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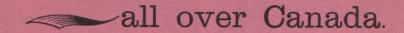
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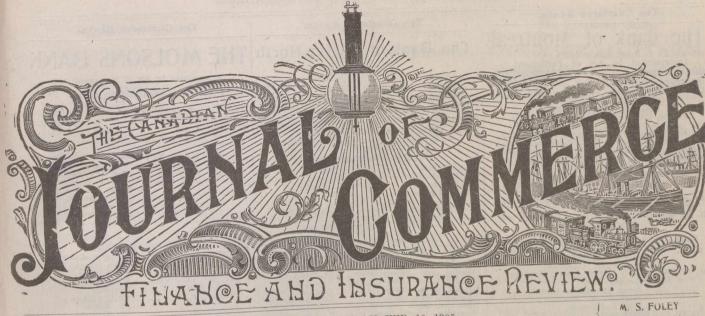
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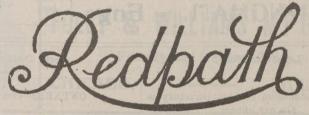
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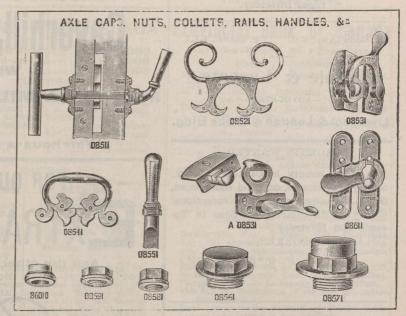
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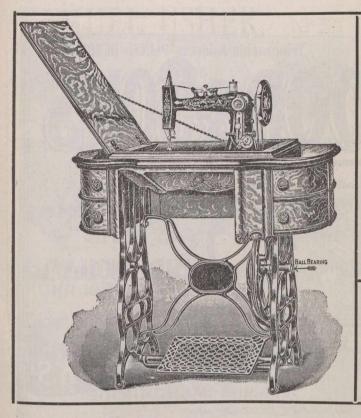
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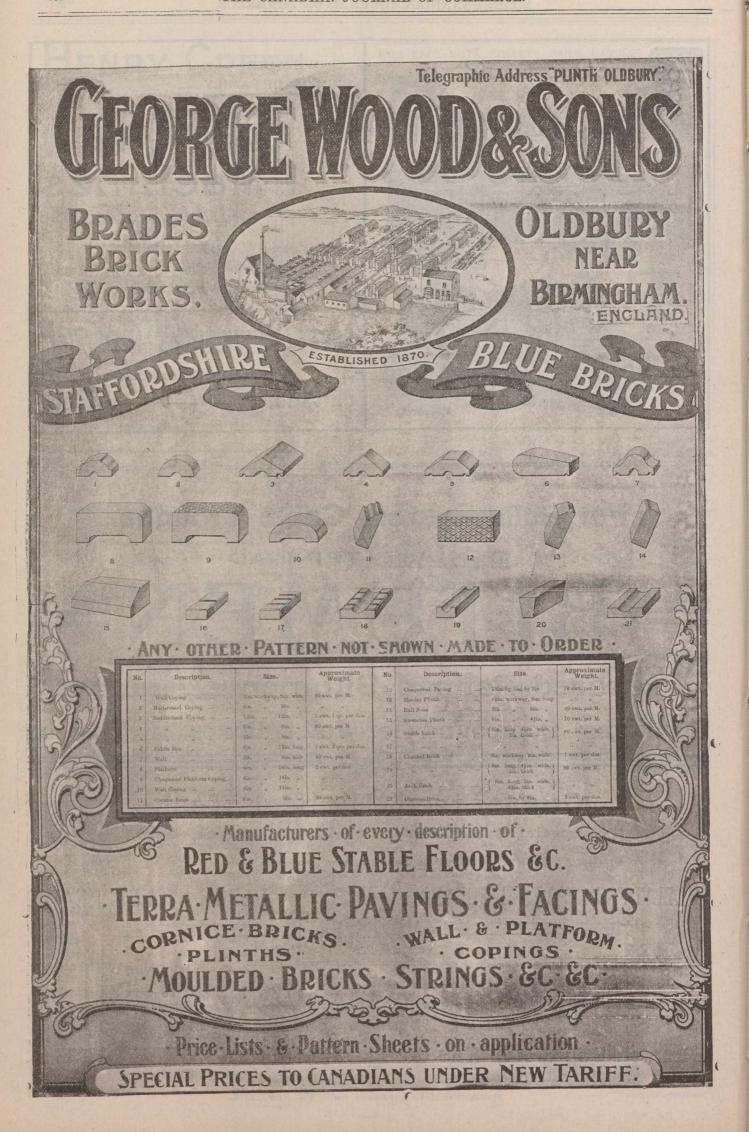
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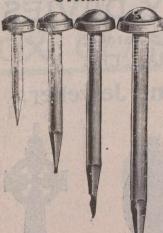


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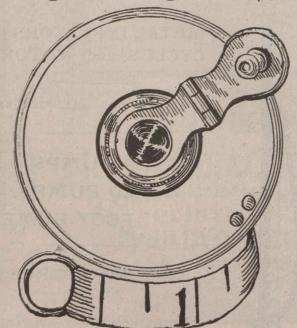


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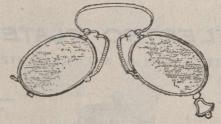
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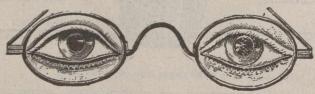
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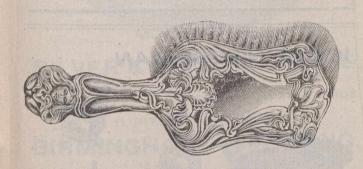
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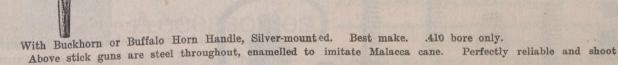
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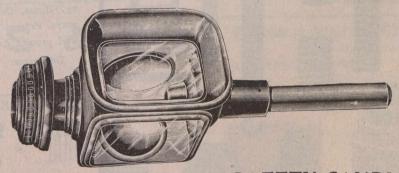
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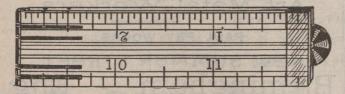


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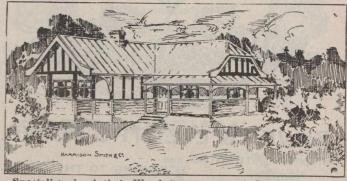
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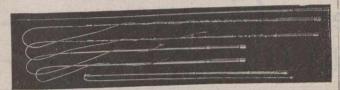
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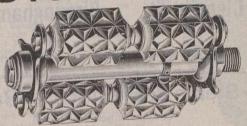
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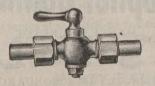


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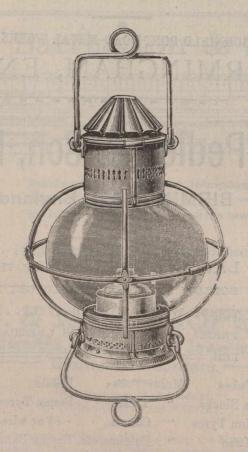
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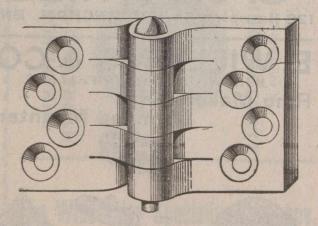
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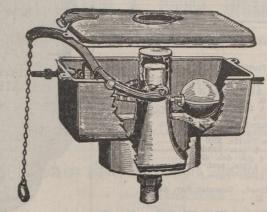
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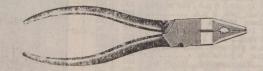


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Reports from the timber market of Liverpool say that stock of all descriptions of pine deals and boards is more than sufficient for the demand.

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-British Columbia lumbermen met the Northwest members at Ottawa recently and requested them to support a proposition for a duty of \$2 a thousand on rough lumber. With such a duty, they argued, the ninty million feet of lumber entering the Northwest from the United States would be supplied by Canadians. The attitude of the Northwest members gave no reason to suppose that they would support the proposed duty.

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- -The Canadian Motor Company, of Windsor, will, it is stated, establish a branch at Hamilton.
- —The Canadian Bank of Commerce has opened a branch at Melfort, Sask., bringing the total number of branches up to 113.
- —Grand Trunk Railway system.—Earnings from January 22nd to 31st, 1905, \$821,449; 1904, \$648,325; increase, \$173,124.
- -Ottawa Clearing House.—Total for week ending Feb. 2, 1905, \$2,131,353.37; corresponding week last year, \$1,742,504.60.
- —Guelph, Ont., reports a population of 12,239, an increase of 308 over that of a year ago.
- —The Revere Hotel, at Pictou, N.S., was destroyed by fire on the 4th instant. Loss about \$25 000; insurance, \$18,000.
- -The fire losss in 1904 in Canada and the United States exceeded the year 1903 by one hundred million dollars.
- —Morrell and Sutherland, retail dry goods dealers, St. John, N.B., who have been doing a large business, closed their doors a few days ago pending an arrangement with their creditors.
- —Wheat sold for \$1.08 on the Hamilton grain market this week. The millers say that flour will be advanced 25 or 30 cents a hundred as a result.
- —A report is current that the firm of Messrs. Henry Birks & Co., jewellers, this city, and Messrs. Ryrie Bros., prominent in the same line at Toronto. are about to amalgamate.

- —According to the local directory, Winnipeg added 20,000 to its inhabitants during the past year, making the present population well up to 100,000.
- —The flour mill owned by R. J. Lund, West Selkirk, Man., was destroyed by fire. The blaze started from a lantern while the proprietor was oiling the machinery.
- —The Canadian Fishery Corporation steamer Kestrel, says a Victoria, B.C., report, has received orders from Ottawa to patrol the Straits and prevent American fishing vessels from encrouching on fishing grounds of British Columbia.
- —If he professor of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., is responsible for the statement that milking machines will be as common as binders within ten years. Successful milking machines are reported in use at Little Falls, New York.
- —Mr. J. H. Plummer president of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., residing for some time at Sydney, N.S., is reported to be in a fair way to recovery from the severe illness, through which he has been suffering for some weeks.
- —The Canadian Northern Railway has placed an order with the Canada Foundry Co., for fifteen locomotives of a type similar to those built for the Canadian Pacific Railway, the last of which was delivered recently. There were ten in all, and they have given satisfaction in actual use.
- —The stock of Welford Bros., broommakers, London, Ont., has been sold to J. A. Gould at 26 cents in the dollar. It was valued at \$2,140.72. The stock of J. Belasco, ready-made clothier, same place, which was valued at \$2424, was sold to R. F. Williams & Co., St. Thomas, at 35 cents in the dollar.

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—The Canadian Pacific Railroad has decided upon a reduction in grain rates of one-half cent per hundred, which basis will apply from all inland points to the seaboard. The change is a result of a similar cut made by the roads running east from Chicago.

—One of the oldest and most respected citizens of Montreal passed away last week in the person of Mr. John Macintosh, of Macintosh & Hyde, successors to the respected old firm of Court & Macintosh. The deceased, who was in his 75th year, leaves a son and a daughter to mourn his loss.

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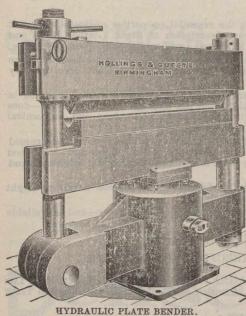
—A Toronto wholesale grocer states that the annual consumption of sugar in Canada is 400,000,000 pounds. "The price is practically two cents a pound higher than last year, which means an advance of \$8 000,000 that the people of Canada must pay for sugar. It is conceded that for many purposes the Canadian beet sugar is the most economical.

—Mexico City advices state that a Toronto capitalist, together with several associates have arranged for the purchase of the concession for electric car lines for Monterey. The men are also negotiating with F. S. Slayden of New York to buy his system of mule cars and convert the two systems into one electric line.

—The Dominion Atlantic Railway wants Parliamentary authority to purchase the Midland Railway and to issue bonds, debentures and other securities on such railway to an amount not exceeding £5,000 sterling per mile.—An act of incorporation for the Ontario Fire Insurance Company will be applied for. A charter is also wanted for the Imperial Guarantee & Accident Company.



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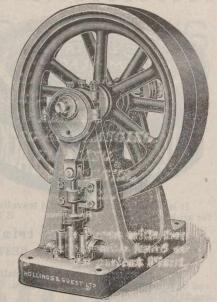
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—Mr. James Baxter, of this city, for many years formerly to the fore as a financial broker, departed this life on the 31st ult., at the age of 65. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. The deceased had a checkered business career. He had not been in good health for some time, resulting in some degree doubtless to reverses in real estate.

—St. John's, Nfld., advices state that the award of the arbitrators in the claim made by the Reid-Newfoundland Company against the Newfoundland Government for \$3 488,898 for expropriating the colonial telegraph system, which the Reid Company had leased for fifty years, was announced some days ago. The arbitrators award the Reids \$1,503,100 with three per cent. since October, 1903 making a total of \$1,561,244 payable in eash before June 15. Each side bears its own costs, about \$50,000.

—American progress in the cotton industry was brought to the attention of Colonial Minister Clementel, states a Paris cable, during a recent debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the budget for the colonies. Deputy Flayelle pointed out that America threatened to dominate the world's markets, and argued that France should develop cotton production in the Soudan and Dahomey, and thus be in a position to defy competition. Minister Clementel promised to assist projects of development when they should be brought before him.

One of the most efficient public officers in the United States, Mr. Carrol D. Wright, has retired from that office after 20 years' service. His reports as Commissioner of Labour have for years been models of their kind. He goes to Worcester Mass., to assume the presidency of Clark College. His successor, Dr. Charles P. Neill, of Washington, takes charge of the Bureau of Labour immediately, and we can only wish he may distinguish himself—as he is likely to do—as efficiently as his capable predecessor.

