to town. Such cases as these, oven if they are looked upon as oxceptions to the general rule, are, alas! too often the case, and there are few country merchants to-day doing ia business of long atanding who have not had many umpleasant reminders of the kind remaining in their books.

## INIER-STATE COMMERCE AND CANADIAN ROADS.

The numerous dificulties which have followed in the wake of the arbitrary restrictions placed upon the American railways by the Inter-State Commerce Commission seem to he as far from a solation as ever. From the very outset the interference of the State with the workings of these vast commercin! corporations has tended to upset existing conditions to such a serious extent. as to cause many thinking people to doubt the wisdom of such a policy and to extol the advantages of free and unhampered trade relations. It must not be forgoten, however, that the railway interests of the United States have for many years held producers and shippers, and even communities, in their iron grip and their aims have been purely selfish ones and antipatriotic, so that evon at the risk of blundering and cansing considerable damage it seemed the duty of the Federal authorities to interfere and provent discriminations and other abuses.

The railway magnates and wire-pullers having felt the lash of the Inter-State Commission, are now actively advanciug the claim that Canadian roads possess undue advantages over those of the United States. Grossly exaggerated statements of a diversion of traffic have been made, the object boing plainly to embarrass the Commission and to cause it to take ageressive action towards Canada. So far the powerful efforts which havo been put fortli to exclude Canadian railways from the Western carryiug trade lave not succeeded, as producers and shippers in the United States are not slow to see that the absolute roign of the New York railway magnates is a menace to their best interests. Already many leading newspapers in tho United States have expressed the opinion that public sentiment does not endorse the exclusion of Canadian competition, and to stop the outcry against our railways it seems likely the proposition will be made that Canada shall impose restrictions on her roads similar to those of the Inter-State Commerce Law. The fact that such an idea has been put forward by Senator Cullom, the father of the Iuter-State Law, shows that the United States auhorities are prepared to treat this question in a more sensible and reasonable manner than by enforcing harsh, repressive laws which would be fully as injurious to American commerce as to Canadian railways. A New York commercial exchange says there is but one alternative for Senator Cullom now that it soems impossible to exclude the Canadian roads from competition, and that is either to convince Canada that it is wise for her to impose restrictions on her railways, depriving them of the present advantage, or to confess that it was unwise to impose these restrictions on American lines. Evidently Senator Cullom is a very wiso and worthy man. The father of the Inter-State Commission be is no less a father of his country, and having large aspirations and a benevolent heart, he wishes to bestow a little fatherly consideration also on Canada. It is, therefore, perhaps, consistent for him to assume that what is good for the United States would be good for Canada.

- The United States Senate Commission purposes to visit Boaton early in July, and the leading commercial organizations have already passed resolutions strongly condemning the proposed exchasion of Canadian railways, which have been of immense benefit to that important business centre. There is no trunk line terminus in Boston, and no distinctive line to the West, as in the case of Now York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Boston has long had her railway grievances and has certainly been shabbily treated by the American trunk roads. She is dependant on the Northern New England and the Canadian railway system for equal rates with other Atlantic ports and her merchants have every cause to fear that the exclusion of Canadian roads would le followed by adyanced rates on Boston. freight and a declining commerce. A serious blow would also be struck to the railway systems in which so many Boston people are heavily interosted in Massachusetls, Now Hampshire and Vermont, which receive from and furniah freight to the Canadian roads, and, in fact, so wide-spread would be the consequences that it is seriously stated that any projects for an improved Boston steamship service to Europe mightitas well be abandoned if the railway bosses of New York are to control the situation.

Boston just now is in a corner, but it is oncouraging to note that sho is ureparing to make a vigorous atruggle for freedom. In this connection we nolice, that our excellent contomporary the Boston Commercial Bullctin, while justly appreciating the advantages of railway compelition offered by the Grand 'Irunk takes a wrong view of the position of the Canadian lacilic. It sparks of it as subsidized by the Canadian Goverumett and in
a position to make rates on freight, which mean a ruinous loss to the American transcontinental roads under the Inter-State Law. As a matter of fact the Canadian Pacific is not under the wing of the Government and working under regular subsidies any more than the numerous American roads which received public grants and assistance whilst under construction. It is simply an indopendent company run on business principles with shareholders not only in Canada but also in the United States and Earopo. We are told that the operation and existence of the Grand I'runk has been of vast benefit to Boston's commerce. Whilst its competition with the American trunk lines has not been ruinons, it has prevented them from making extortionate rates by a trank line agreement, and has thus rendered an important service to the whole commercial community in the East. The Canadian l'ucific, by opening up now direct routes to the NorthWest, gives Boston a chance not only to develop businese of its own, but to prove its contention that it is the natural winter port for Canadim business. It is in overy respect calculated to prove serviceable to Boston, alhough doubtless inclined to give Canadian winter ports the preference, and we bespeak for it a share of that friendly consideration so justly accorded to the Grund Truak.

The importance of correct statistics of exports of $\Lambda$ merican goods by rail to forsign countries is again ongaging the attention of the Amorican 'l'reasury Departinent owing to present Canadiun rolations. The existing laws under which the Bureau of SLatisties gathor information date back to 1798 and 1820, when the frontiors were a wilderness and rail carriage unknown. Since the Canadian lacific was opened Now England cotton manufacturers have been shipping their goods from Manchester and Lowell to Vanconver instead of to San Francisco, consequently under existing laws the apparent falling of in American exporte of collons to China and Japan would be unexplained if il were not possible to got the figures by way of the Cauadian Pacific and Vancouver. The exports from Vancouver for the six months ending December 31 last were $4,780,701 \mathrm{lbs}$ valued by the U.S. Burean of Statistics at $\$ 1,500,000$, 'lhe American authorities state that the Canadian Customs statistice are fully as incompleto as their own, oven more so. 'Their laws require the filiug of information regarding goods crossing Cannda in bond from point to point in the United States and goods crossing the United States in bond from Canada to a soaport for export. It is tho information regarding goods shipped from point to point in Canala across tho United States and those imported into Canada across tho United States which is most soriously dofectivo. Where the imposition of customs daties is not involved, the information sought is for statistical purposes. The present railway problem shows the necessity for a more exact glatistical sybtom than so far devised and any attempt at sottlemont would have to be preceded by improved methods of collecfim and compilation

## WEALTII, AND IT'S DISTRIBUTION.

## (lirom " Natural Laves in the Business World.")

Il is a very common, but an inaccurate saying, that the lich are growing richer, and the poor, poorer. This idea seems to bo dominant in tho minds of sentimontal and socialistic writers, and is largely indorsed by popular opinion. The colossal fortunes that have bean ac. cumulated during the last twonty or thirty years nttract wide attenliou, and the conclusion is renched that uatural and economic laws aro faulty, or olso such marked inoquality would not oxist. Our sentimontal proforence is for an ideal condition of society in which uniformity is the prominent characteristic. That there has been a great change in the conditions for the rapid accumulation of wealth during the last generation is undonbtedly true. Prominent among the causes which huve led to this movement, and which have made the accumulation of great fortunes possible, is the remarkable oxpansion of the railrond aystem. 'Lhe rapidity aud extent of railroad growth are unprecedented in the world's history. Within the last docado of yoars, territory hargor than the aggregnte aren of all the States cast of the Mississippi, has been pormented and devoloped by the construction of these great public highways. The wealth that has been created by this means reaches to thousands of millions of dollars. To illustrate this, fot us suppose an individual caso, and observe the special opportualtion afforded for the acoumulation of wealth by this great movement. A mau with great ability to orgnnize and execute, and with wiso forecnst, possessed of experience and capital, grasps the boundless possibililles of a sparbely settled aud anproductive territory. He foresacs that all that is necessary to transform its worthless neres into fruitful furme, and dot them with fiourishing towns and villages, is cheap transportation. He projeots vast schemes of railroad building,
and executes them, not as a philanthropist, but as a sagacious busiwess man. He has faith in matural principles, which show him that the result of his venture will be a domain ocoupied by thousands of thrifty settlers, who will furnish his road with'business. As a result of his enorgy and persistence, and in strict accord with natural law, his individual fortune is, perhaps, fncreased by millions, and he has enrned his reward. Through his instrumentality, there have been added to the capital of the pation, not only the railroad, bute many times its value in other products and improvements. Land, before worthlers becomes valuable and productive. Instead of a scanty growth of mage brush, boundless fields of golden grain await the advent of the reaping machino. Where an occasional herd of buffulo was almost the only sign of animal life, numberless droves of cattle and sheep are now seen fattening for shipment, to supply the neverceasing food demand of the world. In place of vast solitudes broken only by the passing of an emigrant train, or by an Indian hunter, thousands of brawny farmers and laborers find employment and "sustenance. This great result is the product of the brain force of one man. He has furnished occupation for thousands of workmen, who would otherwise be left to overstock the labor market. By the amount of his production he has as fairly earned his millions, as any manual laborer has carned his daily wages. While his own fortune bas been enhanced, he has caused indirectly a production many times greater The transaction was only a sale of brain power, at such a price as the world was willing to pay. The case supposed is only illustrative, but it is tyijca of many occurring in real life. In the accomplishment of such results, truth is indeed "stranger than fiction."

