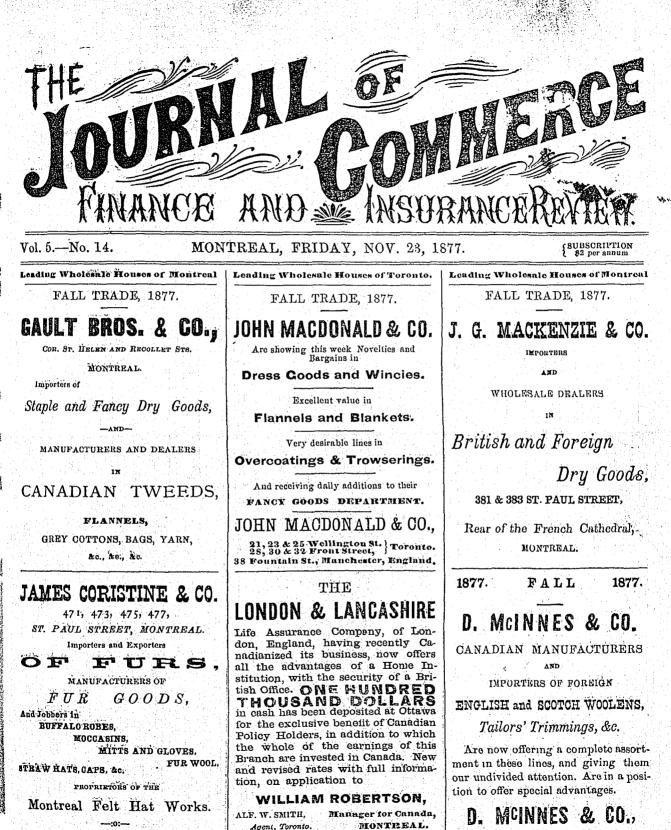
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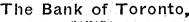
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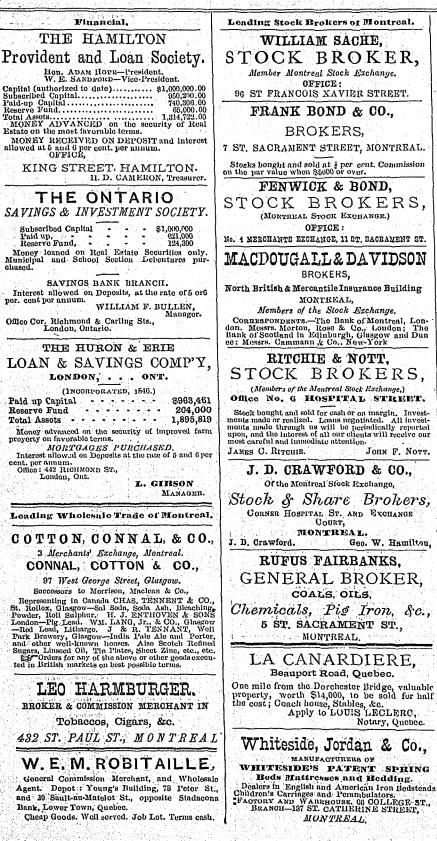
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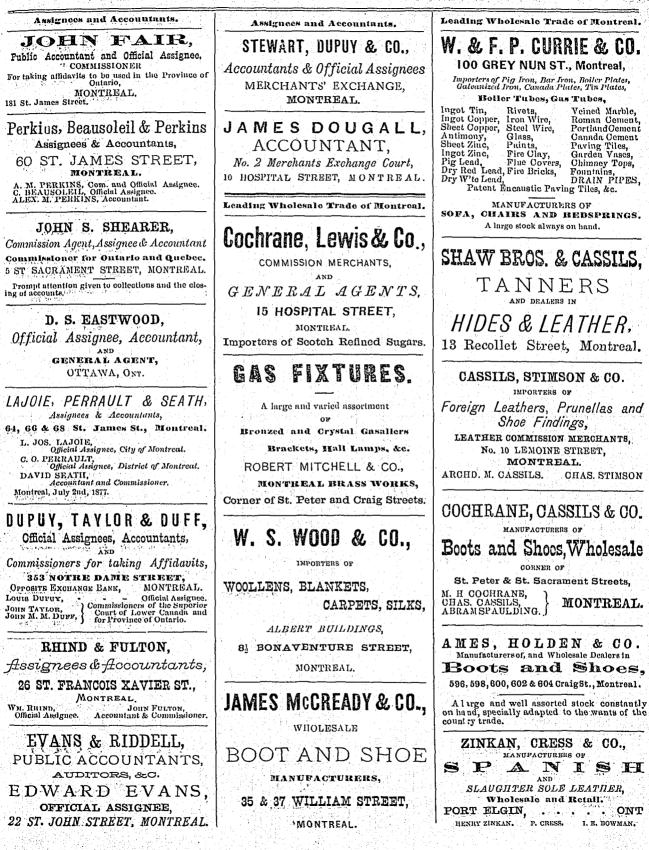


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- Henry Baker, bookkeeper for a legal firm in Toronto, has absconded. He took over \$1,000 of his employers' money with him.

— The shipments of grain from Belleville to date show an increase over the total for last year of 42,000 bushels.

- An injunction has been granted restraining the Passumpsic Railroad from interfering with the South Eastern Railway in any way.

- Great Britain now cultivates nearly 1,000,000 fewer acres of wheat than she did twenty years ago.

- Illinois claims the champion bankrupt. Mr. Weed, of Bloomington, recently failed for \$1,800,000, with assets of about \$1800.

- Under foreclosure on account of failure to pay interest the Missisquoi Valley RR, from St. Albans to Richford, has gone into the hands of trustees on first mortgage.

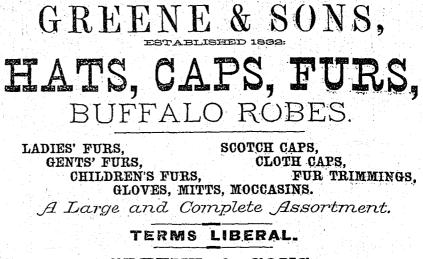
- A woolen factory, the first in the province, is about to be established in Lake district, 10 miles from Victoria, B. C. The local government gives a bonus of \$2000.

- The local agents of the Lancashire and Scottish Commercial Insurance Companies offer to lend a quarter of a million of dollars or more, on real estate, to rebuild St. Johns.

Sessions, Cooper & Smith, boot and shoo manufacturers, Toronto, found it necessary to reduce the wages of their employees, and a strike occurred. The matter has been arranged. -A considerable sum has been expended this season on Neebish Rapids, St. Mary's River, and navigation at that point rendered much less dangerous.

-The barque :Garden Island, a Canadian built vessel, has just made the voyage from Quebec to Liverpool, with a cargo of grain, in twenty days, which is considered good time.

- The liabilities of Grange Bros., druggists and paper manufacturers, Napanee, are \$138,000, besides a claim on the paper mill of about \$22,000. The assets are not yet known.



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- The New Brunswick Railway has been opened to the Grand Falls, a distance of 121 miles north of Fredericton. This read has been built mainly with the money of the Province, and traverses a fine part of the country.

- The Ganadian articles for the Paris Exhibition have been shipped by the SS. *Newfeld*, which left here on Wednesday. After calling at Quebec, Pictou and Halifax the vessel will proceed direct to Havre.

- The Alkan Steamship Company have applied to the government for permission to discontinue making Portland the Western terminal port, and it is probable the request will be granted.

- A despatch from Chicago dated 21st inst. says the Third National Bank of that city has suspended and is going into liquidation; liabilities, \$2,742,907; the assets are considered sufficient to guard even stockholders from loss.

The Hon. John Young is not going to allow the Caughnawaga canal project to die out. He gives notice that he will apply to Parlinment at its next session for Act to revise and extend the Act for its construction.

— The Bolton Copper Mines are said to be not very profitable, owing to a decline of the trade in the metal. It is stated that forty of the miners have been discharged from labour, and that the smelting works are not in operation.

- The estate of John Fraser, to whom reference was made last week, shows liabilities of \$217,306. A meeting of creditors is called for the 29th inst, when it is to be hoped explanations, satisfactory to all parties will be forthcoming.

- The liabilities of W. P. Bartley & Co amount to about \$230,000. Their assets are nominally as great. They own some property on the bank of the Lachine canal, the value of which has recently been very much enhanced by the enlargement.

— A vessel has just sailed from Bathurst, N. B., with 9000 barrels of polatoes and a quantity of grindstones consigned to London, England. The potato export trade has been very large this fall, but this is the first shipment of New Brunswick grindstones to England.

— Application will be made to parliament next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct a line of railway from a point on the St. Lawrence between Three Rivers and Quebec to some point on lake St. John in the county of Chicoutimi.

- The large addition to the reservoir of the Montreal water works has been completed, and was formally opened on Saturday. It will contain 19,000,000 gallons, and will afford an additional protection to our citizens against the ravages of fire.

- C. Goward, of Illinois, has succeeded Mr. Raymond as American Consul at Ottawa. The latter becomes "Commercial agent" of the United States, and is to procure statistical information regarding the trade of, the Dominion for his Government.

- The British Government has made a contract with the Cunard, Inman, and White Star Lines of steamers, whereby these companies have the sole carriage of mails between England and the United States. They, will perform a tri-weekly service from Liverpool.

- The United States Government have adopted customs regulations which, it is believed at Winnipeg. will effectually stop flat boating on Red River, and, of course, throw the carrying trade entirely into the hands of the Kittson monopoly.



insolvents never had half that amount of money between them, and what the inducements were

to sell so large a bill to so small a concern is a

" brick" of gold, weighing upwards of two and a

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- Mr. McRae, manager of the Feigel Mine, Marmora, has on exhibition in Belleville a

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the dollar. - The failure of Messrs. Mulholland & Baker seems to have had a very disquieting effect upon American hardware houses who sell in this market. We hear of them drawing upon customers here without notice, and in other ways showing an anxiety to get their money for goods, payment for which, in some cases, is not yet due.

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-The tea trade must be dull in Toronto. Two firms engaged therein, McClung, Patton & Co, and M. O'Connor, are retiring, giving as their reason the dull and unprofitable state of

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-H. A. Knapp of New Edinburgh has been arrested at the instance of an Ottawa assignce for unlawfully disposing of the property of his creditors, he being insolvent. We fear this is a common offuence, and a few examples may have salutary effect.

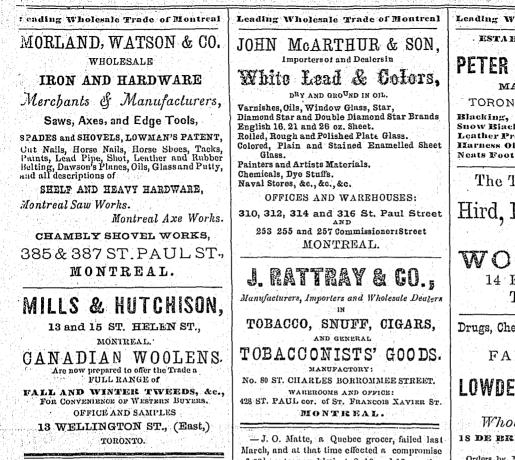
-The old firm of T. Hunton, Son & Larmonth, dry goods dealers, Ottawa, is broken up. Mr. Hunton, sen., died two and a half years ago, and now Mr. Larmonth retires, leaving Fred. Hunton, a young man of good business abilities, to carry on the business alone.

