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THE Customs revenue of St. John, N.B., for September, was \$114.722, against \$137.476 for that month last year. The inland revenue returns showed \$19,718 collected for last month, against \$25,379 for September 1877.

Mr. Pedro Juan Marin has been appointed Vice-Consul of Spain for British North America, and will reside in Quebec.

Two official assignees only have paid to the Quebec Government the amount of I per cent. for the Building and Jury Fund on sales of real estate. These are Messrs. Edward Evans, of Messrs. Evans & Riddell, Montreal, and C. Beausoleil, of Beausoleil & Kent. The amount paid by these gentlemen exceeds \$2,000.

AMONG the means taken to defraud the customs of New York was the following :--Quantities of silks were smuggled in cases said to contain clocks, and by collusion with the officials, these passed unopened. The fraud was found out by a discharged employee "peaching." In one case of clocks invoiced at \$4,097, were silks valued at 32,000, and it is said over half a million dollars' worth of silks have thus run the gauntlet. Duties to the amount of \$53,-000 have already been recovered by suit.

ONE Alfred Fields erected an illicit still in the township of Woolwich, Ont., and three weeks ago was arrested in Guelph, charged with assisting to distil spirits. At Berlin, before County Judge Millar, the prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to hard labor in prison for six months. An illicit still was seized in full operation in the village of Pinkerton, Bruce County, on the 9th inst. There were five mashes in process, and some spirits, all of which, with the apparatus, were seized and destroyed. The proprietor was arrested, and has been committed to stand his trial.

A HEAVY robbery of silk was effected from the store of Mr. Alex. Ross of Kingston, on the night of the 3rd inst, apparently by parties who knew the premises. I he goods missing are 35 pieces of silk, each containing 100 yds, worth from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per yard; and about a dozen pieces of 100 yards each, valued at from \$2.50 to \$3.25 a yard. Mr. Ross estimates his loss at over \$7,000. Commenting on the robbery the News says there are but four policemen available for night duty over the whole city.

ON Monday night last 71th inst, the Jewellery store of Mr. W. H. Phillips in London was robbed of \$4,000 or \$5,000 worth of jewellery which which was taken from the safe. It was a daring burglary, for no shutters are used on the windows; the shop is on one of the most frequented streets, and gas is kept burning all night in the shop; the safe was in full view of any passer-by. The matter is in the hands of the detectives.

In other years it was commonly the dry goods retailers who were pointed to as too numerous, and as "champions" in the relative number of failures or disasters. It appears now that the grocers are as badly off in these respects. During the past week we hear of six attachments issued against grocers, three in Montreal, one in Sherbrooke, Louis Nichol, the others in Ontario.

One grocer in Woodstock, N.B., J. F. Leonard, assigned; Peter Smith, of Whitby, is being sold out by creditors; G. Hope, Port Hope, and J. McInnes, Parkhill, burnt out, Henry Catton of Paris; N. A. Mallory of Morpeth, and J. & A. McArthur of this city voluntarily sold out. Mc-Donald & Henderson, Brantford, dissolved. All these changes refer to grocers; and when we consider the number of grocery stores in town and country, and the low point to which profit on staple goods is reduced, it is not wonderful that many of them fail in the attempt to meet expenses, or that a goodly proportion tire of the business and try some other. Three small dry goods dealers, in the Province of Ouebec, are served with attachments. Among general dealers A. A. Smith of Coplestone, has compromised at 70c, and Armour & Heartwell of Jarvis, at 6oc. in the dollar. R. C. Wry, of Jolicoeur, N.B., and John Halstead of Yarmouth, N.S., have assigned ; F. J. Fuller of Westville, N.S., is burned out; and Ira Day, of Burford, Ont., has sold out. There were six dissolutions in various lines of business. In this city, Andrew Anderson, builder, and S. S. Mutton & Co., lumbermen, have assigned; in Montreal, Jno. Taylor & Co., wholesale fancy goods, have gone into liquidation; in Hamilton, the furnishing business of E. J. Moore is being wound up; and in St. John, McDonald & Campbell, shoe dealers, have assigned. Halifax would appear to be tolerably free this week from mercantile occurrences of an untoward kind. In Charlottetown-McKinnon, Fraser & Co., carriages, meet their creditors.

THIS is the way the matter is put by the Lindsay Post, which laudably desires to make the intimation a general one:-" All who owe either the editor, the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant or the mechanic should now strive to pay up promptly. The season for paying up all round is once more upon us. Let each man do his duty promptly, and not grumble about the 'hard times.' Cash and short credit is the true 'National Policy.' The debtor class should move forward as one man and wipe out its responsibilities, or do its best in that direction. A general movement, even if it were not complete, would be of decided benefit to all classes."

THE middle ground which has existed in the St. Clair River, opposite the Chicago and Lake Huron depot, has been dredged away, giving fifteen feet soundings over it. Below the area dredged a long shoal exists, over which there is fully fourteen and a half feet of water.

ONTARIO Letters Patents have been issued dated Sept. 25th, 1878, incorporating "The English Loan Co.," with a capital of \$6,000,000 in \$100 shares. The letters issue to Hon. A. Vidal, Sarnia, Ont., George Walker, Arva, Ont.; Isidore F. Hellmuth, Esq., B.A., Toronto; Paul Ross, Mayor of Walkerton; Geo. E. Casey, M.P.P., Fingal, Ont.; David Glass, Q.C., London, Ont., and Moses Springer, Waterloo, Ont., for the purpose of lending money on real estate and such other securities as the charter or by-laws of the Company may prescribe.