Other important means by which the opportunitics for making great fortunes have been multiplied, are found in the utilization of steam and electricity, and by the great number of inventions. These have changed business muthods, and jucreased in almost geometric progression the practical power and possible achievement of a single individual. Great personal ability, when supplemented by such torces, becomes nimost irresistible.

The era just past has been a transition period. The remarkable chauge in business conditions and methods has been so rapid, that comparatively few had the foresight and courage to grasp promptly the golden opportunities as they were preseated. They were never so numerous and prolific in any past peried, and they furnished tho special conditions by means of which, perhaps, nine tenthe of the grent fortunes huve been gathered. Not ouly tha building, but the operating, consolidating, systematizing, aud, to some extent, the buying and selling, of these great highways, have contributed to the result. The flow of general capital into smsll enterprises of a profitable character is easy and rapid, but in great undertakings it becomes timid and suspicious. I'his has put a very high premium on unusual foresight and executive ability.

Great accumulation have also taken place outside of these special couditions and opportunities, chiefly in tho departments of real estate and commerce. We have conspicuous examples of what socielistic writers call "unearned increment." But is there practically any such thing? It is a natural law that any unusual opportunities for gain will call out setkers and competitors. If tho unearned incre ment is such a prize as we are told, why have not all, or at least more sagucious men bought land? Simply because they thought there were better investments elsowhere. A careful examination will show that, on an average, a fair interest on the money invested in land plus caxes and assessments, will in the end amount to more than the socalled unearned incremunt. There are exceptions to this rule in rapidly growing cities and nowly settled farming regions, but not more than in other kinds of enterprise. This socialistic bughear may be disposed of by suggestiug that, had therg been any greater prospect of profit than in other average investments, shrowd business men would long ago have diecovered it, aut would have invested more in land and less in other objects and occupations. Land must advance in value very rapidly to outstrip these combined charges. Some of our large dry-goods and hardware and fur houses turnisi an example of whit brain power, exerted in hurmony with natural law and by its aid, can accomplish in the domain of commerce and traflic.

The great fortunes that were made in miuing, and in mining specuhations, belong to an cra that culminated several years ago. At presunt, noything but slow and gradual accumulations in this department is exceptional.

In view of these facts, it seems ovident that in most cases the great fortunes were incidental to the unique opportunities presented during the last twenty or thirty years. If these special conditions were temporary in their character, the golden opportunities have largely passed, and fortune making in the future will be slower and more dificult.

In regard to railrond building, nearly all the available territory. is now occupied by through or trunk lines, and in future this business will to more confined to the construction of short and comparatively unimportant feeders. The undeveloped territory is becoming more limited. This will narrow what has been a most prolific field for the rapid enhancoment of capital.

It also seems improbable that wo can expect any such radical progress in inventions aud business methods from the prosent startingpoint as has beon made in the past fery years. Better appliances and a nearer approach towards perfection in the application of stenm and electricity will no doubt be reached; lut unless some new motor, or some means of aerial navigation are discovered, it is impossible to conclude that future improvements will be as radical as those of the last half-century. When a ton of grain can be cartled from Toronto to Montreal for less than it costs to cart it across either city, it is evident that the process cannot be greatly improved.

Again, as wealth has accumulated, tho competition of capital with capital has become more intense. Interest, or the selling rate for the use of capital, has declined nearly sixty per cent. If the value of wealth be estimated on the basis of its earning power, a million of dollais is now worth less than one-half that amount twenty-five years
ago. Compotition between investors is so great that almost any enterprise which pays six per cent. dividends on Its stock, is in danger of being paralleled.

The general evenness of prices consequent upon telegraphic com. munication and rapid transportation is another instance of the lessening opportunities for great gains by speculativa investments. Important changes in market prices are discounted long in advance, and are, therefore, very gradual. Price fluctuations being smaller successful corners and manipulations tecome more difficult and infrequent.

The laws of inheritance are also great and constant forces working toward the disintegration and distribution of great eatates. In this country, with no law of primogeniture, and where, as a rule, there are several heirs to each estate, its dissolution as a great unit becomes very probable. The longest life is not sufficient for a single individual to absorb more than a minute fraction of the wealth of the community, and, whether more or less, the probabilities are that at his death it will cease to continue as an organized, accumulative force.

The laws of heredity are also powerful in their wealth-dispersing tendency. While there are exceptions, the sons of very rich men do not commonly inherit the peculiar brain force which characterized their fathers. The dominant and controlling talent is generally greatly modified in the son. Instead of a financier, inclination may lead him to become an artist or a professional man, or still oftener, a gentleman of leisure. In place of the habits acquired by a saving and economical discipline, are those of an extravagant and luxurious character incident to his position. He begins where his fatter left off; and, in many cases ends where his father began. Not only the exceptional talent is lacking, in most cafer, but the still more necessary impelling motive. Most of our millionaires started poor in life, and were obliged to exercise self-denial and abstinence, which laid the foundation for their future success.

Statistics show that the average life of capital is not equal to the average life of man. It is a prevalent idea that the success which has attended the cfforts of the few, is due, in a great degree, to chance or luck; but this is a mistaken view. Favorable environment is important, but exceptional brain power, bringing to its ald the principles of natural law, improves and transforms its surroundings. The character of environment, therefore, becomes largely a matter of choice, rather than fixed and uncontrollable.

The general ind.vidual average of wealth is higher at present than at any previous time, in consequence of the specinl causes already enumerated. It also secms probable that the passion for wealth, which has caused so much unfavorable comment by writers of other nationalities, will diminish as conditions beccme more fixed and opportunities for rapid gain fewer. The fact that the amount of human happiness has but little connection with the amount of wealth possessed by individuals, will becomo better appreciated. National life and character have hardly bad time to become adjusted to the changed conditions brought about by the rapid expansion before noticed.

We have shown that all classes, including the poorest, are greatly benefited by the operations of capital. For illustration, the immenso fortunes of Vanderbilt and Jay Gould, of Sir D. Smith and Duncan McIntyre reprosent most largely individual wealih in railroads and stocks. The fact of personal ownership, with its income of four or five per cent. on the investment, makes no difference with the great balance that goes directly to labor for service and materials. Every laborer gets as much as if the property balonged to ten thousand stockholders, instead of largely to one. This fact also makes no difference with tho productive power of capital in performing the multiform functions of society and commercd. If there be a difference in either direction, ihe orgnization and operation are usually more perfect under concentrated control. But, aside from these great public enterprise, there are investments of a private nature, and in the domain of art and luxury. The palace of the rich may excite the envy of the passing laburer, but its value in mones has already been disbursed to the mechanics who labored in its construction Every piece of material has been changed, shaped and fitted from its condition as raw material by bury workmen, who have thereby had occupation and subsistence.

The great and mischievous fallacy which forms the basis of all the socialistic literature and sentiment may be summed up in a singlo sentonce, viz, that all weallh is created by labor, and, therefore, belongs to the laborers who have produced il. This plausible proposition, which seems so logical and convincing, may also be disposed of as britity. The wealth does belong to the labor that produced it, but the larger and more valuable part of this was mental labor. The socialists ignore brain labor, which by natural law is the more important of the two. Many olergymen, philanthropists, benevolent and sentimental people, Who have cecn favorably impressed by some apparently humane and attractive features of socialism, have overlooked this point. The typical European socialist is intelligent and logical. He is a materialist, and does not believe in mind except as being a manifestation of matter. He therefore ignores mind as a factor in production. Even economists of the school of Smith, Mill and Ricardo, have given little attention to the great part played by brain force in general production. Their observations were made prior to the present era of great invent:on, when the influence of mental power was not so predominsat. The theory that mental effort is, not labor, is too shallow to merit sericus consideration. Is not the finished edifice as much the work of the architect as the mason or of the carpenter? Does not a student, clergyman, merchant, or an inventor labor? On the supposition that wealth is the product of physical labor only, some machines would have a very laige value as measured by man power.
"Uuder a government like ours, where all enjoy equal rights; it is a malicious proceeding to foment ciass feuds and arouso envious passiong. It is an abuse of liberty, and its froit is tyranny.

Wages averaged 25 per cent. higher in 1885 than in 1860. During the same period, the purchasing power of money, as measured by the
prices of tivo hundred of the most common and necessary articles, also increased 26 per cent. This shows that the purchasiog power of the laboren's wages is $5 \mathrm{~T} \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. greater than twenty five years ago. As the result of an analygis of labor classification, Mr. Atkinson arrives at the conclusion that not more than ten per cent. of all who do the work of the country, intellectual, distributive and manual, have ac cumulated an amount of property upon the income of which they can live without personal exertion. In concluding a recent statistical article in the Century magazine, he says, "Can it be denied that labor as distinguished from capital; has been and is securing to its own use an increasing share of an increasing product, or its equivalent in money?"