- It is stated that the St. Clair Flats ship canal, which the United States government, by a mistake as to the boundary line, constructed on our territory, is a failure. The long cribs, filled with earth and planted with willow trees, are continually breaking down.

-A Toronto firm hella trade sale of buffalo robes the other day which was very well attended, and at which low, though on the whole satisfactory prices were realized. This is a branch of business which up till recently was almost entirely confined to Montreal.

- The evil of accommodation paper has again come to the surface by the failure of Mulholland & Baker. George Stary, for many years a nail manufacturer in this city, has been obliged to suspend. He is said to have given accommodation paper to Mulholland & Baker to the amount of \$20,000.

- It is stated that pork packing will be carried on during the coming senson in the Western centres upon a more extensive scale than has ever been known before. The hogs are said to be in very fine condition, and about 5 per cent. more in number, besides being much heavier.



George Stacy, nail manufacturer, of this city, is another victim to accommodation paper, having put his name to \$12,118 worth of this article for Mulholland & Baker. Mr. Stacyhas manufactured for two houses only, Messrs. Mulholland & Baker and Grathern & Gaverhill, who took all he made and furnished the iron, so that there will be few other creditors. Proceedings in insolvency have been taken by Messrs. Crathern & Gaverhill.

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- The U. S. Consul at Winnipeg reports that the trade of the States with Manitoba and North Eastern British America has diminished during the past fiscal year, owing to the disappearance of the locust plague, and the reduced importation of breadstuffs and provisions: Imports from the United States last year were \$808,322 against \$940,187 in 1875-76. The principal trade of Manitoba has been since 1873 in favour of the United States.

Another straining of the provisions of the Washington Treaty is reported. The U. S. Treasury has decided that cod liver oil, the product of Canada or Prince Edward Island, imported in bottles, prepared for use as a medicinal preparation, is not free of duty under the Treaty of Washington, which exempts from duty fish oil of all kinds, the product of these countries, but that it is juble to duty at forty per centum as a medicinal preparation. J. O. Matte, a Quebec grocer, failed last March, and at that time effected a compromise of 62Å cents; payable in 4, 8, 12 and 16 months. He is apparently unable to complete this arrangement and has been attached. Love of "the rosy" bas seemingly had a good deal to do with Mr. Matte's troubles, and a short time previous to his first failure, during a period of elevation, he bought a bankrupt dry goods stock, which was being sold at auction, and which proved to him the source of considerable annoyance and trouble.

- P. Galvin & Son, tailors, Carleton Place, are in difficulties, which will probably require the assistance of the assignce to adjust. The senior partner has been in the tailoring business for many years, and was always able to make a good living. Some time ago he took his son into partnership, and the firm launched out more extensively, keeping a considerable stock of cloths, ready-made clothing, gentlemen's furnishings, &c. As in many similar cases, through the credit system, they got beyond their means, and hence the result above noted. J. R. Wood, founder, of Lunenburg, Ont. a very old and much respected inhabitant of that section, is unfortunately involved through giving accommodation to Mulholland & Baker to the extent of \$9800. He is unable to stand the strain thus brought upon his resources, and is trying to effect a compromise of 331 cents on the dollar. Mr. Wood is well advanced in years, and has for some time been endeavoring to sell out and retire from business, which makes his case all the harder.

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- Francis Y. Cowle, dry goods merchant, Bowmanville, has assigned, with liabilities amounting to \$25,000. This man was formerly a grammar school master in Bowmanville, and other places, but finding the "teaching of the young idea" irksome, he abandoned it a few years ago for mercantile life. His previous training does not appear to have fitted him for business, and his liabilities appear large for the time he has been in business. We observe his name among the list of applicants for the Carleton Place High School.

- Unfavorable rumors to the effect that a wholesale dry goods house as well as a hardware house were in trouble, have been current the last few days, but extended enquiry among the trade, and from bankers reveals no apparent cause for such. Reports of this nature are generally afloat after any large failure, such as that of Mulholland & Baker, but are very seldom with any foundation beyond the panicky feeling induced in the minds of some by any large or unexpected failure.—Since penning the above we have learned that it is probable that a hardware commission house may go into liquidation, but nothing is sufficiently decided to warrant mentioning any names.

- J. M. Thompson, storekeeper of Escott is a man whose creditors have no particulars reason to love him. He was attached about a fortnight

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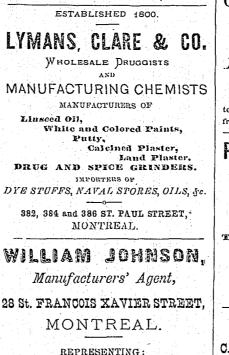
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ago, but had been preparing for the anticipated event, and the assignce found a state of affairs somewhat after the style of Romeo's Apothecary "a beggarly array of empty boxes." Mr. Thompson was examined but nothing satisfactory elicited. It is also believed that he sold a large quantity of goods, entering the sales in a private memorandum book with the view of making collections for the same after his affairs were settled, but this is not likely to be, and the latest news is to the effect that he had left, probably fearing some stringent action on the part of creditors.

- The last Allan line steamship to this port for the season was the Circassian, which sails from Quebec to-morrow. As already intimated, there is a change in the arrangements of this line for the winter. The first two vessels from the other side go to Portland as usual. The next two will call there simply to land and receive mails and passengers, and will go to Baltimore to unload and load cargo. The next vessel will do the same, except that she will unload at Philadelphia. This will bring it up.



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vessels must call at Halifax both ways. - The liabilities in the case of Mulholland & Baker aggregate \$760,000, of which amount \$309,300 is direct. The Consolidated Bank is interested to extent of \$229,875, against which they hold security to amount of about \$169,000 consisting of mortgages on W. P. Bartley's premises, Mr. Mulholland's real estate, &c. The Merchants Bank are put down for \$105,103 and also hold some security ; La Banque da Peuple, \$71,054 and the Molsons Bank \$10,625. The largest merchandise creditors are Rogers. Sons & Co., \$61,000 ; J. Hutton & Co., \$19,837 ; Alfred Fields & Co., 59,492; C. C. Dunkerley & Co., \$6,813. We are sorry to say that this failure is attended with the usual complications arising out of the use of accommodation paper, there being \$100,000 odd of the liabilities that can be

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put under this head. Several concerns involved through this cause have already succumbed, and it is feared others will have to follow. No stat ment of assets will be ready until the meeting: to take place on the 26th inst., at which some decision as to the disposal of the estate w.ll probably be arrived at.

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MONTREAL, NOVEMBER 23, 1877.

LESSONS OF THE HOUR.

The recent failure of one of our oldest hardware houses with its attendant misfortunes, following so soon after the several heavy failures in the same line during the past year or two, is surely suggestive of something wrong in the mode in which this business has been conducted. Generally speaking these misfortunes are credited to the great depression affecting all classes of business during that period ; but even admitting this in some cases, we must look for special as well as general causes, in order that, while suffering thereby, we may glean some little wisdom from the errors of our unfortunate neighbors. There is no department of trade in which during the last few years competition has been carried to such a ruinous extent as in iron and hardware, and prices have now reached a figure at which profits have vanished; and yet underselling is the

order of the day. Commercial travellers can testify that quotations are no longer a guide, every succeeding visitor is determined to "cut under" his predecessor until it is become a question of the strong firm against the weaker, who can stand it the longest. And the country merchant, the city retailer, the contractor are not by any means pleased with the reduction; however it may appear at first sight, each knows that when prices are stiff he gets a better profit on his goods, and this not alone because fifteen per cent. of \$30 is more than the same percentage of \$20.

The reckless competition that has almost destroyed this very important branch of trade, which has always included many of the wealthiest of our merchants in this as in other cities of the Dominion, is largely due to the support yielded to those who may fairly be termed adventurers in the business, men of little or no capital who looked with eager eyes at the fortunes their employers and others were supposed to be reaping, and who determined to go and do likewise, only with this difference, besides want of capital, that they must begin at the top of the ladder instead of at the foot. These men were satisfied that bankers could be easily persuaded that their function was not only to grant discounts but to supply capital also. Instead of prices being maintained to enable them to pay interest on that capital, they were reduced, in order to compete with older houses, and, as discounting was freely granted, the character of the bills was soon become a matter of little consequence so long as their endorsation converted them into cash. Goods being thus disposed of too cheaply, it soon became a losing game, and required further fictitious support. Accommodation paper, that bane of commerce, was resorted to, and then came the beginning of the end. Let our bankers ask themselves how closely the bills of such customers have been scrutinised; how far "supply account" paper has been winked at; how it is (to cite a single case) that a man in a neighboring village whose stock of hardware never should have exceeded a few hundred dollars is found as a creditor in this last great example of sham for \$9847.45, and who is now offering to compromise at 333 cents on the dollar. How could it be deemed possible that a firm should succeed with \$400,000 under discount, a great proportion of which is illegitimate? Our banks and the community at large have now another opportunity of reckoning up what they have paid for the luxury of having such men doing business in our midst, for it cannot be denied that had it not been for the

illegitimate assistance granted to such firms as Ireland, Gay & Co., and others not much better who should have been clerks or small dealers, the present state of afhirs would not have come to pass. It were no matter for surprise if under the circumstances our merchants of capital should withdraw altogether from the business, and put their means into mortgages or other investments.

Some of our respectable hardware firms, it cannot be denied, have allowed themselves too easily to yield in promoting the present state of affairs. Unprofitable prices have been rendered worse by long and careless credits and "dating forward." During the last month or two. goods have been sold for delivery next spring, figures guaranteed, and this when prices may surely be said to have struck bottom. Tin plates worth 21s. to 21s. 6d in England have been sold at \$5.90, six months time, dating forward two months; Canada plates which cost in England 12s. at least, have been sold at \$3.40, on the same terms. This condition of things is still maintained in the face of the lessons of the last few years, than which perhaps there never was a better opportunity for inaugurating a new and improved departure, and for want of which many of our merchants have actually lost a fortune twice over. What a lesson in this respect is taught us by our American cousins. Those who have access to the list of creditors on insolvent sheets will find that American firms usually are set down for very small amounts, a sufficient evidence of the superiority of the short credit system which they maintain. It is a matter for regret that the Hardware Exchange inaugurated in this city some few years ago did not meet with a better fate; or rather that it should have been allowed to be controlled by a few brokers, who soon managed it to suit their own purposes rather than those of the houses by whom it was established. The hardware business is unfortunately in a very unsatisfactory state. The remedy, however, still lies in the hands of our bankers and the trade, and the sooner it is applied the better it will prove for the respectable houses that remain, for the banks themselves, for the widows and orphans who own stock in them and for the community at large.

