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AUTUMN. 1876.

Our buyers have returned from the European and American Markets. Their purchases are to hand. Our Warehouse is literally crowded with Goods from top to bottom. Every Department is complete. We are showing the contents of

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Purchased at the Fountain-Head of Production. Wise or unwise, we have risked large purchases, and are offering the LARGEST AND BEST ASSORTED STOCK we ever held in

American, German, French and English Goods.

The immense increase of our business demanded increased imports. We have no special "Show Day" or "Open-ing Day." We make every working day of the week "An Opening Day," "A Showing Day," and a "Selling Day."

We keep no Goods locked up in Bond. As quick as they arrive we pay the duty, they are opened, and our clients are not kept waiting one moment longer than the lids can be knocked off the cases and the goods marked.

HENCE OUR QUICK TURN-OVER-HENCE THE FRESHNESS OF OUR STOCK-HENCE OUR SUCCESS

As a proof of the soundness of this policy, we cite the fact that our August sales are

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In advance of the month of August 1875.

Dry Goods should be sold in their season. It may pay to keep spices in bond, but not Dry Goods. Applying this principle to the Retail Trade, we say, "Buy often and buy light, and your stock will always be fresh." Those who have seen our stock this season, pronounce it one of the finest, best, and largest in the city. The trade of our house is not a "Stagnant Pool," but a "Living Stream," of constant business activity. There is no strangulation of its vitality by old stock, as we don't allow such to gather around us. We know nothing of business cessation. We know nothing of slack seasons, nor need any house that is conducted on sound business principles.

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OUR ORDER DEPARTMENT is well organized, and all orders are promptly executed the day they are received. We state unhesitatingly that buyers visiting Toronto will do themselves great injustice if they leave the city without seeing our stock.

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500 pieces Presidents, Beavers and Sealskins. 500 pieces Chambly Flannels.

1,000 pieces Grey Cotton, Canadian and English.

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- 700 pieces Carpets, hemp, union and wool.
- 500 pieces Cotton Shirtings.
- 200 pieces Denims, &c.
- 2,000 Wool Shaws.
- 200 dozen Canadian Shirts and Drawers.
- 1,000 pairs White and Coloured Blankets.

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Also 50 Cases containing Wool Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Haberdashery, Smallwares, &c. TERMS—Under \$100, net cash; \$100 to \$500, 3 months; \$500 to \$1,000, 4 months; over \$1,000, 6 months'

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Worthy of the Inspection of the Merchants of Ontario.

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TO DRY-GOODS MERCHANTS:

As it is our intention to give up the General Dry Goods Trade, and devote our attention in future exclusively to Woollens.

Merchant Tailors' Trimmings,

Silks, and Shawls,

WE COMMENCE TO-DAY

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GREAT BARGAINS!

In the many Lines we keep in Stock,

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We have just opened out 67 Cases, consisting of

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And we can say with perfect safety that we are now in a position to show the

Choicest Stock of Woollens ever imported into Canada,

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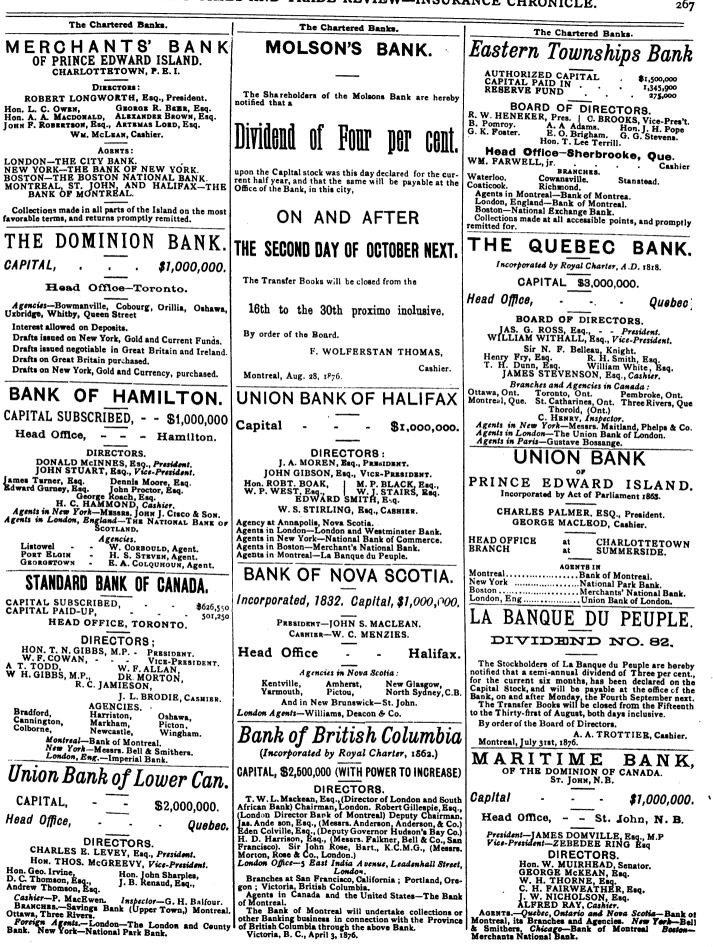


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FALL CIRCULAR.

A CAREFUL PERUSAL RESPECTFULLY INVITED.

Nos. 10 and 12 FRONT STREET. TORONTO, Aug. 1876.

- The Maxim "that goods well bought are half We also introduce this season special "Hotel sold " is without doubt correct always presuming the buyer is thoroughly conversant with his business in all its details, and not likely therefore to be carried away by some tempting bait so often placed before him.
- It cannot be supposed that firms of equally strong financial position obtain any advantage over one another in their dealings with the producer, yet it is a well-known fact that some buyers have more tact than others, whereby an advantage may be gained. It is also a fact that quantity regulates price to a considerable extent, and also that one buyer may enter some fields of operation at a more favourable period than another, thereby obtaining concessions which at other times could not be secured.
- IT IS NOT our inttention to announce to you that we can undersell any other house, all we desire to say is (particularly with reference to our Earthenware Department this season), that we never had cheaper goods to offer, or a more attractive stock, for the following reasons :---
- 1st. That our stock on hand warranted liberal purchases.
- and. That our position commands the best possible terms.
- 3rd. That trade in the "Potteries" being extremely dull, some manufacturers, anxious to realize, were willing to sell without profit.
- Under these favourable circumstances our Mr. THOMSON entered the English market this year, and we make bold to say that we cannot be undersold (if any profit be made.) The intending buyer, on inspection of our stock, cannot fail to be favourably impressed, in fact we feel assured his orders will be then entrusted to our care.
- We may err in our advice to intending purchasers, but would say, that if their position and outlay warrant it, their purchases this fall should be of a very liberal character.
- EARTHENWARE AND CHINA cannot be lower, and any improvement in trade must assuredly stiffen prices considerably, as sales have been effected absolutely without profit.
- To some minds this may appear a random statement, the idea being entertained that that which is done now may be done again.

This we grant, but in our experience, ranging over a period of twenty years, there never was a better opportunity of purchasing to advantage. In the existing state of the market we have been enabled to secure and introduce a new style of ware called "Paris White," of a handsome granite IN GRAIN SCOOPS we are enabled to present shape, which we can present much under granite prices, yet possessing the weight and solidity of that article. We direct special attention to this ware of any one desirous of presenting to their customers a really good substantial article at a little OUR SAWS will be those of the justly celebratover the price of common goods.

- and Restaurant ware" in plain granite " Staple Shape," to which we direct your attention, the prices of which will be the same as pattern granite.
- IN STGNE AND OTHER FANCY JUGS we have no hesitation in stating that our stock will be ahead of anything in this market-a bold assertion, it is true, but which cannot be secured without personal visitation of the foreign market.
- IN CHINA we will be prepared to show the productions of England, France and Germany, purchased direct from the producers in their respective countries.
- IN OTHER FANCY TEA SETS our samples will be found unusually varied, and at prices within the reach of all.
- WE HAVE ALSO TO INTRODUCE for the first time a combined Tea, Breakfast, and Dinner Set in four patterns, within the reach of any country merchant, and which he would do well to entertain; a look and IN OUR HARDWARE DEPARTMENT is a thought will, we think, suffice.
- OUR GLASSWARE DEPARTMENT will be replete with every requisite, embracing many novelties and many new designs of the makers.

THE HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

- of our business will be carried on with even more than ordinary diligence. Our buyer for this department intends spending several weeks in the United States, taking full advantage of the existing state of the market, so that those who may favour us with an inspection will not, we are convinced, experience any disappointment.
- OUR WINDOW GLASS operations are this season extensive. Our orders have been placed with the best makers in Belgium, and at satisfactory prices. "Rubbish" can be got to offer cheap : this we avoid, as it would be dear at almost any price. The glass of Bennert & Bivert, and our own "Anchor Brand," is what we have to offer.
- OUR CONTRACTS FOR AXES are made with three makers for the ensuing season, viz .- "Warnock," "Burrell," and "Hurd," the two former well known Canadian makpresent the following brands :--- Forest,

ell's," Lumberman's Pride, Imperial Crown, bronzed on single and double steel. Western and Altona brands also in stock. To the above we have added this year "Hurd's" celebrated Razor Blade in three patterns.

this season something superior to anything before shown, "a better article at a lower price," of the following styles :----

Black and Half-polished Iron.

Polished Steel, Nos. 2, 4, 6, and 8.