The aggregate production is much larger, and society is richer, by reason of the fact that in accord with natural law, labor is intelligently directed and thoroughly organized by the brain power of capital.

## PASTURE AT A DISTANCE.

The shipping of cattle upwards of 2,000 miles to pastures certainly seems a novel idea, jett this, it appears, has actually been dono by a vrominent dealer of Winnipeg, who purchased this spring throughout various parts of Ontario 2,000 head of joung cattle and had them shipped to Calgary, N.W.T., where they will remain on the grazing lauds till fall, when they will be again brought East. The cattle ate shipped on fast trains, which mako time almost equal to the express and it is clained to be less expensive to ship them upwards of 4,000 miles to free grazing than have them remain in Ontario, where pasture is comparatively scarce. Dealers throughout the Province will look to this as an interesting venture, and should it prove suc. cessful, will lead many others to its adoption.

Saydust en the Labava.- Under the bead of "Unfair Discrimination" we published last week a commonication from a subscriber in Bridgervater, N. S., who appears with reason to complain of unfair treatment at the hauds of the Government in respect of the enforcement of the law providing penalties for the disposal of sawdust by lumber manufacturers on rivers and streams. An explanatory paragraph, disclaiming any epecial government influence for this Jcornal, was inadvertently omitted from the close of Mr. Davidson's letter. The Joumala of Comarerce is not the mouthpicco of any party in or or out of power, preferring to treat all subjects within its province froma purely business standpoint. We undertook to set a Toronto contemporary right in respect of certain charges made agninst the Customs Department, but we have not unfrequently'felt it our duty to criticizo the other side also. It is to be hoped that the Government will see to it that the important milling interests on the Lalare will not be made to suffer any longer through any suc h discrimination as described by our correspondent. Laws have been compared to cobwebs-in which the great flies break through and the little ones are caught, and the comparison still holds good in some degreo. Eut ours is a paternal government, and doubtless intends to administer tho laws to all alike. We slall, therefore, watch with interest for the action of the governing Department in its special treatment of the important milling interests on the Lahave. We learn that the New Brunswick lumbermen have asked the Cauadian Government by memorial to exempt the st. John river and its tributaries from the operation of the law prohibiting the depositing of eawdust in streams. They eay that on the tributaries on the Americain side the mills aro in the proportion of six to one on the Canadian side. The Dominion law cannot of course reach these mill owners, and tho United States places no restrictions upon operations. Thus the enforcement of the Cadadian law places the New Brunswick mill men at a disadvantage.

Baitisu Colcmbia Timeer.-A good deal of attention has been directed recently by prominent lumber merchannts to the extonsive tímber limits along the Fraser and Columbia rivers in British Columbia. It has been ascertained that the timber in those regionf, being protected from the prevailing winds, prevents it becoming shaky as is 80 often the case in more exposed localities to the south. Eastrrn capitalists are seeking investments there, and limits already secured are being fitted up with mills of large capacity which is necessitated by the extreme growth of tho timber At Beaver City, the Columbia River Lumber Co. will build a mill of 80,000 capacity; and has put in a boom across the Columbia: A flume is being constructed to conver water over a railrond track. The mill building will bo $42 \times 137$ feet, and two storics, and it will contain two circulars and a gang. The capacity of the plant will finally be about 250,000 feet, largely dimension. The company owas about $300,000,000$ fect of timber.

The Ontario Mutual Life does not fecl warranted in sceking new business in the Province of Quebec under our recently froposed commercial tax. A corporation, as well as a frm or individual, must not let the grass grow under foot now-a-days if they would find the taxes prese lightly.

Tes annual statement of the Ontario Mutual Life Ins. Co, given on another page, will be read with usual interest.

## Meetindos, Repponts, \&sc.

MERCHANIS BANK OF CANADA.
The annual meating of the Stackholders ofthe Merchants Bankof Canada was heldin the Bourd of the institution on Wednesday the 19 thinst., wheuthere were prosentiles. zrs. Andrew Allan(president), Roltt. Anderson (vico-president), Jooathan Hodgron, H. Montagu Allan, John Cassils, Jas. P. Dawes, Tohn Jüncan, Hector Mackonzio, Henry Yatos (Brantford), 'I. D. Hood, Michael Burke, John H, R Molson, James Williamson, John Morrison, J. Alex. Strathy, D. Mon, John Morrison, J. Alox. Strathy, Bonny, J. Y. Gilmour, Murdoch Mackenzie, F. S. Lyman, John I. M Molson, James F. Smith (Toronto), Johu Carran, John Dunlop, A. C. Clark and E. Jichtenheim. The proceadings were opened by the president, Mr. Andrew Altan, taking the chair, The President asked Mr. John Gault to act as Becretary. The Secretary having read the advertisement calling the meeling. The President subnitiod the following

ANNUAL HEDORT OF THE DMECTOLS.
The Directors of he Merchants Bauk of Cauada beg to place hefore the Stockhoklers the result of the business for the past yoar. The net profits of the year, ufter patyment of charges nad all intorest dua and making provision for budand doubtful debts, have
amounted to
$\$ 617,85811$
Balance from last year. . ........
$8,570 \quad 19$

This has been disposed of Divideads Nos. 40 and 41, at the
rate of 7 per cont. . ........... $\$ 405,94400$ Added to the "Rest"............ 215,00000 Carried forward to Profit and Loss
nccount of noxt yem........... 5,48430
$\$ 626,428 \quad 30$
I'he business of the Bank has been well maintained at all points, aud the demand for tnoney for mercantila purposes has been standily and contiunally incrasing. Tho Discomats of the lank are considerably in oxcess of the amomit at which they stood last year. Each departmont of the business of the lank has called for the oxercise of constant vigilance on tho part of the Board and the administrative oflicers of the Bank. 'lhoy are pleased to report that the failures amongst the circle of the Bank's anmerous connectiond have been fow in number, while none of them have ontailed serious loss. It is largoly in consequence of this that the Bank has been ablo, after providing for its usual soven per cent. dividend to the Stockholders, to add the sum of $\$ 215,000$ to the "Rest." Competition has been inereasingly severe, and tha tendency of profits has been to diminish. On a larger volume of cransactions, the Banle has realized a decreasing percentage of profit. The. Directors, howover, have the satisfaction of considering that they are doing business with a large class of sonnd and solvent mon of business, and asbioting hom to carry on tho legitimate trade of the country. The steady growth of the "lest" will no doubt be a mattor of satisfaction to the stockholders. The policy of the Board in respeet to the building up of this important fund continues as before. The "Rest" now amoumts to nearly 37 per cont. of the Capital. Tho oflicers of the Bank have discharged their daties with zoal and fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the Bostri.
'Ihe whole respectfully submittod.
(Signed)
Andrew Allas,
President.
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## May, 1SS5. <br> Liabilivics.

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keeping depositaccounts with Merchants bank of Canada..

550,748 18
Balances due Canadian Banks
in daily exchanges.
Balances due to agents in Great Britain

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Britain
383,411 01
Dividend No. 41................ 202,972 00
Dividends unclaimed.........
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Contingent account............ 93,460 00 balance of profit and Loss bccount carried to next year...

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Asscls.
Gold and silver coin on hand.. $\$ 278,00986$
Dominion notes..
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Notes nad cheques of other Cainadian banks.

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G. Hicura, Genoral Manager.
The President then moved, seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. Robert Anderson, "Thant the report of the Directors as mubmittod be, and the same is heroby adopted and ordored to bo printed for distribution amongst the Stockliolders." The president beforo putting this motion to the meeting said: We will be happy to hear any remarks from any sharoholder present and to answer any questions which may be asked.
Mr. John Moriison-In a bill discounted on 30th April, 18S9, due at three months from date, is the total amount of discount included in return for the past year, or is only the amount of discount for one month incladed, in return for year ending 31st May, 1Ss0?
antr. George Ingue-The whole amount of discount is included.
Mr. Morrison thought that was counting the profit in advanco. It would be better to take the average amount due on the bills discounted when making the report.
Mr. H. Yates, of Brantford, said that the other day he heard that the liabilities of the Directors of that Bank were greater than the "rest." The statement of accounts said nothing about it, bat he hoped that the General Mavager would say whether or not it was so, and wonld also state what the liabilitios of the Directors were. He also wished to know what was the sum deductod for bad and doubtful debts. He
thought it was only reasonable that these things should appear in the anvual statement of accounts; it w ould be more satisfactory to the Shareholders and to the public. He suggested thatinstead of piling up the "rest" account, it would be better to divide the money amongst the Shareholders, to whom it belonged. He did not like large rests; they were a temptation for managers to lend money on unnamed papar or anything. After making some jocular remarks respecting a bank at Joronto and the Bank of Montreal, he said, in conclusion, that he had obtained information from Ottawa of sundry possible amendments to the Banking Act, such as that no Director should hold a proxy or borrow money from the Bank, and that suditors be appointed by the Shareholders. He did not know if the information was correct or not.