It is in no spirit of dictation that we write these lines. Those who are not engaged in the contest may see advantages which for the time are forgotten or neglected, and if we have set but even a few of our readers athinking more seriously on the subject, our words will not have been quite in vain.

THE SILVER FRAUD.

Hardly a day passes without some new developments of the intentions of those who are endeavoring to procure the remonetization of silver. Mr. Bland, the author of the bill which has passed the House of Representatives, appeared before the Finance Committee of the Senate at the same time with the New York delegation of Bankers, and delivered a speech, in which he stated frankly the grounds on which "the West demands the remonetization of the silver dollar," and he was not ashamed to avow that, inasmuch as "a bushel of wheat is worth a dollar and eight cents in silver and a dollar in gold " the western farmers wanted to pay their debts in silver and not in gold. Now it is quite useless to mince words about this matter. The Western electors, well represented by Mr. Bland, are anxious to perpetrate a fraud upon their creditors of the most outrageous kind that has ever been committed in modern times. The attempt being made only proves that a democracy and a monarchy not subject to the control of Parliament are equally ready to violate public faith. The silver advocates are fond of appealing to the law of 1873, which demonetized silver, but they ought to bear in mind that, owing to the laws passed in 1834 and 1837, silver was, in effect, as completely demonetized forty years ago as it was by the Act of 1873. The ratio of silver to gold in France and other European nations was 151 to 1, while, by the law of 1837, it was fixed in the United States at 16 to 1, the effect of which was to make gold the standard practically. For forty years the standard has been gold, and all the transactions with foreign nations, as well on the part of the government as of individuals, corporations and states, have been based on a gold standard. This is a fact which cannot be disputed. Of late silver has fallen in value very materially, owing chiefly to its demonetization in Germany; and France and other nations which had a double standard by law lost no time in coming to an understanding that they would refuse to coin silver beyond an amount fixed in proportion to the respective populations, and not in excess of the public requirements. The practical effect of this arrangement is that France has in effect a gold standard. If the United States were to remonetize silver Germany would be able to get rid of the large amount which it still holds, and the United States would be subjected to the infliction of a depreciated currency, of which it would not get rid. in all probability, for a long period of years. Mr. Bland has not concealed the object which his Western clients have in view. Senator Jones and his organ, the New York Daily Graphic, have been trying to persuade the public that silver will be of the same value as gold when remonetized. and that no evil whatever will result from the change. The case is well put by the New York Bulletin :- "This, then, is " the naked fact-the West and the South " desire a depreciated currency, and they "desire it as a means towards accom-" plishing an essentially repudiatory pur-"pose." * * "The country is indebted " to Mr. Bland for having thus lifted the "veil that has hitherto given the Western "currency agitation a confused and in-" comprehensible aspect." The Bulletin frankly acknowledges the gravity of the position. It must be borne in mind that what the West complains of is the inevitable consequence of the adoption of an irredeemable currency. Precisely the same result followed the suspension of the Bank of England towards the close of the last century. All loans and business transactions were effected in an irredeemable currency, worth, of course, much less than gold, and when at last resumption took place the debtor class complained bitterly that they had to pay the interest on the public debt, as well as their other liabilities contracted in paper. in gold. The debtors in England had their own countrymen almost exclusively as creditors, and, although there was a good deal of grumbling, there was not even a demand for repudiation. The United States debtors not only claim to be allowed to pay in the same depreciated money in which their debts were contracted, but insist on paying foreigners in the same coin, although all the foreign obligations were contracted in gold alone. As the Bulletin has clearly pointed out, the remonetization of silver would give but slight relief to the Western and Southern debtors. What they really want is the continuance of an irredeemable currency, and the issue of a still larger quantity. They have been perplexed by the fact that greenbacks are actually worth considerably more than silver, and very nearly as much as gold, although the period at which resumption is to take place is still more than twelve months distant. The New York Daily Graphic has placed before its readers the views "of a prominent dealer in bullion" who is said to be Mr. J. B. Colgate of No. 47. Wall street.

This "eminent financier" has been interviewed according to the modern practice, and by way of startling the public, has announced that if the silver standard be adopted it will require at least \$500,-000.000 to transact the commerce of the country. Mr. Colgate does not explain whether he contemplates the total withdrawal of bank notes from circulation, but he certainly proposes that the greenbacks shall be retired, although Mr. Secretary Sherman has distinctly explained that no such absurdity is contemplated. Whatever the standard adopted may be, the quantity of coin required will be whatever may be adequate to meet the demands for it on the part of the holders of greenbacks, and this demand will be precisely what is required to pay foreign indebtedness and no more. It seems at least probable that if silver be remonetized a larger amount of coin will be required than if gold were the sole standard. The reserves will, of course, be held in silver, and the same amount will be required as if gold were the standard; but, in addition, dealers in bullion like Mr. Colgate will have to hold a large stock of gold as merchandise to meet the foreign demand. Mr. Colgate is not satisfied with fixing on at least \$500,000,000 as the smallest amount required at once, but he has, like some other speculators, been making a forecast of the future, and is convinced that in 1900 at least \$1,000,000,000 will be wanted. Meantime we are not without some guide as to the requirements of the National Banks, whose total liabilities for circulation and deposits are under \$1,000,000,000. The reserves are in round figures about \$150,000,000, exclusive of \$350,000,000 of United States bonds to secure circulation. Assuming that Mr. Sherman's avowed intentions are carried out, and that the greenbacks are retained in circulation, the National Banks will require \$150,000,000 of these for their reserves, and the probability is that \$100,000,000 of coin, whether gold or silver, will be amply sufficient to sustain the greenback circulation ; but even if that circulation was entirely withdrawn, the estimate of Mr. Colgate would be enormously exaggerated. The Graphic is taking the same ground as Mr. Bland that the indebtedness of the country "was created in paper money times when gold was worth from 150 to 230 per cent. in paper." Now it would be well to have such statements explained. The indebtedness of the Government was certainly not created in such a currency. It is probable that the obligations of states, municipalities, and railroad corporations were created also in gold or its equivalent. As to stocks and bonds, they have been changing hands constantly in currency, and with reference to its value in gold, which has really been the standard, practically during the whole period of suspension. As to private indebtedness, it has been a matter of speculation during the fifteen years of suspension. and the inconvenience and loss has long since been incurred. People who borrowed in greenbacks, or in notes redeemable in greenbacks, knew that they would have to pay in the same currency, and had no reason to doubt that such currency would be redeemed at some time. The audacity of the Graphic in placing the national debt in the list of debts contracted when gold was at a premium of from 150 to 230 per cent. has never been exceeded. The fact is, the silver advocates desire to perpetrate a huge fraud. and the only consolation is that if they succeed they will utterly destroy the national credit and proclaim themselves a nation of swindlers. This the House of Representatives has already done, and there seems to be some doubt whether the Government, which, so far as we can judge, entertains thoroughly sound views on the subject, will be able to preserve the honor of the nation.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

The November-December number of this excellent periodical has reached us, and, as usual, contains a number of interesting articles. The first is a series of essays, five in number, on the resumption of specie payments, by Hugh McCulloch, Judge Kelley, David A. Wells, General Ewing, Joseph S. Ropes, and, to wind up, a criticism on the whole by Secretary Sherman. The papers of Judge Kelley and General Ewing are what might be expected from the authors, and are in strong opposition to resumption, not only at the time fixed, but at all. Judge Kelley attempts to frighten the banks by suggesting the possibility of their being called on to meet all their deposits and circulation in coin whenever the Resumption Act comes into force. Now, nothing is more certain than that, as regards the National Banks, the tendency of resumption will be favorable rather than injurious to them. Their liabilities consist of their circulation and deposits, and they are presumed to hold adequate reserves to meet these liabilities. There is no bank in the United States, nor, indeed, anywhere else, that could meet a sudden demand for all its deposits and all its circulation, nor is there the least reason to imagine that after resumption such demands will be 'any greater than they are at present. The bulk of the National Bank reserves are held in legal tenders, and, when resumption takes place, these legal tenders will be convertible into coin, The National Banks will continue

after resumption to pay legal tenders just as they do at present. But it is argued that the legal tenders will be converted into coin, and that this will cause contraction, and consequent tightness. A greater mistake it would be difficult to make. We admit that it is impossible to form anything like a correct estimate of the national circulation so long as the legal tendors are inconvertible, still we cannot agree with Mr. Ropes that there is not "the shadow of a rational argument" to support the supposition of what is likely to be the volume of currency after resumption. It seems almost impossible that, if the currency was so redundant as Mr. Ropes imagines, it could be so nearly on a par with gold. Mr. Ropes seems to think that from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,-000 would be the maxium circulation on a specie basis. It is however quite evident that Mr Ropes contemplated the entire withdrawal of the legal tenders, which certainly is not advocated by the most intelligent supporters of resumption. It is not an extravagant estimate in view of the amount that will be required for the bank reserves of all the National and States Banks to calculate on a legal tender circulation of from \$125,000,000 to \$150,-000,000. The National Bank circulation is at present above \$300,000,000. The intention of Mr. Sherman is to reduce the legal tenders to \$300,000,000, and we have, therefore, a margin of about \$150,000,000 to deal with. We are willing to admit with Mr. Ropes that it is hardly possible to calculate on the amount of currency which the public will require, but one thing is beyond doubt, that no greater amount will remain in circulation than what is really wanted. If the circulation is largely in excess of the public requirements, the result will be that the government will have to sell bonds to the extent of some \$150,000,000, but if, on the other hand, the circulation is not more in excess than the \$50,000.000 which Mr. Sherman proposes to redeem. then one of two things will happen, either the legal tenders will remain in circulation or National bank notes will be substituted for them, and in that case the new issues of National notes will create a demand for United States bonds sufficient to furnish the means of redeeming the legal tenders. Mr. McCulloch is a strong opponent of the retention of legal tenders, and proposes to fix a time when they shall cease to be so. He seems to believe that the circulation is very redundant, and, like Mr. Ropes, he is favorable to a scheme which, theoretically, is sound, viz.: the funding of the legal tenders. Mr. Wells has not gone much into detail, but he

emphatically declares that the Resumption Act cannot be paltered with, and that all notes not paid on domand after 1st January, 1879, should bear interest.