—The action of canners, in endeavouring to reduce the price of tomatoes, has, says a Toronto letter, started the vegetable growers on the rampage, and they are organizing to boost the price of products. The canners last year paid 30c a bushel for tomatoes and \$8 a ton for sweet corn. These prices are not high enough, and unless the rate is advanced there is not much prospect of the usual contracts being made with the canners by which the growers guarantee a stated number of bushels at a certain rate. An advance in the price of canned goods is evident.

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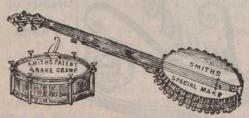
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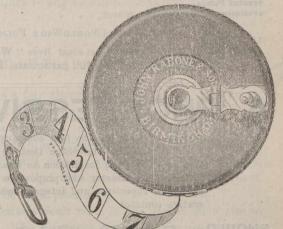
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—What is expected to lead, in the near future, to an extensive business has begun, says a St. John N.B., letter, by the shipment of a lot of goods from the New York Produce Exchange to South Africa, via this port. Because of the high freight charges from New York to South Africa it has been found cheaper to send consignments here by rail and thence by steamer. Eleven carloads more of bagged goods from the New York Produce Exchange were to have gone on this steamer, but were delayed by the recent snowstorm and will form the nucleus of the cargo of a second steamer which is due here on Feb. 18.

—Judgment re Canada Woollen Mills, Ltd., was given at Toronto some days ago on appeal by the liquidator from an order of ruling of James S. Cartwright, official referee, upon a reference for the winding-up of the company, requiring the liquidator, on or before 14th January, to pay into court \$10,000, being the amount paid by G. F. Benson on 30th September. 1904, with the offer made by him to purchase the assets of the company. Held, that Benson could not, in view of subsequent events, be held to his offer to purchase, and the \$10,000 had been properly repaid to him by the liquidator. Appeal allowed and order of referee set aside, with costs to be paid by respondent.

—United States Secretary of the U. S. Treasury Shaw has announced that manufacturers of flour from imported wheat mixed with domestic wheat will be allowed drawback, under the opinion of the Attorney-General, dated January 24, 1905, on several conditions the most important of which is that a complete and detailed record must be kept showing the quantity of wheat imported, the date of manufacture and the amounts of imported and domestic wheat used in the manufacture of each grade and brand of flour. A prominent Minneapolis miller says the drawback law will not cut any figure, as in all probability they will be unable to buy any Canadian wheat for the balance of the crop to sell at a profit.

—Reports from the timber limits of New Liskeard, Ont., show that the work of log making is well advanced. completed. in fact. in some cases and the gangs are now hauling the logs to the streams. The season so far has been an ideal one. The cut in the Ottawa River country, from the Temiskaming district southwards, promises to be larger than was at first thought. Practically all that is being manufactured is being taken off the limits in the Nipissing country sold by the Ontario Government towards the close of 1903. Operators state that the cost of log production will show a slight reduction this season. While the men are being paid lower wages, they are doing better work and more of it.

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—The sixth annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association will be held in the city of Quebec on the 9th and 10th ot March. Among the papers promised are "Forest Fires in Brītish Columbia," Professor R. W. Brock, of Queen's; "Northern Quebec and Labrador," by A. P. Low Geological Survey; "Forest Insects." Rev. F. T. Fyles, Levis; "Forest Resources of Quebec," J. C. Langelier; "The Lumber Industry," P. G. Owens, secretary Quebec Lumbermen's Association; "The Forests of New Brunswick," T. G. Loggie, Fredericton; "The Fire Warden System in Nova Scotia," Hon. J. W. Longley.

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THE PROPOSED EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT.

A question is under discussion respecting a proposal to place an export duty on wheat exported from Canada to the United States. It is impossible to pass any judgment on this matter without running counter to some established, or some prospective interests which are bound up with the general commercial interests of Canada.

There is no charge made, that any business interest which might be injured by what is proposed, is injurious to the trade of Canada. To injure therefore any such established interest would be a very serious matter, and should not be done to any extent unless imperatively demanded by the necessities of the country.

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The proposal to place an export duty on wheat going to the United States is primarily intended to place millers in the United States under such conditions as would compel them to build flour mills in Canada in order to grind wheat to be exported as flour to the British market.

At present wheat from the Northwest is shipped to mills in the States, the flour from which is kept in bond until sent out of the country, any duty paid thereon is then returned to the importer. This American ground flour is sent to Great Britain where it comes into direct competition with the product of Canadian flour mills.

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It is urged that this policy would be advantageous to the Northwest wheat growers as it would cause flour mills to be built near to the wheat fields of this country, by which the by-products would be available for cattle food, and for the needs of a dairy farmer.

It is obvious that were American millers driven to establish mills in Canada there would be increased competition in the milling business in this country. It would also so largely reduce the exportations of wheat as to do great injury to those engaged in that business.

So far as the milling business is concerned we have the utmost confidence in Canadians holding their own in any competitive struggle that may be developed. It is natural for Canadians to prefer their country's wheat being manufactured into flour in Canadian mills and the entire product shipped direct to Great Britain from Canada, to our wheat being grown in the United States and the resultant trade being enjoyed by that country. But general regret would be felt were this to involve injury to those who have done good service to Canada in the past by organizing and conducting the business of buying and exporting wheat, a business of considerable importance to this city.

The Toronto Globe, in view of the possibility of an increase being made to a Canadian industry, displays its protectionist spleen by cynically asking, "Why permit the export of wheat at all? Why not compel its milling in Canada?" which are very foolish questions. The Globe ought to have learnt by this time that an absurd hypothesis is no argument.

The discussion of this highly important question is in the hands of such thoroughly practical and well in-

formed men as Mr. Meighen, Mr. McFee, and others in the grain and flour trade, out of whose discussions we trust there will be evolved some policy by which the agricultural interests of Canada will be promoted without doing injury to any established business.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade the 31st inst. The report of the outgoing council was a record of favourable results, and although everything attempted was not accomplished, much benefit will accrue eventually. The outlook, financially, now that the new building is proving itself, is stated to be most promising.

Several matters dealt with in the report gave rise to discussion. The insurance rating on city property was treated very gently, without any very pronounced opinions. The long discussed fast line of ocean steamers was again raised, but nothing new was broached. The important question of more aids for the safety of navigation on the St. Lawrence route to the sea was once more raised, resulting in a vigorous resolution, acknowledging what had already been done in that direction, and again urging the Government to continue the good work so that navigation on the route will be as safe as in any part of the world, and the traffic on it relieved from the heavy marine insurance rates which continue to discriminate against it so adversely.

Another question brought up related to the proposed change and reorganisation of the Harbour Board. is an important and vital question, not only as it affects the port of Montreal, but the interests of the whole Dominion. A resolution was unanimously adopted by the meeting to the effect that a change in the composition of the board as now constituted is necessary, but it was contended that until the Government assumed the debt of the harbour the trade and commercial interests of the city should be represented and have practical control of the management. This brings to the front the different phases of the question with which we are familiar. seven months of the year Montreal is the national port of the Dominion and it is during those months, arising from climatic conditions that the bulk of the trade of the country is transacted.

Montreal is differently situated from any of the Atlantic ports in the United States, and requires to be treated differently as regards its management. It is the terminal of our magnificent system of canals and inland water communications, and should be considered as part of it when dealing with the question. The construction of the canals, their management and all improvements in the system of navigation have always been in the hands of a department of the Government and have worked successfully. The requirements of the trade of the country have been met according as they developed, and all charges, when shown to be burdensome, have been promptly reduced or totally removed.

It may reasonably be argued that the port of Montreal should be similarly managed by a department of the Government, to the benefit of the trade, without the intervention of a commission that bears no responsibility

to the public. The trade of the city of Montreal is undoubtedly a large factor in that of the port, but it is not the only one. The whole country has the same interest in it as it has in the whole system that forms the St. Lawrence route. Should the Government decide, therefore, to assume the management of the harbour by a department it would as a matter of course assume the We do not know at the present time what is the extent of that debt,—of that we are all kept in blissful ignorance—but it must be borne in mind that the Government owes the harbour a very large sum-somewhere between one million and two millions of dollars-long claimed but never adjusted-which can be fairly offset Under departmental control the present high tariff of charges on goods in transit would be more likely to be reduced than through any commisson, not directly responsible to the people, and the whole of the country would reap the benefit, and its trade receive an impetus and consequent increase in the importance given to traffic on the St. Lawrence route.

The foregoing was unavoidably crowded out last week. Meantime there seems to have been a kaleidoscopic change in the position at Ottawa. According to the daily papers, the authorities are opposed to any immediate change in the composition of the harbour board, as the assumption of the harbour debt by the Government would probably follow. That would be a matter of course and prove a public benefit to all concerned in the trade of the country.

The policy of abolishing the present managerial system of the harbour and substituting the working of it by a department of the Government appears nevertheless to have taken a fast hold on public opinion, and sooner or later it must surely come to pass. The harbour is really a continuation of the canal system, which has been administered as a departmental work for years, with advantage to the trade in every respect.

The chief objection raised, as we understand, is that regarding the debt of the harbour, which would have to be assumed. That objection should not weigh, as the trade of the country at large has now to bear the burden, to its detriment. That debt should not stand in the way of the re-arrangement proposed. As our contemporary, "La Patrie," said a few days ago, when advocating the proposed change, the assumption of the harbour debt by the Government could be done as easily and readily as was the practical assumption recently of the debt of the Quebec harbour board, and which reached something about the same figures as the debt of the Montreal harbour.

What is going on now with respect to the two-storey sheds is wonderful. After the contract has been given out, very serious changes are proposed, involving principles in the constructon, that should have been considered before the contract was awarded, but not one of them shows how the second story, which is still insisted upon, is to be reached and made available for business.

The humour of the position was recently well brought out in a long interview on the subject, which our neighbour the "Witness" had with one of the Government nominees on the board. This member said the change of opinion in Ottawa did not mean that the in-

tended removal of the board was abandoned; it was "Anyway," said the member intermerely delayed. viewed in a burst of self-satisfaction, "there is nothing the matter with the present board; and where could you find a more intelligent or industrious council of men to attend to the interests of this port?" As the interviewed member is believed to have withdrawn his organ of speech aside after this utterance, some interested friends are yet unable to find the whereabouts of the joke—if any were meant. It seems almost a pity to disturb the complacency of intelligent and industrious men thus credited, but the public will appreciate the ridiculous contrast to reality when only (in one respect) they reflect that those "industrious" men have not yet made their report for the year 1903, let alone that for 1904, both now past due.

TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Our esteemed contemporary, "The Commercial Bulletin," of Boston, U.S., has addressed us as follows:

"Dear Sir,—There is a strongly organized movement in Massachusetts for closer trade relations with Canada, in which the Bulletin shares, based on mutual concession from present tariff rates. The Bulletin believes that the United States could concede something, notably on hides, coal, wheat and timber. That there may be a clearer understanding of the situation by statesmen on both sides of the line, will you answer the enclosed questions and return same to us?"

The first question reads: "Would you as a representative of Canadian public opinion advocate on any terms the removal or substantial reduction of the Canadian duties on manufactured goods made in the United States, such as carriages, agricultural implements, shoes, clothes, woollens and rubber goods?"

To this we make the reply:

It will be noticed that there is a considerable difference between the list of articles on which "The Bulletin" believes "the United States could concede something," and the list of articles respecting which we are asked if we would advocate the removal or substantial reduction of Canadian duties, on such goods imported from the United States.

The first list on which the United States are said to be able to "concede something" are, "hides, coal, wheat and timber." The second list on which Canada is to be asked to remove or reduce her mport duties, includes "carriages, agricultural implements, shoes, clothes, woollens, rubber goods, and other manufactured goods."

In the difference between these two lists lies the difficulty of bringing Canada and the United States into line regarding tariff arrangements. Canada is not showing any strong desire to have her hides, coal, wheat and timber admitted into the United States under a lower tariff. Whether, on these articles, the States would "concede something," or not seems a matter of almost entire indifference to Canadians. Certainly the advantages which might possibly be reaped by Canada under a lower American tariff that facilitated the exportation of our "hides, coal, wheat and timber," cannot be compared to the advantages Canada would confer on the American exporters of "carriages, agricultural imple-

ments, shoes, clothes, woollens, rubbers and other manufactured goods."

In answer then to the first question we reply that we do not advocate, nor could we approve of, any removal or substantial reduction of the Canadian duties on manufactured goods sent from the United States unless this concession were met by such fiscal changes by the United States as would be fully equivalent in value to this country to what we should concede. If there is to be a "swap" of a tariff nature, Canada must get dollar for dollar, or 4 good quarters for every dollar she parts with. All the projects yet launched to enlarge the trade between the United States and Canada remind us of the old couplet:

"In matters of trade the fault of the Dutch, Is giving too little and asking too much!"

Our American friends, charming people socially, are much too conscious of their charms; they think we Canadians are longing so intensely to be more intimately associated with them, that we are prepared to make sacrifices to ensure this result. This is not so. Canadians are wholly devoid of sentiment in the sphere of trade, and any reciprocity scheme they will turn down unless the bargain is a square deal of value for value.

The second question is evolved from the first, it reads as follows:

(2) "If so, what United States duties should in your opinion be reduced for Canada's benefit, and to what

We are not prepared to draft a schedule of duties on imports from the United States; in this case the game would not be worth the candle, as the labour would be futile. Speaking generally, however, we consider the situation at present calls for the United States making the next move in the fiscal game. Canada's tariff now only imposes duties of about one-half on American goods that the American tariff imposes on Canadian goods. Canada's liberality has brought no reciprocal response from the United States. Nay, the course of the tariff of the two countries has been directly contrary the one to the other, ours has been modified, while the American tariff has been made more obstructive to Canadian exports.