- ed American maker Diston, which continue so much in favour. Having sold a considerable quantity during the past year, our trade commands the best terms from that manufacturer. "Flint's" of Canada we keep in stock also, and direct your attention to that maker's goods in Champion, Dominion, Common Tooth. "Spear & Jackson's " goods also in stock.
- OUR STATIONARY DEPARTMENT has been completely remodelled. In it will be found an excellent assortment of Writing Papers, Foolscap and Note, with assortments of Staple and Fancy Envelopes; in this department is also kept every other requisite, School Books, Slates, Pen and Holders, Ink, Rubber, Slate and Lead Pencils, Inkstands, &c.
- THE NOVELTY CLOTHES' WRINGER. Do not forget to look at it, it is as good as the "Canadian" and very much cheaper. Also notice the Tubular Lantern we show before giving your orders.
- kept a large variety of useful and every day required articles not properly coming under the head of Hardware, such as Brushes of all kinds and descriptions, Looking Glasses, Whips, Combs, Purses, Pipes, Small Wares in variety.
- CORDAGE AND TWINES, PLOUGH LINES, BED CORDS, CLOTHES LINES, &c., &c.
- As is fully known to our regular customers, there is not in Canada any other house presenting a greater variety of goods, thereby giving the general merchant the advan. tage of being able to confine his business within small compass.
- It is scarcely necessary to say that the several departments of our business are conducted on the sound and only correct principle in having heads whose business it is to be thoroughly conversant with all that appertains thereto, and the state of the markets relative to the same.

Yours respectfully,

THOMSON & BURNS. ers. In "Warnock's" productions we shall Keep fully Insured at all Times. King, Eagle, Imperial Victor. In " Bur- THE TRADE ONLY SUPPLIED.





spring. An increase of \$8,176 in customs receipts at Halifax for the month ending 31st ult., over

that of last year is reported by the collector at that port. A HALIFAX manufacturer shipped, a few days

ago, 317 packages of boots and shoes to Newfoundland in one vessel.

A HALIFAX dealer advertises a car load of funiture, received over the Intercolonial, direct from the factory at Toronto. These things will be common by and by.

JUDGING from the number of prisoners who escape, the New Brunswick penitentiary must be a very insecure place, and the new one should be pushed on without delay.

New coal discoveries are being made in Cape Breton. One vein of nine feet thick is the largest. There is plenty of coal, but the discovery of a new market for it is a matter of far more importance.

By the failure of two or three large Jamaica houses some merchants in Halifax and St. John are considerable losers. The Kingston firms have been placed in the hands of trustees for the benefit of their creditors.

MR. DEWE, the Dominion Post Office Inspec. tor, has got into trouble in St. John, where he summarily dismissed a Mr. Waterburg for the crimes perpetrated by young Rankin, who is now serving out a five years' term. An action at law is being brought for defamation.

Some forecasting minds in St. John are looking forward to the time when a decrease will take place in the deal shipments from that port, and are speculating upon the nature of the trade that will replace such a falling off.

mines in Newfoundland to Swansea. Three vessels are loading, and others are on the way for a berth. Several other mines are raising quantities of rich copper ore, and Newfoundland is experiencing the benefit of the operations.

A PAINT and oil dealer in Montreal, named Mr. O. M. Lavoie, has been thrown into insolvency by his brother Michael. His troubles have been partly brought about by endorsing.

A writ of attachment has been issued by Messrs. E. Nield & Co., against Mr. John J. Hannan, haberdasher of Montreal. This is one of the failures brought about by the stoppage of Mr. Alexander Walker.

THE death was announced, on the 4th inst., of Mr. G. B. Hall, a lumber merchant of Quebec, and proprietor of the extensive saw mills which bear his name at Montmorenci.

MESSRS. THOMAS BROWNLOW & Co., wholesale dry goods' merchants, of this city, have determined to retire from business. The stock will be offered at auction on Wednesday next.

A LARGE timber sale was effected on Monday last in Ottawa. Mr. David Moore, of that city, sold 600,000 feet, in one lot, at a price which has not been made public.

MR. FRANKLIN L. CHASE, a shoe manufacturer on a small scale in Montreal, has been compelled to assign. His liabilities are small, and the assets are not very large.

WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, the agent at Chatham of the Great Western Railway, has absconded and is understood to be in Chicago. He is accused of issuing false shipping bills on several thousand barrels of flour. The manager of a Montreal guarantee company is investigating the matter.

MR. F. GROLEAU, a retail grocer and dry goods' merchant in Montreal, has assigned. His liabilities are said to amount to twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, and his assets are a few thousands less

THE firm of Messrs Laframboise & Willard, who commenced the manufacture of glue in Montreal about a year ago, has assigned. The business was but a small one and appears to have quietly closed up after a gradual bearing down.

MR. L. DESILETS, a commission merchant of St. Leonard, has compromised at fifty cents on the dollar spread over sixteen months.

WE notice the arrival of this season's crop of currants on the Toronto market. The shipments left Patras on the ninth of August and were in Montreal on Monday last. The goods were consigned to Messrs. Perkins Ince & Co. and arrived here in point of time two weeks earlier than on any former season.

In our last issue an error occured respecting the number of buffalo robes which will be offered at auction on the 14th instant in Montreal. 6,200, not "over sixty thousand "as was stated. Sixty thousand robes would flood the Canadian market for the next ten years.

THE St. Hyacinthe fire commenced in a saddler's shop owned by Magliore Blanchette. He was suspected of incendiarism and has been placed under arrest. It appears that he insured his stock for a large amount a day or two previous to the fire, and his subsequent conduct has been such as warranted the action of the authorities. Should an investigation show him guilty we hope he may receive fitting punishment.

The Leading Wholesale frade of Toronto. The Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto. WM. B. HAMILTON. SESSIONS, COOPER & SMITH, (Late CHILDS & HAMILTON), MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS AND HOLESALE DEALERS IN MANUFACTURERS & WHOLESALE DEALERS Boots and Shoes. BOOTS & SHOES. 36,38 & 40 FRONT STREET WEST. 15 & 17 FRONT STREET EAST, Toronto, Ontario. TORONTO, ONT. TAS. COOPER. 1. C. 9MITH. Established A.D. 1840. PETER R. LAMB & CO., MANUFACTURERS. TORONTO, ONT. Blacking, Glue, Snow Blacking, Ivory Black, Leather Preserver, Animal Charcoal, Harness Oil. Super Phosphate,

MR. H. MURRAY was appointed assignee of the estate of W. Campbell, clothier, of Halifax, last week. Two chartered banks, three private bankers, and several merchants, all bona fide creditors, were out-voted by an attorney and a brother of the insolvent, who held sufficient proxies to carry the vote.

Bone Dust.

Neat's Foot Oil.

MESSRS.GAULT BROS, have assumed the bankrupt estate of Messrs Baillie Warnock & Co of Montreal. The creditors agree to accept a composition of twenty seven and one half cents on the dollar. There was a strong feeling among them against allowing the estate to go back again into the hands of the old firm.

A COBOURG paper states that the firm of Messrs J. and N. Phillips & Co. of Manchester, England, some time back ordered a large consignment of woollen underclothing from Messrs J. Blacklock & Co. who manufacture these goods in the village of Hastings. This shipment is said to be the first wcollen manufactured goods exported from this country to England.

PROCEEDINGS have been taken by Mr. Perkins of Montreal, in his position as assignee to the L. J. Campbell estate, to compel the assignment of Mr. J. R. Hutchings, a leather belting dealer of Montreal and Toronto. This gentleman it will be remembered, was one of Campbell's bondsmen, and some of the creditors seemed to question the validity of his bonds. Whether there may be any reason for such a question or not, it is certain that he was worth a large sum of money a very few years ago. But he has not been altogether prudent in the investment of it. Part of his real estate in Montreal is encumbered to secure joint advances to himself and Campbell; part of his money went to buy the Toronto branch of Campbell's business; where the rest has gone is not so readily told. But the interval in Mr. Hutch-

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age a year or two ago, and his insolvency today, seems to us surprisingly short. In his case riches have literally taken to themselves wings and flown away.

TORONTO.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our own Correspondent.) PETROLIA, Sept. 5, 1876.

Oil matters here are rather mixed, the sudden rise last week in the price of oil on the other side has left such a large margin for profit in exporting that nearly every refinery will be taking advantage of it, more particularly as it does not interfere with the Oil Association here. The fact is that a huge Ring has been formed in the United States, and oil is now held at 27 to 29c per gallon against 17c last week. What effect this may have on the London Ring is not yet known, but one thing is certain and that is the arrangement they made with the Crude men will expire the first of October.

At present prices are the same as last week; \$1 per brl. for Crude; 23 to 25c for refined, ac-cording to quantity, London delivery. Ship-ments about the same.

-Recent sales of water and school bonds in St. John show the prices of these classes of securities to range from 96¹/₂ to 97¹/₂. St. John Gas Company stock sold at 105 to 106. City bonds in Halifax sold over par, and Dominion six per cent. bonds at 107t) 108. Local bank stocks in Halifax are a tt e weak owing to ings case between his wealth at his coming of rumours of losses in country agencies.