A COMPANY composed of Messrs. W. Rhodes, not to exceed \$6,500,000.

James Ross, S. Moir, F. Ross and Armitage Rhodes, of Quebec, Colin Campbell and George Scott, of New York, has been incorporated for the purposes of mining, smelting, heating, manufacturing, extracting, reducing, and selling gold, silver, copper, lead, tin, iron and other ores, metal and mineral substances.

An experiment is to be made by the Post-Office authorities in Liverpool, who propose to provide boxes at any offices, shops, or private honses where they may be desired, in order that letters may be posted in them without having to be taken out of the premises. The letters will be collected six times during the day, and the charge for each box has been fixed at \pounds IO per annum.

ANNAPOLIS, N.S., is a picturesque and historical town, one of the oldest on this continent; the oldest but one, if we recollect Morse's Geography aright. But its worthy and unsuspecting people are not yet schooled against the wiles of the confidence man. A young Haligonian appeared there some weeks ago, talked well and plausibly, representing himself as a selling agent, with infinite possibilities ahead of him in that way. By dint of much talking and ample promising, he procured credit for \$100 worth of picture frames and mouldings; \$50 worth boots and shoes; and a horse and waggon, from three different firms. Then he drove out of the town, and along the smiling Annapolis Valley, singing " Freedom has thousand charms to show, that slaves, contented, never know." The three wondering creditors have not yet lost all faith in seeing him once again.

UP to the 5th instant, the Halifax Co., had shipped this season from Pictou, N.S., 40,149 tons coal: the Acadia, 30,421: the Intercolonial, 20,453; the Vale, 13,250; the Nova Scotia, 3.925, in all 108,098 tons.

It is intended to issue next month a Tariff Hand-Book, which, as its name implies, will contain valuable information, facts and statistics upon various Tariffs. The past and present Canadian Tariffs in full, the United States Tariff in an abridged but comprehensive form, the British Tariff in full, the Draft Treaty of 1874, &c., &c. Condensation and good arrangement are promised by the compiler, Mr. John Maclean, who, as a journalist of long training, is well fitted to produce a useful and convenient book. In the present agitation on the subject of Tariff re-arrangement such a work cannot but meet with a large sale.

I thas been stated by the U nited State, Comptroller of the Currency that the aggregate capital of all the national banks organized since the establishment of the National Bank system in 1862, which have become insolvent (2400 in number) was \$16,292,600. The aggregate dividends paid to creditors of these banks since the organization of the system is \$13,767,587, and the total amount of creditors' claims proved \$22,720,802. The total losses to creditors of all the national banks during the last sixteen years, upon five hundred millions of capital and eight hundred millions of deposits, is estimated not to exceed \$6,500,000.

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To give some idea of the extent of British industries it may be noticed that the works of Messrs. Napier, Shanks & Bell, the new firm of Clyde ship-builders and engineers, at Yoker, near Glasgow, extend to fully fourteen acres, on which they have erected commodious buildings. It is the intention of the firm to go in for the construction and repair of steam and sailing vessels of all classes. Extensive engineering works have been erected by Messrs. Gimson & Company, in Vulcan Street, Leicester. The works cover an area of three acres and a half, and embraces all the usual branches of a general establishment, having distinct buildings for boiler-making and wrought girders for smiths, for patterns. &c.

ONE by one the little perquisites of servants and the petty absurdities noticeable about English railways, are being lopped off, in obedience either to competition, or in deference to the more enlightened notions of the travelling public. It used to be the case that a glass of water could not be had on board a railway train there; and we have lately seen a letter complaining that a passenger actually could get none at an English railway station, only tea, coffee, beer and liquors being sold. One of the Southern lines, which made an effort to be liberal, announced in August that iced water would in future be supplied at certain of its stations, at a charge of one penny per glass. The Midland Railway Co., however, took the edge off this concession, by advertising that iced water would be supplied free at any of their refreshment rooms. This is the same English road on which, when a traveller buys a ticket he is given a bill of fare, on which he ticks off what he would like for dinner or lunch and at what refreshment station he would like to have his meal. He signs his name and the number of his ticket to the bill, which is telegraphed on, and when he arrives he finds a table spread for his party, and his order prepared.

A. G. PARKINS, a general storekeeper, who has been in business in Brigham, Que., since the spring of 1877, having purchased the stock of A. A. Blackwood, at twenty-five per cent. less than cost, has effected a settlement with his creditors at sixty cents in the dollar secured, payable in three, six, nine and twelve months. His liabilities amount to \$7,000 with assets of about \$4.000.

A Newfoundland paper of the 21st ult., notes the arrival of a vessel at Harbor Grace, from Baddeck, C.B., with a cargo of 79 head of cattle and 130 sheep, which were sold at auction, and realized fair prices. It is an encouraging sign of the spread of farming pursuits to be able to record the sales there during this season of seven shipments of live stock.

A schooner lately arrived from the Banks of Newfoundland, at Cape Ann, with a fare of 250,000 lbs. of codfish, a remarkable catch. In 1875 the same vessel landed 240,000 lbs. of codfish from a Bank trip, and in 1877 she brought in the largest fare of codfish ever landed at this port, weighing and 270,770 lbs., stocking \$6,580.

THE members of the new Cabinet appointed up to last night are, according to the Mail: Sir

John A. McDonald, Premier and Minister of Interior; Tilley, Finance; Tupper, Public Works; James Macdonald, Picton, Justice; O'Connor, Pres't Council; J. H. Pope, Agriculture. To which the Globe of this morning adds : Hon. A. Campbell and Mr. Mackenzie Bowell.