We therefore would impress upon our Boston friends the desirability of their securing such changes in their country's tariff as will put it on the same plane of liberality as Canada's tariff occupies. Our concession has already been made, let our neighbour follow our example; then, when both countries stand on the same fiscal level, it will be easier to discuss reciprocity.

POSTAGE ON BRITISH PERIODICALS.

Notwithstanding all that has been written on the subject of cheaper postage on periodicals from the United Kingdom to Canada, the prospect of any removal of the present anomalous condition of things seems as remote as ever. There are, undoubtedly, difficulties in the way of reform, but as these are not likely to be of lasting or even long duration, it were surely within the province of wisdom to study how best to remove them as soon as

Were some of our influential tourists from possible. over the sea to vary their routes occasionally-by visiting the rural districts instead of confining themselves to the larger cities where their time is chiefly occupied in a round of social entertainments—they would learn much about Canada that would prove of incalculable value all round and tend to promote a better understanding mutually, not only from an imperial but from a commercial standpoint. The hospitality of our urban population calls for no encomium, and there is no doubt as to the favourable impressions carried across the ocean by those who must be very agreeably surprised at witnessing the "ways in which we live" as compared with the prevailing ideas of life in Canada generally entertained by our transaflantic brethren.

A visit leisurely taken through the older settled country districts of Ontario-or any of the provinceswould indeed be necessary to anyone who wished to bear home with him anything like a correct impression of our people and their resources, something not attainable from the deck of a floating palace or the windows of a private railway car. The tourist who is storing his mind in order "to think Imperially," should spend some time in the smaller towns and villages, converse with the older settlers or their descendants, especially in the border counties, attend-incog. if possible-some of their gatherings, their schools and so on. probably find very good reasons for urging upon the powers that be the importance of a reduction in the rates of postage on English newspapers and magazines mailed to subscribers in Canada. He would find the text books of the schools largely compiled from United States authors; and household literature, instead of hailing from London, Edinburgh and Dublin, supplied from New York or Chicago, the postage on American magazines and periodicals generally being but a small proportion on those from the motherland.

It needs little argument to prove the Americanizing effect of this condition of things upon the minds of the people at large, for though Canada may boast of a due proportion of newspapers, of every degree of merit, our magazine literature is still in its infancy. It is no exaggeration to say that there are very few households in the Dominion in which one or more of the numerous magazines from over the border are not to be found. Books of any merit are less read than ever, as every bookseller can testify, their places of late years being taken by the ephemeral, cheap and nasty novel, and magazines of similar character; but "this is another story." Even the New York daily and weekly newspapers are in evidence in the land, especially in the cities, as any person may see for himself by a glance at the newsdepots or the street corners of Toronto, Montreal and That this is not wholly due to lower prices arising from a larger market, is shown by the number of readers who have recourse to English papers in our lending libraries and reading rooms, to say nothing of direct subscribers, who will have them at any price or rate of postage.

[—]The annual report of the chief of the Brantford, Ont., fire department showed that the losses by fire in that city during 1904 were \$5,321, one of the lowest years on record.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

It is pleasant to have to notice the above institution under its old title, which carries with it more prestige and confidence than was realized when it was altered a few years ago. The report for last year indicates that this is so, for it is the best issued since the amalgamation with the Western Canada and another loan company.

The net earnings for 1904 were \$537,193, against \$514,219 in the previous year. There was \$138,822 brought from 1903, so the amount for appropriation was \$671,015. This sum provided for two dividends of 3 per cent. each, \$357,081; a transference of \$250,000 to reserve fund, and \$63,934 to remain at credit of profit and loss. The reserve fund was thus raised to \$2,000,000, which will be an important factor in the company's profit earning resources.

The business movement of the past year is shown by following comparisons:

	1904.	1903.	Increase.
Deposits	\$2,734,577	\$2,271,538	\$463,039
Sterling debentures	8,943,414	8 744,500	198,914
Currency debentures	3,767.794	3,577,741	190,053
Debenture stock	446,760	446,760 1	no change
Reserve fund	2,000,000	1,750,000	250.000
Mortgages	21,554,624	20,758,468	796,156
Call and short loans	1.386,733	1,436.576	decrease
Debentures owned	481,208	509,226	decrease
Real estate acquired by deed			
or foreclosure	786	37,720	decrease

The increase in sterling debentures reverses the movement of 1903 in which year they were decreased to the extent of \$1,171,956. The reduction of the amount of real estate acquired by deed or foreclosure down to \$786 is an especially bright spot in the report, as properties so acquired are usually very troublesome and unprofitable. To have so striking an amount of this class of property on hand speaks much for the excellent judgment shown in making advances on mortgage, but what is not known about such loans by Vice-President J. Herbert Mason, is not worth knowing, who is admitted to be the ablest and most widely experienced authority on mortgage loan business in Canada, and has around him a highly capable staff of officers, many of whom had the great advantage of being trained under his eye, and who have imbibed his principles and are familiar with his methods.

THE ONTARIO INSURANCE REPORT.

The report for the year 1903, recently issued by Mr. J. Howard Hunter, of Toronto, inspector of insurance and registrar of friendly societies for the province of Ontario, is contained in a compact volume of some 525 pages. Notwithstanding its size it would, we opine, be difficult to choose from the matter therein contained any portion that could be cut away without destroying the completeness of the work.

Among the contents of the volume, readers will be more particularly attracted to two appended addresses delivered by Mr. Hunter, one before the Mutual Fire

Underwriters' Association; the other an address at the thirteenth annual of the Canadian Fraternal Association, in Toronto. The former appears to have been impromptu, the result of a request to say something on the Reviewing rapidly the history of mutual occasion. insurance in Ontario during the seventy years of its existence, the framing and modification of measures for its protection and safe conduct, Mr. Hunter led up to a piece of practical advice in respect of "surplus moneys," which we cannot treat better than by reproducing some extracts substantially in his own words. The annual statements for 1903 show that the companies had a good year. Liabilities scarcely exist, and they have good sums in bank, and investments besides. Referring to the recent Act dealing with permissible investments, he said, "it is not intended that you will suspend your own judgment in selecting investments. The enactment distinctly states that the investments must be in other respects reasonable and proper." A fire insurance company with investments must keep itself in this position,its investments must be easily realizable if anything Most of the companies keep a large sum in the bank. It is prudent to have a substantial sum in the bank earning 3 per cent., and I have no doubt you have made arrangements to that effect. Municipal bonds are as a general rule a good investment. If anything happened necessitating your selling them, you would have no difficulty in selling them at what they cost you, or better. He paid a high testimonial to the sagacity of Mr. Strong, of the Gore Mutual in this respect. "It is a very easy matter to put money into mortgages, but how Mr. Strong has managed that the mortgagors are persons who always meet their liabilities, I do not know." . . . "You are financial companies; you should not have to crave for a loan; you should all be past that stage; and if you desire to retain the public confidence you should have a substantial reserve. The day for passing the hat has gone. Take the case of the city of Baltimore and its recent great What would happen if the sufferers there had to wait until the insurance companies scrambled around trying to get money to pay their losses? The city would never be rebuilt! When your people have had a bad fire in their home or farm buildings, they need the insurance money quickly. It is true the Ontario Insurance Act gives the companies 60 days in which to pay losses; but I would say to you that if you are satisfied as to it being a bona fide claim and a case of destitution, do not delay in paying. You will strengthen your hands by early payment. I know there are cases in which fraud is tried on the company; and in such cases I say 'fight to the bitter end. Take advantage of everything the Act allows you." Many of you gentlemen have had large experience in these matters. If the loss is an honest loss, and the amount claimed is reasonably proved, and it is a case of destitution, do not wait the 60 days. It will strengthen you with the community when they learn that you are doing better than the law compels Now, how can a company, depending upon assessments and passing the hat when claims arise, how can such a company be in a position to do its duty to the community? It is not in a financial position to do its duty. Then, there is one thing you should never, as directors, be

compelled to do; and that is to give your personal security to a bank or money-lender for the company's liabilities. That was never intended by the Act, and it is not in any sense necessary. I say that when directors put a company into such a position, they deserve all they get. They should provide for the wants of their company better. In singling out some of the old companies, I am doing so just to give you examples. We cannot in Ontario treat mutual fire insurance as an experiment."

In entering upon the subject of life insurance securities the superintendent explained the object of recent provincial legislation as limiting the number of such institutions to those already in existence. The effect of further incorporation would be "to bring into competition with existing societies, struggling with the question of financial reform, societies that had no sense of responsibility and no immediate liabilities impending" to the great disadvantage of the former and the postponement of needed reform. There is quite a difference between sick and funeral benefit or friendly societies and those sought to be established for speculative purposes.

Mr. Hunter also set aside all uncertainty for the future concerning claims under "preferred beneficiaries," citing the following among the clauses passed in 1903: "Any person now being, or hereafter becoming entitled as beneficiary, or by assignment, or other derivative title to money payable under a contract of insurance, and possessing at the time of action brought the right, either at law or in equity, to receive, and the right to give an effectual discharge to the insurer liable under such contract for such money, shall be at liberty to sue for the same in his own name."

He also dealt with claims arising in the case of persons domiciled abroad. The law enacted in 1903 provides that "where the person (including corporation) entitled to receive money due and payable under any contract of insurance within the meaning of this Act is domiciled, or is resident, in a foreign jurisdiction, and payment, valid according to the law of such jurisdiction, is made to such person, such payment shall be valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever, whether the person receiving and entitled to receive such money received the same in his own right or received the money as the agent, representative, tru-tee, guardian, curator, tutor or committee of another."

Mr. Hunter's comments on term contracts occupies a large share of his space. A discussion arose on this feature of life assurance, one in which the great old-time companies are interested. It was rendered the more interesting by the questions put and remarks made by such influential experts as Dr. Oronhyatekha, Mr. Lyman Lee, Hon. W. H. Montague and others.

The Ontario superintendent appears to have all the details of the business at his fingers' ends, and we regret that the space at our disposal prevents our being able to do more than scant justice to the details of his Report, especially those portions included in the Appendix where the man himself comes more into view.

THE JANUARY FIRE LOSS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the month of January, as compiled from the records of the "Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin," shows a total of \$16,378,100. The following comparison shows the January record for three years:

	1903.	1904.	1905.
January	\$ 13,166,350	\$ 21,790,200	\$16,378,100
February	16,090,800	90,051,000	
March	9,907,650	11,212,150	M
April	13,549,000	23,623,000	
May	16,366,800	15,221,400	
June	14,684,350	10,646,700	
July	12,838,600	11,923,200	
August	8,428 350	9,715,200	
September	9,939,450	14,387,650	Tour
October	10,409,800	12,866,200	
November	13 589,550	11,515,000	
December	17,224,700	19,422,350	
Total.,	\$156,195,600	\$252,364,050	

During the past month there were 334 fires of a destructiveness, each, of \$10,000 or more, which may be classified as follows:

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The large fires during January were these:	
Long Branch. N.J., department store	\$200,000
Brockville, Ont., carriage factory	250,000
Kansas City, Mo., grain elevator	380,000
Philadelphia, Pa., oil refinery	200,000
Milwaukee. Wis., saddlery house and other	258.000
Chelsea, Mass., hotel, theatre and other	200,000
Oswego, N.Y., starch factory	225,000
Chicago, Ill., meat storage plant	227,000
Omaha, Neb., several business houses	630,000

January is usually a severe month as regards fire losses, and, in addition, the fire insurance companies require to pay out considerable sums for taxes, license fees, etc. In January last year two of the losses, amounting to two million dollars, were on uninsured risks. This year January fires seem, to an unusual extent, to have occurred in property fully covered by insurance, so that the underwriters have been complaining since the first week of the year.

NEW WHOLESALE COMMISSION FIRM.

Mr. William Peart, for many years associated with the produce commission firm of Loynachan, Scriver Co.. Ltd., Montreal, and Mr. Augustus F. Dillon for some years past prominently connected with the Montreal Street Railway Company, have formed a partnership under the style of Dillon & Peart, and have opened up business on McGill street, that thoroughfare so long famed for this branch of trade. Young in years, but old in experience, the members of the firm commence under bright auspices.

FAVORING U. S. EXPORTERS.

Whatever changes take place in the commercial affairs of our Southern neighbors is of more or less interest to Canada, more particularly as regards any changes in the tariff. The following correspondence from Washington proves that as the United States grows in population and producing capacity changes to suit these growths must be made. Free hides, free wool, free lumber-in a word, free raw and partially manufactured materials of every sort and description—are now at the disposal of American manufacturers engaged in the export trade, as a result of the far-reaching drawback decision of By the provosions of the circular of the Attorney-General. instructions issued by the secretary of the treasury, pursuant to the opinion of the Attorney-General, manufacturers may import every class of material, pay the duty at the time of its importation and recover 99 per cent .of such duty when it is shown that the imported article is contained in a finished product subsequently exported.

Among the industries which secretary Shaw has pointed out as certain to be materially benefitted is the boot and shoe industry of New England. Heretofore the tanner has been able to import hides, tan them, and then secure the drawback when they were exported, but serious difficulties confronted the manufacturer who converted the imported hides into shoes and then applied for the drawback. Now he can import hides, tan them, manufacture them into boots and shoes and obtain the drawback by showing the amount of imported material in the exported product.

Heretotore, wire manufactured in whole or in part from Swedish iron was entitled to the drawback, but if the imported ore was manufactured into stoves and other commodities of a similar character the drawback was denied. Now the drawback can probably be obtained on every stove, sewing machine, boiler, locomotive or other finished p to contain any imported material.

The California fruit industry will be materially benefited if tinplate is imported and made into cans, which, when filled with domestic fruit and exported, will then be entitled to the drawback.