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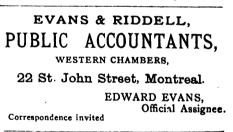
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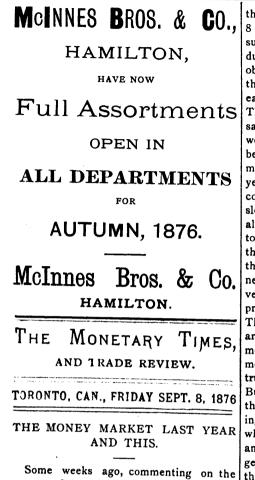
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Liberal advances made upon consignments.







reports of the Joint Stock banks of London, the Times took occasion to compare their condition a year ago and now, and to show how small a volume of unemployed funds was required to make the difference between cheap and dear money. There is apparently not more than $f_{10,000,000}$ more of spare or unemployed funds amongst the banks of the Metropolis than there was last year. Yet while last year there was a good demand for money at a fair rate of interest (the Bank of England minimum being about 31 per ct. in October) there is at present the most complete stagnation of demand that has been known for years, and bankers are eagar to lend money at such absurd rates at 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum. The most singular fact connected with all this is that the great volume of loans and discounts seems to be very little disturbed. The mass of business goes on just as before. The advances of the London Joint Stock banks are only about a million less than were a year ago. Those of the Bank of England are only about seven millions less. The total discounts of all the joint stock banks, and of the Bank of England, are about £130,000,-000, including the permanent securities in

that a surplus of money equal only to about 8 per cent. of the total of that employed is sufficient to drive down rates and to produce the extraordinary plethora which is observable at present. An appreciation of this fact enables us to understand how easily the rate for money may rise again. The English nation has far more money saved and invested than any nation in the world, and her savings' fund is constantly being augmented. Unless trade and commerce are depressed and unprofitable for years together the stream of accumulation continues to flow on. Its rate may be slower than at other times, but money is always being saved, and flows, of course, to the great central channel of employment, the London money market. There is, therefore, always a pressure to find channels of employment. And there is a very large class of men in London whose profession is to find such channels. This class numbers thousands, and they are amongst the shrewdest, ablest, and most enterprising men in London. Such men have little to do in times of distrust and depression like the present. But it has invariably been the case that they have succeeded after a time in devising schemes for the employment of money, which attracted the attention of the public and drew out the unemployed surplus. It generally takes a year or two to bring about this reaction, but it invariably comes in time. And when it does come it proceeds with an augmenting ratio until people are ready to invest in almost anything. The characteristic feature of the English investing public, to a large extent, is a swaying backwards and forwards from blind confidence to equally blind fear and distrust. But the singular part of the whole business is that only a few millions of money require to be taken off the market to make the rate of interest mount up again. Apparently, if a single foreign loan could be floated, the normal condition of the market would be restored.

Turning now to our own condition, let us examine how the state of things in Canada, last year and this, compares with that of England. As we all know, money was excessively tight in Canada a year ago, and it is equally patent that it is easy now. A year ago it was difficult to get money from the banks, except at very high rates; now they are ready to take any legitimate transaction that offers. What then is the difference between their condition then and now. Turning to the official statement we find that on 31st July last year the amount of money they had in their vaults and in the hands of their correspondents was \$19,900,the banking department of the latter, so 000. (In this sum we have not included without warning.

any balances or cheques floating between bank and bank in Canada, that amount, of course, forming no part of their available loaning fund.) The same resources this year amount to \$22,500,000. The difference in favour of this year amounts only to \$2,600,000, which on a discount line of about \$110,000,000, seems a very insignificant sum to cause the difference between tightness and plenty. We have, however, to take into account another matter, viz., the proportion which these amounts of money on hand have to their total liabilities. Here we find the following results. The total of deposits and circulation on 31st July last year was \$88,000,000, against which the banks held \$19,900,000, or nearly 23 per cent. The total of circulation and deposits this year is \$84,000,000, against which they hold \$22,500,000, or nearly 27 per cent. The banks this year stand in the position of having paid off \$4,000,000 of liabilities, and still having \$2,500,000 more money than they had a year ago. Here we apprehend is the real secret of the contrast between last year and this. There is a difference of \$6,500,000 between the one year and the other. And this amount, though comparatively small, is still proved to be large enough to turn the scale from scarcity to plenty. The result is precisely of a similar character to that in the case of the English banks, viz., that the market is swayed in one direction or another by a very small amount of money. It is the surplus funds being more or less that makes money easy or tight. And it is evident that a demand for a million or two more, from whatever quarter it might arise. would give the banks all the employment for their funds that they want.

THE POSITION OF FIRE INSUR-ANCE.

Our insurance companies do not lie on a bed of roses. Ill success has attended their operations since spring. It cannot be concealed that disasters have been followed by others equally calamitous, and that some companies have had to muster their full strength to meet losses. Some are being sorely tried; none have escaped the vicissitudes of fire. While their experiences at Kingston, Quebec, and St. John's were still fresh in the memory, the destruction of St. Hyacinthe has followed in the same funeral train and added to the general reverse of fortune. Such unpleasant results were duly foreseen. The causes from which flowed the adverse circumstances now depressing the finances of some companies are easily discerned, and did not come

An unusually dry summer, commercial reaction, low rates, reckless underwriting -these are the causes that deplete the funds of all and menaco the fate of a few. The condition of the time has strengthened the roots of these misfortunes until they have grown to be truly formidable. Everywhere the long and intense heat rendered property highly inflamable. A fire once kindled was not easily subdued. But the heat of the past three months, though untavourable to the companies in no ordinary degree, happened in the nature of things. and was as much beyond human power to avert as earthquakes or storms at sea. So is the continued reaction in trade. But difficulties in business which are to some extent beyond control are a fruitful source of incendiarism. We are certain the inducement to burn property of late must have rather increased than abated. In the best of times fully fifty per cent. of all our fires arise from incendiaries. Such a course of action is sometimes thought the shortest way of escape from embarrassments. Under the spur of competition too. and with a reduced demand for insurance. the companies have been more active to secure business, and have accepted risks which in better times would be promptly rejected. Agents have been as active in seeking risks as owners have been negligent to insure. Hence recklessness in the selection. And none will deny the ruinously low rates now current. All these things produce results which are subject to certain calculation. Losses in many cases will be met slowly, dividends will be reduced, the value of stocks will undoubtedly be lower.

The more aggravated the situation becomes, the more urgent is the necessity for prudent action. Managers, secretaries, and agents have followed a policy favourable to the assured but precarious to themselves. This usually happens after a period of material prosperity. But let them profit by the teaching of facts. They are passing over an enchanted ground where pitfalls and quagmires beset the unwary traveller. What use is all their labor if there is no recompense, their low rates on a business far and wide when risks increase without the gains, their reckless underwriting when it leads to certain loss? But experience is a tree of slow growth, and with many companies the fruit does not yet seem to be ripe. Losses are being incurred from which the younger companies will not recover for years. Notes are taken for premiums and given for losses even in a cash business. Assessments increasingly heavy are laid on pre-

several stock companies begin to stagger | abundant in yield and of standard weight. under their burdens.

The burning of St. Hyacinthe repeats the old story of wooden buildings and insufficient protection. But little precaution was taken against fire, and when once it began, the citizens could not stay its progress. Their carelessness rendered them merely spectators of a scene which their foresight might have prevented. Will other towns learn a lesson by their loss ? And will the bitterness of recent experiences make the companies pause and consider before foreign managers withdraw their Canadian agencies in dismay, and some of our new companies find their business shipwrecked ?

THE HARVEST.

The last report on the state of the harvest is now in. The information offers a very striking contrast to last year. After such prosperity as agriculture has experienced for several years it is in the nature of things there should be a reverse. But the year must be bad indeed when the farmer has not a fair margin of profit on his labour. Poor harvests may occur every few years, but the stagnation arising from one of them is not very trying to a farmer's patience. He is not affected by them like men in business. In this country where mixed farming is so extensively carried on his circumstances generally enable him to turn to considerable account even a serious reduction in his crop of grain. Should one thing fail he has other means to fall back upon. And often that on which he bestowed least care yields him the largest profit at the year's end. With ample resources at their command, and a ready market for all they can raise, many farmers feel little of the anxiety of the business world. Merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, etc., are the persons who suffer most seriously from the effects of a short harvest. And the partial failure of the one just gathered in will prolong the misfortunes they have already endured.

Westward from this city lies the most important grain producing part of Canada. Yet in it winter wheat scarcely amounts to a quarter of a crop. We have heard of it being cut in many places and piled up for manure. In some places where it was hardly thought fit for such a purpose whole fields were burned. There is an average of less than five bushels to the acre. Spring wheat is about half the ordinary yield, and the average is not more than ten bushels. The sample in both kinds has a rather poor mium notes among the mutuals. And grain. All the coarse grains appear to be caused, the policy has been persevered in

To the north, and eastward as far as Montreal, fall wheat returned no more satisfactory results than in the west. Reports speak of it as a failure in many places, almost a failure in all. The condition of spring was rather better, ranging from onehalf to a two-thirds average. Barley is bright in sample, of fair weight, but under the general quantity. Other grains have done well. Between Montreal and the Atlantic Provinces the average of winter wheat was very small. The little that was grown was fair in quantity and good in weight and appearance. What spring wheat was grown left little room for complaint. In other kinds of grain the production showed some diminution, but almost equalled the prosperous yield which was common to the whole of this Province.

In such a condition of things as this it certainly would be unwise to expand or speculate, or order large stocks. At the same time a man of business will not be carried away by a feeling of hopelessness. The country has had a succession of very good harvests, and one bad one cannot do more than give a temporary check. Caution and watchfulness, not despondency, are the true qualities for the times. A certain amount of business must be done and will be done, under all circumstances; and let it never be forgotten that a smaller business well done may vield a larger net profit than a much heavier amount of transactions done in a hurried slipshod fashion. Sell to good men, take means to reach them, offer them inducements to short credit, collect closely, and buy well-these measures with wise econ omy well carried out, will bring a merchant through a time of depression much worse than we have at present.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE UNITED STATES COAL MONOPOLY.

Amongst the most singular features of trade in these times is the habit which the American people have of organizing monopolies in staple articles of production or manufacture. The freest people in the world in political and social life, (in theory at least), they have a singular aversion to let trade and commerce find its natural channels, and take the profits which reasonably belong to it. They exercise their naturally sharp faculties in inventing restrictions and creating monopolies, and seem to have no faith in business yielding a profit unless prices are artificially kept up. Contrary as this is to right notions appearance and lacks the customary bright of trade, and lamentable as have been the colour. Barley is a light crop with a thin break-downs which it has ultimately to this day. Amongst the latest developments of it we had an announcement the other day that the Grangers of California had resolved not to sell their wheat at less than \$1.20 per bushel, or thereabouts, imagining, no doubt, that they held so much of the world's supply in their hands that they could dictate terms to buyers in Europe. The whole system of "corners" is based on the same mischievous practice, and so was the "oil monopoly" which so long controlled the business of Petrolia and the oil region of Western Ontario.