THE FAILURE LIST.

Figures just issued by Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., show that the failures in Canada for the quarter ending with September, are greatly less in number and amount, than the corresponding period last year, the figures being 295 failures, with liabilities of \$4,629,592 this year, against 426 failures amounting to \$5,753,130 in the three months of 1877.

In the States, the figures are 2,853 failures, owing \$66,378,363, compared with \$42,346,085 last year ; but this increase of over 50 per cent. is accounted for by the haste of many to " get through " before the U. S. Bankrupt Law should terminate, on 1st ult. The aggregate of American failures for the nine months of 1878, was \$197,211,129, among 8,678 insolvents, against 6,565 insolvents owing \$141,862,256 same period of 1877. Canadian failures in that time numbered 1,242. with liabilities of \$18,138,321, and in nine months of 1877, were 1,646, with \$20,904,976 of liabilities.

The failure of the prominent wholesale grocery house of Logan, Lindsay & Co., has been the event of the week in St. John, N.B. The house had been established for a number of years, and been doing a large business; but of late years they were heavy losers by bad debts. For some time doubts as to their solvency have been in busy circulation, and their paper has been frequently met with on the street, so that their stoppage has not been altogether unlooked for. They contend that with an extension of time they will be able to pull through, as they show a surplus of some \$50,000 over liabilities of \$120,000.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, Oct. 14th, 1878.

Notning new in oil matters; developing still going on but no good wells to report, the shipment of oil is increasing and business generally better. The shipments for the west, ending roth Oct., were : Crude, 8,094 brls; Distillate, 560 brls; Refined, 428 brls. Market quotations : Crude, \$2.08 per brl; for refining for export about 75c; Refined, 13¹/₂c to 14c per gal., w.m. New York, Oct. 12th.-Refined, 105c per gal., w.m. Crude oil in the States has come down to 75c. per brl. The stock of Crude oil here is estimated at between 100,000 and 150,000 brls.







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THE PROMISED NATIONAL POLICY.

The announcement of the success of a Protectionist party in Canada has naturally caused uneasiness in England, and led to some unforeseen criticism in the States. It is the vague nature of the supdosed danger that produces the fears which have found expression in the former country. The loss of the Canadian market to the English manufacturer is supposed to be threatened. The precedent fact that that market was already fast eluding his grasp is lost sight of. Our import trade has, within the last few years, been transferred from England to the States in a ratio that threatened to reduce our English importations to very small proportions in the near future. This transfer has taken place under conditions of equal trade; we have had no reciprocity treaty with the United States to give exclusive advantages to that country.

The theory which assumes that Canada has become a sacrifice market for the States is an insufficient explanation of the phenomenon. When goods are produced in excess, as they have been in the States, it may be true policy to sell them at one half their cost. This, it is quite possible, has, in some cases, been done, with the result, of course, of preventing successful competition from any quarter. But this condition of trade is altogether exceptional, and could never become permanent; it is the consequence of a glut, such as is liable to occur only at an uncertain period of commercial crisis. At different periods of her history England has poured out her surplus stocks upon foreign markets at a loss. The sacrifice of goods at critical periods, with the view of preventing the rise of competing manufacturers in other countries, has sometimes found formal advocates in England. Among the number of these Lord Brougham was conspicuous. And for at least ten years after the close of the war of 1812 the Americans never ceased

to complain that the States were made a sacrifice market for British goods.

Canada now, in turn, makes the same complaint against the States. There is a strong element of truth in it, but it represents a state of things that will pass away. As the States ceased to be a sacrifice market for British manufactures, so will Canada for American, save in exceptional times of glut. In the meantime, the application of a remedy is a matter of extreme difficulty, and in some cases it would not be possible. After the railway collapse connected with the failure of Jay Cooke, such was the glut of locomotives that the American makers of these engines were content to realize one half or even one-third of their cost. It is obvious that against such a drop in prices no tariff could provide security to the Canadian manufacturer. But this is an extreme case; the fall of price is far greater than is usual even in goods which, to relieve the pressure of a glut, have to seek a sacrifice market. For such a purpose a foreign market will always be accepted in preference to the domestic, since it must always be an object with manufacturers to create as little disturbance as possible in the home market. Canada, as the nearest foreign market, will always be the recipient of these favors from the States ; and it is obvious that, in extreme cases, a tariff even as high as the American, would not exclude goods doomed to a sacrifice of twothirds of the original cost.

But if it be impossible to deal effectually with extreme and exceptional cases, the general course of trade, which always implies an expectation of profit, will be found more or less amenable to regulation. The extent to which the States are taking possession of the Canadian market implies something more than a sale of surplus stocks. To a certain extent, American manufactures have come to be able to compete with those of any other country in the markets of the world, and more especially in Canada. It is useless to go on repeating that protected manufactures cannot compete in foreign countries on equal terms. The general proposition is of course true; but the exception forms a living fact which it is mere fatuity to deny. Perhaps the success of this exceptional form of competition may prove that protection has survived the necessity on which it was originally assumed to be based. When we find that, year after year, American manufacturers are taking the place of British, in this market, to an increasing extent, we may be sure that the conditions of a permanently successful competition have been established. Instead of doubting this fact, protective will be limited in point of time;

British manufacturers would do well to face it; to enquire into the cause of the change and whether no new conditions of successful competition can be established on the other side. Canadians, too, are inclined to place too much stress on the fact that Canada is, to a certain extent, a sacrifice market for American goods. What we have to deal with in the long run is less the exceptional and abnormal than the regular and natural condition of things.