It is noteworthy that the assumed absence of authority to grant such extensive drawbacks has hitherto appealed to Secretary Shaw as the strongest reason in favor of some readjustment of the existing tariff laws, and it is possible, so far-reaching is the principle enunciated by the Attorney-General, that it may remove the immediate necessity of any change in the Dingley act. Whether the proposed extensive granting of drawbacks will have the effect of curtailing the revenues to an extent which will render tariff readjustment imperative it is impossible to determine at this time.

The legal proposition set forth by the Attorney-General is that the section of the Dingley act which provides for drawbacks and declares that the imported material "shall so appear in the completed articles that the quantity or measure thereof may be ascertained" may be so construed that the term "appear" shall mean "that knowledge which comes to the mind as a result of evidence, as well as knowledge derived from the exercise of the senses." The Attorney-General further says:—

"In my opinion, where it is proposed to export a product manufactured in the United States from a combination of domestic material and foreign material which has paid duty, and customs officials can identify the foreign material and can ascertain to their satisfaction by the evidence of books of accounts or otherwise the quantity or measure of foreign material actually present in the completed article, the exporter is entitled to receive a drawback of 99 per cent. of the duties paid upon the imported material thus ascertained to be present in the completed article."

"It is, of course, impossible to say now just what effect this drawback ruling will have." said Secretary Shaw this afternoon. "but it will probably result in the consumption of several thousand or perhaps several hundred thousand bushels of our domestic wheat in foreign markets that would otherwise have been thrown upon our own markets at a reduced price or not sold at all. I think it is safe to say that more than \$100,000,000 worth of our foreign trade today depends upon draw-

backs for its being. Take, for instance, the sale of a locomotive abroad. The American manufacturers of this costly piece of mechanism do not receive much in the way of drawbacks on all the articles that go to make up the machine, for most of the parts are made of iron and steel and brass that are from our own mines.

"Only a few trinkets are made of imported materials, and the drawbacks on that locomotive may amount to \$200 or less. But that \$200 that they are able to shave from their selling price abroad probably allows them to make the sale of not only that one locomotive, but hundreds of other as well. A drawback of a few dollars, therefore, on a single piece of mechanism may mean the sale abroad of many thousands of dollars' worth of manufactures. Of the \$100,000,000 worth of manufactured goods sold in foreign markets as a result of drawbacks given by the Treasury Department at least \$50,000,000 goes into the pockets of American workmen as wages. Therefore I am firmly convinced that drawbacks are a great benefit to the country, and should be encouraged."

The most strenuous objectors to the drawback ruling will be the millers of the Dominion of Canada. Their flour, which is now shipped to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, and the other great marts of the United Kingdom, will soon meet a vigorous rival in the product that will be ground by the mills of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago. St. Louis and other cities. If the American millers take away a good proportion of the trade held by the Canadian manufacturers through the operation of the drawback concession, it may have a serious effect on the labor problem of the Dominion. If these labor interests are strong enough, it is suggested by Treasury Department officials, an effort may be made to pass an export tax law for Canada. Nothing short of such a drastic measure could interfere with the new flour trade American mills hope to acquire across the Aflantic.

MORE DEFINITE INVOICES.

An official circular has been issued by the Department of Customs regarding invoice forms and entries. It provides that exporters at points of origin must show on invoices of goods exported to Canada the amount of any freight prepaid and also the amount of any freight allowance made by the exporter to the purchaser in Canada, in order that the collector may determine the actual selling price of the goods to the Canadian purchaser in the country of export, in condition packed ready for shipment as prescribed by the customs regulations.

The fair market value of goods manufactured solely for export and not sold for home consumption may usually be determined by ascertaining the total cost to produce the goods in condition ready for the market, including all expenses, and adding thereto the usual ratio of profit made on home consumption sales of similar lines of goods. This basis should be followed by exporters in arriving at the estimate of value to be stated by them on their invoices. It will be deemed a sufficient compliance with the regulations by the exporters in such cases if they make a statement on their invoices to the effect that the goods are not sold for home consumption, and if they in addition state an estimated value in the column for their market value. The certificate as to the market value will be held qualified by the estimate of value and by the statement that the goods are not sold for home consumption. The values to be stated in the "home consumption" value column of invoices of goods sold by the exporter prior to shipment to Canada are the rate values per yard, gallon, dozen or as the case may be. Such value may be shown by the list price and the rate of discount. without the total value.

In respect of articles not merchandise, and in respect of perishable goods, such as oysters, fruits, etc. for which immediate delivery is necessary, collectors may accept such fair invoices as it is practicable to obtain for entry purposes, provided the goods be carefully examined and appraised.

Postal packages and small importations of goods not exceeding \$25 in value may be entered on small collection forms as neretofore, provided that a bona fide invoice (certified) shall be produced for the entry of all goods being merchandise for

sale. The collector may use his discretion as to the form of certificate on casual invoices of merchandise accepted for entry on small collection forms.

Duties reduced—When the articles are imported by manufacturers of burial caskets, or burial robes for use in such manufacture, viz., casket gimps and fringes, and embroidered or embossed chiffon from 35 per cent. to 10 per cent. ad valorem. Silk cloth, including satin from 30 per cent. to 10 per cent.

ad valorem.

"To avoid possible misapprehension, it is ordered that these reduction rates shall be subject to further reduction by one-third thereof under the provisions of the preferential tariff or to an addition of one-third thereof under the provisions of the surtax tariff if the importation of the goods properly comes under such preferential or surtax tariffs."

In order to carry out the provisions of sections 32 and 33 of the animal quarantine regulations it has been decided that imported live stock subject to quarantine or inspection and intended to be kept in Canada must be entered for duty at the port of quarantine or inspection, and cannot be forwarded in bond from such quarantine or inspection port to interior points except as hereinafter stated:

Live stock subject to quarantine cannot be entered for duty at a port where there is no quarantine station established.

Collectors of customs are not to sign premits for delivery of imported live stock subject to quarantine or inspection until the requirements as to quarantine and inspection have been complied with. Horses imported for feeding and pasturage and animals (other than swine) for purposes of exhibition may, nowever, be forwarded in bond to the customs port of destination in Canada after satisfying requirements in regard to quarantine or inspection as the cases may be.

Animals in transit through Canada for exportation are to be forwarded in bond subject to inspection in the Canadian port

of shipment.

LONDON FUR SALES.

The Hudson's Bay Company offered at their sale, January 23: Beaver, 29,659; muskrat, 1,057,272; rabbits, 4,449.

Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co. offered, January 23-27: Racoon, 85,000; Northwest Coast fur seals, 2,000; muskrat, 1,650,oon, 85,000; Northwest Coast fur seals, 2,000; muskrat, 1,650,oo: skunk, 280,000; opossum, 50,000; mink, 44,000; marten,
44.000: Russian sable, 5,000; silver fox, 90; cross fox, 350; red
45.000; gray fox, 15,000; white fox, 4,000; bear, 3,000;
fox, 7,000; gray fox, 15,000; wild cat, 3,500; Japanese fox, 45,oo; dry hair seal, 1,500; real chinchilla, 1,500; bastard chinhilla, 6,000; grebe, 1,000; Australian opossum, 800,000; wombat,
13.000; wallaby, 150,000; kangaroo, 200; squirrel, 450, and
2,700 squirrel sacs.

Results by cable: Hudson's Bay Company's sale: Beaver, 171/2 per cent. higher than last January. Muskrat, spring, 271/2 per cent. lower than last January. Muskrat, winter, 15 per cent. lower than last January. Muskrat, fall, 10 per cent. lower than last January. Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale: Beaver, 25 per cent. higher than last January. Lynx, 121/2 per cent. higher than last January. Otter, 30 per cent. higher than last January. Wolverine, 15 per cent. higher than last January. Northwest Coast seals, same as December, 1904. Red fox, 221/2 per cent. lower than last March. Wild cat, 10 per cent. lower than last March. Cross fox, same as last March. House cat, same as last March. Australian opossum, same as last October. Silver fox, 20 per cent. higher than last March. Badger, 40 per cent. higher than last March. Wallaby, 10 per cent. higher than last October. Wombat. 15 per cent. higher than last October. Mink, 50 per cent. higher than last March. Marten, 45 per cent. higher than last March. Ermine, 10 per cent, higher than last March. Russian sable, 15 per cent. higher than last March. White fox, same as last March.

Chinchillia, same as last October. Skunk, 15 per cent. higher than last March. Civet cat, 15 per cent. higher than last March. Opossum, 30 per cent. lower than last March. Gray fox, 20 per cent. lower than last March. Kitt fox, 10 per cent. lower than last March. Wolf, 40 per cent. lower than last March. Hair seal, dry, same as last March. Grebe, 100 per cent. higher than last March. Bear, 15 per cent. higher than last March. Muskrat, spring, 71/2 per cent. lower than last January. Muskrat, fall, 10 per cent. lower than last January. Muskrat, winter, 20 per cent. lower than last January. Muskrat, Northwest, 20 per cent. lower than last January: Muskrat, southwest, 20 per cent. lower than last January. Black muskrat, 71/2 per cent. higher than last January. Raccoon, same as last March.

CHEMICALS.

A private Manchester circular, date January 27th, treating of the chemical situation says:—Those who were expecting a great increase of activity with the opening of the New Year have been disappointed, and some complaint is made that the much talked of improvement is not very noticeable in this month. A fair amount of business has, however, been passing, and values remain steady, and the general feeling continues hopeful although the grave troubles on the continent have had some disquieting effect.

In the heavy alkali branch there is a steady demand. Bleaching powder is firm, and makers ask rather higher prices on spot, but forward value is unchanged. Caustic soda only moves slowly, and concessions in price are offered for contracts for three months or longer. Ammonia alkali continues firm, and soda crystals and bicarbonate are unaltered. Chlorates of potash and soda are selling fairly well at the fixed prices. In tar products generally there is latterly some improvement, owing to the strikes in Germany. For benzole, 90 per cent., the demand is good and the market hardening. Solvent naphtha continues steady, deliveries being taken freely by consumers. Crude carbolic is, however, barely steady, but makers are not showing themselves anxious to sell; crystals are moving quietly and liquid has latterly rather more enquiry.

Pitch is looking a little better and a fair amount of business has been done for early and forward delivery at somewhat higher prices than they talked of about a fortnight ago. Sulphate of ammonia is firm for near delivery, and higher figures are easily obtainable. In general chemicals a notable feature is the continued advance and scarcity in acetate of lime. Acetate of soda also continues strong, makers being heavily engaged for some months ahead. Acetates of lead are steady, but foreign white is rather more plentiful. Nitrate of lead has advanced 20s per ton, and is in demand. Other lead salts remain steady. In sulphate of copper a good trade has been passing, but the position is now rather easier. Green copperas is dull and is too plentiful.

Carbonate and caustic potash are very firm, and makers hold out for still higher prices, necessitated by increased cost of raw materials, but consumers content themselves with buying small lots. Arsenic is firmer, some good sales having recently been made. Ammonia salts are unchanged. Tartaric acid is only selling slowly, although now so cheap.

DUTY ON LUMBER.

The annual meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Canada was held in the council room of the Board of Trade building, Toronto, some days ago, and was thoroughly representative of the lumbering interests of Ontario. Among those present were President W. D. Lummis; Messrs. W. Laking, Hamilton; R. Laidlaw, Toronto; George Thompson, Goderich; W. B. MeLean, Toronto; R. H. Roys, Sandwich; Robt. Watt,

Wiarton; W. J. Maitland, and E. J. Harrison, Owen Sound; J. S. Shook, Peterboro'; Dwight J. Turner and J. Turner, Midland; R. Cooke, South River; J. B. Miller, Toronto, and the secretary-treasurer, W. P. Tindall, of Toronto.

The meeting discussed at length the free importation of Georgia pine into Canada, and a resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the decision to meet the premier with a view to securing, if possible, reciprocal legislation governing the tariif on lumber coming into Canada. United States lumber enters Canada free, while the duty on Canadian lumber entering the United States is \$2 per thousand. The lumbermen state that the competition from American manufacturers has lately been growing to an alarming extent, and that, whereas in 1903 the fotal imports aggregated 60,000,000 feet, the record tor 1904 showed total importations of 140,000,000 feet.