One of the heaviest of these American combinations for obtaining artificial prices has just broken down. The great coal interest has been a kind of close corporation for years. In the hands of a comparatively few rich and powerful companies, the trade has been kept up to an artificial line of high prices, while everything else was tending downwards. Since the panic of 1873, there has been a gradual "bearing down" in the price of everything in general. Lumber, iron, woollens, cottons, real estate, and numbers of other things dependent on them have gradually receded from the figures prevalent years ago. Wages have fallen seriously, an attempt of coal miners some time ago to strike for higher figures having absolutely failed. In spite, however, of all this, the coal interest managed to hold together, and to extort higher prices for the article than the cost of manufacture warranted. Holders of coal companies stocks of course, were well pleased with this state of things, and did what in them lay to keep up the monopoly, hoping, no doubt, that a turn in affairs would come which would relieve the companies from the necessity of reduction. The longest lane, however, "comes to a turning" at last, and the effort to keep up coal to an artificial price while everything else is on the descending scale, has completely broken down.

Now, let us mark the consequence. As surely as the swing of the pendulum in one direction is followed by its alternate in another, so surely are the illegitimate profits produced by combination succeeded by a steady series of losses. The law of average prevails above all the schemes of monopolists. After the exceptional profits realized by our own oil operations during the days of combination, there came a period in which the business was not worth following. The "corner" by which grain is kept to an unnatural price is followed by a tremendous collapse. And it is not alone the value of the article that is affected. The value of all the property concerned in producing it is affected too. Real estate, plant, machinery, buildings,

wages, all share in the same depression. If the business is carried on by corporations, then their stock falls heavily in the market. This is precisely what has taken place in this collapse of the coal combination. The price of coal has dropped nearly forty per cent., and at this price there is, probably, no profit in producing it. And it is possible that this state of things will continue as long as the combination continued. It may drag on year after year. just as iron and lumber are doing now. And already, coal property has suffered an immense reduction. Coal stocks have fallen as much as coal itself, if not more. And here it is that the evil of monopolies and unfair profits becomes apparent. Persons buy stocks at the price to which these abnormal profits drive 'them. The sellers are rarely permanently benefitted for such unreasonable profits almost invariably lead to personal and family extravagance. But the buyers are deeply injured by the collapse. Many of them have bought at a price which makes the investment yield only a moderate interest, and can ill afford the loss of such a heavy downfall. They depend too on their dividends for the income necessary to support their families. The loss or diminution of this is a very serious business to them indeed.

The result of this collapse, however, must be beneficial to other interests. Coal is power. It is the most essential of all raw materials in many forms of industry. Cheaper coal means a possibility of making profit in the iron trade, so long depressed. It means cheaper gas and cheaper machinery. It may set in motion many industries that have been in a state of collapse for a considerable time. It will be a great boon to householders and families in these times of diminished incomes and economy. And we in Canada cannot but be benefitted by it in every way.

Gas companies, especially, may fairly be called on to adjust their rates to the altered price of coal, and as that of Toronto calls itself a "consumers" company we trust the consumers of the city will not be long before they hear of a reduction; and consumers everywhere ought to hear of it.

THE PRICE OF GAS .- Our citizens and gas consumers in our cities and towns have a direct interest in the settlement of the contest which is now going on between the council and the gas companies of Chicago The necessity of economy and retrenchment being strongly impressed upfinances and their inability for weeks to- sales have been stopped, and the fares are colmines, gether to borrow \$1,000,000 for city im- lected in the cars.

provements, they asked the companies to reduce the price of gas at least one dollar on each thousand feet. Such a request was reasonable. The value of property, plant, machinery, has fallen. The necessaries of life are greatly reduced from the prices of former years. Labour is cheaper and the cost of production is cheaper. The cost of living is not so high. But in the face of all depression and bearing down year after year, the price of gas was unaffected. And the companies refused to grant the concession which the ratepayers asked through their representatives. It has now been determined that unless the companies accede to the wishes of the public, the streets will be lighted with oil. The public expenditure for gas amounts to \$700,000 per annum, while in the opinion of judges it should not exceed \$250,000. It is thought the cost of lighting with oil will not be in excess of \$175,000; and offers have been made to do it for that sum. All this is significant to the ratepayers of Toronto. The recent decline in the price of coal shows in striking contrast the high price of gas and the general reaction in prices in every branch of trade. The rates, we think, should be lower. Gas can certainly be produced cheaper now than some weeks back. As the cost of producing declines the profits are greater. But these profits are made out of the public, and at a time when every one is trying to economize. It is just to expect that a reduction in the cost of making will be followed by a reduction of the price to the consumer.

THE MARITIME BANK .- Full reports of the proceedings of the meeting of this bank are now received, and only increase our astonishment that such gentlemen as those composing the Montreal deputation should not have been more sure of their ground before taking such strong action as they did. Sir Francis Hincks has written to the Montreal Gazette explaining his position, and asks that his letter may receive insertion in the journals that have noticed the proceedings of the meeting. We shall willingly accede to this request in our next issue, and as the matter is ono of public importance, and this is the first instance in which the power to call a special general meeting has been exercised under the present Banking Act, we shall then take the opportunity of discussing the whole question.

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⁻The New Brunswick bondholders in the E. and N. A. Railway have by means of an injunction, prevented the cars and engines on the on the council, by the state of the civic N. B. side from crossing into Maine. Ticket

HAZZARD VS. CANADA AGRICULTURAL INS. CO This case raises for decision a new and unique point in the law of insurance. The plaintiff effected an insurance with the defendants' company on his barn and goods for \$800, divided as follows:--\$100 on the barn, \$300 on produce. \$100 on implements, \$200 on live stock, and \$100 on horses. He afterwards got a loan of \$400 from the London and Canadian Loan Association, for which he gave a mortgage on his land, and as a further and collateral security made an assignment of the insurance policy. The insurance company was notified of this assignment and assented to it in writing as provided for by the policy. While the Loan Association continued the holders of the policy a fire occurred, whereby the barn and a portion of the chattels covered by the policy were des troyed. When compensation was demanded from the company they paid \$100, being the amount of policy on the barn, but refused to pay anything on account of the loss sustained by the plaintiff in respect of the chattels. The plaintiff accordingly got a re-assignment of the policy from the Loan Association to himself and then sued the insurance company. To this action the defendants pleaded among other defences that the Loan Association were at the time of the loss the holders of the policy, and that they had no interest in the property insured, and consequently that they could not have recovered anything, and that the plaintiff having taken the re-assignment from them after the loss occurred could not occupy any better position. Strictly this defence would appear to be a good one, as it is undoubted law that the insured cannot recover more than his loss, or his interest in the property destroyed. And it will be observed that the Loan Association by their mortgage took no interest in the chattels though they did in the barn, that being a part of the realty; neither did they acquire any interest in these chattels by the assignment of the policy, as that did not assume to transfer the goods themselves but only the plaintiff's contract with the insurance company. In reply to this it was urged that the assignment to the Loan Association, though absolute in form, was in reality only one for a certain specific purpose, that is, as a security for the money loaned and collateral to the mortgage of the realty, and that the insurance company had notice of this and must consequently stand in the same position as if the plaintiff had at the time of the loss been the holder of the policy. Or in effect, that the Loan Association, though apparently the holders of the policy were really Trustees thereof for the plaintiff, of which the defendants had notice. The case was argued before the court of Queen's Bench during the present term, and judgment was reserved. It seems strange that this point should not have come up for decision sooner.

-Mr. McAlister, of New Brunswick, has been appointed Treasurer of the Intercolonial Railway in the place of Brush who absconded. Some under officials who expected promotion are chagrined and disappointed.

-An influential meeting of Canadian lumber dealers was held on Saturday last, in the Board of Trade rooms, Quebec, to discuss the Cullers' Act, with a view to its amendment. Mr. Currier was made chairman, and Mr. Brown secretary. The Chairman was in favour of having the list open, allowing every one a certificate as culler who could pass the needed examination The expenses of the Cullers' Office on its pres ent footing were, he stated, \$66,000 per annum, and its receipts \$69,000, while by adopting the open system, he thought the work would be better done, and the expenses reduced one-half. After some discussion as to the probable actiou of the Government, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature in reference to the amendment of the Cullers' Act :- Messrs. Sharples, H. Fry, Smith and R. R. Dobell, of Ouebec: Messrs. McDougall, Corrier, Perley and Frazer, of Ottawa: and Messrs. Cook, McArthur, Mc-Intosh, and D. C. Thompson, of the St. Lawrence District.

-Embezzlement and fraud are not lightly treated by the iron grasp of English justice. Some two weeks ago, William Nelson Bower, manager of the Yorkshire Banking Company, was brought up for trial at the Pontefract Quarter Sessions on a charge of embezzling £30,212 of the company's money, during the month of April. The prisoner was 46 years of age, and for thirty years had been in the employ of the one institution. The evidence showed that he had been rather deeply engaged in speculations connected with the Stock Exchange. The whole of this large sum was lost by his unfortunate transactions. He made no attempt to evade the law, admitted his guilt, and was sentenced to ten years penal servitude.

-The present position of the Insolvency court in Nova Scotia troubles the lawyers of that Province. All insolvency questions have been transferred to the county courts, and the question arises whether the unfinished cases are to be wound up under the old Act, or transferred in their present state to the new courts. So far the weight of opinion seems to be in favour of the old court finishing the work.

-The ratepayers of the northern part of the township of Percy have granted a bonus of \$5,000 to the Grand Junction Railway, and the ratepayers in Asphodel have carried a by-law giving \$3,000 to the same line.

-The Dominion Bank has opened an agency in Brampton.