The General Managmr's Avdress.
The General Manager stated that he would reply to Mr. Yales after making the remarks he had prepared as to the general business. He then went on as follows:-

Mr. President-In supplementing the report of the Board of Directors by a few remarks, I will commence by stating that in many respects the course of events during the past year was disappointing. A year ago the outlook for our grain crops was satisfactory. As is generally the case, many engagements were made on the streugth of this outlook, which ultimately resulted in embarrassment. For, as the summer proceeded, we bad in some parto of Ontario a severe drought, while in certain distripts of Quebec we had such continuous rains that icrops could not ripen. The effect of this was to diminish by millions of dollars the actual value of the productions of the year, and our power of paying for goods purchased abroad. A general impoverishment of the farming population in these districts was the result, with the usual consequence of diminished purchases, non-payment of debts, renewal of notes instead of payment, and a continuous increase in the demand for money. This last is the tinaloutcome of the diminution of the value of our products. The whole tinally results in increased loans and discounts, with, in some cases, increased jinbility to embarrassment. There is a certain amount of indebteduess which every individual, firus, or corporation can carry with safety. If that line is passed as condition of danger supervenes, aud if prompt remedies are not applied, suspension and bankruptey are the i.sevitable result. In somedistricts ofOntario, however, crops were unusually good, and particularly in the tine agricultural region bordering on the western division of the Grand Trunk railway. The result was the exact oopposite of all that has been before stated. Farmers had abundance of money, notes were promptly taken up, indebtedness reduced, and a general air of prosperity pervaded the community. But the severest disappointment has been felt in Manitoba. There never were such tine crops on the ground as there were in Manitoba this time last year; but when the period of harvesting came on the weather proved uniavorable. In some districts frost, and uniavorable. In some districts frost, and siderable portions of the crop and largely reduced the quantity available for exporr. The increased price obtained, hovever, somewhat compensated for this heavy dramback. And frost did not provail in every locality. Some districts escaped it entirely, and many farmers were able to sell a large crop at a high price, and thus place themselves in $a$ splendid position. The amount of money realized by the farmers of Manitoba did not therefore fall much short of what was realized the previous year. Theadvantage toall concernedin the development of trade in the Northwest is obvious. The area of cultivated land in the Northwest is constantly increasing, and careful observations are being made With regard to the manner in which damage from frost may be avoided and the best returns from the land obtained. Catthe and dairy interests are also having incroased attention and with good results.

Railway development there is going on at a remarkable rate, and in a few years we may see the Northwest as thoronghly grid ironed with railways as the older parts of Canada are at present. of the cattle and dairy products of the older provinces of the Dominion, a good report cau be made. We had a splendid production of cheese, which we sent abroad and realized yood prices for. Cauada is rapidly becoming the best known cheese producing country in the world. (uar export of live cattle went on steadily all last summer, but shippers realized little by the business; and farmers yot low prices. In sending cattle to England we shall meet increasing competition from Endish and contivental graziers. The trade, however, is well established, and it will be for the farmer and the cattle dealer in all parts of the country, to produce animals of a class that will take the best price of the English market and give Canada as good a name for cattle as we have for cheese. Our great lumber and timber interest was not prosperous last year. The production was large, the markets were disappointing, and the results unsatisfactory. This year, however, prospects are better especially for heary timber. The great increase in Euglish trade prosperity is directly reflected back in an improved demand for our forest productions. It has been in such conditions as these with regard to what the country produces from its soil that our merchants and manufacturers have carried on business. It goes without saying that the bulk of them have not had a satisfactory year. Great stocks of zoods were on hand a year ago, which have been disposed of at unremunerative prices, and much forcing and slaughtering have characterized the year's business, especially in the dry goods trade. The purehasing power of the country has been overestimated. The country did not want much of what has been brought into it, and produced within it, and if unwilling purchasers have been persuaded or almost driven to purchase, the result bas simply been an increase of poor accounts due to the wholesale merchant and unsold goods on the shelves of storekeepers. I venture to say that of the balance sheets made out since last Christmas, not one in five has - Bhown a reasonable return for the business done. And what has characterized business of distributing merchandise has to a large extent characterized that of manufacturing. There have been exceptions no doube. But, taken as a whole, our maunfacturing industries which bave been so enormously developed of late, realized last year a poor return on their capital. Our shipping industries have perhaps fared better. We somotimes boast of being a great shipping country; aud plume ourselves on the fact that we rank about fourth amongst the maritime nations of the world. Our shipowners and shipping companies on lake and ocenn are abreast of the times, and the business has been rather more remunerative this year than it sometimes is. Our collieries have about held their own. I do not refer particularly to our fisheries, which have had a prosperous year, for the reason that this Bank has no branches in the Maritime provinces. The Bank has had to conduct its business during the year under the above named circumstancas. We have liad to lend our money (and the amount You will remember is in millions, ) people engaged in this variety of industries. You may believe me when I say that the year has been one of considerable anxiety. As its various developinents were watched
sometimes hopes and sometimes tears sometimes hopes and sometimes tears
alternated. A year ago I. made a ca:aful analysis of the loans and, advances of every description we had out, and classified the names according to stability and strength. I was glad to notice the proportion we had of customers whose stabily was undoubted. But no baink bas a monopoly of this firat-clasy business. In a new country like this, the majority of traders and manufncturers are those with a more limited capital: It is in undertaking risks with these that the judg-
ment of a banker has to be most carefully exercised. Especially is care needed when sy mptoms arise which show that things are not going well. The banker's treatment of a merchant at such a time may either ruin him or reinstate him. Nothing tends more effectually to ruin a customer than an uulimited supply of funds and the supporting him in overtrading. A banker with bad judgnent, whose only anxiety it is to discount as many bills as possible, is a trader's worst enemy. Many a man who is prosperous to day owes his position to the fact that he was checked in time by a prudent banker who, while imposing a firm check upon foolish credit operations, was ready with judicious assistance when dauger trauspired. It is, I know, much easier to give advice than to take it. But the experience of bankers generally qualities them to be sound judges, and it merchants and business men take counsel with their bankers frequently, receiving hints from them in good part and acting upon them, I venture to say ina majority of cases the result will be beneticial.
It has been our endeavor to train up a stati of well informed men at our branches who are familiar with the business of the country, and are itted 10 give good counsel 10 our customers. It is largely on their reports that the operations of the bank are carried on. Their'opinions are, of course, constautly under the influence of judgment exercised from headquarters, for we make it a point here to keep ourselves acquaiuted with the position and character of the customers of the bank at all points. This is for mutual advantage. I am certain. The directors state thai fow failures have occurred amongst our customers. The inference may naturally be drawn that our customers, as a whole, are of a sound and reliable sort, and so they are. Many of them lave been made such by judicious help from the bank. From small beginvings many have developed into the possession of large capital and extended trade. We would not take more credit than is due, but the credit of appreciating who are worthy of support; of assisting figely when assistance is deserved; of checking unfavorable symptoms at an early stage, and giving good advice at all times; for these things we do take credit. How much they have to do with the prosperity of a man of business you can judge. The question of failures is always a vtial one for banks doing business in Canada. It is by the number and character of the failures amongst a bank's customers that the quality of its business must be judged. How to prevent failures or keop them within narrow limit is therefore a very practical and sometimes a very pressing question both for bankers and merchants. The great drawback of our modern trading syatem is the loss by bad debis. The proportion is unreasonably large in Canada. Mon seldom lose much by the mere buying and selling of imported or manufactured goods. But loss by bad debis often eat uway the profit made by a whole year's trading. For oue failure brings about auother and that another still. So the circle of mischief gees on wideningtuntil it has spent itself. A bad condition of general trade, caused by bad crops or bad markets abroad, or a low range of prices, ought not to bring about as many failures as it does. If all men had capital for the businers done, and exercised due caution in carrying it on, they could go through the most difficult times without calling their creditore together. Men should be cautious enough always to insure, and certainly every man is bound in common honesty to insure who is in debt for insurable property. He would not fail, in that case if his promises were burned down. Fire is no good reason for failing; with such facilities for insurance as exist in Canada, no man: who owes money has a right to leave his property uninsured. If the cost is heary, as it is in certain branches of manufacture, the cost should be added to the price of the goods he produces. For it is a part of the cost and the neglect to
count it such only, leads to the goods being sold at leas than they are worth. It may seem like child's play to say that every man ought to be prudent and cautious in conducting his business. There is, however, so much said in these days about enterprise and push-as if these alone were the virtues of a trader, that it is time for bankers to point out that enterprise and pusb, without prudence and cantion, are very likely to lead a mad to ruin, Mere prudence and caution without enterprise, of course, result in stagnation. There is not much of this, however, in such a pushing, growing country as Canada is. It is not so much the whip and spur that we need, as the strong haud on the bridle to keep us from gatting into trouble. It was lately said to me by a well-informed person that the country merehants in a certain district would credit "anybody" to "any amount." The end of that kind of trading is easy to foresee. The point of the foregoing re marks about failures is this: When times are hard and crops ate bad, the position can be met by a curtailment of trade, cartailment of credit, and, above all, by decreased personal expenditure. I em. phasize the last. Prudence and economy will carry a man through the worst of times; but if men go on spending as much in bad times an in good, there can be no wonder that there names will figure in the bankruptey sheet. There are, probably, not as many men in Canada now as formerly who engage in a line of business of which they are ignorant; but wo stil have too many. Business nust, of course be carried on in a happy-go-lucky atyle. Can any one wonder that they fail? And is it not foolishness-to go back a stepfor wholesale houses to give such yeople credit and for bankers to lend them money? But another reason for failure I thing, is quite as common-namelo, for traders to be tempted into ontside speculations. There are always abundance of of things of this kind for $a$ man who is willing to be tempted. Many a man thinks if he cannot make money out of his own business, he can make money ou of the business of some one else." But all experience tends in one direction, viz, that such outside ventures are follies. Whether it is in real estate, stocks, or grain, for one man that makes money eventually there are twenty that lose, and the one man that makes money, if he continues, will be lnfallibly caught in the reverse of the tide. One of the worst or all excuses for failure is that the trader went outside his own line of businers. Of the losses made by the banks during the last five years, this; I think, has been the most prominent cause. Parties who engage in outside operations generally conceal them from their bankers, acting on the reverse of the good rule previously laid down about taking counsel with them. This kind of secretiveness brings its own punishment. Thilures are not accidents. There are always causes leadup to them. In a majority of cases these are preventible causes. Failure comes about, as it is certain to come, from a certain courso of conduct. It, therefore, follows that the greater part of the failures that occur ought not to have occurred, and that some one was to blame. Sometimes a large trade is done on a very slender capital: is not a man to blame for this? Sometimes there is a want of caution, amonnting to folly, in not insuring: can this not be prevented? Often a business is entered on for which a man has no training or experience; sometimes credit is given to everybody that aske for it, and along with this no pains are taken to collect debts in; and finally comes speculation. Is a man not his own master:in all these? The averace of our failures is too high altogether. It reflects discroditripon us as a commercial community. The effect is bad both commercially and-morally: What with men thrown out of employ ment and misery in homes and families; what with a demoralized standard of probity and honor, and what with the intro duction of an element of uncertainty into
all trade operations, the effect of frequent failures is bad. All institutions and firms that have the dispensing of credit in their hands, and especially banks, wholesale houses and large manufacturers, are bound in honor and common sense to reduce this bane of business to the smallest proportions. It will be observed that the Bank has added no new branches to its business this year. This has not been because we have becomo inactive. The condition of our discounts and deposits is a suflicient answer to this. 'The reason is that we are doing business at thirty points already that we have established branches in all the leading centres of Quebac, Ontario and Manitoba, as woll as an agency in New York, and that we find it tasks all the enorgios at the command of the Directors and tho general management to keep an oflicient oversight of the business of theso branches. We aim to do well what we bave undertaken to do, and we are convinced it is the most profitable course. We have not opened any new branches for the good reagon that there have been no openings leading up tosuch. Allexperienco shown that for a bunk to pash its way into aplace whers there is no opening for it, and where it is not wanted, leads to no pormanent good. This bank some yeare ago hat experienco in mulliplication of brancher, and the experienco was not ploasant. I visited British Columbia last year, and while there had my attontion irected to the passibility of branch openings. Buat I found the lield well occupied, sither by the Bank of British Columbia, a well-managed institution, or by two others of our leading banks. In both cases circumblances had naturally led to their operations boing oxtended to such distant localities. But nosich circumstances have existed in our own caso so far. It is a misake to suppose that increased banking facilities alway conduce to prosperity. there is a point up to which judicious bankink credit dovelops legitimato trade; boyond that all increase of facilities only tonds to over-trading. The final result is a crop of losses. This has been proved in repented inatances. Many towns in Canada have already too many branch banks in thom. Iho bunks of Scotland have long ago, under a wise system of co-operation that movails there, taken stops to remedy this abuse. It once prevailed in Scolland to as great an extent at it does in Canada and led to the same bud results. Let me emphasizo this point. The bad results are not to the bank onty, but to the I raders and property owners of these towns thomselves. This is contrary to the general opinion, bat my observation is the result of experienco. With regard to the outlook for business it is in many respects encouraging. This prospect, after all, finally rests on the producing power of the country. It is the outcome of the natural products of the country-our farms, forests, fisheries and mines-blat determines all the rest. So far as the farm is concorned, one of our great staple orops is all but assured alroady. It is a question if our hay erop is not the most inportant wo have, in its direct and indirect bearinge. The burning up of our hay erop last year impoveriahed whole comnties. A bomatiful hay crop, if welt gathered in, will equally enrich them. We shall have undoubtedly a large production of cheeso for export. We have also a largo surplus of fine cattle to send across the sea. lut what our grain crops are to be no one can tell. The indications so far are on tho whole favorable. The condition of the weather from this time forth will be watched with keenintorest. The prospects of our fruit crop have been undonbtedly interforrod with by late frost. This is to be regretted; for fruit of various kinds is becoming an inereasingly valuable crop for export. But our frost products are likely to meat a good market, especially square timber, and that of all kinds. It will bring good raturns, and the whole country will benefit by the enhanced price. When the varions branches of out export and producing trado are in a healthy condition we may import and manufacture with some reasonaible confidence.