There was apparent a determination on the part of the members to secure better treatment from the railroads. This found expression in a resolution complaining that the dealers of Ontario were suffering at the hands of the railroads from the unfair working of demurrage charges. On account of the uncertain supply of cars at some points and the great irregularity of forwarding cars, a number of cars from one consignee often accumulated in transit, and all were placed on the siding at one time to be unloaded. The demurrage in these instances was strictly assessed without regard to the cause of the accumulation. It was, therefore resolved that the association protest against these conditions and join in presenting this question before the railway commission for equitable adjustment.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

Railroad earnings in January are somewhat mixed, many roads reporting a considerable increase in preceding months now reporting a loss, and among these are some prominent southern and southwestern roads. Total gross earnings of all U. S. roads reposting for the three weeks of the month are \$18,060,729, an increase of only 1.1 per cent. compared with last year. Total earnings of roads reporting for the second week are slightly small than last year, but for the first and third weeks there is a small gain. These are chiefly central, western, southern and southwest roads, and while severe storms have interfered with traffic somewhat in the west, the roads have not suffered any more seriously in this respect than in January last year. In the following table, compiled by Dun's, earnings for three weeks of January are compared with last year, and earnings for practically the same roads for the first three weeks of December; also earnings of leading systems reporting for December and the two preceding months:

	Gross earning	rs.		Per
	1905.		finds of	cent.
Jan., 3 weeks	\$ 18,060,729	Gain	\$ 191,714	1.1
Dec., 3 weeks	19,048,650 G	ain	1,319,730	7.3
Dec	91,813,096	Gain	6,893,000	8.1
Nov	97,413,290	Gain	7,647,341	8.5
Oct	101,492,543	Gain	1,959,907	2.0
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The classified statement for the month of December now inentues 100,461 miles of road in the United States, and many leading systems in all sections of the United States. Total gross earnings are \$91,813,096, an increase of 8.1 per cent. over December, 1903. The anthracite coal roads, central western and Pacific roads lead in the precentage of increase. There are good gains on all classes of roads. The eastern trunk lines report an increase in earnings of 8.0 per cent., compared with December of the preceding year. The Granger and southern roads included report an increase of more than 6 per cent., though the grain and cotton movement was practically unchanged from December of the preceding year. The statement gives evidence of a substantial increase in nearly all important classes of freights. Earnings of leading systems reporting for December, classified by sections or important classes of traffic, are compared below with the corresponding month of the preceding year:

	Gross earnin	gs,		Per
December	1904.	Intella		cent.
Trunk eastern	\$ 25,576,297	Gain	\$1,887,178	8.0
Trunk, western	7,206,540	Gain	496,910	7.4
Anthr. coal	7,674,011 G	ain	879,801	13.0
Centras west	7,448,491	Gain	677,720	10.0
Granger	6,210,083	Gain	356,054	6.1
Southern		Gain	766,160	6.1
South west		Gain	924,945	5.9
Pacific	7.973,915	Gain	904,232	12.8
U. S. roads	91,813,096	Gain	6,893,000	8.1
Canadian	COLUMN THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PART	Gain	296,000	7.0
Mexican	The second secon	Gain	76,484	2.1
Total	\$100,103,183	Gain	\$7.255,484	7.8

-Cattle dealers from various parts of the Dominion attended the annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle-Breeders' Association, held at Toronto recently, and expressed satisfaction with the present condition of the cattle trade. The secretary, in his report, commented with satisfaction on the growing importance of the live stock industry of the Dominion and the effectiveness of the cattle, sheep, and swine associations in improving the quality and increasing the magnitude of the live stock products. This was promoted by an educational campaign and by means of provincial fairs, poultry shows, and other similar methods. The report advised each member to take a special interest in the agricultural fair held in his district and to see, if possible, that it were so conducted that the greatest good would result. Mr. F. W. Hodson expounded his plan of nationalizing the Canadian records, and a resolution The Dominion was carried in acordance with his views. veterinary inspector delivered an instructive address on the regulations ruling on the admittance of foreign stock into Canada and the laws on the export and import cattle trade.

-Portage la Prairie, Man., was visited by a destructive fire on the 6th instant, when the R. P. Campbell block was completely destroyed, D. Cassel's store partially burned, and some loss sustained by J. O. Cadham and T. T. Bailey. The total loss will amount to \$35,000. R. P. Campbell. owner of the block, estimates its value at \$18,000, with insurance of \$10,000, in the Canadian, Queen, Hartford, and Phoenix companies. Mr. Sallaw's furniture stock is a total loss. The stock was valued at \$11 000 and insured for \$8.000 in the Northern, Guardian, Norwich Union, London and Liverpool and Globe, and London J. T. Palmer, photo studio, sustained a loss of \$1,000, having no insurance. D. Cassell's loss is about \$2.000 in building and stock. There was \$2,200 insurance on the building and \$1,000 on the contents in the Canadian Fire Company. T. T. Bail'y's loss is \$250 and J. O. Cadham's \$300. The exact loss to the C.P.R. Telegraph and Dominion Express is not yet ascertained, but will run between \$1,000 and \$1,500. It is stated that among other valuables was some insurance. in the safe was \$1,000 in bills.

-The Bessemer Iron Company has been incorporated. capital is \$200,000, and the incorporators are Robert Henry and E. S. B. Sutton, C. W. Baldwin, A. B. Standish, and T. Bailey .-The B. A. Pyrites Company. of Toronto. capital \$750,000, has secured a charter. The first directors are Albert R. Moore. John W. Cheeseworth, James Gordon Mowat and Winnifred Stonge.—The Elizabeth Copper Mining Company, with a capital of \$250.000, has been incorporated, the incorporators being C. W. Baldwin, A. E. Sharpe, S. T. Handy, E. Demar, A. B. Standish. C. W. Givon W. L. Murdock, F. E. Ketchum, W. C. Sutherland, G. Ritchie, G. Gilbert, O. G. Brubaker and S. G. Abbott, and John A. Montague.—Other companies incorporated are the Canadian Fording Box Company, of Brantford, capital \$40,000; the Great Northern Lumber Company. of Toronto. capital \$50 000; Port Stanley Hotel & Amusement Company, capital \$75,000. The Gilmour Folding Door Company has been authorized to increase its capital from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

-As showing the class of goods required in such countries as Japan, China, and the Philippine Islands, we reprint the tollowing, which are some of the items in the cargo of the steamer Minnesota, which sailed from Seattle January 23 on her maiden trip to Japan, Hong Kong and Manila: For Japan she carried 14,300 kegs of nails, 1923 bundles wire, 421 packages machinery (\$181,827), 2,081 bales leather, 12,855 bales cotton, 37,380 copper ingots, 15,120 steel splices, 71 flat cars 3,225 barrels flour and quantities of canned goods, hardware, oil and tobacco. Her Manila cargo included 10,648 casks oats, 2,883 bales hay and various small items. The most valuableitems in her Shanghai cargo were 8,825 bales of domestics (\$361791), 1,420 cases cigarettes and 65 hogsheads tobacco (\$91,337), the balance being made up of flour, canned meats, The grand total value of condensed milk, nails, copper, etc. the cargo is \$1,908,392, and is the largest cargo ever shipped from the Pacific Coast.

-The Department of Trade and Commerce is in receipt of a communication from the commercial agent for Trinidad, who desires to draw the attention of hay exporters in Canada to the fact that large quantities of hay, apparently, can be shipped from Canada to Trinidad via dealers in New York at a profit to the New York dealers, which is lost to the Canadian hay exporters by reason of the fact that they do not export themselves direct to Trinidad. The statistics for Trinidad show the total value of hay imported for the year ended March 31st, 1904, was £3,334 of which £2793 is credited to the United States, and only £377 credited as coming from Canada. One of the principal exporters from New York writes, stating that the only hay that can be exported profitably from New York to Trinidad is hay bought in Canada, which comes through in carload lots of about 150 bales, weighing 140 to 150 pounds each.

The Department of Customs has issued new regulations respecting the direct importation of molasses from other than British countries. The invoice of the shipment is required to be a certificate stating that the molasses therein described has been produced in the process of manufacture of cane sugar from the juice of the cane without any admixture with any other ingredient, and is in the original packages in which it was placed at the point of production and not afterwards subjected to any process of mixing or treating. Molasses produced in Louislana must be consigned direct, by vessel or railway, from a port or place in Louisiana to a port in Canada. Molasses produced in Cuba must be consigned direct from a port in Cuba to a port in Canada, but may be transhipped in an intermediate country, under customs supervision, without change of original destmation in Canada.

The report of the superintendent of commercial agencies shows that during the year three new commercial agencies were established, viz., in Japan, Bristol, Eng. and Mexico. The superintendent draws attention to the frequency of the complaint from foreign countries of the dilatoriness of Canadian manufacturers and shippers in forwarding orders and answering correspondence. "I have been asked, therefore," he says, "to secure the publication of an earnest departmental appeal to all exporters to see that Canada is freed from reproaches in this particular." The report shows that commercial agencies are now established pretty generally throughout the British Empire, as well as in several foreign countries. There is not, however a single commercial agent in the United States, the country with which, despite hostile tariffs, Canada does considerable of her foreign trade.

—It is stated at Ottawa that Henry C. Spalding, New York; John I. Davidson H. Howland, R. C. Steele and Andrew T. Drummond. of Toronto; T. W. Hugo, Duluth, and Telford Burnham, Chicago, are the men behind the proposed \$15,000,000 ham, Chicago, are the men behind the Georgian Bay and scheme to construct canals between the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario. The idea, not altogether a new one, and over which much discussion has arisen from time to time, is to con-

struct navigable waterways from a point on the Georgian Bay between Waubaushene and Port Severn or on Nottawasaga Bay, along the valley of the Nottawasaga River and thence to some point on Lake Ontario in either the county of York or the county of Ontario. The company, which seeks power to collect tolls and expropriate lands, will call itself "The Canadian Canals Corporation."

—The London Morning Standard says that the importation of Manitoba No. 1 hard into the United States will help to open the eyes of Englishmen to the great value of the Canadian wheat fields and the desirability of encouraging their development. In the past, it says, owing to the fiscal system, as well as to the stream of capital which we have poured into the United States, we have built up a less good wheat area to the hindering of the development of the better wheat fields of the Dominion and made ourselves largely dependent upon the American supply. We are paying for this policy now in dearer bread. It would be cheaper this year if in the past we had taken the pains necessary for the encouraging of the Canadian rather than the American wheat farmer, and the existing situation shows we have not exhibited either enlightened patriotism or regard for sound economy.

—Wool is proving to be a scarce commodity in the United States. A contract has recently been entered into. says a Dickinson, North Dakota, report, whereby J. B. Stoddard of Sentinel, Butte, agrees to deliver his entire 1905 elip to an Eastern firm at 20 cents per pound. William Holtan Dye, of Indianapolis, acted as agent for the wool house, and deposited \$1,050 to secure the contract. Mr. Stoddard, who is chairman of the Billings County Board of Commissioners. is a well-in formed wool grower. He will have something like 80 000 pounds the coming spring. Some of Mr. Stoddard's neighbors, also large growers, refuse to contract at 20 cents, and are confidently expecting to get from 23 to 24 cents per pound for good clips this year.

—A petition from the Canadian Northern Railway Company was tabled at Ottawa. It asks for an extension of time for the construction of uncompleted lines, desires authority to lease or acquire running powers over the Great Northern, the Chateauguay & Northern, the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa, the Quebec New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, and the James Bay Railways, and authority to construct the following branch lines: From Regina to Carlton on the North Saskatchewan; Regina to Pas Mission on the Saskatchewan; from a point on the C.P.R. between Humboldt and the South Saskatchewan to a point near the crossing of the Saskatchewan by the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Northern, and from a point on the main line of the Canadian Northern into Battleford.

—Incorporation is sought for the Ottawa River & Northern Railway Company, with a right to construct a line from Grenville to a point on the Lievre, where it will be crossed by the projected line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The construction of telegraph and telephone services along the line of railway and the development of hydraulic and electric power are also desired.

—The Board of Customs. Ottawa, has rendered the following decisions:—Swiss milk chocolate and like preparations in which cocoa is the chief component material and not being cocoa paste, cocoa or cocoa butter, dutiable at 20 per cent. Agaragar Kanten, or Chinese isinglass, or Japanese isinglass, 25 per cent. Spruce tree seed, 10 per cent. Automobiles, 35 per cent. Rubber tires for automobiles, 35 per cent.

ERRATA.—About the middle of the left-hand column, page 285. last Friday's issue, in the words "market fees and other triffing imports" the last word should be imposts.—On page 295, the 4th paragraph of "Financial," the word "premises" should read "premiums."—Page 286, in the 12th line of the article, "Home and Foreign Competition, the word "country" should be "century."

Meetings, Reports, &c.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual meeting of shareholders of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation was held in the head office of the corporation, Toronto, on Tuesday, the seventh inst., at 12 o'clock noon.

On motion the chair was taken by Mr. J. Herbert Mason, the 1st vice-president, and the secretary, Mr. George H. Smith, was appointed secretary of the meeting. At the request of the chairman the secretary read the report of the directors and general statement for 1904, which are as follows:—

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

In presenting to the shareholders their fifth annual report and statement of the business of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, the directors desire to again congratulate the shareholders on the improved condition of its affairs as exhibited in the accompanying statement, duly verified by the auditors.

The net earnings for the year amount to \$537,193.24, to which falls to be added the unappropriated profits at the end of the previous year, amounting to \$133,822.32, which were disposed of as follows:—

\$671,015.56

Aft which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE GOODERHAM,

President.

Toronto January 25th, 1905.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities to the public.

Deposits and accrued interest\$	2,734,577.21
Debentures-sterling-and accrued	
interest (£1,837,688 0s 1d.)	8,943,414.96
Debentures—currency—and accru-	
ed interest	3,767,790.05
Debenture stock and accrued in-	
terest (£91,800)	445,760.00
Balance due bankers in Great Bri-	
tain (£48944s9d)	23,818.62
Sundry accounts	12,703.91
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\$15,929,068.75

Liabilities to shareholders.

Capital stock\$	5.951,350.00
Reserve fund \$2,000,000.00	
Unappropriated pro-	
fits 63,934.56	
de college for the delegate or there	2,063 934.56
Dividend No. 10\$ 178,540.50	
Dividends unclaimed 63.90	

8.193,888.96

\$24,122,957.71

178,604.40

ASSETS.

Mortgages	s on	real	estate	\$21,554,624.32
Advances	on bo	onds	and stocks	1 380,733.02

\$22,935,357,34

municipal debentures	481,208.63
Real estate acquired by deed or foreclosure	786.16
Office premises (Toronto and Winnipeg)	351,596.97
Cash on hand and in banks	354,008.61

\$24,122,957.71

J. HERBERT MASON,

Managing Director.

We certify that we have audited the books and examined the vouchers and securities of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation for the year 1904.

The accompanying statement is a correct exhibit of the affairs of the corporation as on December 31st, 1904.

A. E. OSLER, A.C.A. HENRY BARBER, F.C.A.

Auditors.

Toronto. January 24th, 1905.

On motion of the chairman, seconded by the second vice-president, Mr. W. H. Beatty, the directors' report was unanimously adopted. The election of directors was then held, resulting in the re-election of Messrs. George Gooderham, J. Herbert Mason, W. H. Beatty, Ralph K. Burgess, George F. Galt, Winnipeg W. G. Gooderham, W. D. Matthews, George W. Monk. S. Nordheimer, R. T. Riley, Winnipeg, J. M. Robinson, St. John, N.B., and Frederick Wyld.