Mr. Secretary Sherman's paper is eminently practical. He dismisses Mr. Mc-Culloch and Mr. Ropes, by pronouncing their papers well written, and stating that " with many of their ideas I heartily agree" He proceeds to point out that Congress has decided against their plan of funding. What is the use he adds, "of wasting ammunition on this?" Mr. Sherman advises these gentlemen, if they think they can promote such a measure, "to get into Congress as soon as possible to help." We confess that, after reading Mr. Sherman's paper, we have arrived at the conclusion that the wisest course for all favorable to resumption is to strengthen the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury by all the means in their power. With regard to the papers of the inflationists, Mr. Sherman says :- " My only "reply to these gentlemen would be " that the distresses they complain of "were the direct, certain, and unavoida-"ble result of the very policy of inflation "which they favor, and that it would be "just as idle now to keep up this inflation " with the hope of prosperity, as it would "be to advise a drunkard to keep on "drinking in the hope of reform." Mr. Sherman is much sounder than any of the hard money advocates on the resumption question. We were particularly glad to notice the following passage in his paper: "Thus General Ewing insists "that resumption means the ontiro ex-" tinction of the greenback circulation. " No doubt many persons are in favor of "withdrawing these notes or repealing "their legal tender quality, but this is a "question properly for the future, my "own conviction being that, under exist-"ing law, after they are reduced to \$300,-"000,000 and have been redeemed, "they may be re-issued, and that the "National bank currency shall be used "simply to meet the ebb and flow indis-"pensable to every good currency." Secretary Sherman is eminently practical in all his views. He points out that if silver were to be coined with out limit "it is the substitution of a single silver standard instead of the gold standard." He might have gone much further and pointed out that the practical effect of remonetizing silver in the United States would be to enable Germany to get rid of a large quantity of silver which is at present unsaleable, and which France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy have combined to prevent being thrown on their

hands by refusing to coin silver beyond a defined limited amount. Mr. Sherman is of opinion that it has been demonstrated that resumption at the appointed time is practicable, and that "the accu-" mulation of coin and the gradual retire-"ment of United States notes will un-" questionably, if continued, produce "specie payments before the time fixed " by law."

The conclusion of Mr. Sherman's excellent paper has reference to Mr. Wells' short essay, which was almost confined to the maintenance of the doctrine, that resumption must be carried out, and that all unpaid notes would be subject to interest. Mr. Sherman observes on this :-- "We "need not raise the question presented " by Mr. Wells, nor do I see that it would "be effective, for if a law is passed re-"pealing or modifying the Resumption " Act, there is no authority in our govern-"ment that can restrain its execution. "Nor is it to be presumed that Congress" "will do anything to impair the public faith " pledged to any portion of its creditors. " Popular commotion always stops short "of this. There is no tradition of the "National government more sacred than " that which holds it to a rigid, faithful "observance of the public faith. It is "by this alone we are enabled to sell our "bonds, bearing 4 per cent. interest at " par in coin. The confidence thus in-"spired and thus evidenced is the best "property of the nation, worth more in " times of adversity than all the gold and "silver that can be accumulated." When we read such sound and statesmanlike views from the pen of the Secretary of the Treasury, we can only lament that he has not the full power that he ought to have to carry out a policy that would be so advantageous to the nation. Unfortunately we have had proof that the House of Representatives has completely lost its head, and that the views of the financial representative of the government find no favor with it.

Mr. David Wells has contributed another article under the title "How Shall the Nation Regain Prosperity." His last paper is devoted to the "Navigation Laws, their Origin and Influence." After explaining their origin at some length Mr. Wells pro ceeds as follows : " And these laws, with." "out material change, hold their place "to day upon our national statute book-"International trade since their enact-"ment has come to be carried on by en-" tirely different methods. Ships are " different, voyages are different, crews are " different, men's habits of thought and "methods of doing business are different; " but the old, mean arbitrary laws which

" the last century devised to shackle com-"merce remain unchanged in the United "States alone of all the nations; and, what "is most singular of all, it is claimed to be "the part of wisdom, and the evidence of " patriotism to uphold and defend them." Mr. Wells has been happy in applying the epithet "mean" to these laws, and we Canadians will be disposed to concur in much of what he has written. It would be difficult to conceive a meaner act than the stoppage of Canadian vessels at Albany, after an arrangement by treaty for the reciprocal use of the canals, on the pretext that this did not include the navigation of the Hudson River between Albany and New York. It is, however, only on a par with the duty on the cans used to pack fish admitted free under the treaty. Mr. Wells shows the effect of free trade in shipping in England after the repeal of the navigation laws in 1849, the tonnage "shooting up from 3,485,000 tons in 1849 to 5,328,000 tons in 1863, and 6,152,000 in 1875." "Under prevailing influences," adds Mr. Wells, "the United States finds "itself to day without ships ready to do " the work that, through change in circum-"stances, has to a certain extent become "ready for the ships to do."

THE CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK CASE.

We copy at foot Mr. Campbell's letters to the manager of the City and District Savings Bank and to Father Dowd, on the receipt of which the proceedings were withdrawn. These letters require no comment, but we express a hope that there will be an end to all attempts to damage the credit of our monied institutions. In the Savings Bank case there was not only an attack on the bank, but on a highlyesteemed ecclesiastic, who stands deservedly high in public estimation.

On Saturday afternoon the respective counsel in this case, and the defendant, John Campbell, appeared before Mr. Desnoyer, Police Magistrate

Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q.C., counsel for the prose-cution, said that he had that day received the following, which he proceeded to read:

Montreal, Nov. 17, 1877.

To E. J. Barbeau, Esq., Manager of the Mon-treat City and District Savings Bank:

Sin,--I beg to say that my telegram relating to the City and District Savings Bank, publish-ed in the New York Times of the 22nd September last, was written in good faith-the charges therein contained having been communicated to me by a person in whom I had implicit con-fidence. Those charges were fulse and unfounded, and I am exceedingly sorry that I was the means of making them public through the columns of the New York Times, and I beg respectfully to apologize to the Bank. I also beg to tender my apology to the Rev. Father Dowd for having mentioned his name in said telegram, and to express my regret at having published a charge against him so utterly un-true. JOHN CAMPBELL.

(Signed,)

On receipt of this declaration he (Mr. Kerr) had been instructed by the Directors of the Bank to stay all proceedings against the de-fendant, and, therefore, consented to his discharge by his Honor.

Mr. Barry, Counsel for the defense, said, Mr. Campbell desires me to say Your Honor, that the publication of the despatch to the New York *Times*, was not intended by him in any way to destroy the credit of the bank or injure its business, the information having been communicated to him as he thought in good faith, and believto him as he thought in good faith, and believ-ing at the time that it was true he sent it as a mere matter of news, as correspondent to several American papers. He is particularly sorry for having given currency to the charge against Father Dowd, a gentleman whose character is above reproach, and who is so much respected and admired, not only by Catholics, hat also be his Protestant fellow-citizens. My but also by his Protestant fellow-citizens. My client, as every one knows, was imposed upon. I am convinced that no doubt at all exists in the minds of the public that Mr. Campbell has been imposed upon by persons behind the scenes; and who evidently desired,—to use an ordinary expression—to make a scape goat of him for the furtherance of their own private, him for the furtherance of their own private, base and selfish ends. I do net think any one will accuse Mr. Gampbell of being the founder of the story, either about the bank or the Rev. Father Dowd, although Mr. Campbell had the misfortune of being the means of giving these stories publication. I believe a very general report has been circulated that Mr. Gampbell wurst have been beinder that he must have report has been circulated that Mr. Campbell must have been bribed—that he must have received some monetary consideration for hav-ing sent this report about the bank. Now, in behalf of Mr_{\perp} Campbell, a_{\pm} his counsel, and ing Sent this report about as his counsel, and being seized of all the facts, I give a most un-qualified and emphatic denial to any such statement. Mr. Campbell never received one statement. Mr. Campbell nover received one cent, directly or indirectly, nor did he receive any consideration in any form from any person over or above his salary as newspaper corres-pondent. I am very happy the case has termi-nated in this manner, not only for my client's sake, but also for the bank's. I believe that, since a little occurrence of a few days ago, he has been been believe but any short has been been be has lost all confidence he might have had in those persons from whom he received the information embodied in the telegram sent to the New York Times, developments having proved that that information was utterly false. I, as his counsel, then advised him to make the amende honorable—hence his apology to the bank and also to the Revd. Father Dowd, which apology has been very generously received. 1 an, therefore, very glad that the proceedings have terminated in this manner, and feel satis-fied that my clienthas injured nobody, and has done all in his power, as a journalist, a gentle-man, and a Christian, to make good any wrong he night have done any individual.

The defendant was formally discharged, and

Montreal, Nov. 17th.

Rev. Father Dowd :

No one can regret more keenly than I do that your name in any way appeared in the report published in the New York Times of the 22nd September, in regard to the City and District Savings Bank. I desire to retract in the most unreserved manner the charge which that article contained against you. That it is utterly without foundation in fact is beyond doubt. Whatever reparation an apology can afford I now give you, and I can only hope that in taking this step I may, to some extent, be able to re-move the pain that the matter must have given you:

Yours truly, JOHN CAMPBELL.

THE BANK STATEMENTS.

The principal changes in the month are a considerable increase of circulation consequent, without doubt, on the move-

ment of the crops. The circulation is not materially different from what it was in the corresponding month of 1876. There is a considerable decrease in the Government deposits, and also in the indebtedness to banks not in Canada. The assets show an increase in the amount due by banks not in Canada, and a slight decrease in bills discounted.

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CANADIAN PHOSPHATES.

Some time ago we mentioned that II. G. Vennor, of the Geological Survey, had, in the course of his season's explorations, made the important discovery that there exists in the county of Ottawa, in this Province, large and valuable deposits of phosphate. Further particulars of his discoveries have since been published by Mr. Vennor, and he characterizes the deposits as the most extensive ever discovered or ever likely to be discovered in the world.

On looking at a map of the county referred to it will be observed that two large rivers, the Gatincau and Des Lièvres,

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flow, through from north to south. The former falls into the Ottawa, nearly opposite the capital, the latter some distance further down. It is between these two rivers that Mr. Vennor has made his discoveries. The bed of phosphate bearing rock crops out at its edges, but the centre appears to be buried beneath rocks of a more recent formation. The belt of phosphate rocks extends north for a great distance, how far is not known; in the other direction it is supposed to cross the Ottawa and extend south-westerly, cropping out in the Townships of Burgess, on the Rideau, (where it has been worked more or less since 1870,) at Sydenham, back of Kingston, and other places." Deposits have also been found at Lochaber, and in Petite Nation Seigniory, and these are supposed to extend through the County of Argenteuil and eastward. Everything goes to show that the phosphate deposits of the Ottawa Valley are very extensive, and the facilities afforded by Ottawa navigation and the new railways now in course of construction, must lead to their being extensively worked, affording a new source of wealth to that part of the country.

We understand that Dr. Lyon Playfair, during his recent trip through this country, paid a visit to the Buckingham phosphate mines, and expressed his surprise at their richness. Already he has called the attention of British capitalists thereto, and the almost simultaneous discovery of an immense deposit of kaolin, or fertilizing clay, in Prussia, will give our phosphate deposits an additional value, as the two united form one of the best fertilizers known. The demand for such, owing to the high farming in Britain, will stimulate the development of such deposits wherever they exist, and another season will witness a large increase in the export of Canadian phosphates, which, we are glad to know, have even this year exceeded those of any previously by more than one hundred per cent. Already large blocks of land have been taken up, and a number of companies are making preparations to pursue the work of mining with all vigour during the coming winter.