A LIBELOUS ATTACK.

An anonymous "dodger," headed "A Startling Fact !" and levelling a blow at the Canada Agricultural Company of Montreal, has been

states boldly that the company has no deposit with the Government for the security of policy holders. The intention was evidently to injure the Agricultural, but the untruthfulness of the libelous document is apparent from the following correspondence :--

OFFICE OF THE CANADA AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Montreal, 28th August, 1876. A. JAMES, Esq., Agent, Canada Agricultural Insurance Company, Arnprior, Önt.

DEAR SIR :- Your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing a libelous circular, headed "A Startling Fact," attacking this company, claiming that it had no Government deposit, was duly received, and in answer I beg to say the deposit of this company in the hands of the Government is \$66,200, composed of municipal debentures on different rural municipalities, which, as you are aware, are first mortgages on the whole landed property of the different towns or townships; \$19,200 of the deposit is "not accepted and waiting exchange," simply because a portion of the amount is payable annually, and the Treasury Board did not like the idea of their being obliged to accept the money, considering the usual twenty years' debentures far more desirable than a cash deposit, which, when made, is really held by some of the banks (the Government only holding the certificate of deposit), and only paying 4 or 5 per cent., while our de-bentures pay us 6 per cent. semi annually, and the is security unquestionable. The \$19,200, however, will be replaced during the present year by the usual twenty years' bonds. If you deduct the \$19,200, there is still the sum of \$47,000 (only \$3,000 less than the \$50,000 actually required by law), which is accepted.

That you might be fully satisfied as to the truthfulness of the information given you in this letter, I, immediately on receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, placed myself in correspon-dence with Professor Cherriman, Superintendent of Insurance, and herewith hand you copies of the same, which, I trust, will not only satisfy you of the falsehood of the "circular," but will convince your friends and patrons that such contemptible dodges as this are only got up by agents of rival companies, with the hope of securing a portion of our patronage.

Yours very truly, EDWARD H. GOFF, Managing Director.

OFFICE, CANADA AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Montreal, August 25th, 1876. 1. B. CHERBIMAN, Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR :- I beg to call your attention to the enclosed fly sheet, containing libelous statements affecting this company, which is being industriously circulated by interested parties; may I trouble you to state officially the facts respecting the deposit of this company in your department.

I have the honour to be. Your obedient servant. EDWARD H. GOFF,

Manager.

INSURANCE BRANCH, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, 26th August, 1876.

EDWARD H. GOFF, Esq., Managing Director, Canada Agricultural Insurance Company, Montreal.

SIR :--- In reply to your letter of the 35th inst., I beg to state that the above company has deposited with the Receiver-General, in compliance with the Act 38 Vic., cap 20, municipal scattered far and wide over the country. It debentures of par value \$47,000, accepted by

the Treasury Board at the value of \$42,300, and also certain municipal debentures of the par value of \$19,200, which were not permanently accepted by the Treasury Board, and are now waiting exchange.

I have the honour to remain, sir, Your obedient servant, J. B. CHERRIMAN, Superintendent of Insurance.

ADJUSTMENTS.

The present mode of adjusting fire losses ought to be changed for many reasons. It is too expensive; it does not secure equal and exact justice to all the parties in interest; it is demoralizing in its tendency. These are propositions easily demonstrable.

For example, a fire occurs in Syracuse or Rochester in this state, and there is a loss of \$5,000. Companies in Buffalo, Boston, Hartford, New York and Philadelphia are interested. Adjusters are hastened to the scene of the fire from each locality where there are companies interested, if not from each company, so that there are on the ground at least five men to do the work which one man could do as well and probably would do better. Thus the companies are taxed with five times as much expense as is necessary, to say nothing of the disadvantages, which many times are serious, of calling state agents away from other duties half completed or just begun to do this, which cannot be neglected even for a day without possible peril.

When the five men meet at the scene of the fire, each has in view the protection of the companies he represents, without regard to the interests or the rights of the others, and if any want of concurrence in the policies, even though it be the merest technicality, enables him to "get the best of the bargain" in the settlement, he will avail himself of it. This is at once unjust and demoralizing. But sometimes the five adjusters may not reach the scene of the fire simultaneously. One was nearer the spot when he was summoned, and therefore has a few hours the start of his fellows. He finds a want of concurrence in the policies, merely technical, and he fixes upon the smallest possible share for his companies to pay, and with a show of magnanimity and sympathy toward the claimant says, "this is our share, I will pay it now and have it off my mind," and he pays \$1,000 where he ought to have paid \$2,000, and takes the first train away, leaving his co-insurers, who have just arrived, to pay more than their just share or have a contest in the courts with the claimant. This is a frequent practice, and is also at once unjust and demoralizing. The opportunities for doing it will be immediately recognized by experienced adjusters and underwriters generally.

Again, a thoroughly competent adjuster must possess not only peculiar natural ability of a kind and in a degree possessed by few men in the business, but he must also have an amount and variety of acquired knowledge which must be the result of many years' experience and close application. The agents of companies who make adjustments are customarily selected with a view to their qualifications for a quite different class of duties. Their ability to plant agencies, select competent agents, and do the general work to secure business, is considered when they are engaged by a company. And this is unavoidably so. No company could afford to keep a corps of competent adjusters scattered about the country at convenient points even if such a corps were obtainable. Adjustments are therefore, under the present practice, made by men who are selected primarily, at least, for other and widely different duties, and who are the most of the

to qualify them for their other, though not less important, duties.

There is obviously no more important part of a company's business than the proper adjustment of its losses, and it is deplorable that in the business of most companies it is the part done the least wisely. What then is the remedy?

A bureau of adjustment established at each of a half-dozen or more points in the United States would secure to the companies much better service and much less expensive service than they now get.

Adjustments for marine insurance companies are made by professional adjusters, and why should not fire losses be adjusted in a similar manner? Such a plan would meet all the objections we have suggested to the plan now in vogue. One man would do the work now done by five men, and thus save four-fifths of the expense to the companies. He would represent all the companies and therefore would secure to each its rights. He would have the confidence of the claimant in a greater degree than special employees of the companies can possibly have. and thus his decision would have sufficient weight to, in many instances, prevent litigation. He could reach the scene of the fire more promptly than company's agents ordinarily can, and thus a great advantage would be gained. All the employees of the bureau could be experts of the highest order in most branches of the business, as they would have nothing else to engage their attention, and they would be selected with a view to their fitness for the duties to be required of them. Companies would avoid the necessity of calling state agents away from other work in which they may be engaged, and this is by no means of trifling importance as numerous officials can bear testimony.

Such a bureau would be the means discovering much incendiarism for which companies now pay, and thus it would serve as a preventive of incendiarism, for nothing is more clearly understood than that anything which aids in the discovery of crime is a useful and largely effective means of preventing crime.

It seems clear that such a bureau would be a great benefit to the underwriting interest, and we have no doubt the companies will give it a hearty welcome and extend to it liberal patronage without delay.—*Insurance Spectator*.

THE CASH SYSTEM.

The more consideration we give to all phases of the question the more thoroughly satisfied are we that safety for the retailer lies only in the adoption of the cash system. As to the desirability of adopting that system there is no occasion for argument, since it is a proposition which finds no opponents. But its discussion raises, we find, many arguments against its feasibility both in city and country stores. We do not oppose theory to practice, and where practical experience or equivalent reasoning has shown that a strict adherence to prompt cash is impracticable, we have no hesitancy in advising the retailer furnishing the argument to stick to his credit system. The instances where such a course would be absolutely necessary, are, we assume, very rare, and before giving up a practical effort at instituting this most desirable re-form, the retailer should assure himself by careful reasoning that his fears in regard to its failure are not based more upon fancied difficulties than upon those which really exist.

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proper desire not to offend a patron who buys largely even though he may be slow pay, keeps the retailers in the constant toils of such customers as these, whom they carry, without interest, from one year's end to another, eventually getting their money, perhaps, but quite as likely losing a three or six months' account when the customer is ready to move to some new field of operation. Now would any other than this class of customers leave, and if they alone left would you not be the better without them? A little practical experimenting will satisfactorily answer the first query, and to the second we think there can be but one reply and that in the affirmative. Some way or other a well managed cash store seems to succeed even if it be newly opened in competition with long established stores doing a credit business. It is true that it may not attract the best of trade, and it certainly will not attract the non-paying class, but the former remain more from preference for the merchant than for his credit system, while the latter continue faithful out of pure respect for the system which demands of them no money until it suits their convenience to pay. From conversations we have repeatedly had with prudent, thrifty business men who are heads of families, and large consumers of groceries, we are satisfied that, in the cities and large towns at least, a retailer would have no difficulty in retaining his retailer would have no unicenty in retaining his best trade, were he to abolish pass-books and sell only for each. There is a popular notion among paying customers that the losses made in bad debts are recovered by means of extra profits charged upon the goods they buy, and the effect of this is to drive many of them to purchase their supplies as largely as possible in quantities for cash from the too accommodating wholesaler, or from some cash retail store at but little more than the wholesale price and generally considerably under the price charged ly their regular grocer, who is left to supply them with little else than the few articles-all sold at a close margin-which it is inconvenient to purchase in quantities. More and more each year does this practice prevail to the serious detriment of the retailers. So long as jobbers can be induced to give their quotations to the religious and other family papers, consumers will have no difficulty in tracing out the articles upon which the retailer makes his best profits, nor will they hesitate to call upon such jobbers for their family supplies which will be sold to them at a small fraction over wholesale rates. We know that the jobber is to be blamed for encouraging this traffic, and to oppose it the retailer must use the most effective measures, which we believe to be buying and selling for cash, and small margins, made possible by the saving of losses from bad debts. United action United action among retailers is essential to make the cash system an assured and easy success, but where this cannot be secured we believe the plucky merchant need not hesitate to make the experiment regardless of what course his competitors may pursue.-Grocer.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, Sept. 5, 1876.