At a subsequent meeting of the board officers were re-elected as follows:—President, George Gooderham, first vice-president, J. Herbert Mason, second vice-president, W. H. Beatty.

—The freight steamer Damara, of the Furness line, from Liverpool, for Halifax, struck a ledge at Pleasant Point, twenty miles east of Halifax, on the 7th instant, and was immediately abandoned by the crew. The Damara was built in Glasgow for the South American line in 1885, and was later acquired by Furness line. She is a vessel of 1,779 tons gross and 1,145 tons net. For the past 18 years she has been employed almost entirely in the Liverpool trade.

The properties on St. Catherine street, at and near the head of Dominion square, continue to engage the attention of real estate agents and leading retail houses, to say nothing of hotel men. Two or three large areas are reported to have changed hands in that vicinity recently, the latest being 15,000 feet on the west corner of Peel and St. Catherine street, the amount arranged for being about a quarter of a million dollars.

—We learn from London, Ont., that the Bank of Commerce closed a deal for the office building on Richmond street (part of the Gunn estate), which adjoins the bank premises. It is understood that the bank building will either be materially enlarged, or a new structure erected. If satisfactory arrangements are made with tenants building operations will be begun in April or May.

—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will apply to Parliament at the present session for an act ratifying the terms and conditions of the mortgages and securities of the company to be created and issued in aid of the construction of the western division of the company's railway, and to confirm and validate such securities.

—London, Ont., inland revenue office receipts for January, 1905, were \$34,333.59 compared with \$32.784.48 in January last year, an increase for this year of \$1,549.11.

—Owing to an accident in our press room the Journal of Commerce will reach our readers a few hours later than usual this week The Hill failure at St. Thomas is growing into a pretty tangle. We learn that a writ has been issued against Sheriff Brown, A. Nesbitt, Merchants' Dyeing and Furnishing Co., John Macdonald, and S. F. McKinnon, of Toronto, wholesale creditors of J. B. Hill and W. G. Hill. Robinson and Green are acting for John S. Smale, the bailiff, who is in possession of the stockin-trade of W. G. Hill, "Shaw's Fair." for the mortgage, John R. Green. W. G. Hill has entered proceedings against Richard Nesbitt, Dougald Brown, sheriff, and John Hopkins to recover possession of the store known as "Shaw's Fair," and P. Meechan, the landlord, has also entered proceedings for possession of the store. T. F. Kingsmill, of London, who purchased the goods of J. B. Hill for 50 cents in the dollar, is expected to open the store on Saturday.

-Messrs. H. S. Holt and James Redmond, of this city, have joined the board of the Royal Bank.

—There were 1,414 homestead entries granted in January last as compared with 1,245 for the same month of last year.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

The general store and lumber stock of Pierre S. Hardy, at Chambly, Canton, Que., is held by the assignee and doubtless, by this time, Hardy recognizes the hard business fact that it is not always good business sense to branch out. Mr. Hardy was originally of the firm of Meunier & Hardy, of Chambly Basin, starting on his own account away back in '84. He pulled along all right on small capital and in 1901 bought a saw mill for \$2,900. This he transferred to a son a year later. In Jan., '22 he claimed a surplus of \$13,167 over liabilities of \$3,742. Writs have been issued of late and he now assigns.

In May, 1901, Zepherin Daoust pulled away from a subordinate position in the Montreal retail drygoods line, and began business on his own account. He stated he had considerable money on commencing, but after carrying a stock of about \$15,000 for some time he now assigns, following the serving of writs owing to slow payments.

The general store stock of D. P. Gormley, Finch, Ont., is advertised to be sold on the 11th instant.—Mrs. S. A. Lewis, a Niagara Falls, Ont., milliner. has assigned.—Hugh Ferguson, general dealer, Dundalk, Ont., has assigned.—The assets of the insolvent firm of Cote & Fils, St. Agathe des Monts, Que., recently referred to, will be sold.—M. H. Linely, a Lady Smith, &.C., jeweller, has assigned.—Frocht Bros., house furnishings Hamilton, have assigned. Liabilities small.

THE DOMINION TEXTILE CO.

The Dominion Textile (Cotton) Company, as the new fusion is entitled, has determined to dispense with the services of selling agents, so far as they are concerned. It is, perhaps, fortunate for all interested in this reform that some of the former controlling influences are no longer to the fore, else they should have been puzzled how to proceed. No manager is to be on the board of directors. Those announced last week were merely provisional, but, with the above exception, they are all likely to be chosen for the purpose.

BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE.

For eight da	ys ending Feb. 8, 1905:
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Fah	4
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Feb.	8

—The Canadian commercial agent at Manchester, England, says the demand that exists in the Manchester district for birch lumber, pine and spruce is enormous and increasing rapidly. At present the chief sources of supply are Russia, Norway and Sweden.

FINANCIAL.

Montreal, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1905.

There seems a good prospect of the Bank of England rate being reduced next week as the outlook of the money market is clearer and brighter. It is quite likely that Germany is anxious to have the war over, so that Russia may become a less risky neighbour. Were revolution or any widespread disturbance to take place in Russia, Germany would be liable to have similar troubles, as on the borders of the two Empires, which run through Poland, the two peoples are in close touch, being Poles, who have rebellion in their blood.

With a new Government in Ontario we hope there will come an intelligible statement of the finances of that province which, for long years, have been a difficult problem.

The position of the Dominion Coal Co. is not satisfactory, but, if a current rumour is well-founded, the company will enter upon a more prosperous time. It is said that the United States Government is likely to place coal from Cape Breton on the free list along with raw materials from Canada that are exported in the form of manufactured goods. This shows how the wind is blowing regarding imports from Canada. The Dominion Coal output in January was 160,618 tons.

It is remarkable how indifferent the market has become about the war, but were peace proclaimed there would be a sharp bound upwards and a lively business done, while the excitement lasted. It is quite a delusion, however, that financial conditions in Russia and Japan would immediately be restored to their normal state. Their recovery would be very slow, and both would be borrowers after the war for reconstructive purposes. So operators need avoid being too sanguine about the permanent effects of peace. The large output of gold from South African mines is rendering Great Britain's gold situation much stronger, and less liable to be affected by foreign demands.

Sales have been made of C. P. R. at 134, but this stock has been shelved for the last two days. Dominion Coal, 65 to 661/4; Dominion Iron, pfd., 631/2; Richelieu, 633/4; Twin City. 1055/4; Montreal Street Ry., 213; Toronto, 1051/4, Halifax 109; Toledo, 221/2; Montreal Steel, com., 75; do. pfd, 107; Mackay, com., 431/4; do. pfd., 761/4; Soo, com., 100; N. S. Steel, 681/2. Banks Commerce, 1591/2; Merchants, 170; Standard, 235; Toronto, 2351/2; Traders, 1331/2; Ontario, 1351/2; Canada Permanent, 123; British America, 94; Western, 84; Winnipeg Ry., bonds, 1041/8; Halifax Ry., bonds, 1041/2. Paris, exchange on London, 25f 171/2c; Berlin, 20m 483/4pf. Foreign exchange 60's.

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The following comparative table of stocks for week ending Feb. 9, 1905, is published by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers:—

				Last
Stocks. The same of the same	Sales.	High.	Low.	Year.
Banks.				
Montreal	. 28	255	255	248
Toronto	. 3	236	236	Acci
Merchants	. 60	1691/2	1691/2	151
Nova Scotia	. 26	266	266	260
Commerce	. 207	159	1571/2	
Miscellaneous.				
Canadian Pacific	. 849	1947/	1999/	117
	. 25	134 1/8	1333/8	
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Toronto Street Ry		1051/8	1041/8	981/2
	. 905	106	1051/2	10
Detroit Electric Ry		78	771/4	64
Halifax Electric Ry		109	109	84
Trinidad		86	.86	
Winnipeg Electric Ry		139	139	
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co			621/2	
Mont. Light, Heat & Power		781/4	771/2	713/4
Mackay, common		435/8	393/4	
Do. preferred		761/4	743/4	
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal	. 918	691/8	671/8	77
Dom. Iron & Steel, common	. 695	181/2	181/8	81/2
Do. preferred		62	631/2	25
Dominion Coal, common		67	-64	60
Do. preferred	. 32	1153/4	1153/4	108
Montreal Telegraph Co	. 8	161	161	158
Bell Telephone Co	. 15	1593/4	1591/2	150
Ugilvie Milling Co., preferred	. 2	132	132	115
Laurentide Pulp Co. pfd	. 72	102	1011/2	
Switch, common	. 128	781/2	731/4	
Do. preferred	. 27	1061/2	1061/2	
Dominion Cotton		45	41	33
Sau Paulo		117	117	
Soo. common		1011/8	993/4	
	MADE	18	/4	

Bonds:-			
Dom. Iron & Steel	811/2	81	
Winnipeg	105	1043/4	
Halifax			
Lake of the Woods			
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Thursday, February 9.

BUTTER.—The market is decidedly active with largely increased business passing and prices soaring higher. Large quantities of finest creamery, which sold this week at 22 to 22½c are now held at 23 to 24c. Offerings are small and insufficient for present demand. The outlook is decidedly in favor of still higher prices ruling. Demand for dairy butter has also largely increased, offerings being quickly picked up. Prices are high in sympathy with the advance in creamery and 19 to 20c is now made for select. Under grades for baking purposes, 16 to 18c, fresh rolls, 19 to 20c. With continued cold weather which has largely interfered in checking production, there is nothing to prevent prices going higher. All western markets seem to be short of stock, Toronto and Hamilton taking from this market freely, and we notice a few shipments to New York.

CHEESE.—In sympathy with the improved market for butter a better feeling exists and demand has somewhat improved. Finest Sept. and Oct. are difficult to buy under 11c, with qualities under held at 10 to 10½c. We note a few sales of old (1903), make at 8 to 9c lb.; these being somewhat out of condition, full prices cannot be made.

DRESSED POULTRY AND GAME.—A rather quiet market, turkeys going somewhat slow, with sales at 12 to 14c lb., as to condition. Unfrozen, fresh-killed stock commands 15 to 16c lb. Fresh killed chickens, good size, bring 11 to 12c lb., while frozen stock is not saleable at over 9 to 10c. Fresh-killed fowl, 9 to 10c lb., frozen stock offering at 6 to 8c.; ducks, 12c lb.; geese, 10 to 11½c.—Rabbits not so plentiful, a good market at 12½ to 15c pr.

EGGS.-Market ruling decidedly strong and active, large pur-

Stocks, Bonds and Securities dealt in on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Miscellaneous.	Capital subscribed.	Capital paid-up.	Reserve Fund.	Perc'ntage of Rest to paid-up Capital	value	value Div	vidend. last. 5 mos.	Dates of Div'd.	Price cent. Feb	on par
	\$	8	\$	\$	\$	\$ I	p.c.		Ask.	Bid.
Bell Telephone	. 1,475,000	5,395,370 2,700,000 1,475,000 84,500,000	953,361 265,000	25.53	100 100 100 100	159.00 169.37½ 134.00	2* 1* 5	Jan. Apl. July, Oct. Jan. Apl. July, Oct. Jan. April Oct.		159 169§ 134
Commercial Cable	15,000,000	13,333,300	3,947,232	34.75	100		1%*&t	Jan. Apl. July, Oct.		
Detroit Electric St	3,000,000 15,000,000 3,033,600 20,000,000	12,500,000 3,000,000 15,000,000 3,033,600 20,000,000 5,000,000	592,844		100 100 100 100 100 100	77.50 115.62 ½ 66 25 38.00 18.00 63.25	10 4 8	Mar.Jun. Sep.Dec. Jan. July. Jan.Apl.July,Oct. Mar.Jun. Sep.Dec. April Oct.	$ \begin{array}{r} 78 \\ 116 \\ 66\frac{5}{8} \\ 40 \\ 18\frac{7}{8} \\ 64 \end{array} $	$ 77\frac{1}{2} $ $ 115\frac{5}{8} $ $ 66\frac{4}{4} $ $ 38 $ $ 18 $ $ 63\frac{1}{4} $
Duluth S. S. & Atlantic do pfd	. 10,000,000 . 1,500,000 . 1,500,000	12,000.000 10,000,000 1,350,000 1,500,000 2,250,000	107,178	8.00	100 100 100 100 100	107.00	11/4*	Jan. Apl. July, Oct. Jan. July.	ii0 ·	107
Intercolonial Coal Co	. 250,000 1,600,000	500,000 219,700 1,600,000	90,474	12.06	100 100 100 8	75 82.50	7 4	Jan. Feb. Mar.	100	75 82i
Merchants Cot. Co	. 750,000 . 2,500,000 . 17,000,000	1,500,000 750,000 2,500,000 17,000,000 6,000,000	798,927	13.31	100 100 100 100 50	37.00 101.00 77.87½ 106.00	2½* 1* 2½*	Mar.Jun. Sep.Dec. Feb.MayAug.Nov. Feb.MayAug.Nov.	101 78½ 213	77 g 212
Montreal Telegraph	. 1,467,681 . 5,642,925 . 3,090,000	2,000,000 1,467,681 5,642,925 3,090,000 1,030,000			40 25 50 100 100	64.40 3.80 39.00 67.25 108.00	2* 3 2*	Jan. Apl. July,Oct. Jan. Apl. July,Oct. April Oct. Jan.Apl.July,Oct.	162 	161 67¾ 110
Ogilvie Flour Mills Co	2,000,000 2,505,600 500,000	1,250,000 2,000,000 2,505,600 500,000 12,000,000	131,550 39,642	5.22 7.98	100 100 100 100 100	200.00 131.00 62.75 111.00 22.50	3½ 8 3	Mar Jun. Sep. Dec. Mar Jun. Sept. Dec. May Nov. Mar. Jun. Sep. Dec.	200 135 63½ 113 22¾	200 133 623 111 22½
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chases having been made for the New York market, which has relieved the market here of any surplus stock, and prices are fully in dozen higher. Best cold storage stock is worth 20 to 21c; Montreal limed, 19c; Western limed, 17 to 18c; No. 2, 16 to 17c. New laid are arriving in sufficient quantities to meet the limited demand, sales being made at 24 to 30c, as to marks. Selected fall bring 23 to 24c.