Something has already been done in the way of manufacturing super-phosphateat Brockville; where a company has had works established with great success for somelyears. If the use of phosphate as a fertilizer is good in England it must be equally good here, but we fear not till our farmers see it leaving in ship loads will they fully realize the benefit attending its use. Wore it employed, there is

no reason why the average of our wheat production should not be raised to a much higher figure than ever before.

SHIPWRECK .- The fine iron clipper Strathtay, which sailed from this port for Liverpool on the 12th inst., has been wrecked on one of the Miquelon Islands. Her cargo consisted of 16,159 bushels of corn, 20,097 bushels wheat and 3,800 barrels of flour, shipped by Messrs. D. Butters & Co., of this city. The telegrams received by the agents do not give any information as regards the cause of the disaster, but it is more than probable that the vessel was during a heavy gale driven on the dangerous rocks which surround the Miquelon group. Captain Small is an officer of great experience, and his subordinates are also said to be first-class navigators, and so the disaster need not be attributed to incapacity or neglect on their part. The Strathtay was a new ship with a net tonnage of 1100 tons, and we believe that this was her first senson in the Canadian trade. She was owned by Mr. Wm. Thomson of Dunder, one of the largest ship owners in that city, and may have been insured in England, but on this point the agents here have no information. She is a total wreck, and the corn and wheat will also no doubt prove a total loss, but the flour may be saved. The cargo is insured in the following companies :

Pacific New York	\$10,000
Royal Canadian	5,000
Western, Toronto	3,400
Mercantile Mutual, N. Y	9,600
Boston Marine Underwriters	
Transatlantic, Berlin	4,200
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The total value of the cargo is between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

- We have the following business changes to note for the week :---Wilson & Davis have commenced business as stationers in Peterboro. R. Gillies, Sullivan; W. H. English, Omemee; D. L. Speight, Toronto; L. D. George, Toronto, and H. Rediker, Georgeville, have sold out or retired. The stock of the Grangers' Cooperative Society has been sold to L. Bouchard for 50 cents on the dollar. He will carry on the business in the old stand. Wm. Pickering has commenced in the general line at Lucknow. Jones & Morrison, booksellers, St. John, N.B.; Wurtele & Stewart, manufacturers' agents, Montreal; Smith & Tester, ice dealers, Montreal, and McDougall & Ingram, hotelkeepers, Sherbrooke, have dissolved. John Dixon, carriage maker, Toronto, has been missing for some time. Charles and Samuel Jacobs, hatters, Toronto, have absconded, and a writ of attachment has issued against the estate. M. D. & H. A. Austin, grocers, Portland, N.B., have suspended. Demands of assignment have been made on H. McMillan, saw mill owner, Rigaud, and J. B. Bernardin, jun., general store, Terrebonne. Mrs. Decker, of the Montreal House, is in difficulties, but though an assignment has been made business will go on as usual. Mary Phillips, milliner, Strathroy, has compromised at 10 cents, and Thos. Babe, shoemaker, Orangeville, at 75 cents. M. Wardell,

auctioneer, Toronto, offers to compromise at 50 cents; J. Marsh, general dealer, Trenton, at 40 cents in 4, 8 and 12 months secured ; Mrs. Mary McPherson, boots and shoes, London, at 50 cents ; W. B. Hartill, furniture dealer, Toronto, at 35 cents; and Boyle & Gardner, confectioners, Toronto, at 50 cents. The offer of the latter has heen refused. A meeting of the creditors of Grawford, James & Co., Toronto, who lately failed in the provision trade, has been held. The firm were desirous of going into bankruptcy, and one of the members seconded a motion to that effect. As this was illegal, the creditors resisted and adjourned proceedings to afford an opportunity for arranging a composition. They have offered 25 cents on the dollar. The bailiff is in possession of the business of Jos. Lussier, soda water manufacturer, Waterloo, P. Q., and of Nixon & Co., hides, etc., Toronto. The senior partner of the latter firm holds a fugrative appointment in the north-west, and his son carries on the business. It is not the first time they have been in difficulties. There are a few minor changes among small dealers.

- An excellent paper can be made out of the white ends of asparagus, which consist entirely of tough vegetable fibres. The material is adapted to the production of the finer kinds of writing paper.

- \$600,000,000 are annually spent in the United States for drink. How many delinquent newspaper subscriptions does this sum contain? It is heartless to spend in the maddening cup what you owe the printer. He may be thirsty himself.

-It is estimated that 20,000 oil wells have thus far been dug in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, at an aggregate cost of \$192,000,000. They have yielded about eighty-eight million barrels of oil, valued at the wells at three hundred millions of dollars, or four hundred millions of dollars at the sealboard.

- The total nominal capital invested in all the railways of Great Britain is nearly \$3,300,-000,000. This is at the rate of \$200,000 per mile of railway opened. More than \$190,000,000 of capital pay no dividend; \$270,000,000 less than five per cent. and only \$25,000,000 more than ten per cent.

- An influential meeting of policy-holders in the Niagara District Mutual Insurance Company washeld in Sherbrooke recently, at which it was resolved that the Eastern Townships policy-holders should retain leading counsel and contest any claim for the collection of premium notes. They also resolved that in case of being compelled by the courts to pay any portion of the premium notes, to take proceedings personally against the directors for soliciting new business after the Company was known to be insolvent.

- Lake Superior mining news is encouraging. The Silver Islet mine is working a harge force, and has already sent down 40 barrels of rich silver. The same vein, full of mineral, has been discovered on the mainland. The Duncan mine shows a wonderful improvement in the deposits from the diamond drill prospecting. The Q. A. mine is showing well. What a pity so many of these valuable mines have been allowed to pass out of our hands !

A CHANGE FOR INVENTORS.—Inventors have the opportunity offered them to secure a valuable prize. For a new process to extract the juice of the sugar cane, at a cost not exceeding 40 per cent. of the product, the Council General of Guadeloupe offer a reward of \$20,000, the descriptions to be submitted by the 1st of June, 1880.

— The report of the Montreal City Passenger Railway shows the business of the Company for this year and last to be.—For year ending 1st Oct., 1876, revenue, \$138,052.45, working expenses, \$134,022.97; for year ending 1st Oct., 1877, revenue, \$107,998.15, working expenses, \$139,413.84. A circular of the secretary of the Kingston Street Railway states that the construction of the road has cost nearly \$36,000, and the gross earnings from May 12 to October 20 are \$7,132.52, a very large business for a new railway. A dividend of four per cent, for the half year has been declared on the capital stock.

- Steamboat navigation on the Red River northward is closed for the season, navigation beginning with the 1st of April, 1877, and ending 31st of October, 1877. The total amount of domestic articles exported, from the United States to Manitoba and Northwestern Canada from April 1st to October 31st was \$754,000; imported into the United States from Manitoba and the Northwest, \$512,000; bonded imports passed through from Manitoba to Eastern Canada, S166.000; estimated value of Eastern Canadian goods, bonded through to Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest, \$2,000,000. These figures show a vast increase all round. The imports from Manitoba to the United States are chiefly buffalo robes and furs.

- The misfortunes attending the navigation of the St. Lawrence between this city and Quebec this season have been so numerous, and of such a disastrous and apparently preventable character, as to draw forth comment not only here, but in journals published in New York and other rivals of the trade of Montreal. A New York authority chuckles over the prospective increase of marine insurance on this route, and the feeling of dislike among shipowners to send large class steamships here at all. The Harbor Commissioners have also wakened up to the fact that the late serious accidents are very damaging to the port. Prompt action should be taken to prevent diversion of trade from the St. Lawrence route. New Orleans is making a "big push" to secure a greater volume of trade for the Mississippi route. Let us see that it is not done at our expense.

The PROSPECTS OF FISH-Mr. Gorrie, the Chief Justice of Fiji, has addressed an entertaining letter to his friend, Mr. T. B. Potter, on this youngest of the British colonies. He says people at home have not the slightest idea what a magnificent colony it is, or how interesting it might be for rich men in London and Manchester if they would only go out and have a look at it. Its list of exports is already more than respectable for a group of islands in their third year of British sovereignty, and with the unmitigated cannibal still flourishing on them, Copra-the dried kernel of the coconnut-would alone give promise of a liandsome trade. It is largely shipped to Sydney and direct to Ham-

burg. The sugar plantations on the Vita Levu —the largest island—are already growing enough to employ two crushing mills, which are worked on co-operative principles. Three is room'for seventy mills, says the Chief Justice, on the river Rewa alone, and where the Crown land grants are all out there will be occupation for over two hundred mills. Fiji cotton had a high reputation in Lancashire a few years ago, but it did not pay as it was then grown. It is now being raised on sounder financial principles, and answering well. Mr. Gorrie tells us that the only thing wanted is capital. Good securities go a-begging at 10 per cent, and the Bank rate is treble ours.

ACCIDENTS ON THE RIVER.

A short time ago the satisfactory announcement was made by the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal that thenceforward every case of accident or collision on the river would be thoroughly investigated. In common with, we believe, many others, we were glad that such a decision had been arrived at, it being almost a pledge that something would be done to bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs. We noted by the most recently presented reports of the Montreal and Quebec Harbour Commissioners that they have referred to enquiries into the losses caused by collisions and wrecks in what is considered a pilotage ground. Several pilots have been suspended for negligence or incompetence by both Boards, while at Montreal an important discussion took place arising out of the case of the SS. Earl of Lonsdale, which came into collision with some small craft, consisting of four small vessels laden with grain and flour in tow of a small steamer. In this case it was found that neither on the tug, steamer, nor on any of the craft was there a branch pilot; and, while occupying the improved channel, the captain of the tug and the man acting as pilot declared that they believed the channel at the place of collision was only about 200 feet wide, while they had a channel exceeding 1,200 feet. It was contended by the members of the Board that the Harbour Commissioners required an increase of their powers in this regard, in the first place to prevent the utilization of the deep channel by that class of vessels, which could sail in almost any portion of it. Then the law was shown to be inconsistent with itself, since that, while it compelled owners of vessels to pay pilots, it did not compel them to have them on board. The question of rafts which floundered about almost unmanageably was also brought up, and this was shown to be by no means an unfruitful cause of loss and accident. The frequency of collisions or of cases in which a vessel has run aground are so great that it is by no means to be wondered at that rates of insurance between the two ports have become almost as high as for the entire remainder of the ocean passage. There must be something wrong somewhere, and it is to be hoped that, whatever it is the commissioners will take vigorous action, their hands being made as free as possible, with a view not to making any undue restrictions, but in order that there shall no longer be any question as to the subject of safety. Immense amounts of money have been expended to remedy existing evils, but accidents are contiないないので、

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nually, and possibly more frequently, occurring Is there carelessness, apathy or ignorance somewhere ? Whatever the causes are, and they are various, for it is scarcely likely that, in every instance, what has caused two ships to come into collision has also driven one vessel aground. let them be ascertained, and, by the amount of energy the commissioners display in this direction, they will entitle themselves to a greater or smaller amount of the public commendation, not the public of Montreal alone, but of the vast country to the West of us, for, other things being equal, the farther imports can be brought inland by water the smaller the cost of freightage and transhipment.