We have no very noteworthy improvement to record this week, but notwithstanding the unfavourable reports of the crops and the fears that are entertained of a poor return, the amount of business done has been looked upon as satisfactory although recent failures in the City have tended a good deal to unsettle confidence in commercial circles. It is generally believed that a number of our large houses will be heavy losers by the recent disastrous fire at St. Hyacinthe, but no doubt Quebec will suffer to a still greater extent from this cause. Sugars keep firm and late prices are fully maintained. Fish are beginning to arrive but hardly sufficient to meet the present demand. Flour has been unsettled and not very active. Wheat in better demand at a slight advance. Provisions quiet. Pork cheaper. Ashes advancing and active.

We are now having very seasonable weather not too warm with occasional showers, and very favorable for harvest operations. Crops in Lower Canada are going to turn out much poorer than was expected, and grass is very scarce, and on the whole the prospects of the farmers here are not very encouraging this fall.

ASHES .- Pots-The plentiful supply coming into town has just been about sufficient to fill the large demand which has prevailed during the week, and under which prices have again taken a step upward. Firsts have been selling at \$4.40 to 4.473, closing steady at these figures. Seconds brought \$3.35 to 3.50; Thirds, \$2.45. Pearls are still difficult to sell. Reported sales of Firsts were from \$4.75 to 4.85, but very little doing. Stocks at present in the inspection stores are, Pots, 4,370 brls.; Pearls, 1,111 brls.

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BOOTS AND SHOES .- Business continues to be satisfactory. Manufacturers have plenty of work on hand to fill orders which have been received and which will keep them busy for some time to come, but there is no particular change to make in the price list. We quote Men's kip boots \$2.50 to 3.00 ; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans goc to \$1.25; do. kip; do. \$1.30 to 1.50; Boy's split Brogans goc to \$1.00; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1 to 1.45; Womens Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.15 to 1.80; do. prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.70 do. do. Congress 75c tor.75; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do. prunella Bals. and Congress 70c to \$1.25; childrens do. do.; 60c to \$1.00. CATTLE.—The supply yesterday, as has been

the case for some time past, was small. There was a moderate demand from the city butchers; the quality generally was poor; sales averaged from \$3.50 to 4.00 per 100 lbs. live weight. Hogs-Only two loads were on the market; prices range from \$6.25 to 6.50 per 100 lbs. live weight.

DRY GOODS:-Some of the wholesale houses have been very busy during the past week, but as a rule the unsatisfactory nature of the crop returns has tended to check business, and orders coming in are small, dealers evidently waiting to see how crops do turn out before going deeply into purchases. There are also a good many complaints of slow payments.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS:-Stocks held here are not heavy, but there are large quantities afloat which will soon be to hand, these are being offered to arrive within our range of quotations, but there seems little disposition to speculate in almost any article in this line. We quote Bi Carb \$3.30 to 3.50; Bleaching Powder 2c; Sal Soda is steady at \$1.15 to 1.30 as to quantity; Caustic Soda 3 to 31, Soda Ash \$1.90 to 200; Alum 2 to 22c; Epsom Salts \$1.871 to 200; Blue Vitrol 61 to 7c; Coppepas 1 to 12c; Saltpeter \$7.50 to 8.00; Sulphur \$3.50; Brimstone \$2.50 to 2.75; Cream Tartar Crystals 25 to 26c, do. ground 56 to 28c. FISH.—Cod fish and Canso Herrings are ar-

riving but not in heavy quantities, the demand for which is active and keeps prices up at our late quotations. We quote Dry Cod \$5.00 to 5.25; Canso Herrings in good demand at \$4.75

Muskrat 15 per cent. Fisher 10 per cent. Red Fox and Beaver 10 per cent, next week when final result of all the sales is known we have hope to be able to furnish a correct list for the Montreal local market.

FREIGHTS .- Market for tonnage has ruled quiet, the same rates as during the previous week has been paid for heavy grain to London Liverpool and Glasgow viz., 4/9 to 5/3 and flour 3/0 to 3/3 these rates are by steamships and iron clippers.

FLOUR.---- The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst were 60,431 brls; against 55,165 brls on the 15th ulto and 39,992 bils on the 1st September 1875. Receipts during the past week 10,025 brls Total receipts from 1st Janaary to date, 544.180 brls being a decrease of 73,595 brls on the re-ceipts; for the corresponding period of 1875; Shipments during the week 21,682 brls; Total shipments from 1st January to date 407,160 brls being a decrease of 59,260 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. A moderate business has been done during the week chiefly for the supply of pressing wants, the market has not exhibited much firmness and may be said to have been unsettled, at the close of the market some kinds of flour show a slight advance but the market was very quiet and very little enquiry for any kinds of flour so that quotations are to some extent nominal. We quote Superior Extra \$5.40' to 5.50 nominal; Bater's flour \$4.80 to 5.05; Fine \$3.80 to 3.90; Bater's flour \$4.80 to 5.05; Fine \$3.80 to 3.90; Bater's flour \$4.80 to 5.05; Fine \$3.80 to 3.90; Middlings \$3.25 to 3.50; Vollards \$2.75 to 3.00; City Bags \$2.35 to 2.40; Upper Canada Bags \$2.30 to 2.321; Oatmeal dull at \$4.10 to 4.25; Cornmeal 3.00 per brl. GRAIN.—Whent—The stocks in store and in

the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 438,884 bush., against 320,404 bush. on the 15th ult., and 177,560 on the 1st Septem-ber, 1875. Receipts during the week 329,404 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 4,762,856 bush., being a decrease of 642,018 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Shipments during the week 108, 820 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date 3,548,140 bush.; showing a decrease of 959,750 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. Favourable European advices have strengthened the market for this article, and under this state of things there has been more movement ; several cargoes of spring changed hands since the date of our last report. at \$1.09 to 1.091. Maize is still nominal at 51 to 52C.; Oats have not been much dealt in but prices are maintained at 35 to 37c; Peas nominal at gic to g21c, nothing doing; Barley-We hear of no transactions.

GROCERIES .- Teas-The demand for Japans has hardly been so active this week, but there is a firmer feeling in the market, and prices now obtainable for Japans are more satisfactory. Low priced Japans are now scarce and held for an advance; this class of *Teas* range from 25 to 40c; good medium, 421 to 50; choice to strictly choice, 50 to 60c; blacks aud greens not much enquired for. Coffee-Market is quiet but firm, and our quotations of last week are nominally unchanged, only a few jobbing sales are taking place. Sngar.-Scotch yellow has been coming to hand freely during the week, for which there is 5.25, Class intervings in good demand at $\sqrt{4.75}$ hand freely during the week, for which there is to 500; Salmon \$13 and 12 for Nos' I and 2 respectively; no other kinds of fish in market at present.—The prospects are good for new Labrador Herrings. aw sugar is not held here in any large quan-FURS:—In the recent London sales titles, but there is a moderate inquiry with sales there has been a very general de-cline in the prices of Canadian Furs holders of sugar are not pressing sales. Mo-lasses.—There is not a great deal of this article

sent demand, the kind principally dealt in is Barbadoes of which there have been some recent arrivals, sales in lots at 46 to 48c. Fruit -For want of stocks there has been very little done in this branch of the trade, and now importations are anxiously looked for as the market is very bare. Layer raisins, \$2.25 to 2.30; valencias, 7 to 7¹/₂c; sultanas, 13 to 13¹/₂c; currants, 63 to 7; walnuts, 7 to 10c, according to quality; filberts, 8 to 9c; S. S. almonds, 12 to 14c. Rice .- No old stock in the market, and fresh arrivals are taken immediately they come to hand at \$3.90 to 4. Spices .- The market is firm, there is only a jobbing demand but the tendency of the market is decidedly to higher prices; black pepper, 10¹/₂ to 11c; cloves, 40 to 42¹/₂c; cassia is dear at 16 to 17c; nutmegs, 65 to \$1; mace, 95c to \$1.10; in other kinds kinds. Prices are steady and well maintained but are not quotably changed.

HIDES AND PELTS .- A fair business has been done in hides which have been moving freely at quotations, but lambskins are dull of sale. quote No. 1 hides \$6.00; No. 5 ditto, \$5.00; No. 3, ditto, \$4.00; lambskins 6oc. HARDWARE.—This has been doubtless the

dullest week of the season, and although prices of most articles are in buyers favor it does not seem to contribute to increase business. Any country buyers in town are only operating in a retail way. We quote:—Pig Iron—Eglinton and Clyde \$18.00 to 19.00; Carnbroe \$19.00 to 20.00; American \$20. to 21.; Summerlie and Calder \$19.50 to 20.50; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$20.00 to 21.00; Coltness \$22.50 to 23.00 Hematite \$30.00 to 31.00. Bar, per 100; lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.05 to 2.15; best do., \$2.25 to 2.35, Swedes and Norway \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and to 7.00. Canada Plates per box, Giamorgan and Budd, \$3.75 to 4.00; Garth and Penn \$4.00 to 4.20; Arrow \$4.00 to 4.25; Hatton \$3.60 to 3.75. Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC, \$7.00 to 7.50; ditto, IX, \$9.00 to 9.50; ditto DC, \$6.00to 6.50; Coke IC, \$6.00 to 6.50; 14 x 20, 25c extra. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26, 13c. Galvanized sheets best brands No. 28, 9 to 101c. Hoops and Bands \$2.60 to 2.70; Sheets best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$3.00to3.25do; Best brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Russian Sheet Iron 13 to 14c; Cut Nails, manufacturers list 3rd February, 2 D Lath, \$4.60; ditto, 2¹/₂ to 4d shingle \$3.80; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger \$3.; 100 keg order 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.25 to 5.00; Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead-Pig, per 100 lbs 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; Steel cast, 12 to 14c; Spring \$4.00 to 4.50; Sleigh Shoe \$3.50 to 3.75; Tire ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00. Ingot Tin 22 to 23c; Ingot Copper, 21 to 22c. Horse Shoes \$4.40 to 4.60; Proved Coil Chain, § in., \$5.50 to 6.00 ; Anchors 7 to 8c ; Anvils 10 to 12c. Iron wire \$2.30 to 2.40; Glass to 25 united inches \$2.00.