Some measure of protection is implied in the change of government, which brings Sir John Macdonald back to power. Of course the object of all protection is to lessen the importation of the protected goods; but there is a wide difference between moderate protection and prohibition. As in all questions where the interests of classes play a part, the arrangement of the details of the tariff will give rise to diverse views and aims. A vast amount of information will require to be collected. This could be done in one of two ways: either through a commission or a parliamentary committee. The former plan would utilize the period of the recess, and as effectually forward the work as if a session were at once called. Committees on the tariff are besides objectionable on account of the publicity they give to impending changes, with the inevitable result of a loss of revenue. A commission, if properly selected, would seem to be the more suitable instrument of the two possible modes of procedure. But, commission or committee, whichever it be, should not be packed with rampant protectionists.

A succession of deficits shows the necessity of increasing the revenue ; but if there had been no necessity for an increase of duties, there could be no valid objection to a re-arrangement of the tariff. The very need of revenue is a warning not to experiment in prohibitive duties. There is a point beyond which duties cease to bring the largest amount of revenue, but the scale of the Canadian tariff is far below this point, if we may judge by the productiveness of the American tariff, which is much higher than we hope any rational person will think of going in Canada. The Minister of Finance will find that he cannot afford to leave revenue considerations out of account; and for that reason our tariff, while having a protective effect in certain directions, as it has now in a modified degree, must in the main, have a revenue basis. This consideration should moderate the alarm which English critics are disposed to indulge over the prospects of the impending tariff legislation.

We trust that any legislation avowedly

that all concerned will be given to understand that this legislation is tentative; that the object is to give temporary aid to infant industries, which such aid may reasonably be expected to give a start on the road to success, the achievement of which will enable them to go alone.

PAYMENTS AND RENEWALS.

The system of renewing notes has become a curse to the trade. Every wholesale house feels the burden of it; most importers execrate it; a few attempt to stop it; but the system still goes on. A simple renewal, even in full, is not the worst. There are renewals upon renewals, until the burden of interest overweighs a trader's resources and eats away the very life of his business.

In numerous cases, at the present rate of such proceeding, the capital of a merchant will have melted away in ten years time; the mistaken policy of heavy stocks and corroding interest, virtually allowed to compound, infallibly tending to extinguish his capital. We are not without warrant in stating that there are many retail businessess, in both city and country, whose turn-over in the course of a year is not twice, often not one and a half times, his average stock. We know of one country shop-keeper, with a stock of \$12,000, whose annual sales do not reach \$20,000; and we are told of another, a city dealer, whose sales were from \$60,000 to \$75,000 annually, and whose last inventory showed his stock on hand to be over \$40,000. The lastnamed fell into difficulty, as was not surprising; and the first, though "a good mark" in the general opinion as well as his own, can not, in the nature of things, continue to be prompt, without either an increase in his yearly sales, or a reduction of his stock. One fourth of his profits goes yearly to pay his inter st account.

Experience proves that a business, to be active and healthy, should turn over its stock at least three times a year; that is, if a merchant carries an average stock of \$10,000, his sales should, at least, approach \$30,000 annually. The facilities for getting delivery of goods are now-a-days so great, that there is nowhere, except perhaps in Manitoba, need for the heavy supplies once or twice a year which were in old days considered needful. There is, indeed, an improvement in the direction of more frequent and smaller purchases, but it is still the custom to carry needlessly heavy stocks.

With stocks once reduced, and more frequently assorted, the pressure for renewals would be lessened, and the load of interest lightened. What a different story the balance sheets of our retail merchants might show to day, if their stocks at the beginning of 1877 had been one third or one half less! The shrinkage in value since that date has sufficed to wipe out the capital of not a few, and has seriously crippled many more.

To do with smaller stocks, to sell for cash or shorter credit, and to give only such notes as they can meet without renewals, should be, as it is put elsewhere in this issue, the "National Policy" of our storekeepers.

"POOLING RECEIPTS" IN TELE-GRAPHY.

For a week or two past, stock-broking circles have been in a flutter over a projected scheme for making a common purse of the receipts of the Montreal and the Dominion Telegraph Companies, the object being to reduce expenses in these organizations. From the effect which the rumour has had in causing an advance in each of the stocks named, it may be inferred that an economy was expected to be produced in the working of both lines. At all events, an arrangement of the kind proposed must have the effect of diminishing the competition between the companies for business, and so, presumably, enhancing their earning power.

It is well to consider how the interests of the public would be affected by placing the telegraph service of the country on such a footing. That Canada has been well and cheaply served in the matter of telegraphy will not be disputed. But it may be argued that, to do away with opposition—as would virtually be the result if the suggested arrangement were consummated—would lessen the guarantees to the public for the continuance of the present cheap and effective telegraphic facilities.

A similar step, taken not long since in the United States by the Western Union and the Atlantic and Pacific competing telegraph companies, has resulted in an increase of the net earnings of those companies. This has enabled the smaller of them to declare a dividend which could not otherwise have been expected, and has affected in a like favorable manner the earnings of the larger In the case of the American concern. Companies, it should be observed, the pooling of receipts was accompanied by a pooling of expenditure ; the object being to so restrict the expenses of each company that, for instance, two offices should not be maintained in small towns or districts where there was business for but one. But for some such provision, it is manifest, the reduction of expense, and the consequent companies could not have been so well attained.