But in the dry goods trade we are barely recovering from the consequences of over importation. Wa incautiously based large operations on a mere anticipation of large crops. We counted our chickens before they were hatched in this case and suffered the consequence thereof. Increasing trale did not bring increased profits, but the reverse. If one house imports almost enough of certain lines of goods to supply the whole Dominion, it may be found that other honses have done the like; with the result of piling shelves with masses of goods which cannot be disposed of except by slaughtering. We are only just recovering from the consequences of this state of things. Merchants will doubtless put such restraint upon their buyers abroad as will ensure some reasonable proportion between what is brought into the country and what the country wants. In certain staples of merchandise there is little room for the operation of fancy. 'The merchants who have supplied the country with food of all descriptions have, as a rule, pursued a judicious policy in carrying on their business, and only need to continue it to do well for themselvos and the community. Of manufacturers it is more difficult to speak. We have largely increased the productive power of our manufactories of textiles, and apparently have outbuilt the requirements of tho country. Manufacturers have found an outlet by shipping large quantities of cotton goods to Cuina, realizing no profit from the venture so far; but giving employment to workmen, keeping looms ruuning and factories open. This, after all, is no uausual condition of things in manufacturing; England and Scotland have known it repeatedly. I'here are more mills in Jancashire than can find prolitable employment; in the Oldham district, thres years ago, out of betwoen 80 and 90 mills, all but seven lost money. Out of the same number this year, though matters had much improved, 14 were run at a loss. Stockholders who have received small dividends or no dividends, may console themselves with the fact that there are follow sufferers across the een. This does not make matters better for the stockholder needing his dividend. It does, however, teach us that if we build factories, we must aubmit to the conditions under which faciories aie run, and take bad times and good times together. And wo may certainly conclude that when times are good, dividends should be moderato and money set aside for a rainy day. And it teaches further that when a country has factories enough it is folly to build more ; when our population is do.dble what it is a present, or even half as much again, we can then enlarge our looms with some reason. But our population, though steadily growing, is not growing by leaps and bounds, nor is it likely to. One thing is evident to all who stady the manufacturing question-namely, that it is a business requiring the sharpest attention to details, and a constant exercise of the inventive faculty which searches out now materials, new processes, and can carry out improvemenis in machinery and organization and can create specialties and modes of manufacture known only to tho initiated. No matter what kind of manufacture a man is engaged in, whether the raw malerial be cotton, wool, iron or leather, these romarks are pertinent to it. No money can, as a rule, be made out of mere staples, or out of articles that everybody can make, and that overybody understands. Any manufactory or mill that is built without caliculation, and is carried on in a humdram, careless manner, will undoubtedly drift into loss. There are manufaclurers of all descriptions who can make some money in the worst of times. here are manufacturers in the same lines that can hardly make money when times are best. The prospects of trade are, on the whole, good for those who know how to take advantage of such prospects. As for others, they are better out of trade altogether. One thing I must say and it applies to nearly all lines of business, viz, that the terms of ciedit are un-
reasonably long. A reform in this direction is urgently needed.
The charters of the banks expire on 1st July, 1801. There are some reasons why the Bauking Act shoud be carefully re viewed and improvements, in detail made to adapt it to existing circumstances. The act, for instance, might be cast into a much more inteligible shape. Some of it restrictions might be modified to the benefit of business.- Others of its restrictions should rather be enlarged so as to make it less easy for ímpecunious speculators to obtain Bank charters.
But it does not seem that any advantage would accrue to the public, but very much the contrary, from any further restriction of the powers now possessed by the banks for issuing notes. The power to issue is undoubtedly necessary to enable the banks to furnish means for carrying on the business of the country. It has been so ever since banks did business at all in this country. It is important to notice that this power of issuing forms a very large part of the resources of the banke. These resources are placed at the disposal of the mercantile and trading community lo cut off these resonrces would necessi fate such an immense calling in and culting down of mercantile loane, th general revulaion and panic could hardly fail to be the resull. We have had experience as to the effect of a reduction of loans when only one of our banks adopted a stringent policy of curtailment in Ontario about twenty years ago. The curtailment only amounted to one or two millons what wonld be the effect of a curtailment of thirty or forty millions? There can be no doubt that the whole business of the comntry would be thrown into confusion i the bank circulation were cut off. Even a partial curtailment would be attended by the same result in a mitigated form. The same effect wonld be produced by an enaciment compel ing the bauks to buy Government boids to secure their bills. This would require them to curtail loans to the same extent, and the same conse quences would follow. But there is no need for such drastic measures. No class of the community are more interested in the stability of banks than bunkers themselves. Any well considered measures to secure this end they have always supported. But they ohject to impracticable schemes or to measures which would throw the business of the country into confusion. The notes have been made safo by being made a preferential charge. This is no mere theory, It has been proved by experience. IT e last vestige of doubt as to this has just been removed bs the final payment of all the notes of that frightfully mismanaged concern, the Maritimo Bank, of St. John. The noter of the banks then being safe beyond question, arrangements can be made by which they will pass current at par in all parts of the Dominion. In fact such arrangements are being made already. When the Government has secured that all bank notes shall be safe and universally negotiable, thay have fulfilled every public requirement. It is certainly not to the interest of the Government to bring abont commercial disaster. The whole matter will receive careful consideration at the hands of Parliament. My general conclusion is that no altera tion should de made in the Banking Act but such as experience has shown to be necessary to its more smooth and harmon ious working. The bank has already en tered upon the business of another year. We cannot stand still for a day. Operations are now going on and will continue during the whole year, of which we cannot see the issue. I can only hope, with your selves, that when another year returns should we live to see it, the directors may be able to present yon with as good a report as they have done on the present occasion.
Iu reply to Mr. Yates, Mr. Hague said that the liability of the directors of banks was made a matter of public notoriety by being published in the Canada ctlcGuz
every month, but that much apprebension e cisted with regard to the meaning of such liability. In the case of this Bank it largely included the guarantees of members of the Board for variotss accounts in which they were interested, or their endorsements of good trade bills of their firms, or, occasionally, billa of exchange friss, or, occasionally, Enila of exchange
drawn by them upon England. It is often drawn by them upon England. It is orten
supposed that the liabilities of Directors, as printed in the Bank statemett, were the amounts of money they borrowed, but this, as he had shown, was not the case. As to the guarantee of Directors, he would be very glad if the Directors of this Bank guaranteed all its bills discounted. As to the amount of Loans to themselves or to their firms, he sometimes wished they would discount more. The Bauk could not have better business. Amongst the by-laws of the Bank was one prohibiting any Loan to a Director beyond the amount of his Stonk unloss security was given for it. This by law was complied with, and the stockholders might rest assured that any liability of the Directors of this Bank was on a good basis. With regard to more detailed accounts, it wonld answer very little practical purpose to fill up the columns of the report with voluminous coltams of the report with voluminous understand. Ss to the losses, it was sometimes customary for Banks to state them but more frequently it was not. This Bank followed the general custom in Canada. Sometimes if a Stockholder desired information on points of detail, he could obtain it in the General Manager's room. With regard to the replacing of the amount by which the stock of the Bank had been reduced some eleven years ago it was gradually and satisfactorily being done by the increase of the Rest, which was the property of the Stockholders. This increase gave the stock a larger value, and when it amounted to 50 per cent. the stockholders would have in the Capital and Rest, as large an amount as they nominally had before the act of reduction was patsed.
Mr. Yates-What amount of Rest do the Board desire to accumulate before they stop? Is it $35,40,0$ or 60 per cent?
The Presideat-The general idea is 50 per cent.
Mr. Yates-Then when it reaches 50 per cent, any profits accruing after that will go to the Shareholders?
Itre President-I should think so.
Mr. Yates-Let us understand it.
Mr. Yates-Let us understand it. mise what a future Board would do.
Mr. Hague-We cannot bind future Boards, and as this will not take place next year, it is hardly a practical question.
The motion to adopt the report was carried unanimously.
mhanks to time mirectors and genemal manager.
Mr. J. H. R. Molson moved, "That the thanks of the Stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, VicePresident and Directors for the manner in which they have conducted the institution during the past year and to the General Manager for his efficient management during the year." He said:-It is unnecessary for me to say anything. The result of the year's business speaks for itself. The Directors, wo know, are above suspicion and reproach. The year has been a good one fanancially to this instatution, although the prufits have not been so large as generally; it has not been a favorable season. But while the business has been well managed, the Rest of the Bank is steadily increasing, and the price at which stock is quoted in the market shows the confidence hold by the general public, I think th- area over which the-Barik does is business speaks much for the Gengral Manager, bectife it is very difficult to manage an institution extending over such a wide sphere: Thesmallness of the meeting to-day is the result of the fact that the confidence of the public is with the bank; if it Were not' the meeting would probably be a see a small meeting you may consider the see a small meeting you may consider the
affairs are satisfactory to the shareholders