THE SPECIAL AGENT.

The special agent is also called upon to adjust losses, and it is quite possible that half of his time will be thus taken up, so that, although not a professional adjuster, he becomes, by repeated and varied experience, proficient and valuable. To treat of the adjuster at length would exceed the limits of this article, but there are a few points worth considering. The first one relates to a pleasant gentlemanly bear-ing. Civility costs nothing and buys everything, it is said. However shrewd an adjuster may be, however inexorably firm against fraud, however well-founded his suspicions, he cannot afford to be rough, petulant or hot-tempered. No business requires more self-possession and forbearance. The advantage in knowledge and methods of procedure is on the side of the adjuster, and he can afford to wait and be patient when the other party is exacting and stubborn. If the case be an honest one, the claimant may be nervous and an indicest one, the charman many the voirs and easily confused, and a politic, reassuring manner brings order out of chaos, and tends to an easy and pleasant result. You gain your points without the assured's hardly knowing it. Dis-putes are not so much founded on the thing fund on a wide of a position warm hard a training itself as pride of a position warmly and stoutly defended. If the assured be innocent of arson, defended. If the assured be innocent of arson, and yet seizes the opportunity to enrich him-self, or oven if he be a tough eustomer, he can be more easily handled in the later and final stages of settlement and compromise, if your manner has been gentlemenly, though he may believe you suspect him of evil practice. Di-plomacy, that polished armor of the adjuster, calls for gentlemanly coudact and smooth manners, even if it be not in the grain and fibre of the may Concession and an avoidance of manners, even if it be not in the grain and fibre of the man. Concession and an avoidance of disputed points at the oilset smooth the way for subsequent yielding by the assured on im-portant matters at the close. Tact conquers where talent fails. An adjuster should be honorable. If the loss is honest and the claim reasonable, treat it with candor. Take no advantage for the sake of salvage where not properly earned. Have no hesitation in recom-mending a loss for full payment. The officers and directors would much rather pay total losses if assured that they are total, than to get salvage, at the expense of honor. Some one has said any fool can pay a total loss, but it takes a wise man to know when it is total. An adjuster should be thorough, both to ascertain takes a wise man to know when it is total. An adjuster should be thorough, both to ascertain facts and form conclusions, as well as to impress the claimant that it is no light matter, but se-rious, business. Too hasty adjustments embolden fraud, while close scrutiny and analysis of statements and corroborative testimony, have a healthful moral effect. In this manner, and by diarism must be avoided. We talk of legislation diarism must be avoided. We talk of legislation to prevent arson, when, as underwriters, the remedy is largely in our own hands. If agents, as the result of adjustments, were bold to ask questions of ittle, values, other insurance and mortgages, and then have the courage of their judgment, we should have fewer fires. The adjuster should be an educator. It is in the

very nature of his office and experience. The agent insures the party and writes the con-tract. The adjuster, in his intercourse with agents, should give them the benefit of his experience as to values, causes of fires and defective policy writing. We always and ucce-itive policy writing. We advocate the ad-juster being the regular representative of his company, so as to improve the agency, through the agent, by an examination of risks, and the agent, by an examination of risks, and inspection and correction of forms. A word of the difficulties in the adjuster's path. They arise in part from a lame and loosely drawn contract, placing a delicate and embar-rassing task of interpretation upon the adjuster, which benefit meads microbid out beneficien benefitier. which breeds mischief and provokes hostility; but the chief difficulty lies in the prejudice and but the chief difficulty lies in the prejudice and ignorance of the people themselves—adjusters are worse sinued against than sinning. People, intelligent people at that, have come to regard adjusters as scalpers. If they got off whele they are wonderfully surprised and elated, and the adjuster is the most popular man in town. This unfortunate state of things arises from sheer ignorance of the nature and meaning of an insu-mere contract or from pique for pot carbifying rance contract, or from pique for not gratifying a selfish and avaricious desire to profit by a ca-lamity. Three-fourths of the people, in town and country, believe, or affect to believe, that they are entitled to the full amount of the insurance. whatever the loss. They fail to regard it as a contract of indemnity for actual loss. They would take the full face of the policy, and then flatter themselves they drove a sharp bargain, flatter themselves they drove a sharp bargain, or made a fortunate speculation. Such people confound shrewdness with dishonesty, and would sell a defective horse for the price of a sound animal. The subject of insurance, the nature of the contract, the rights and duties of both parties, the meaning of terms and condi-tions, all ought to be discussed in some popular. tions, all ought to be discussed in some popular, way. The agent or special agent ought really to "hire a hall" and give the people some wholesome platform talk. Many would go away wiser if not better men and women. We in-clude women, for they are worse than men in these relations." Adjusters are men of educa-tion and families, and honor women, but who ever met a woman claimant who did not fight for the whole amount whother actitude to it or for the whole amount whether entitled to it or not, simply because the policy called for so much. How many times has our honor been impeached with reckless volubility, how many arguments wasted, how much breath expended, how many attempts to embrace both women and opportunity, in a value struggle to convince them of the reasonableness of our position? It is this ignorance and perverseness that hedge the way of an adjuster, which misrepresent his action and traduce his name. That some adjusters may be unprincipled is doubtless true, in summing up, we properly lay stress on the prime qualifications of an adjuster, that he be a man of honor and a gentleman. He stands for his company at a critical point in its reputation; he can better it or he can wound it. If his acts he is und his conduct house his and he would be be just and his conduct honorable, he and his be just and mis conduct honorary, he make mis company can afford to bide the result. It is not possible that he shall always succeed. Even in the exercise of an intelligent and really conscientious judgment, an adjuster is apt to full short of satisfying a claimant. He will be censured for a narrow interpretation of what is covered and what is not, and blamed for not regarding the manifest intention on which so much respectable stress is laid. These things are often trying, but the only refuge is to treat cases pleasantly, firmly, honorably and acquit the conscience of any intentional wrong. -J. M. De. C. in the Spectator of November.

ASSIGNMENTS DURING PAST WEEK.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

William L. MacGillivray, Toronto. John McGuire, Almonte. Murdock Craig, West Garafraxa. Grange & Bros., Napanee. John Thos. Grange, Napanee. Benjamin Batty, Hamilton. David Graham, Renfrew.

James Marsh, Trenton. Francis Y. Cowle, Bowmanville.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

John Fraser, Montreal. W. P. Bartley & Co., Montreal. Mathias Gregoiro, Levis, Jean Baptisto Benardin, Terrebonne. Jugh McMillan, Rigaud. Jean Baptiste Delongehamps, Joliette. E. Baillargeon & Co., Quebec. J. B. Turcotte, Joliette.

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

William Holman, Guelph. George Rallan, Chatham. James Bailey, Blithfield. Mary McPherson, London. Mary McPnerson, Donaon. Henry Grimshaw, Kingston. Robt. Harrison, London. John Woods, Barrie. Eager Bros. & DeLong, Barrie. Enger Bros. & DeLong, Barrie. John Brennan, Clifton. Ohns. Jacobs, Toronto. Wm. Robt. Gray, Dundas. Samuel Jacobs, Toronto. James J. Craig, Toronto. Ohristopher G. Sparling, Toronto. Walter Kirton, Newmarket. Thos. Paxton, Whitby. Janet Elsey, Beachville.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

J. Theophile Boivin, St Johns. Denis Brady, Montreal. James Polan, Montreal Joseph Octave Matte, Quebec. Seraphin Venne, Montreal. Hercule Dudemain, Montreal. Gauthier & Gauthier, Montreal, Alfred Renaud, Montreal. Reuben Goldstein, Montreal. Joseph Octave Trempe, Montreal. Justine Charbonneau, Montreal. Marcel E. Lymburner, Montreal.

FIRE RECORD.

Wyoning, Nov. 15.—The old foundry build-ing occupied by Thomas Sutherland as a sash and door factory was destroyed by fire, together with contents, consisting of a large lot of valu-able machinery and building material. Mr. Sutherland's loss is about \$2,000. The build-ing belonged to R. Westland, and was valued at \$600; and is not insured. A carding mill adjoining, owned by R. Wood, was also de-stroyed, causing a loss of \$800, without any insurance. A dwelling house near, owned and occupied by Mrs. Whitlay, was burned; part of the contents were saved; no insurance. Parkhill, Nov. 16.—Dorle's Pump Factory.

Parkhill, Nov. 16.-Doyle's Pump Factory, with all the contents, was entirely destroyed by fire. Loss \$500; insured for \$300.

Magog, Que., Nov. 13 .- Gilbert Willey's residence and barn were burned. Loss about \$2.000.

Quebec, Nov. 15.—The dry goods store of Mr. Dion, Mountain Hill, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$80, caused by a burning chimney. Insured in the Royal Canadian.

Grenville, Nov. 18.—The residence of Hugh Gulcharist was burned, part of the furniture was saved ; property slightly covered with in-Surance.

Moncton, Nov. 17.—The dwelling house and store belonging to G. H. Brown, at the railway crossing, was destroyed by fire. Insured for \$2,000 in the Oanada Fire and Marine.

Erin, Nov. 15.-The driving house, stables, and contents belonging to Aaron Teeter were destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,200 ; insured in the Isolated Risk for \$900. Cause lightning.

Galt, Nov. 16.—A fire broke out in the tem-pering department of Shurley & Dietrich's saw factory,' caused by the oil in the tempering bath

igniting while a saw was being tempered. The loss will reach \$1000; covered by insurance.

Wendover, Nov. 15.—The barn and stable belonging to Octave Meloche were destroyed, also a threshing machine and all the grain, the contents of the barn ; the contents of the stable were saved. No insurance.

Montreal, Nov. 18.—The small wooden office. of P. Gannon, situated on the wharf at the foot of the Bonsecours Market, was consumed by fire. Loss small.

Bienville, Nov. 18.—A small wooden house belonging to Mr. Ouimet was burned down. Loss \$200; no insurance.

Hamilton, Nov. 19.—A fire broke out in the factory of the Gardner Sewing Machine Co., but was quickly extinguished.

Warwick, Nov. 18.—The residence of Mr. Maurice Evans was destroyed by fire, together with the contents. Insured in the Grange for \$500.

Stroud, Nov. 18.—Webb's block, dwellinghouse, store, and Misses Davidson & Neely's millinery establishment, were destroyed by fire Loss \$2,500. Insured in the Standard and Victoria Mutual for \$1,250.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Oliver's planing mills on the Esplanade were barned, together with a large quantity of walnut and cherry lumber. Loss \$25,000. The building and machinery is insured for \$8,000 in the Citizeus and Haud-in-Hand.