We are not aware that any complaint is made that the public is less effectively served in country places by reason of the change; but one result has been the establishment of opposition lines between Chicago and Milwaukee, which send ten word messages for five cents, and between New York and Boston, and between New York and Philadelphia, at low rates. This move has induced the reduction of rates by the consolidated lines between such points to combat the opposition, a result by which the publie doing business between those places will benefit.

It is to be supposed that the example set them by the United States lines will be not slow to be followed by the Canadian ones, in case the project mooted here be carried into effect. If our companies can promote economies by the step proposed, without increasing the cost or decreasing the facilities now enjoyed by those who use the telegraph wires, the objection naturally felt to anything savoring of monopoly will be in a large measure overcome.

It would seem to be the interest, as it is the duty, of such important adjuncts to every day business as our telegraph companies are, to treat their customers with fairness and even liberality. Any attempt at aggrandizement of the companies which neglects to consider the interest and convenience of the public, ought not to be, and is not likely to be permitted without a struggle.

PUSH COLLECTIONS.

We have passed the middle of October, and it is time that notes were being paid in full, or that arrears of indebtedness were being brought up. Yet we find the responses of Montreal and Toronto importers to interrogations as to payments, to be as follows, thus far in the month, as evidenced in our market reports: " Remittances have not been up to expectations."-" A slight, but only a slight increase in remittances from the country."-"" Remittances are only slowly improving." -- " As to payments from the country, they are not expected to be satisfactory till the grain is all marketed."—"Payments are a little better, but still, not what they should be."

that, for instance, two offices should not be maintained in small towns or districts where there was business for but one. But for some such provision, it is manifest, the reduction of expense, and the consequent increased dividend paying power of the load of indebtedness, the interest on which is a grave and stubborn item.

Indulgence has been given to an extent which can with difficulty be continued, and the continuance of which would be only evil. While it is true that the timber trade is in a dispirited condition, and it is hopeless to expect immediate payments in full in districts dependent entirely upon that industry, it is nevertheless true that we have had two fair average harvests in succession. The proceeds of these, if promptly realized upon and paid over, would tend to lighten the burden.

We think it worth while to repeat our words, written a year ago, under the above heading: " Let no storekeeper sit idle, and wait for his credit customers to come in and pay their accounts. Let every general dealer, for the remainder of this month, keep at the work of collecting-in person, through his clerk or a bailiff, till every slow pay customer shall have been coaxed or dunned or sued, according as he is willing, lazy or stubborn. The result will be a cheering reduction of indebtedness, and a marvellous increase in confidence and good-will between merchants and their customers."

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

A revolution in the lighting of cities and towns is again threatened, and electricity is this time also, the means which is to supersede gas for that purpose. Some months ago, as was stated in these columns, the invention in Europe of the Jablochkoff electric candle and its probable adoption for purposes of illumination, occasioned something very like a panic in gas companies' shares in Great Britain. But that invention does not seem to have come into general use, if indeed it was so far perfected as to be capable of universal application; and so far as we know it shows no great sign of superseding gas.

It is now stated that Edison, "cet etounant Edison," as some French writer has styled him, has solved the problem of the subdivision of an electric current, so as to make it possible for one machine to supply a variety of lights distributed over a given space. And gas company shares are again depressed, in England and upon this continent : the stock of the New City Gas Co., of Montreal having fallen fifteen to twenty per cent., according to late despatches. The statement is made that several Montreal firms are making arrangements to have their factories supplied with to prevail, or a portion of the five or six the new light, but this, probably, is premature. Mr. Edison's patent is but just granted for the United States, and those for European countries not yet obtained. Until in an equally positive way, that "gas

this is done, the inventor declines to permit the details of his method to be publicly made known. Meanwhile, a company has been formed to operate it.

The light, as exhibited last week in New York, to a favored few. is described as being more brilliant than gas, yet mild, steady and pleasing to the eye, while produced at a cost one-third that of gas. The following are the main features of the proposed system :

"When all is in readiness for general introduction, central stations will probably be established throughout New York city, each station controlling a territory of, perhaps, a radius of perhaps, a half mile. In the central stations be the magneto-electric generating will machines run by engines. Wires will then be run in iron pipes under ground after the manner of gas pipes, connecting with dwellings, stores, theatres and other places to be lighted. The gas fixtures at present used, instead of being removed, will be utilized to encase the wire. In the place of the burner will be the invention. (that is, the carbon points, we presume) and meters will be used to register the quantity of electricity consumed. Their form is not yet determined upon. The light is to be of the bat-wing, fiften candle power character. To light it, a little spring is touched, and instantly the electricity does its work. The amount of light can be regulated in the same way as can To turn off the light the spring that from gas. is again touched, and instantly all is darkness. No matches being used, and there being no flame, all the dangers incident to the use of gas are obviated. The light gives out no heat. is simply a pure white light, made dim or bril-liant at the fancy of the person using it."