Mr. Mccarthy, of Sorel, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mr. J. Y. Gilmour moved, seconded by Mr. I. D. Hood:-"That Messrs. F. S. Lyman and James Williamson be appointed scratineers of the election of Directors about to take place, that they proceed to take the votes immediately, that the ballot shall close at three o'clock p.m., but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered, that the bullot shall thereupon be closed imnediately."
It was finally moved by Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. John Thomas Molson, and carried, "Mhat the thanks of the neeting are due and are hereby tendered to the Chairman for his efficient conduct of the business of the meeting."
The meeting then adjourned, and the Scrutineers shortly after reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected as Directors for the eusuing year: Andrew Allan, Esq., Robert Anderson, Esq., H. Mant, Esq. Rovert Anderson, Esq. H. Montagu Alan, Esq., John Cassils, Esq., T. H. Duon, Esq., Jonathan Hodgson, Esq., Hector Mackenzie, Esq.
The new board met in the afternoon, when Mr. Andrew Allan was re-elected president, aud Mr. Robert Anderson vicepresident,

## THE BANK OF HAMILTON.

At noon to-day the seventeenth annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Bauk of Hiamilton was held at the Head Office of the Bank, King street west.

There were present: Messrs. John Stuart Juhn Proctor, Adam Brown, M.P., Geo. Roach, A. T. Wood, F. W. Gates, Charles Gurney, W. F. Findlay, Geo. H. Papps, John Riddel, John Eastwood, F. W. Fearman, H W. C. Meyer (Wiugham), Warren F. Burton, E. J. Moore, H. 日. Laing, Campbell Forrie, Alex. Bruce, David Kiddand others.

## tha prebident's addarss.

The President, in taking the chair, baid: "Well, gentlemen, I am very much pleased, and I am sure my fellow directors are very much pleased, to meet you on this occasion. You, no doubt, are equally pleased with the directors in seeing so. satisfactory a report of the Bank's business for the past year. The figures now laid before you show a very considerable increase in the business of the Bank -the largest increase, by a good deal, of any one year in the history of the inatitution, and I think the largest increase also in the amount of profits. The profite, you will see, are $13 \frac{3}{4}$ por cent. on the capital of the Bank, aud on the combined capital and rest of the last year, which is properly speaking the capital of the Bank, you will see that the rate of enrning has been 10 per cent. Another thing mentioned in the report is the fact that two new agencies have been opened during the yearone at Toronto and one at Owen Sound They are both doing well so fur-indeed have exceeded the expectations of the Board-and we louk forward in both cases. with hopefulness that a very entisfactory business will be done by them in the future. You will all appreciate, equally with the Board, the great strength of the Bank in its resources and in its management. It is one that will compare very favorably with other Banks in this country. This year bas been a fortunate one with respect to bad debts. These are apt to be made in some measure all the time, but we hope that the pregent improvement will continue, and that when another year has passed we will be able to consider our record on this head equally satisfactory. I beg leavo to move the adopition of the report; which was seconded by Mr. George Ruach and carried.
The report was as follows: The directors beg to submit their seventeonth annual report
to the sharelolders for the year onded May 31st, 1869 :
The balauce at credit of profit and lobs account, May 31st, 1888, was\$ $2,840 \cdot 04$ The profits for the yenr ended Yny 31st, 1889 , after deducting clarges of management and making full provisiou for all bad and doubtful debts, are

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The year has been one of steady and satisfactory progrese, and the Board hopes and believes that the result will commend itself to the approval of the shareholders.