TISH.—Demand for all kinds is improving steadily, in fact many dealers are now looking forward to the securing of Lenten supplies before the rush commences. This usually means higher prices, as several varieties are scarce at present and prices are expected to advance materially within the next tew weeks. Large green cod is practically out of the market; in fact it has not been so scarce here for many years. Prices on frozen fish remain as about last quotations, except on herring

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which are somewhat higher. Prices on salt herring have also a tendency to stiffen up, and dealers look for an advance in the near future. Frozen haddock are plentiful, dealers having procured their supplies earlier in the season—during January—and are not disposed to buy heavily at present, fearing weather conditions might affect the market. Quotations: Fresh frozen, B.C salmon, 8½c to 9c; lake trout, 7½c to 8c; halibut, 8c to 9c per lb.; fresh frozen haddock, 3½c to 4c lb.; fresh steak cod, 5½c lb.; fresh market cod, 3½ to 4c; frozen Gaspe salmon, 15c per lb.; dressed bull heads, 9c per lb.; tom cods, \$1.80 to \$1.90 tol.; white fish, 8c per lb.; fresh pickerel, or dore, 6c to 6½c; pike, 5c to 5½c; round sea trout, 6½c to 7c; Qualla salmon, 7c to 7½c; frozen pink salmon (hump back). 7c to 7½c lb.; fresh mackerel, 12c lb.; fresh herring, medium, 90c to \$1.00; large, \$1.90 to \$2.00 per 100 count.— Salt.— Loch Fyne herrings, \$1.00 per keg;



Stocks, Bonds and Securities dealt in on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

BONDS.	Interest per Amount annum. outst'ding.	Interest due.	Interest payable at:	Date of Redemption.	Market Quotations, February 9. Ask- Bid	REMARKS.
Commercial Cable Coupon Commercial Cable Registered Can. Col. Cotton	4 \$18,000,000 6 2,000,000 5 200,000 5 1,200,000	1 July 1 Oct. 2 Apl. 2 Oct. 1 May 1 Nov.	New York or London	1 Jan., 2397 2 Apl., 1902 1 May, 1917		Markey 1 fee
Dominion Coal	6 2,551,000 4½ £ 308,200 5 \$ 7,876,000 5 \$ 600,000	1 Jan. 1 July 1 Jan. 1 July	Bank of Montreal, Montreal Bank of Montreal, Montreal Bank of N. Scotia, Halifax Montreal	• 1 Jan., 1916 • 1 July, 1929	110 81½ 80½ 80½	Redeemable at 110. Redeemable at 112 Redeemable at 110. & accrued interest. Redeemable at 105.
Intercolonial Coal	5 1,000,000	1 Jan 1 July	Montreal Bank of Montreal, London.		106 104	
Montreal Street Ry Montreal Street Ry Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Ogilvie Flour Mill Co	6 2,500,000	1 May 1 Nov. 1 Jan. 1 July	Bank of Montreal, Loudon. Bank of Montreal, Montreal Union Bk., Halifax, or Bank N.S., Montreal or Toronto Bank of Montreal, Monteal	1 May, 1922	104½ 103 106 115 114½	Redeemable at 110.
Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co Royal Electric Co	5 471,580 4½ £ 130,900	1 Mch. 1 Sep. 1 Apl. 1 Oct.	Montreal and London Bk. of Montreal Montreal	· 1 Mar., 1915		after June, 1912. Redeemable at 110.
St. John St. Ry	5 \$ 675,000 600,000	1 May 1 Nov. 1 Jan. 1 July	Bk of Monteal, St. John, N.E. Bank of Scotland, London	. 1 May 1095		Redeemable at 110. 5 p.c. redeemable yearly after 1905.
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7c to 7½c. lb.; fresh mackerel, 12c lb.; fresh herring, 90c to \$1.90 per 100 fish.—Salt—Loch Fyne herrings, \$1 per keg: No. 1 salt mackerel, in 20 lb. kits, \$2; salt herrings, Labrador, bbls., \$5.\tilde{0}0; do., half brls., \$2.75; pails of 20 lbs. 80c each; green cod. No. 1, \$7; No. 2, \$5.75 per 200 lbs.; pickled sea trout, \$9.50; ½ brls., \$5.50; B.C. salmon, brls., \$14; pollock, \$5 brl.; salt eels; 7c lb.; take trout, \$4.75 to \$5 per keg. Labrador salmon, brls., \$16.00; tierces, \$24.00; ½ brls., \$9.50. Smoked Haddies. 6 to 6½c lb.; smoked herings, in bundles, 5 boxes, 41 per box; bloaters. \$1 to \$1.10. Prepared—Boneless cod, in bricks, 6c per lb.: boneless fish in bricks, 5½c; fish, loose. in 25 lb. boxes, 4½c; skinless cod, in cases. new pack, \$5 per case.—Lobsters, 16c lb.—Oysters—Standards are quoted at \$1.40; selects, \$1.60; choice hand-picked Malpecques, \$8 to \$10 per brl.

GREEN FRUITS.—Cranberries have advanced from \$1.50 to \$2.50 brl., owing to the small quantities held in store and prices are sure to advance further. Latest advices from Florida confirm serious damage to fruit and vegetables. of Cuban tomatoes reached Montreal today and sell at \$4.00 per 6 basket carrier. They are not as deep in color or as good quality as the Florida's. As to oranges the principal varieties on the market now are Jamaica's and California navels. Quotations are mostly unchanged, except cranberries. Quotations: Demons—Extra fancy 300 size, \$2.50; fancy 300s, do., \$2.35; choice do., \$2.25; 360s, \$2. Bananas—Jamaica's, \$2. Apples - Handpicked Fameuse, \$3.50. Finest Spies, Baldwins, Greenings. Russets, Ben Davis, etc., \$3.25 to \$3.00; XX. same, \$2.75. Sweet potatoes-Jersey, double heads, \$4.50; baskets, Oranges-Cal. navels, 96 to 216 size, \$3.15; Mexican, 150s., \$2; Valencia Jumbo, 430 size (selected), \$4.50; do. ordinary, 420 size do., \$3.25; do. large. 714 size, do., \$4.75. Grape Fruit-Fancy stock, 54 size, \$4.25; do. 64 size, \$4.00; 80 size, \$3.50. Pineapples—24s. per case, \$5.00. Tangerines, ½ boxes, \$3. Onions-Cases, 150 lbs., Spanish, \$4; red, bags, 75 to 80 lbs., 3c lb. Cranberries-\$10.00 to \$11.00; 25 qt. box, \$3.00; 32 quart box, \$3.80. Dates—Fancy golden, 4c. Cal. apricots, 25 lb. boxes, 12c; do. pears, 25 lb. do., 121/2c; do. peaches, 25 lb., boxes, 11c; do. prunes, 40|50, 25 lb. boxes, 7½c; do. prunes, 50 60, 25 lb. boxes, 6¾c. Nuts—Grenoble walnuts, 13c; Tarragona almonds, 121/2c; Sicily filberts, 11s; shelled walnuts, 174c; new Brazils, 16c; Jumbo pecans, 16c; large pecans. 12c; shelled almonds, 24c. Peanuts-Roasted, 71/2c to 111/2c; Spanish shelled, 12c; Virginian brand, shelled, 11c New chestnuts. 10c per lb. New Figs-Six Crown, extra fancy. 40 lbs. boxes 13c; Five Crown, fancy, 10 lbs. boxes, 10c; Four Crown, fancy, 10 lbs. boxes, 9c; Glove boxes, fine quality, per box, 10c; Fancy Washed Figs, in baskets, per basket. 20e; stuffed, in baskets, 28c. Cal. celery, 6 to 9 doz. case, \$5.50.

GREEN HIDES.—Receipts more liberal. Prices unchanged all round, on basis of 9½c lb. for No. 1 beef.

GROCERES.—Declines are evident this week, sugar having finally taken a reverse movement, quotations since yesterday being 10c lower all round. Standard granulated is now worth \$5.65, with 5c less in bags. Starch has taken a big tumble, Canada laundry having declined 1½c lb., and all others lc lb. The former is now quoted at 3½c lb., with corn starch, No. 1, 5¾c lb. and No. 2, do., 4½c. The molasses market is very firm at 33c for Barbadoes in puncheons, and 2½ to 3½c higher for smaller quantities. Rice, steady, at recent advances, standard B. being \$3.05 to \$3.15, with C. C. 10c less. India bright is now worth \$3.50; India lustre, \$3.75; polished, Patna, \$3.80; Mandarin, \$4.25, and Imperial glace Patna, \$4.50. Large orders for chocolate have been received in France from the Russian commissariat department.

LEATHER.—Prices hold firm and the movement, taken in all, is considered good. The flow of leather across the water shows no diminution, and while manufacturers here are not inclined to buy beyond immediate needs, cutting is proceeding steadily. There is an actual scarcity of jobbing stock, orders being in waiting which cannot be filled. Quebec reports more activity in trade circles.

OILS, ETC.—Paint oils steady, also turpentine. Reports of a shortage of production at the opening of the season in Norway have caused higher prices here on Norway cod liver oil.

PROVISIONS.—With extra cold weather, which has prevented supplies of live hogs coming in, demand has been running on frozen stock the past week which has resulted in a higher market. The present quotations are: Abattoir dressed hogs \$8 to \$8.25; country, do., \$7.00 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. Other quotations are: Heavy Canada short cut mess, tierces, \$25 to \$26: do. barrels, \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada short cut back, \$16.50 to \$17; heavy Canada long cut mess, \$15.50 to \$16; heavy Canada short cut clear pork, brls., \$16.00 to \$16.50; heavy flank, \$15 to \$15.50.—Compound lard-Tierces, 375 lbs., $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}e$; tubs, 50 lbs., $5\frac{3}{4}$ to 6e; boxes, 50 lbs., parchment lined, 51/2c to 53/4c; wood pails, parchment lined, 20 lbs., 6c to 61/4c. Pure lard-Tierces, 375 lbs., 71/2c to 73/4c; tubs, 50 lbs., 73/4c to 8c; boxes, 50 lbs., parchment lined, 71/2 to 73/4c; wood pails, 20 lbs., 8 to 81/4c; cases, 81/4 to 81/2c.—Kettle lard—Te's. 375 lbs., 81/2 to 83/4c; tubs 50. 83/4 to 9c; pails, 20, 9 to 9 /4c; cases, 91/4 to 91/2c.—Smoked meats, Hams, 6 to 35 lbs., 91/2c to 113/4c; boneless rolled, 12c; English boneless breakfast bacon, 13c; Wiltshire bacon, 50 lbs., sides, 121/2c; Windsor bacon, backs, 121/2c.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT. MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 9, 1905.

MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 9,	1905.
Name of Article.	Wholesale.
DRUGS AND CHEMICALS—	80 80
Acid Carbolic Cryst. medi. Aloes, Cape Alum Borax, xtls Brom. Potass Camphor, Ref. Rings Camphor, Ref. oz. ck Citric Acid	\$ c. \$ c, 0 30 0 35 0 16 0 18 1 40 1 75 0 04 0 70 0 80 0 90 0 85 0 95 0 35 0 88 0 25 0 45 4 50 5 00 0 75 0 80 0 22 0 26 1 25 1 75 0 17 0 20 0 15 0 40 0 50 1 00 0 22 0 30 0 50 0 45 4 50 5 00 0 75 1 00 0 22 0 30 5 0 00 0 25 0 40 0 1 60 1 65 4 50 5 00 0 75 1
Stick, 4, 6, 8, 12 & 16 to lb., 5 lb. boxes Acme Licorice Pellets, cans. Licorice Lozenges, 1 & 5 lb. cans.	2 00 2 00 1 50
HEAVY CHEMICALS— Bleaching Powder Blue Vitriol Brimstone Caustic Soda Soda Ash Soda Bicarb Sal. Soda Sal. Soda Concentrated.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
DYESTUFFS— Archil. con Cutch Ex. Logwood Chip Logwood Indigo (Bengal) Indigo Madras Gambier Madder Sumac	0 27 0 31 0 08 1 75 2 50 1 50 1 75 0 70 1 00 0 06 0 07 0 09 0 12 45 00 50 00 0 25 0 30
FISH—	1 25
Bloaters, per box. Labrador Herrings half brls. Mackerel, No. 2, brls. Mackerel, No. 2, one-half barrel. Green Cod, No. 1 Green Cod, large No. 2 Large dry Gaspe per qntl. Balmon, brls. Lab. No. 1 Balmon, half brls. Salmon, British Columbia, brls. Salmon, British Columbia, half brls. Boneless Fish Boneless Cod. Skinless Cod. case Loch Fyne Herrings, keg	0 00 5 00 2 75 3 00 0 00 7 00 0 00 7 25 0 00 5 75 5 25 5 50 17 50 9 00 15 00 8 00 0 05 17 00 4 75 1 00
Ogilvie's Royal Household Ogilvie's Glenora Patents Manitoba Patents Strong Bakers Winter Wheat Patents Straight Roller Straight bags Superfine Rolled Oats Cornmeal, bag Bran, in bags Shorts, in bags Mouillie FARM PRODUCTS—	5 50 5 40 5 50 5 20 2 45 2 60 4 20 4 30 4 90 5 10 1 40 1 65 17 00 18 00 20 00 21 00
Butter— Choicest Creamery Under Grades, Creamery Townships Dairy Western Dairy Good to Choice Fresh Rolls	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Cheese— Finest Western, white Finest Western, colored Finest Eastern	
Eggs— Best Selected Straight Gathered Limed Cold Storage No. 2	$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 28 & 0 & 30 \\ 0 & 21 & 0 & 21\frac{1}{2} \\ & & 0 & 19 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 & 19 \\ 0 & 14 & 0 & 16 \\ \end{array}$