SOMETHING LIKE FALSE PRETENCES .- We are surprised that a respectable company, like the House Building Association, should allow its Secretary to issue such questionable statements, under the head of "Parkdale," as at present grace all the fences of the city, where bill-stickers are accustomed to do their ornamentation. The statement is made without qualification that "Parkdale, the western suburb of Toronto, is incorporated as an independent municipality." The place is not incorporated. The facts are these, the Municipal Act gives authority for cities to extend their limits; and the City Council of Toronto, on petition of inhabitants of the village, did at the proper time, unanimously give notice of its intention to bring in the territory known as Parkdale. About the same time, some of the villagers applied for a separate Act of Incorporation, but incorporation can take place only on the issue of a proclamation to that effect by the government, and none has been issued. And the question is whether the interests of the seventy thousand inhabitants of the city are village ; of the hundred inhabitants union favors other portion for the with Toronto. Mr. Mackenzie also states,

and water supplies are being obtained from the city by those who wish them." No arrangement has been made, or can be made, while Parkdale is outside the city, for obtaining water supplies from the Toronto Water Works; no resident of that village has obtained water from the city. These misstatements are put forward presumably with the view of selling the lands of the House Building Association ; and we submit that they furnish something which it is difficult to distinguish from false pretenses. If the directors do not call their Secretary to account for his unwarranted statements, they may find themselves called upon to fulfil the promises he has held out to purchasers. Parkdale is a beautiful site, and it is a pity that its prospects should be marred by any mountebank tricks to which there is no necessity for resort to obtain purchasers for lots within its bounds.

MOLSONS BANK .- The president of the Molson's Bank makes the gratifying announcement that the business of that institution has for some months past shown marked improvement. To which the cashier adds that for seven months it had "made scarcely any bad debts," that is, we presume, that no heavy losses have developed during that time. On reference to former reports, we find that the amount written off this year for bad and doubtful debts has been less than half that of last; and instead of making an appropriation from the rest, and paying 8 per cent. dividend as in 1877, the rest is maintained at \$400,000, and the dividend reduced one fourth. The net profits were \$201,793, or some fifteen per cent. less than last year's; and there was \$23,039 at credit of profit and loss, together making \$224,832; of this amount, losses absorbed \$101,899, and dividends \$119,802. A reduction is shown in circulation and in discounts from the figures of a year ago, but the item of real estate has increased nearly three-fold, an item which can hardly be agreeable to the directors, but which indicates that security of this kind has been taken during the year, fante de mieux. The shareholders, if they were not exactly "happy," as one of them phrased it, were at least satisfied with the exhibit made, and passed the report unanimously. The directors were re-elected.

London & Canadian Loan & Agency COMPANY, LIMITED.-The report of this company gives a full and careful statement of its operations for the year, and shows results with which shareholders have no occasion to feel dissatisfied. It is to be borne in mind that, while farm property in Canada maintains its value, there has been

a shrinkage in real estate in some cities and towns, and the dullness of almost all mercantile affairs, and the failures which have thrown men or companies out of business, have been felt by the Loan Companies, who have sometimes suffered "lock-ups" from these causes. The London & Canadian Company has done a large business, its loans effected during the year reached \$809,000, and it received in re-payment \$612,000, the net profit on the year's operations being \$84,900. Out of this sum \$40,000 has been added to reserve account, after paying ten per cent. dividend. This result has been attained after the payment of British agency charges, "commissions" on loans and debentures, (an item which, by the way, is creeping into the accounts of some of our companies other than loan) and the ordinary cost of management, these expenditures aggregating close upon \$40,ooo. We observe that it has been decided to call up \$2 per share of the company's subscribed stock, making the amount paid in 12 per cent. instead of 10 as at present.

SUSPENSION OF THE MERCHANTS BANK OF P. E. I.

The banks in Prince Edward Island are not required to comply with the Banking Act of the Dominion ; each has a distinct charter from the Local Legislature in which the most important clauses are similar. The average date of expiry of these charters is about fifteen years hence, and it is certain that they will not be renewed by the Government, for, in some respects, they are not as stringent as the general Banking Act of Canada. When the oldest bank in that Province, which bears the name of the Island, was incorporated, more than twenty years ago, banking, evidently, was not very well understood down there, for that institution during its second year, loaned double the amount of its capital to one shipping firm. This caused the bank's suspension, and would have resulted in its ruin had not its friends given timely assistance. However, this costly experience was not lost on the directors, for they neither paid any dividends nor accepted any remuneration for services until the bank was put in a thoroughly sound condition.

It is somewhat surprising that when the principles of legitimate banking are so well understood, the Merchant's Bank should have trampled upon some of its best known safeguards. An institution which would blindly lock up the greater portion of its resources in any one enterprise such as shipbuilding, during a period of depression, could not reasonably expect much outside assistance, especially on personal security, and as it had nothing else to offer it had to close its doors. The management, it appears, did not realize the position of the bank until it found the drafts of the firm to which it had made such extraordinary advances, refused in

Britain. So great was this shock that it at once brought the board to its senses, and a vigorous effort was put forth by the President, who is considered one of the most honorable men on the Island, to extricate the bank from its difficulties, but it was too late. When the firm whose drafts were refused, was known to be in trouble, some of its wealthiest depositors withdrew their funds; and this drain upon the resources of the bank continued to increase from day to day. Failing to get the needed outside assistance, the only course left was to suspend payment until such arrangements shall be made as will enable it to resume business. To do this, the shareholders must put their hands in their pockets and make good the deficiency. A contribution of ten dollars per share would probably effect this, and it is the straightforward course to pursue. The directors are culpable in permitting one of their number, who, although a clever, is a bold and self-willed man, to have all the money desired by the firm of which he was a ruling spirit, to lock up in ships. Indeed, the shareholders threaten to hold the board responsible for the result. In doing this, the board blindly violated one of the principal safeguards of its charter, which provides that " The aggregate of all the debts due to the said bank from the directors thereof as principals, endorsers or sureties, shall not at any one time exceed twenty per centum of the capital stock." The following figures indicate the precise condition of the bank at the time of its suspension.