Mount Forest, Nov. 20.—An unoccupied dwelling-house belonging to Richard Lund was burned down. Insured for \$400.

Commercial.

MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, NOV. 22nd, 1877.

The business of the week, as usual at this season, has been quiet. This being Thanksgiving Day no markets are held in this city, and we are compelled to furnish those of yesterday afternoon. Complaints continue of the slowness of remittances, but there is evidence of some little improvement. Wheat and other grain are being slowly moved, and there are but comparatively light stocks in the hands of dealers throughout the country. The weather continues very mild for the season, and there is no appearance of the close of navigation.

Asures.—Receipts continue light. The sales of the week amount to about 120 brls. Firsts at \$3.724 to \$3.75; a faw Seconds sold at \$3.00; Thirds nominal at \$2.50. Pearls: sales at \$4.50 for Firsts. No enquiry for Seconds. News from England for both Pots and Pearls is worse than ever, and present quotations here for Pots arefully 20 cents above Liverpool value. The receipts since 1st January have been 12,070 brls. Pots and 1,631tbrls. Pearls; the deliveries 12,976 brls. Pots and 1,705 brls. Pearls, and the stock in store at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening was 1,709 brls. Pots and 698 brls. Pearl.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—No change worthy of notice has taken place since last week's report. Business is very quiet, and manufacturers are decreasing their productions and closing up the year's operations. Stocks held over are not large, notwithstanding the sorting up trade has been lighter than was expected. Prices may be considered unchanged.

Day Goops.--We are gratified to hear that our city retail tradespeople have been kept very busy of late, owing, we presume, to the fine winter sort of weather we have had. We learn, too, that a very fair number of orders have been received by our wholesale friends within the last few days, and we are prepared to hear of a marked change for the better, should the cold ish weather prevailing here extend throughout the West. Remittances, although decidedly slow, show a slight inprovement.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business has been rather quiet since our last report, and prices are without change and nominal.

FISH.—Dull, Labrador Herrings \$5 to \$5.25; Draft Cod, dull \$5.50; Barrelled Cod, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 2 unsaleable. Salmon unchraged. FLOUR.—There has been a good demand for flour throughout the week, the product of the City Mills as well as the receipts from the West being readily taken as soon as placed on the market.—The stock of white wheat flour is nearly exbausted and shippers find difficulty in filling their orders. The sales of the week have been at the following rates:—Spring Extra, \$5.35 to \$5.45; Fancy, \$5.50; Extra, \$5.70 to \$5.75 and Superior, \$5.90 to \$6.00 with higher figures for choice brands.

S5.75 and Superior, S5.90 to S6.00 with higher figures for choice brands. Liverpool, 22d Nov., 11.30 a.m.—(From W. J. Fairbairn.) Whent market dull, but not quotably lower. Flour, 205 6d to 325; Spring 105 4d to 11s; Red Winter, 105 9d to 11s 6d; White, 12s 7d to 12s 11d; Chub, 12s 10d to 13s 3d; Corn, 29s to 29 3d; Onts, 3s; Preas, 37s; Barley, 3s 6d; Pork, 59s; Lard, 43s; Bacon, 40s to 41s; Cheese, 63s; Tallow, 40s 6d; Beef, 92s 6d.

London, 11.30 a.m.—Consols, 96 11-16; money 96 13-16 for account; four and half's, 104 1-4; fives, 106 3-4; Eric, 1104; N.Y.C., 107.

hves, 106 3-4; Eric, 1104; N.Y.G., 107. Chicago, Nov. 22, 11.00 a.m., —Wheat, S1.094 Nov.; S1.063 to 1.063 Dec. Corn, 47gc Nov; 42g Dec; 42gc to 42gc for May. Oats 25dc Judy. Pork, S12 the year; S12.30 Jan. Lard, S7.80 the year; S7.85 to \$7.874 Jan. Receipts and shipments, —Wheat, 65,000 and 11,000; Corn, 92,-000 and 56,000; Oats, 31,000 and 28,000; Barley, 17,000 and 42,000.

Funs AND SKINS.—No change in prices. The Hudson Bay Co. will hold their annual sale of Beaver, Musquash and Opossum on the 21st Jannary next, and the United States and Canada fur sale will take place in London, commencing 13th March and continuing till 26th. It is too early in the senson to give any accurate opinion of the probable prices. It will depend in a great measure upon the nature of the winter in Europe, the political situation at that time, and whether there is any prospect of peace by Turkey and Russia. We quote :—Coon, 25c. to 50c.; Rat, Fall, 8c. to 12c.; Rat, Winter, 10c. to 13c.; Rat, Spring, 12c. to 15c.; Fox,90c.to \$1.10; Marten in no demand. Skunk., Blk, 25c. to 40c.; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mink, Eastern Canada, Dark, prime small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; harge, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Fisher, \$4.00 to \$1.50; large, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Beaver, full clean peth per 1b, \$2.25 to \$1.50; Winter do. \$1.50 to \$1.75; Bear, large prime, \$6.00 to \$10.00; Cub do, \$2.00 to \$5.00.

HARDWARE.—We have only to repeat our remarks of last week. The numerous failures in this line have unsettled matters somewhat. Prices have undergone no material change. For a general review of the state of the trade we refer our renders to the article in another part of this issue.

LEATHER.-Business, as we predicted, has been quiet for the past week, but prices continue firm. No particular change looked for the month.

Live Stock.—The arrivals of Live Stock at Point St. Charles last week were thirty carloads of cattle, twelve loads of which were shipped to Liverpool on SS. Dominion, twelve carloads of hogs, five. double-decked and three single-decked carloads of sheep, four mixed carloads of cattle and hogs, and a mixed load of hogs and sheep. On Monday there arrived two carloads of hogs, one carload of cattle, and a mixed load of cattle and hogs. The supply of cattle on the market was smaller than usual, and very few sales were made. Prices ranged from 3c. to 4c. per lb., but there were no really good steers sold. The following sales were made :—A superior heifer, weighing 1,250 lbs., at 4c per lb; twelve cattle at \$35 each, or about 34c per lb; a pair of oxen for \$100; three fat cows at \$30 each, or about 34c per lb; three heifers for \$117, or about 34c per lb; a superior beifer, weighing 1,300 lbs, for 4c per lb, less \$1 on the whole; two cattle for \$73 and two more for \$65; seventeen cattle at from \$27 to \$50 each, or from 3c to 4c per lb. At the Viger Market seven or eight new calved cows were offered, and sales were made at \$28, \$30, \$35, \$45 and \$50. Two strippers were sold, one for

S12 the other for \$18. Very few sales of fat cattle were made. The following are reported :--26 cattle at from \$14 to \$33 each, or from 24c to 4c per lb; three oxen for \$190; six oxen for \$330, or from 34c to 4c per lb. A very fair cow was sold for \$27, and several others from \$20 to \$25. Heifers sold from \$14 to \$18. About 100 sheep and hambs were offered on this market. The demand for good hambs was brisk, and higher prices were paid. Six choice hambs were sold at \$4.50 each, and several small lots were sold at \$4.50 each, and several small lots were sold at \$4.50 to \$3 each. Sheep sold at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. Sheep sold at from \$2.50 to \$3 each. Sheep sold at from \$3 to \$4.50, but there was no very choice animals among them. The following sales of hogs are reported :-Twenty at 42c per lb; several small lots at 42c per lb; 121 at 6c per lb. dressed weight.

LUMBER.-The London Timber Trades Journal of the 27th ult. says :- The season for 1877 may be looked upon as virtually at an end, and the arrivals from east or west between this and Christmas will chiefly consist of stragglers and belated ships, which from some cause or another had to put back, or met with unexpected delay. The liveliness of hometrade will therefore depend a good deal on the kind of weather we get, and the ability to complete during the fall the extensive engagements which were entered into in the summer. The public sales will continue without doubt through the winter, and it spenks well for trade that they are at least twice as numerous now as they were a few years back, and quite as well attended in the middle of winand quite as wer attended in thematics of whi-ter as in the beight of summer. There is no change in the general market, and prices remain stationary. Building operations have been pushed, forward, and no doubt the splendid weather has kept the timber trade active, as a large stock must have gone into consumption, that had the rain set in like last year would have been still on hand. Liverpool reports little change as far as prices are concerned, but this demand does not keep pace with supplies from abroad. However, the Gauadian import is drawing to a close, and the probable quantity of goods to arrive during the remainder of the fall season does not seem to be more than customary. Of Canadian goods, Quebec yellow pine continues to be imported to a fair extent, but prime wood is very scarce, and commands high prices, and latest advices from Canadian sources all harp upon this string, whilst inferior and common are plentiful both here and abroad. In a great measure the same remarks apply to pine deals, the market being over-supplied with third and lower qualities, which are saleable only at prices which must be disastrous to shippers, whilst good second and first quality maintain high rates. The St. John, N.B., *Telegraph* says.—Lumbermen are actively engaged in making preparations for their win-ter's operations. Portage teams are leaving here every day, with supplies for the different camps. Judging from the large quantities of provisions that are being brought here daily by rail, extensive operations will be carried on in the Upper St. John this winter. A despatch from the West says :-- The number of men ar-riving in Michigan daily from the Eastern States and Canada in search of employment in the lumber camps is very large, and is somewhat in excess of the demand. Wages range fram \$15 to \$20 per month, being about the same as last season. An Ottawa despatch says :- An approximate estimate of the sawn lumber now on hand here and in this neighbourhood places the amount at about one third less than at this time last year. Some millers have not more than half the amount of stock on hand that they had last winter. On the line of the Canada Central it is calculated that the stock is about twenty-two million feet less than last season. The reduction has been caused by millers having reduced their operations. A further despatch says :-- We under-stand that the Hon. James Skead has sold all stand that the Hon. James Skead has sold all the sawn lumber in his mill-yards, and that he has signed an agreement for supplying a large quantity of lumber next year. This news makes prospects look a little brighter. The O. S. & L. Oo. shipped 2,000,000 feet of lumber last week, 300,000 feet of which were deals, decking State of the state

and 7 x 14 inch bridge sticks for the Quebec In the Ottawn district prices are market. Dimension timber and shingles partialtered. cularly are dull and slow of sale, with prices as near bottom as it is possible to get them. In the Montreal local market there is little

doing and prices are unchanged. Outs.—Not much doing in this line. Some ots of Cod are being offered without meeting with much encouragement, most of the dealers being pretty well supplied. Navat Stores dull and unchanged. Paints dull. PROVISIONE.—Butter. This article remains in a

very dull and stagnant state. Prices must be considered nominal in the absence of business. There appear to be large stocks in Liverpool of American and Canadian Butter of summer shipments, quality being poor and it is pressed very hard for sale. Notwithstonding this, advices state that nice fresh parcels meet with a moderate sale and we were shown by one shipper sales of 600 packages received by last English mail at prices ranging from 100 to 114 for Western and Morrisburg. The principal holders here are still keeping firm, and are not pressing their stocks; but occasionally there are sales made by outside parties who are forced to sell, and at very low range of prices. Such sales, however, are no criterion of the market, and are too insignificant to deserve more than passing notice. A certain evening journal takes exception to our views of the market, and publishes in a garbled form our last week's article it would have established the whole of our article it would have established the falseness of their assertions. We purpose, in our next issue, to treat this matter under a different heading, and will explode their philanthropic feeling for the farmer, and show that the journal in question is in league with a certain small portion of the trade, who are trying their ut-most to accomplish what that journal pretends to wish to defeat. We would advise that journal, if it wishes to establish a commercial standing, to instruct its reporter to visit the principal operators, where he will obtain information that will show him the absurdity of his

late reports. Cheess.— There has been a little more activity in this article since our last issue. Quite a number of sales have been made within the range of our quotations. Operators, however, have lit-tle confidence in the advance, and claim that their orders are limited, and only to sort up stoock for the Christmas trade, and that they look for a reaction and dull market shortly, in consequence of the large stocks known to be held back in this country as well as the States. We conv from the Utica Herald of Nov. 20th, which is an acknowledged authority in the States on the Cheese question, the following extract :-