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MONTREAL, FEBRUARY	9, 1905	·
Name of Article.	Wholess	ile
FARM PRODUCTS.—CON.— Sundries—	\$ c.	\$ c.
Potatoes, per bag of 90 lbs	0 65 0 12½ 0 06½	0 80 0 13 0 08
Beans—		
Prime Best hand-picked	1 25 1 35	
GROCERIES— Sugars—		
Standard Granulated, barrels Bugs, 100 lbs. bx. Ground, in barrels Ex Ground, in boxes Powdered, in barrels Powdered, in boxes Paris Lumps, in barrels	5 25	5 65 5 60 6 05 6 25 5 85 6 05 6 20 6 30 5 70 0 33
Branded Yellows Molasses (Barbadoes) new Molasses (Barbadoes) old Molasses, in barrels Molasses in half barrels Evaporated Apples	0 00	0 35½ 0 36½ 0 06
Raisins—		
Sultanas Loose Musc., Malaga Layers, Loudon Con. Cluster Extra Dessert Royal Buckingham Valencia, Selected Valencia, Layers Currants, Provincials Filiatras Patras	0 07\frac{1}{9} 0 06\frac{1}{9} 1 75 2 50	0 10 0 07½ 2 00 3 00 2 50 2 25
Valencia, Selected	0 04	0 05 t 0 07 0 04 t 1
Vostizzas Prunes, California Prunes, French Figs, in bags Figs, new layers	0 00 0 04 0 00	0 074
Rice—	12 725	
C. C. Standard B Patna, per 100 lbs. Grystal Japan, per 100 lbs. Carolina, Java Pot Barley, bag 98 lbs. Pearl Rarley, per lb.	2 95 3 05 3 80 3 50	3 15
Carolina, Java Pot Barley, bag 98 lbs. Pearl Barley, per lb. Tapioca, Pearl per lb. Tapioca, Flake, per lb. Corn, 2 lb. tins. Peas, 2 lb. tins Salmon, 4 dozen case Tomatoes, per dozen String Reans	0 03 0 03	5 75 2 25 0 03½ 0 03½ 0 03½ 1 20
Peas, 2 lb. tins Salmon, 4 dozen case Tomatoes, per dozen String Beans	1 00 1 27	0 85
HARDWARE—		1 10
Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per lb	0 08	0 10 0 32
Antimony Tin: Block, L. & F. per lb. Tin, Block, Straits, per lb. Tin, Strip, per lb. Copper: Ingot, per lb.		0 33
Cut Nail Schedule —		
Base price, per keg, Extras—Over and above 30d, 40d, 50d, 60d and 70d Nails		2 20
Coil Chain—No. 6	0 00	0 091
No. 4 No. 3 ¼ inch	0 00	0 08 0 07 0 061 0 051
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% % and 1 inch.	0 00	
Galvanized Staples—		te Cher
100 lb. box, 1½ to 1¾		2 85 2 65
Queen's Head, or equal, gauge 28 Comet , do., 28 gauge	3 95 3 75	4 15 3 90
No. 2 and larger		3 65 3 90 1 80 1 75 2 55
Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 18 Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 20 Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 22 Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 22 Am. Sheet Steel, 6 ft. x 2½ ft., 24		2 55 2 55 2 60 2 60

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MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 9 1905

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Ordinary 60 sheets
Ordinary 75 sheets
Black Iron Pipe, ¼ inch
¼ inch
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1 inch
1¼ inch
1¼ inch
1¼ inch

Steel, cast per lb., Black Diamond Steel, Spring, 100 lbs.
Steel, Tire, 100 lbs.
Steel, Sleigh shoe, 100 lbs.
Steel, Steel, Machinery
Steel, Harrow Tooth

IC Coke, 14 x 20
IC Charcoal, 14 x 20
IX Charcoal
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Russian Sheet Iron
Lion & Crown, tinned sheets
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26 gauge
Lead: Pig, per 100 lbs.
Sheet

Sheet
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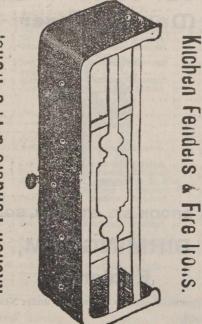
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No. 1, B. A. Sole	0 27 0 28
No. 3, B. A. Spanish Sole	0 24 0 25 0 28 0 29
light medium and heavy	0 28 0 29
No. 2	0 26 0 27 0 32
Upper, heavy	0 34 0 36
Upper, light	0 35 0 37 0 34 0 35
Scotch Grain	0 35 0 38
Kip Skins, French	0 60 0 65 0 45 0 55
Canada Kip	0 50 0 60
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Russetts, Saddlers', dozen	7 50 8 00
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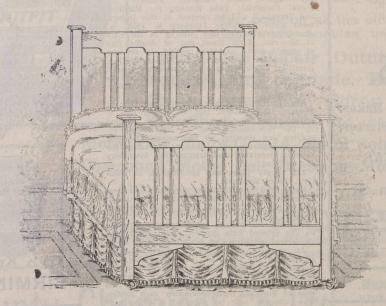
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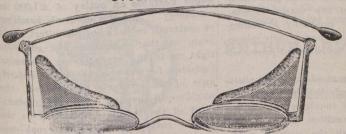
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We reprint herewith the greater portion of a report entitled: "The Economic Handling of Material in Bulk," from the Mr. Maurice Graham, of pen of the world-renowned engineering and contracting firm of Messrs. Graham, Morton & Co., Leeds, Eng., as published in the London Times of Oct. last. The article has been widely copied by the press of both continents, and has likewise, in answer to numerous requests, been published in pamphlet form, neatly, illustrated. by Graham, Morton & Co. article is decidedly interesting throughout, pressure of space alone preventing us

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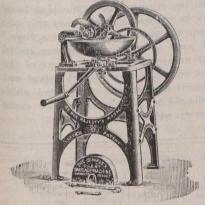
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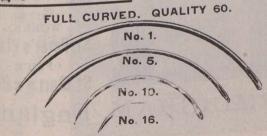
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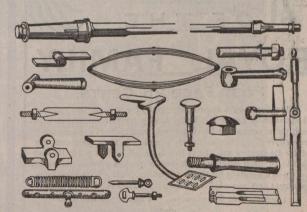
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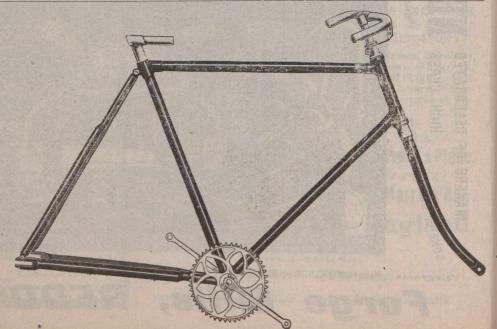
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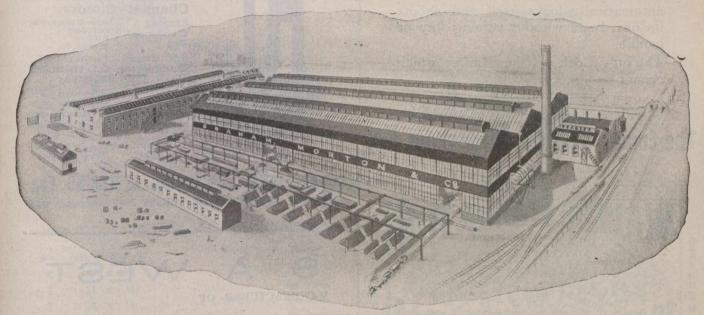
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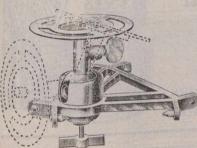
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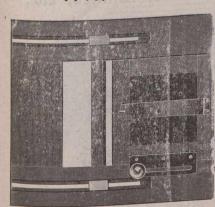
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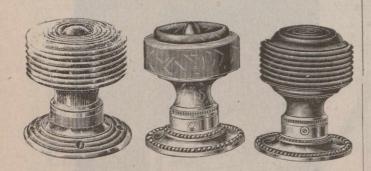


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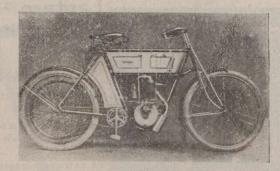
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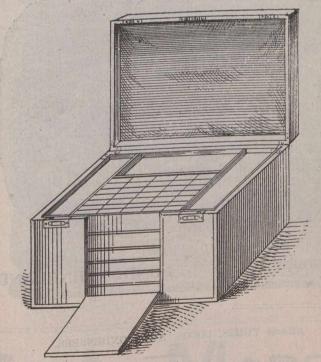
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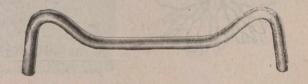
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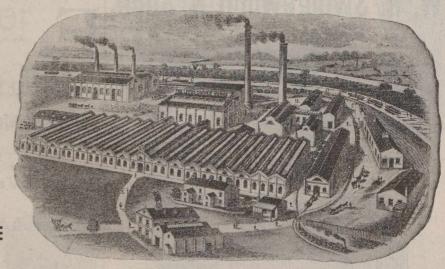


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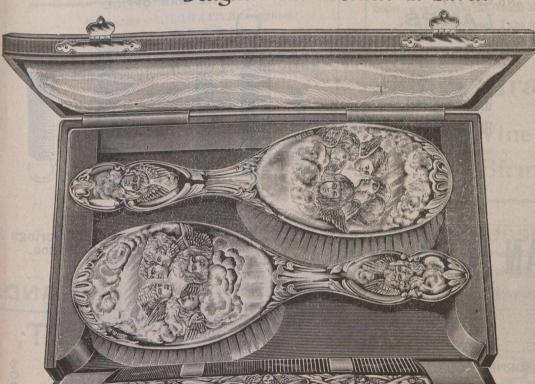
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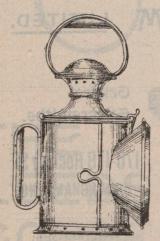
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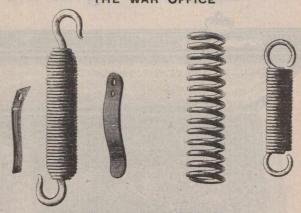


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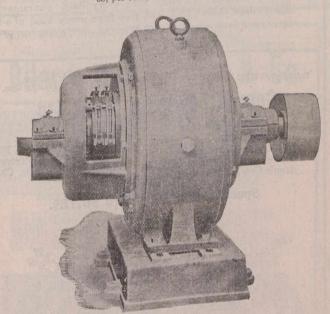
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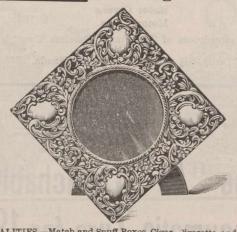
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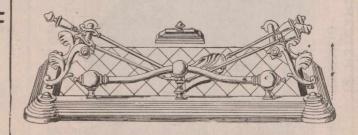
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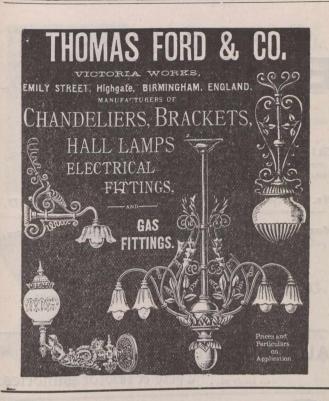
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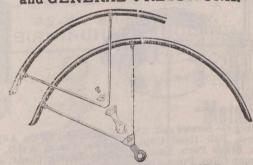
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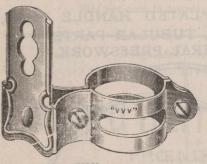
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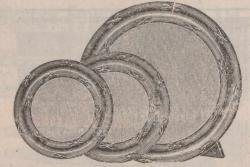
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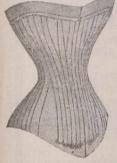
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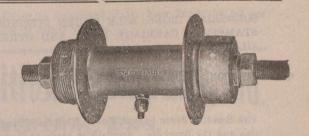
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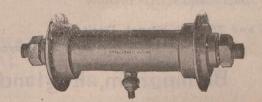
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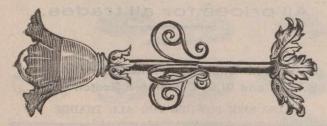
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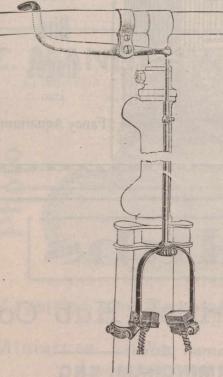
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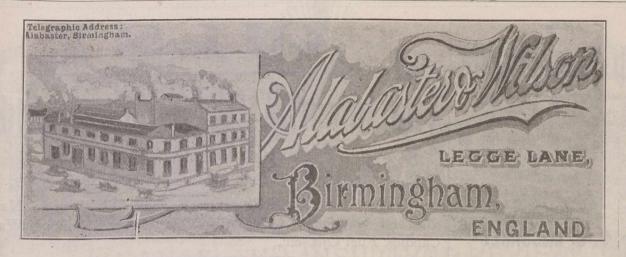
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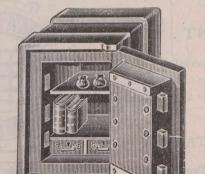
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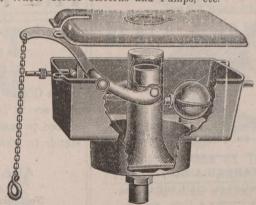
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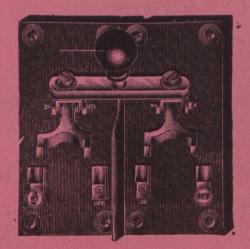
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