LEATHER .--- Business continues fair and prices are steady. Best Spanish sole is in limited supply and barely sufficient to fill orders, while ordinary stock is plentiful and dull. Best Slaughter is firm and stocks are light. Upper is still in large supply, though holders are less inclined to accept the present low figures offered. Splits are scarce and dear. Calf is inquired for, and well selected stock commands outside quotation. Russetts and Hamers are in poor request at almost nominal prices. Measured leather in steady demand. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. 1 Ordinary 20 to 21c; No. 2 ditto 17 to 18c; Zanibar Spanish sole No. 1 19 to 20c; do. No. and so far as we have been able to ascertain lasses.—There is not a great deal of this article 2 16 to 17c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 18 to 19c; due, the greatest decline has been in the following in the market, but quite sufficient for the pre- No. 2, 16 to 17c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 24c;

waxed upper light and medium 20 to 33c; do. heavy 27 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 34c; splits large 20 to 28c; do. small 16 to 20c; calfskins 30 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 20 to 29 lbs 50 to 60c; sheepskin linings 20 to 25c; harness 22 to 26c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c; patent cow 18 to 19c; pebbled cow 12c to15c; rough leather 22 to 22c.

OILS .-- Cod oil is in fair demand. and prices remain steady. Seal oil is in good supply and sells in lots at quotations. We quote Cod cil Seal. 50 to 52¹/₂c; Steam Refined Seal, 60c; market very firm; Crude Whale, 50c; Menhadden Oil, 40 to 421c; Petroleum is firm; demand small at a small advance, at 23 to 24c for car loads; Olive, 95c to \$1.00; Linseed Raw, 52 to 54c; ditto boiled, 56 to 58c.

PROVISIONS .- Butter-Receipts during the past week, 5,854 kegs; shipments, 12,758 kegs. The market is very firm, and although the shin. ments are large these purchases were made some time ago, and as cool weather has now set in, they being shipped, holders here are very extreme in their views and prices run from 17 to 23c according to quality, but business is in the meantime con-fined to the local trade. *Cheese.*—Receipts during the week 13,217 boxes; shipments 27,772 boxes. Market has been dull and weak, and we heard of nothing over 8c till to-day, when the market closed active at 8 to gc. Pork.—Receipts 340 brls.; shipments 420 brls. The market has declined since the date of our last report, but quietness has ruled and not much doing even at the decline. We now quote new mess \$20.50 to 21.00; thin mess \$19.50 to 20.00. Lard 121 to 13c according to package.

SALT .- This market still continues moderately active. Coarse selling in round lots at 56 to 571c; small lots are 21c dearer. Factory filled \$1.05; fine nominal 70c.

Wool.-A number of 1000 lbs. lots have been taken during the week, and holders are offering super at 27 tc; unassorted at 26 to 27c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 7th 1876.

Produce has not yet begun to come in, and trade in everyline is dull. It is likely prices of grain and flour will go slightly higher but judging from the samples of wheat the quality does not warrant much of an advance. Groceries, provisions, leather, and lumber remain in undis-turbed quietness. Hardware continues active but unchanged in price.

CATTLE.—Beves.—The receipts have fallen off considerably. At present the supply is far below the demand, all offered sell readily at hrm prices. The enquiry for first class is more active both for shipment and local consumption. About \$4,45 to 4.65 is paid. Second class sell steadily at \$3.75 to 4.00 and these still constitute the bulk of what is offered. Third class are not so plentiful but the market seems to be supplied and dealers are paying \$3.00 to 3.25. Sheep .- Very light supplies are reported but the deficiency is made up in lambs. The demand continues fair at \$5.00 to 5.25 for first class and \$3.65 to 4.35 for second. Lambs .- The market is slightly weaker. Receipts are large but an increased demand absorbs all offered. There is an active enquiry for first class at \$3.50 to 3.75. Second class are abundant at \$3.00 to 3.25. Third class sell slowly at \$2.25 to 2.75 Calves are almost nominal at \$9.00 to 10.00 for first

may possibly advance.

FLOUR AND MEAL:-Flour.-Stocks in store nuts or other fruits. Rice.-Sales are rather on the 4th inst. 2,230 brls. against 2,200 brls. on the same date last year. Offerings are rather light. The demand has continued active, and prices are firm with an advancing tendency. An improvement is reported in Superior extra which sold early in the week at \$5.25 but subsequently at \$5.30 f.o.b. Extra has been quiet but sales are reported at \$5.05. Fancy changed hands at \$4.80 f.o.b. Some large sales of spring extra have taken place at \$4.521 to \$4.55 f.o.b. The movements of superfine have been light but \$4.10 f.o.b. was realized in a few cases. Yesterday the market was quiet and unchanged. Oatmeal .- No sales of car lots seem to have taken place, and prices are unchanged at \$4 to 4.10 Small lots are quoted at \$4.25 to 4.50.

FREIGHTS.--No rates to Lake Erie ports. Rates to Oswego remain unchanged at 14c. American currency, and to Kingston at 11c gold. Lumber to Oswego goc per thousand. Grand Trunk Railway rates are as follows; Flour to Montreal 17]c, to Point Levis 35c, to St. John via the Intercolonial 45c, to Halifax 50c per barrel; to St. John via Portland 45c, and to Halifax by the same route 45c. Rates by Steamer-Rates per the Jacques line to Montreal are 171c on flour, and 41c on grain; and 121c on flour, and 4c on grain, to Kingston, Prescott or Brockville. The Royal Mail line carries flour to Montreal at 20c. Through rates to Britain-Flour to Liverpool via Allan Line is nil per bbl.; or in bags 528. 6d. per ton; grain, nil, exclusive of bagging; butter and cheese 578. 6d. per ton; boxed meats, tallow, pork, and beef in barrels, 578. 6d.; lard, 578 6d.; oilcake, 57s. 6d. per ton. To Glasgow via Mon-treal, flour is nil per bbl.; wheat, nil per cental, and boxed meats and pork, 6os. od. ; cheese and butter, 57s. 6d. per ton; tallow 6os. od.; lard 60s. od. per ton ; flour and oatmeal 55s. od. per ton

GRAIN .- Stocks in store on the 4th inst. were: Fall wheat, 96,760 bush.; spring wheat, 147,823 bush.; oafs, 6,380 bush.; barley, 13,158 bush.; peas, 320 bush.; corn, 400 bush.; against fall wheat, 13,262 bush.; spring wheat, 5,423 bush.; oats, 25,219 bush.; barley, 10,541 bush.; and peas 551 bush. on the corresponding week in 1875. Wheat—There is a fairly active dein 1875. Wheat—There is a fairly active de-mand with an upward tendency manifested in prices. No. 1 fall in car lots has sold at \$1.12} to 1.15 f. o. b. Subsequently the latter was held at \$1.12, with \$1.10 bid. A cargo lot of spring brought \$1.05, and lots were afterwards sold at \$1.051 f. o. b. Yesterday No. 1 spring was held at \$1.08 with bids of \$1.06 f. o. b. Offerings are light. Car-lots on the track bring 34 to 35c. Barley—All sales as yet are on private terms, and what prices will be is not very evident. Peas-None offering, and no sales have taken place. Buyers seem prepared to pay 75 to 78c f. o. c. for car lots.

GROCERIES .- Coffee. - The stocks on this market are not of any great amount but they are fully equal to all demands. The enquiry from the country is very limited. Prices will likely go lower than those now current. And with such things apparent the trade does not manifest a great deal of interest in the business. Java ranges from 271 to 30c. Rio is worth 22 to 24c. Singopore sells at 24 to 26c. Mocha is worth 32 to 35c. Fish.—No arrivals as yet but the market is likely to open about our quo. tations. Dry Cod moves very slowly. Fruit. -As the new crop is just about to arrive, the old stocks fall considerably in price. Layers are almost nominal at \$9.00 to 10.00 for first | —As the new crop is just about to arrive, the class and \$5.00 to 6.00 for second. DRUGS:—Trade continues quiet. Morphia and mercurals are lighter. Quinine is firm at an advance. Reports from the East state a rise of 12½ c. in castor oil. Opium³ is firm and mercurals advance. hands at 7c. There is no change to record in Picked combing brings 28 dc.

small compared with last year and nearly all the business done is in lots of a lew bags each. Lots are worth \$4.15 to 5.25, but small quan-tities could not well be got under \$4.35 to 4.45. *Tobacco.*—Trade is light, stocks scarce, and prices unchanged. Liquors-Remain quiet with a continued firmness in brandies. Sugar.-The activity in the market is over, large lots are quiet, but a considerable amount still continues to move. Prices are weak, but have not yet declined. Dry crushed is steady at 10¹/₂ to 11c for small lots. Granulated brings 10 to 104c. Scotch sells at 81 to gc in fair lots. Barbadoes and Porto Rico are unchanged. Tea.-There is a better feeling in the market and the prospects for fall and winter business are of a more cheering character. Some movement is reported in lots, but sales so far are little more than to meet the requirements of country dealers. Prices are improving slowly.

HARDWARE:-The market continues to be pretty active, fully maintaining the movements of a couple of weeks back and exceeding the amount of business doing at this time last year. Nails are easier and sell freely as also do Canada plates and shelf goods. There is a con-siderable movement in bar iron, and English refined brings \$2.20 to 2.25. There is no alteration in prices since our last.