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Bills discounted, loans, etc	417,539	00
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Safes, office furniture, &c	3,965	00

LIABILITIES.

\$467,538 00

Circulation	00
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\$270,538 oo The result of the failure of Jas. Duncan & Co. and the suspension of the bank is not likely to prove so disastrous to the island as was at first expected. The Merchants is, we think, the youngest bank in the province, and those who were in a position to watch its operations never considered it very strong. Judging from transactions that have come to light its management must have been of a reckless character. Two members of its Board have within the past year failed to fully meet their obligations.

We understand that nearly the whole capital of the bank has been for about a year locked up in Duncan's concern. Therefore the bank's suspension will cause but little curtailment of banking facilities, especially as the deposits, or such portion of them as are recovered, and circulation will be transferred to the other banks. At a meeting of shareholders held on Monday a committee of five was appointed to examine the bank's affairs and report fully next week, with suggestions as to the practicability of its resuming business.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. & F., ST. JOHN.—We expect to give you the statistics asked for in an article on the subject next week.

J. G. L., PORT HOPE.—Your query was replied to in last issue. The objectors say they are going to "fight it out on that line if it takes all winter."

G. G. G., STRATHROY.—Thanks for your suggestion, which we may act upon later. The proposed amended rules appeared in the last number of the MONETARY TIMES. They seem to commend themselves to marine underwriters.

F. R., MONTREAL.—Three times the amount of the paid capital. The amount mentioned was inadequate. See further on the subject in this issue. The excitement has been much overstated.

J. S. M., WINDSOR.— he company is decidedly not a strong one, the alteration is probably advisible; but we do not recommend any "cheap insurance" shop. Better pay a good price and get a good article.

HALIFAX WATER WORKS .--- Works which has been in progress at the south end of Long Lake near Halifax, N. S., to improve and enlarge the supply of water to that city have just been completed. The height of the dam at the lake named has been raised five feet, giving three feet additional depth of water, and adding 300,-000,000 gallons of water to the city's supply. This dam is 1,100 feet in length, built of solid granite, and the embankment has been laid with lime and sowed with grass seed. The cost of this improvement has been \$11,850. It appears that \$900,000 has already been spent upon the water works of Halifax, and of late, until now there have been well grounded complaints of a short supply. It may be well to explain that the supply of water is obtained from a chain of small lakes lying westward a few miles from the city, which either opened naturally or have been made to connect artificially the one with the other, the nearest being connected with the city by mains. The chairman of the Board of Works desires to see the Long Lake connected directly by a tunnel with the city water pipes, instead of the water passing as now into the chain of lakes, as in the latter the water is not so pure, and is liable to become worse annually The cost, he estimates, would be only about \$35,000. This sum is surely a bagatelle, compared with the importance of pure water to a city like Halifax.

rculation will be transferred to the other banks. At a meeting of shareholders held on Monday the Mahratta tribe of British India is curious.

When the creditor cannot get his money, and begins to see the debt as rather desperate, he sits dhurna upon his debtor; that is, he squats down at the door of the tent, and becomes, in a certain mysterious degree, the master of it. No one goes in or out without his approbation. and the debtor is not permitted to communicate with any one but those whom the dun may approve of. He neither eats himself, nor suffers his debtor to eat; and this famishing contest is carried on till the debt is paid, or the creditor begins to feel that want of food is a greater punishment than the want of money. This curious mode of enforcing a demand is in universal practice among the Mahrattas; Scindiah himself, the chieftain, not being exempt from it.

-Some commotion was occasioned "on the street" when it was officially declared on Wednesday last that the Bank of Montreal's semi-annual dividend was only five per cent., instead of six as heretofore. This reduction had been looked upon a year ago as almost a foregone conclusion; but people had forgotten that, and the announcement seems to have fallen like a thunder clap on Montreal brokers, who appeared unwilling to anticipate the decline, although the condition of business affairs of late rendered such a step no less likely than it was wise. As was to be expected, the stock fell, shares at closing of the board selling at 155, or twelve per cent. below the closing prices of the previous day. A better feeling, however, now prevails, and the stock is slowly improving.

-The General Manager for the Dominion of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Mr. Gale, has lately been in this city effecting some changes for the more effective working of the Company's business. Toronto is made a Branch of the General Agency for Canada, in addition to its being, as heretofore, the Head Office for Ontario; and Mr. Geo. B. Holland, the present general agent, is appointed manager for this portion of the Dominion. The Equitable has been established in Canada about ten years, and under Mr. Gale's energetic management, a business of close upon six million dollars at risk has been built up, deducting all losses and surrenders. To this business, and of course to the premium income of nearly \$200,-000, Ontario has contributed its full quota, and the movement whereby the importance of the Toronto office is increased, is warranted by the business it has influenced.

-It will be remembered that in May of this year, Mr. Alderman Turner, chairman of the Executive Committee, foreshadowed a scheme for the re-arrangement of the city debt, and a better system for carrying on the public and street improvements of the city. The City Council recently authorized the Executive Committee to confer with a committee of citizens on this-to the ratepayers-very important matter. The Committee consists of the Honourables on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1878, at the office of the

W. P. Howland, Geo. Brown, John McMurrich, Frank Smith, and Messrs. C. S. Gzowski, Wm. F. McMaster, J. Shields, Chas. Lindsey, Wm. Thomson, Jas. Crowther, S. Platt, M.P., Arthur Lepper, J. G. Worts, Alex. Manning, A. B. Lee, J. E. Smith, Walter B. Lee, and Larratt W. Smith. These gentlemen met in the Council Chamber at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Alderman Turner submitted his suggestions, which the same gentlemen are to meet again next Thursday at the same hour to consider.