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SALT .- Stock of Coarse and Factory Filled in first hands about 2,000 Coarse and 500 Factory Market firmer at 80c to 85c, and \$1.10 to \$1.25 TOBACCOS.-In all lines there is a falling off' Tobaccos. — In all these there is a failing on in demand, although for the senson trade may be considered good. Prices (with the excep-tion of low grade Solace, which has been drop-ped 1c.) are the same as last quoted, and are likely to remain steady for remainder of the year. Cigars-In Domestic the demand continues good; manufacturers are fully employed. There is a fair demand for Medium grades of Imported Havanas, of which stocks are light. Prices unchanged.

WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET. Sugars. Some reaction in Sugars has taken place within a few days in United States, and advance $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 sought for. Market at latest advices showed again an easier tone. Stocks were being reduced. In the British markets prices are low. With us there is dullness. The range for Vel-lows is from 74 to 9, and for Granulated 95 to 104. Teas. A continued sameness in market is to be reported, with fair demand for the lower grades of sweet Japans. *Molasses.*-- Market easier, 41c to 43c. for Trinidad, and 45c. to 49c. for Barbadoes. Syrups are a trille lower. Coffees -Business light. Java is 27c. to 30c. A good A good deal of doubt arises as to Coffees sold as Java; some called Java can be had at about 24c. Marisome caneed set a children and reason 24c. Mar-cabo is 23c. to 25c. Rice firm at S4.40 to S4.50. Spiers.—Pimento and Cloves continue firm: Nutnegs and Pepper quiet, Some movement in Canada and United States. Fraits.—Some Valentias out of conditionand sold at auction for cash brought about 54c, and at another sale one lot of 50 packages ordinary, only sold for 54c nett cash. Prices of good were 64c to 64c. Layers Stendy. London Lorvers source, held at \$2.30. Ourrants, 64c to 74c for new. Oils, Steamed Refined Seal, held 60c to 65c; Cod 52c to 59c. Pish.—The complaints as to Gulf Dry Codfish been packed up wrongly continue. An inspec-tor for Dry Fish will settle this damaging busi-It is great a pity that our Fishermen ness, should be so careless in the curing of their fish. The subject demands careful attention. Herrings steady 54c to 55c for Labradors. Salt.-Quite an advance in Coarse, held now at about 80c.

OIL REPORT.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Petrolia, Nov. 19th, 1877.—Developing has fallen off a little owing to the weather, but when it becomes settled it is bound to be stimulated by the current rates. There have been no new strikes of any importance this month, and it is expected that a good deal of the surplus Crude accumulated this summer will be consumed be-fore the season is over. The Orude Oil Com-bination continues to work satisfactorily of its members, and a fair business is being done. the price of Crude in the United States should advance any further it will be followed by a corresponding advance here, and the latest re-ports seem to indicate the probability of such being the case. The Shipments for last week are the heaviest since the Combination started, being as follows : Crude, 5470 barrels ; Refined, 271 barrels. Prices : Crude, S2.08. per barrel ; Refined, 142 cts. F. O. B. London.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY .- Return of traffic for GRAND TRONG IAILWAY.—Idelum of Iralic for week ending November 10th, 1877, and the cor-responding week, 1876. 1877.—Passengers, Mails, and Express Preight, 560,181; Merchan-dise, \$152,171; Total, \$212,352. Corresponding week, 1876, \$185,912. Increase, 1877, \$26,440.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA .- Port Hope, November 21st, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 7th to 14th November, 1877, in comparison with 50 14th November, 1877, in comparison with same period last year:--Passengers, \$1,392.66; Freight, \$4,349.-09; Mails and Express, \$228.32; Total, \$5,970.-07. Same week last year, \$5,642.74. De-crease, \$572.67. Total traffic to date, \$236.-700.25; do., year previous, \$246,592.45. De-crease, \$9,892.20. Carsley's Column.

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The following Five Hems have lately appeared in the Montreal duly papers and contain a good deal of truth. It is the option of most of our oldest firms that this American Mercantlle 'Agency system is one of the greatest helps that unprincipled traders can have to assist them in obtaining credit.

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S500,000. The wholesale firm reported in this morning's *Jerald* to be in difficulties is rated by the Mercantile Agencies to be worth \$500,000 capital, with credit un-limited-remarks unnecessary, except to ask how do some firms get their false rating, and how is it that some Banks wild discount the most worthless paper if the prophe who offer it can only manage to get a rating? Bank natagers in such cases appear to be handled as mere tools of American misreporting agency-men. Certainly they, at least, dare to refuse to be snubbed by misreporting agency schemors. There is something more rotten about this misre-porting system that any outside the ring are aware of.

PRESSURE !!!

The prossure that American Mercantile Agency men can bring to bear upon most wholesale men can easily be imagined from the fact that the wholesale firm spoken of in yesterday's pupers as being in diffi-culties is rated by the Agencies to be worth \$500,000 capital, and credit multimited. What would not a firm in financial difficulties give for a falso rating? And what do they not give? The largest amount proved to be supplied to Agency men by any one wholesale firm who was on the point of failure is \$700, and the firm was kept rated up to a false capital up to its dis-graceful failure, and as usual English creditors were latin. The most philable men in Canada to-day are those who dare not refuse to fee an American Mer-quattile Agency man. Not a business much can those who dare not refuse to fee an American Mer-cantile Agency man. Not a busiaces mum can be found to uphold the system but wants a ruting. These Agencies ure not right even in one case out of twenty fullares. The wholesale men know the misreporting system to be useless as a guide to whom they should credit, but they know it is useful for something else.

NAME ONE.

We are accused of being too sweeping in our re-marks in saying Wholesulers as well as retailers pay these American Mercantile Agency Men For a fulce ruting. We believe that Canadian Retailers, as a whole, " with all their faults," are quite as prompt in their payments as numbers of Wholesalers are.

A FACT.

A FACT. A FACT. It is a fact that during the last two years a very large number of Canadian Wholesalers in all trades inve failed, and anongst them have been some most digraceful failures, not even paying ton cents on the dollar. In every case, without a single exception, these Insolvent Wholesalers have been assisted to buy goods on credit up to the very day of failure, by having likenselves failedy rated to be worth inrage capitals when they knew perfectly well they were not worth a cent; and numbers of them Ind been insol-vent for years. We know of one case where one of these function in the state of the set of the state of the holds of the state of the state of the state of the vent for years. We know of one case where one of these function is another case is well known of a wholesaler regularly passing the door of the Agen-cies, and even going inside the office, so intoxicated as scarcely to be able to walk. Still he was kept intersticed parties in Montreal were allowed to get and the others, let his English creditions in for it; but intersticed parties in Montreal were allowed to get anost clear. If any person knows of a single case where the Agency did not asist these insolvents to be and they don't always know it it therefore, cannot be blanned. Wholesalers get tabledy rated up in order to get their notes discounted. Take any radity waithy Wholesaler about the Agency system, and he will tell you it is a regular blind and worse than ally weathy wholesaler about the Agency system, and he will tell you the system. If the Agency system was what it would have the public believe it is, it would prevent people from obtaining credit when there is no chance of the goods being paid for instead of helping them. Any firm that believes the ratings of these Mercantile Agencies and gives credit accordingly deserves to lows of the system.

MERCANTILE AGENCIES.

For Canadian Business Men to prosper as a whole whilst they are tainted with this American Mercantile Ageucy System, is like a farmer expecting a good crop of Wheat and at the some time paying swell mob men to sow this tise on his farm.

WHOLESALERS, LISTEN.

The failures in New York last month are greater than for any previous month this year. Total liabili-ties of insolvents during the month, \$2,500,000, with assets only \$202,515, and after. Lawyers, Official As-signees and Mercantile Agency bloods have had their

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WHAT'A MESTAKE.

The bulk of Canadian business men look upon this Agency system as a powerful institution, able to ernsh any firm that will not fee firm. This is all imaginary. The system and the men that run it are as weak and powerless as the system is rotten.

READ THIS.

The Herald, a few days ago, gave the names of nine new insolvents in the Province of Quebec who are falsely rated by the Agencies as follows :--

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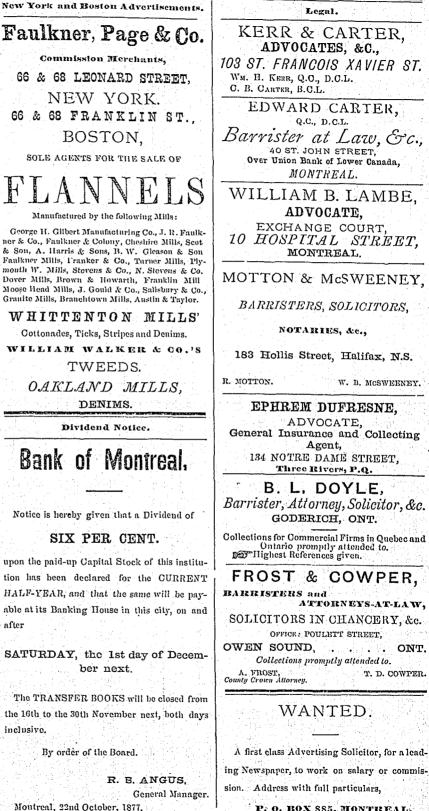
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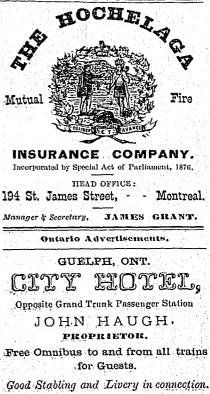
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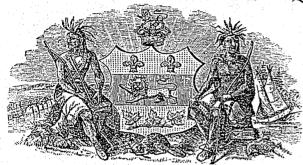
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