HIDES AND SKINS:-Hides.-Light weights are in good demand and trade is steady. The market is well supplied with heavy hides, but these are not so much wanted. Prices remain as before at $5\frac{1}{2}c$ for No. 1 and $4\frac{1}{2}c$ for No. 2 of both kinds, cows and steers. Cured are slight-ly higher and sell readily. Sales have been made at 6¹/₄c, but 6¹/₄c has been obtained in most instances. Sheepskins—The market remains steady and fairly well supplied at 6oc. Calfskins-Dealers pay 11c for the best, and cured sell at 12c.

LEATHER.-Business seems to be picking up a little and a good many small parcels are leaving for sorting up in the country. Prices are unchanged and figures do not vary much. Stocks are full in most lines. Harness leather is a little in demand, and good lines would sell. Native stocks are very quiet. Spanish sole in good weights is wanted for country trade. In foreign goods there is little or no change, and our quotations represent full values. Tanner's supplies are in fair demand. Oils, steady but will probably advance ere long. Little or no money moving from the country.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—There is an inclination to do business on private terms and though small movements are reported trade seems to be of a very fair nature. Retailers are evidently holding back supplies. Prices with a good demand and no increase in the amount of supplies have risen two or three cents. Select quantifies are worth 19 to 20c and ordinary shipping lots 17 to 18c. Inferior would bring 14 to 15c. Tubs of choice dairy are worth 18 to 22c. Cheese.- Is quiet in this market at 9 to 10c. Eggs are steady and sell well at 12 to 13c in lots. Pork is lower and sells slowly at \$19.50 to 20. Hams-The only trade doing is in very small lots. Canvassed sell at 141 to 15c, and smoked, at 14 to 141c. Bacon-Trade is quite and confined to the movement of small quantities. Cumberland, in tons, brings $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{2}{3}c$; in small lots 101c.; Long clear brings 11 to 111c.; canvassed Io to rotc; smoked 9 to 91c, and green shoulders 71 to 8c. Lard is weak at 13cfc. in tinnets, and 111 to 122c in tierces. Hogs are worth \$7.50 to 8.00. Hops-New offer at 30c, and old crop sell at 14 to 15c.

SALT.-Remains much the same, with sales of Liverpool coarse at 75 to 80c per bag., and Canadian at \$1,05 per brl.

WOOL .- A few stray lots continue to find their way into market, and are taken at 28c.

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FIRE RECORD .--- Welland, Sept. 1.-- A fire consumed the house of Thomas Smith. Insured for \$400.

Kingston, Sept. 4.- A fire consumed the store of Messrs. Macdonald and Hatfield. No insurance on building, \$2,000 on stock.

Kenmore, Sept. 4.—James McIntyre's barn with contents was burned. Loss \$500. No insurance.

Riceville, Sept. 1.-Alfred Deslauriere's barn with contents was consumed by lightening. Partially insured.

Parkenham, Aug. 28.—A fire destroyed McPherson's hotel, besides the stables and several other buildings. Loss \$15,000. Insurance said to be about \$3,000.

Springfield, Ont., Aug. 28.—The station of the C. S. R. was burned along with contents.

Peterborough, Aug. 24.—The house and out-buildings of Neal McEwin, at Lorneville, were burned. No insurance.

Eldon, Aug. 31.-A fire destroyed the barn of Mr McArthur along with contents. Uninsured.

Belleville, Sept. 1.- The barn with contents of J. B. Tillotson of Ameliasburg was destroyed by lightning. Loss \$1.000. Insured in the Prince Edward Mutual for \$200 on building and \$400 on contents.

Mitchell, Aug. 28.—The house of Joseph Wolsey was burned. Loss \$900. Insured in

Ontario Mutual for \$400. Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The house of J. Burns was destroyed by lightning. Loss about \$2.500. Insurance small.

Belleville Aug. 31.-Three barns and other out-buildings belonging to John McWilliams in Ameliasburg were destroyed by fire. Loss 82,000. Insurance \$800 in Prince Edward Mutual.

Quebec Aug. 31.—A frame house at Levis was burned. Loss \$2.000.

Palermo, Aug. 31.—The barn of W. Cleverdon was burned with contents. Partially insured in Toronto and Beaver Mutual.

London, Aug. 29.—The barn of John Mosure was consumed by lightning. Loss \$1,400, insurance \$800.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 30.-The house of Octava Huppee, at Brompton Falls, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$800, insurance \$400.

Simcoe, Aug. 31.-The barn of Louis Berger was consumed by fire. Fully insured.

Lindsay, Sept. 2 .- A barge loaded with lumber belonging to Messrs. Benedict & Sons, of Bobcaygeon was consumed by fire. Loss \$2,000.

Exeter, Sept. 2.-James McNab's hub factory with contents was burned. No insurance.

Freelton, Sept. 2.-Dennis O'Donnell's barn with contents was destroyed by fire. No insurance.

St. Hyacinthe, Sept. 3 .- Over four hundred buildings, being the best portion of the city, were consumed by fire. Loss over a million of dollars. The following companies are the principal sufferers: Stadacona, \$60,000; Royal of England, \$50,000; Citizens, \$45,000; Royal Canadian, \$38,000; North British and Mercantile, \$14,000 ; Liverpool and London, \$13,000 ; Queen, \$11,000; Agricultural, \$10,000; Imper-ial, \$5,000; National, \$5,000. A number of other companies are interested for smaller sums.

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The Annual General Meeting of this Company will be held, pursuant to the Act of I icorporation, on

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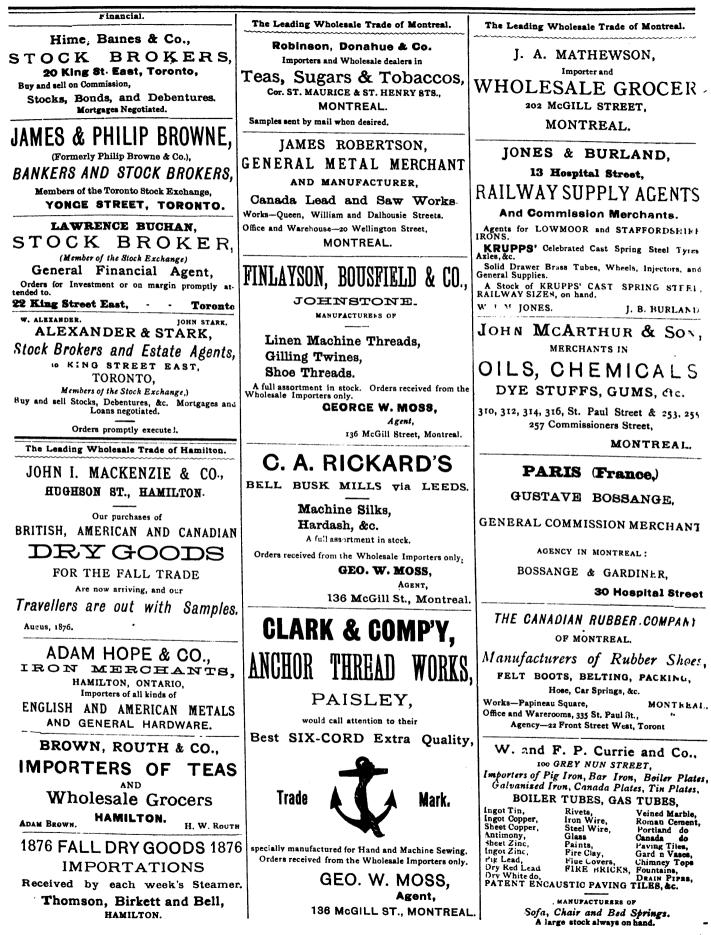
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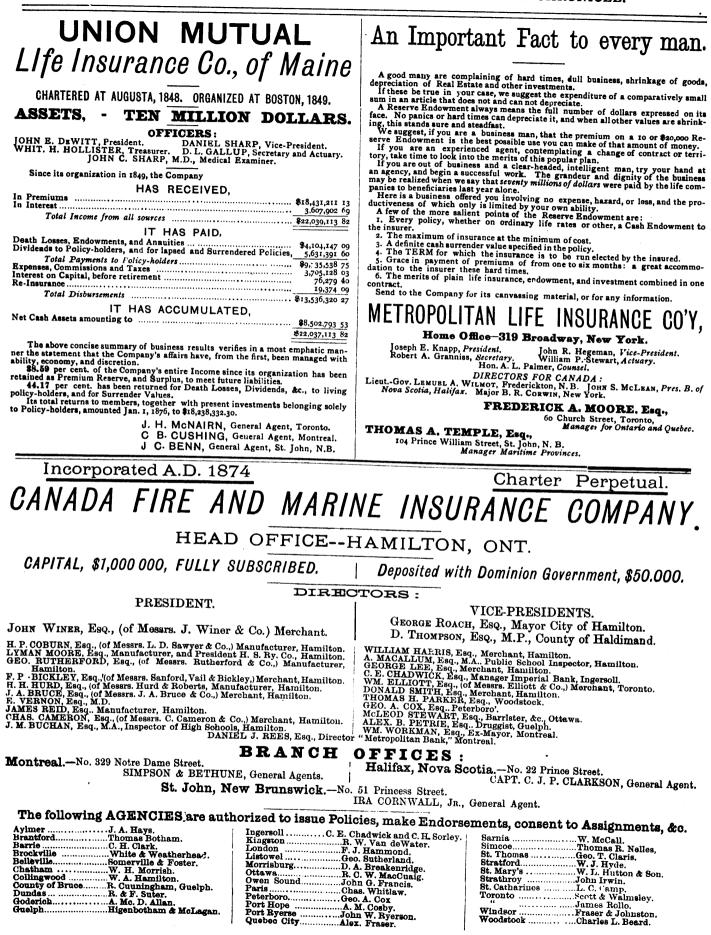
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