During the fear two new agencies have been opened at Torouto and Owen Sounci. The business done at each has exceeded expectations, and both offices promise to add to the prosperity and stouding of the bank. One of the smaller ageneles, lottenham, which has not been proving adequately profitable, is in process of being closed.

Joun Stoart; Prebident.
'Hamilton, June 4th, 1889.

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It was then moved by Mr. Adam Brown M P., Eeconded by Mr. John Eatwood, aud carried, "lhat the thanks of the mecting be given to the President, Vice-Prosident tud Directors for their services during the ybar." Moved b. Mr W. K. Macdonald, seconled by Mr. Campiell Ferric, and caried, 'Ihat, the thanks of this meeting loe given to the Cashier, Agents and other ofticers of the Buak for the eflicisint performance of their respective ditties.
Moved by Mr. F. W. Gates, secombed by Mr. IF. W. Fearman, and carried, That tho thanks of the shareholders are in a special manner due nud are hereby tendered to Mr. Stuart, the President of this Bank, for tho unwearied care and at tention which ha has given to the interestis of the Bank for so many years, and in recognition of the valuo of those serviecs he be requested to accept the sum of five thousund dollars.
Mr. Stuart, in reply, thanked the mover and seconder for the very flattering resolution now proposed. He was quito taken by surprise at the amount voted, and could only add that hes felt and nppeciated the kinduess of the sharcholdars very much.

The scrutineers (Messis. Juhn IRddell and F. Wr. Gates) reporied that the following had bevn elected us Directors for the ensuing yetir : Messre. dohn Stuart, Hon. Jumes Turuer, Joha Prutor, Geotge Ronch. A. G Ramsay, Charles Gurney, A. 'I'. Wood.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. Juhn Stuart was re-elected President aud Seutior Turner, Vico-President.
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The attendance of members of this Compmy at its Niacternth Amual Mecting, in Waterloo, on May 23rd, 1889, though not quite as latge as in bome former years, was, ae usual, both indiuentina and representative.
IMo President, 1. E. Bowman, Eig, M.P.; having thken the chair, on motion the Secretary of the Company, W. H. Riddell,

If:q, acted as Secretary of the Special and of the Annual Meetiag.
The provisior s of the Act passed at tho last sebsiun of the Dominion larliannent, to amend the Comp ny's charter, having been explained by the Chaiman, on motion it was manimously approved of, whereupon the Special General Meeting wis diesolved

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of tha Comptury was then held. 'Tlios Secrotary howing read the notiee calling the uneting, on motion the minutes of lasit Antmal Mretine werts laken as read and confirmo: 'Ilis Presiaent then read tho

## MLEUTORS' MEIORIT:

It aflords your Directors mucls pleasure in submitiog the following statement of the affars of our Compary, to be able to report to the members that the not result of the lusiness tranancted during the year 1888 exceeds that of any provious year. The new asturances issued amount to $\$ 2,518,650$, under 1,905 policies, and the total amount in force on 3 ist December is $\$ 12,041,914$ under 9,398 policies. The regular progressive increase of the past ten years in our Premium and Interest Income has been fully maintained.
Our totul assets as at 31st December last amounted to $\$ 1,313,853$ and our surplus over and above all liabilities bas reached the baudsome enm of $\$ 90,33709$, which is a very satisfactory showing aftor tho liberal numual distributions which have hitherto been made. A portion of this surplus will be letd in hand as a provision against future reductions in the rato of interest and other contingencies.

Our expense nocount for 1888 is atoont $\$ 2,000$ less than that of 1887 , whilo the busiuess transacted is considerably greater: and the ratio of expense has been reduced to 18 $1-5$ per cent, showing a reduction of 23 per cent, as compared with the previous year.
The policies in foree at the close of the year have been valued by the officers of the Government Insurance Department and the Reserve required to bo heid has been certified as correct by the Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion. After the regular amnual Audit, the Exucutive Committee of tho Boavd again caretully examined in detail all the securities ombraced in the general statement of assets and found thom correct and in proper order. The detailed statement prepared and duly certified to by your Auditors is herewith submitted ful Gour examination abd disposal.

Yut will be called on to alect four Directors in the place of B. M. Britton, John Marshall, Francis 0 Bruco and J. Kerr Fisken, whose term of office has oxpired, but who are all uligible for rt-ulection.

On behalf of the Board
Isaac E Bowann,
President,
Printed copies of the Financial Statement and Luditors' Report for 1888 having been distributed among the members, the Piesident moved the adyption of the various reports. He congratulated the policyholders on the favorable results of the year's operations, ubtained at a lower ratio of expenditure thau in previvus years and lower than the expense matio of any of our Canadian competitors, with one exception only; while the volume of business hats been well maintained und its quality improved. The new business of the curreat year was much in excess of that written duriag the same period in any previulas year, evidencing the continned popularity of the company and warranting the hope that the nexi report the Directors may have the privilege of submitting will be the best ever experionced in the history of the Company. He had no hesitation in btating that the Ontario was never more de serving of the support and confidence of its members and of the patronage of the insuring public than it is at the present time. B. M. Britton, Lisq, QC., James Jrow, iseq, M.P Juseph Ward, Esq, of the wholezalu firm of Mersers. Ward, Cartor \& Co., of Montreal, ind others ably supported the motion, which was adupted amidapplauso.
Messri. Jicksou and Scully having been roappointed by vote of the members present anditors for the current year, the Serntineers appointed to take up the ballots having re-

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ported the re－election of the retiring Directors， and the customary vote of thanks to the Board，the Officers and the Agents having been tendered and responded to，the meeting was brought to a close．The Directors met subsequently and re－elected I．E．Bowman， President，aud under the amended charter elected C．M．Taylor 1st Vice and Robort Melvan 2ad Vicc－President of the Company for the ensuing year．－Advt．

## Pinancial．

## Montrasal，Thurbday Evening， <br> Juae 20th，1889．

The local stock market has continued strong in spite of the firmness of money， which has been a notable feature of the week． Prices show that Back of Montreal is down 1 per cent．on the week；Richelieu i， and Cayadian Pacific $\frac{1}{2}$ ．There has been quite a＂boom＂in Merchants，which closes at 145 bid， 149 asked．Ontario Bank is up 1， Conmerce，$\frac{1}{2}$ ；Telegraph， $7 ;$ Gas，$\frac{1}{} ;$ Canada： Cotton， $2 \frac{1}{2}$ ；Montreal Cotton 31，and Hoche－ laga 2d：Merclinats Cotton is steady at 80



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bid．The sterling market was dull，bankers showing little disposition to operate．We quote 60 day bills at $1098 \sqrt{2} \frac{1}{2}$ and demand 109？${ }^{2}$ s．Ourrency about 1.10 discount． Money firm at $4 \lesssim 4 \frac{1}{2}$ for call loans．The fol－ lowing is the record of stocks for the week revised by L．J．Forget \＆Co．，brokers：－

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## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARIETS，

Montrealit Thurbday Evg．，June 20， 1889.
The volume of business nas been moderate and a quieter tone pervades all the leading branches of trade．As anticipated the weather has been decidedly marmer and more season－ able and less rain has fallen．Orop reports throughout Canada are uniformly favorable but it is now certain that the apple and small fruit crop in certain limited sections of Ontario has been considerably damaged by late frost． Prices continue about on the same level，but there has been a further advance in sweetsiuffe， and dry goods are held stendily with fewer weak points at present apparent than for some yearb．In produce，whent ana cherse save been bid up，but more recently bave shown an easier tone．So far as collections aro con－ cerned，no material change has takeu place and former remarks apply．Importations at this port，chiefly metals and heavy goods， have been lessened to some exient，owing to the effect on shipping interests of the ship laborers strike in the principal ports of Europe．

Dey Goods．－Remittances are a slight im－ provement over last week，and there is a more cheerful spirit apparent in the trade owing to the settled and seasonable weather of late． The retail city trade has felt the beneficial effects of fine weather，of preparations for the great religious procession and of preparations also for summer outings，the city schools being about to close for the holidays．Travallers on the road with fall samples have scarcely ：had time to mako an impression，but judging
from the sales of winter goods reported in the early part of the season，values of fwhich are fully sustained and in some cases higher，the chances are that a very fair early fall trade will be done．Stocks show a sirinkage and the demand has been telling considerably on sup－ plies of spring goods－fall goods not yet being received．Canadian mills are well engaged，some into the carly months of winter． The advance in the cost of raw cotton will tell on the next pricing of cotton manufa－ turers，and as was previously stated any change in prices is very certain to be up．

Daiky Pronuce and Provisions．－Ohecse has kept firm although at the close there is pro－ bably slightly less buoyancy．A Bristol boat leaves this week and shipments will be con－ siderable．The demand has taken up all available offerings．Finest colored has sold
 buyers have been offering lees than buyers at country points．At Woodstock a large quan－ tity of cheese was boarded．Sales wore made at $93_{4}$ c and 97 f ，and one small lot was closed out at 10c．Buyers are inclined to＇avait lower figures．The New York State markets were firmer at the opening of the week．Utica wrices were 8ctor9c．Tho Utica Iferald says： Whatever may be the cause of this strength， producers are reaping the benefit of it，nad can look on with complacency：At the same time it is difficult to see where the parties who recently bought cheese at certain interior Cabadian markets at 9 c ©972，expect to get any profit except on the wrong side of the ledger．Such purchasers must lose money， and it is certainly not for the interest of sales－ mon to have the men who aro buying thoir cheese weakened ly continual losses．．If tho purchases were mado for the purpose of block－ ing the market，the game it altogether too old and worn out to accomplish buch a result any longer．Salesmen bavo become too wily to be entrapped by a device which fooled thom only occasionally when thoy were younger and greener than they are now．Butter in the local market continues easy in tono al－ though some＂block＇sales are reported in the country．＇Ihere can be no export demand： at prevailiug high prices，Round lots of Western have sold at 14 c ，creamery at 19 c and Townehips at 17 c Provisions fairly act－ ive but wenker．Webtern short cut has de－ clined，sales being reported at $\$ 15.25 \% \$ 15.50$ and $\$ 15$ for mese．Canada pork unchanged． at $\$ 16 / a \$ 1050$ ．Lard sold to a fur rextent at stendy prices．Ohicago prices for pork aro $\$ 11.67 \frac{1}{2}$ July，$\$ 1165$ Aug，$\$ 11.75$ Septr．Lard， $\$ 0.50 \mathrm{July}, \$ 6.60$ Aug，$\$ 6.67 \frac{1}{2}$ Septr Tho demand for butter so far has been principally for home consumption．The season being now in full blast and markets in Eugland not being favorable，supplies are consequentiy largo．Cheese is receiving attontion by a number of small orders which keep the mar－ ket firm．A falling off in tho make may be anticipated for the season on account of the decrease in milch cows owing to scarcity of winter food，but the excellent pasture will partly offset this shrinkage．Hope are in act－ ive inquily from the American side at quoted figures but buyers are particular as to quality． Growers having sold out very close this sen－ son very few old remain in stuck．Beans have advanced owing to reported frosts and those who bad been working on small stock are filling up．Eggs in good demand with a slight advance in prices．Pork and lard firm． Present low prices are not expected to con－ tinue．Potatoes are still scake and advanc－ ing in price．

Fluers and Grain．－There has been a good demand for flour from local and country buy－ ers and prices are gouerally firm．Tho lato sales include 720 barrels patent spring at $\$ 5.80,1,150$ do．city strong bakers at $\$ 5.60$ ， 500 do．St．Louis patent at $\$ 595,125 \mathrm{do}$ ． patent winter at $\$ 5.40,125$ do．at ． $0.35,250$ do．at $\$ 5.30,250$ do．straight follor at $\$ 4.75$ ， 300 bags do．at $\$ 2.35$ ，aud 600 dö．at $\$ 232 \frac{1}{2}$ ． In grain we have hoard of considerable salce of No．land 2 Manitoba hard，whest，probably amounting in all to $70,00 c$ bushels and prices are maintained．No． 1 hard is quoted at $\$ 1.12 \frac{1}{2}$ and No． 2 at $\$ 1.07$ Co $\$ 1 . \div 8$ ，Peas：aro weaker at last writing．Sule of 20,000 bubh－ ols afloat here at 69 c and a round lot in store at 08c．Oats have been selling to some ex－ tent on track：The Chicago wheat markut

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is 24 c －equal to 49 c laid down here Buyers are holding off，but sellers are equally firm and will not sell except at their own figures． In tene，a fow enles of new Japans aro taking phace，and wo $h$ ar of some lots at $25 c$ © 28 c ． There is more doing in blacks，but prices are no better．In London the market has slightly improvect．Coffee is decidedly woaker，having declined both in Now York and London．We make no changes this week，but prices wiuld be shaded to good customers．An English letter contains the following：－Sugar．－The operations for A merici have further strengthened our market， a bale of 00,000 tons of beet for that conntry buing reported．The further advauco here is od．to Is per cirt．Tea－Congou－The tone of the markot is rather better sil round，partly owing to small offerings．Common descrip－ tions are firm，operations in＂futures＂having put up prices fully $\frac{1}{2} d$ per lb．during the labt fortuight．Indian and Ceylon have met with a gooid demand for what littlo has been offered． Greens－aro unchauged．Coffees－has ruled quist nud we don＇t alter our quotations， Fruit－Currants aro weak．Valoncia Raisins －Only a fow unimportant trauenctions have taken place．Sultanas are firm，especially for the better kinds．Taringova S．S．Almonds are cheaper．Spices－Carraway Seeds are 1s． per cwt．dearer than a month ago．Taploca attracts attention at present comparativoly

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easy rango of prices．Oamphor is steadily advancing－8 on tablets being now f8．per lb． Following advices on the raisin crop are to hand：－－Malaga－Our forthcoming crop pre－ sents a favorable aspect so far，butrits yleld wil！be ehort on nccount of the injury that the philoxora causes cur vineyards，which are rapidly disappearing．I do not think it will figure more than 650,000 ra600，000 bexes． Deuia－In many districts the blossoming of the grape vines is over，and in spite of the weather having been changeable and damp， there is an abundant display of berries．It is there is an abundant dispiay of berrices．It is
expected opening prices in August will be expected opening prices in August will be
moderately low．syrup is offering here from moderately low．Syrup is offering here from
New York at $54 \mathrm{c} \omega 56 \mathrm{c}$ duty paid，but no sules have been reported．The duty $n$ syrup is ic per lb and 30 per cont．ad valorem．

Hides and Tallove－Recent failures among tannors in Quebec have tended to preserve the dull feeling heretotore existing．Tallow re－ ceipts aro better as to quality ；prices remain nominal with a tendency to deoline．The stock of hides in first hands at New York now amounts to 037,400 hides and lrips，and 530 bls East India，and increase of about 130,000 hides compared with that of a year ago．For the present the demand is slow and the situa． tion rather unfavorablo to holders．Still there

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Inon and Hardwame－Business har iuled dull during the past weck and there is no change in prices．In Glargow，wartatas have been slightly higher but maker＇a prices are un－ changed．Tin is dall and sales have been made of round lots at 23c．Antimony con－ tinues firm at loc．Some large lots of pig－ irub itaro been sold at privato figures sup－ posed to be under current quotations．The posed to be under current quotations．The
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tons weekly capacity；in coke， 12 furnaces and 6,600 tons capacity．The capacity of anthracite furnaces in blast is about 1,900 tons per＇．week more and of coke furnaces nbout 20，000 tons greater at present time than a year ago，but the total ia 16,000 tons short of the record for January list．A n＇mber of furnaces have merely banked temporarily， and several will be in operation again in a short time．The Southern States havo a total of 43 coke furnaces in blast，with a weekly capacity of 23,000 tons．The coke and an－
thracite furnaces now in blast are capable of turning out about $3,000,000$ tons the last balf of the year．Steel mills are in good position， nearly all baving quite extensive orders on their books for rails and other productions， The car and locsmotive builders，also，are said to have more work ahcad than at any provious time this year．Warrants in Glaf－ gow are cabled stcady at 42 z 7 d ．No． 3 iron in Middlesborough is at 386，and hematite pig in Workington at 50s．Ingot tin London is cabled weak and $£ 1$ lower at $£ 89$ 15s．Chill copper bars aro steady at $£ 1158$ with soft copper bars aro steady at $\pm$ ． 58 With soft
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Leather and Sgoes．－－During tho jast weok one shoe house has taken several good lots of upper，and tho market is said to be only modorately supplied with this class of lenther． In other leathers there bas been a stendy business，and the demand is seasonably good． As a rule，although the factories are well sup－ plied with orders for boots and shocs，they are not anticipating their wants．Prices through－ out are steady，and dealers are inclined to believe that they are at bottom．There has been a better demand in tho English market， and consigned goods have been eelling reely， buff especially，but prices on tho other side are no higher．


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advices ：－Cream of tartar is quiat，and about 1 s 6 d per cowt．lowor，－Oils－Isinseed oil has been very active，and market closes 3d 04 Id per cwt．dearer for the week．Sellers expeet to hold firmly to the advanco，but at present， business is practicable at gd per cyt．addition－ al for forward shipment．Olivo oil is quist on apot，but shippers from Malaga want on ad－ vance of 10 s per tun．Castor oil is firm and rising．Chemicnls－There has been more dieposition to operate in caustic soda this week，and sellers are refiusing the pricos thoy would have accopted af fow days ago，although the recovery is only 1 s 6 d per ton as yot Bleach，on the other hand，is depressed，and it could bo bought at $£ 6$ per ton forb．Soda crystals $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ 1s od gross weight or $\mathrm{x}^{2}$ 68 3d not weight，and with a $2 \frac{1}{2}$ p．c．discount．Sul－ phate of copper $£ 23$ for fuly．
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