-We learn that there has not been, in consequence of the bank and business trouble in Charlottetown, more than the usual amount of withdrawal of specie from any of the other banks. These are : the Union Bank of P.E.I., the Bank of Prince Edward Island and a branch of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax; all of which enjoy the confidence of the Islanders.

-Owing to the surplus of produce already in the English markets, there is no demand for shipment from the leading American ports, hence the absence of any speculative movement in flour or grain here at present. The receipts all over the world are apparently unusually large Up to the beginning of October, inst., the re ceipts of grain in New York were chronicled at 47,000,000 bushels, against 10,040,000 bushels for the same period of last year. In Chicago, on Wednesday last, the total receipts of grain, according to the despatches, amounted to 650,-000 bushels, and those of wheat alone, to 320,-000 bushels. This is an exceptionally large receipt of wheat for one day.

-A Toronto firm of cattle exporters offers to contract for 10,000 head, weighing each 1,400 lbs. and upwards, at 5c. per pound, live weight; the stock to be delivered in Toronto market. It is stated that one firm here have engaged all the available room on the Allan and Dominion lines of steamships for the next six months, to carry live cattle to Great Britain. The receipts of cattle here during the past week aggregated 4,000 head, and of sheep about 5,000.

-The Montreal City Passenger Railway is at length, after a hard struggle, beginning to get its head above water. It has declared a dividend of two and one-half dollars per share, to cover the past two years, subject however to the approbation of the shareholders at their general meeting on 6th November.

meetings.

AND LONDON AND CANADIAN LOAN AGENCY COMPNY, LIMITED.

The fifth annual general meeting of shareholders of this company, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for other purposes, was held, pursuant to notice, at noon

company, No. 44 King street west, Toronto. Among those present were the Hon. W. P. Howland, C.B., (President), His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. J. R. Benson, Principal Cockburn, Messrs. A. T. Fulton, Judge McPher-son, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Larratt W. Smith, D.C.L., O. A. Howland, Frank Arnoldi. Jas. Paterson, James Scott, C. E. Hooper, J. Y. Reid, W. Ramsay, R. H. Temple, W. J. Baines, T. M. Thomson, and David Higgins.

On motion of the Hon. D. A. Macdonald, seconded by Hon. J. R. Benson, the President was called to the chair, and Mr. Robins appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been taken as read, the President read the report of the directors and statement of accounts for the past year, and also the report of the auditors, as follows :

REPORT.

At the date of the Company's last annual report, out of 20,000 shares which had been recently offered for subscription there remained unalloted 667 shares. On the 21st August these were, after due notice, sold on the Toronto Stock Exchange, at an average price of \$7.43 for each share representing \$5 paid up. The net premium realized from this sale, amounting to \$1,446.82, appears at the credit of the Company's Revenue Account for this year.

The subcribed stock of the company now amounts to \$4,000,000, on which has been paid up \$400.000. The present number and distribution of Share-

holders is as follows : In Britain 63 Shareholders holding 25,146 shares; in Canada 177 Shareholders holding 54,854 shares. Total, 240 shareholders, 80,000 shares

The following summary of the year's operations is submitted :

Amount borrowed in Britain on De-

bentures and Certificates during the year....

.....\$423,586 17 Amount repaid during the year 169,251 47

Net increase of "borrowings" for

the year.... ····· \$254.334 70 Applications for loans were received to the extent of \$1,359,547 on property estimated as worth \$3,346,050.

Loans were approved and effected

during the year on property valued by the Company's own ap-

praisers at \$2,228,840.....\$809,849 00 Loans repaid during the year amount ed to 612,478 30

Net increase of the Company's Mortgage investments as compared

with last report......\$197,370 70

The yearly accounts of the company have hitherto almost invariably shown considerable profits realized from "Premium on new shares issued,"-Re-sale of purchased securities-and high rates obtained for exchange in Britain. In the accounts now submitted there appears only one insignificant item of "premium on new shares." No re-sale of securities has taken place, and the operation of the company's British exchange account resulted, from the course of the market, in a net loss for the year of \$104.69. It will, therefore, be a matter for satisfaction to the proprietors to note that from the ordinary operations of this year's business, the Directors have been able to provide the usual dividends amounting to 10 per cent. for the year,—to add to the "Reserve Fund" the sum of \$40,000 (making the aggregate figure at credit of that account now \$143,000)—and to carry forward at the credit of the Revenue Account a balance of \$5,754.13.

From time to time shareholders on both sides of the Atlantic have submitted for the consideration of the Board the expediency of some-

what increasing the amount called up per share on the subscribed stock of the company, with the two fold result of decreasing pro tanto, the shareholders' contingent liability, and increas ing his dividend bearing investment. The latter being specially regarded as a desideratum because of the clause in the company's charter which prohibits any one person from holding more than one thousand shares.

The policy of the board has been to endeavor, as early as possible, to accumulate such a "Reserve" as will, in conjunction with the paid capital, secure to the shareholders a reasonable certainty of steady dividends and continued regular and satisfactory additions to the "Reserve Fund" itself.

This fund has now attained proportions which the directors feel justify them in meeting the wishes of many shareholders in this respect, and the Board accordingly submits for the approval of the proprietors the proposal for a further call of \$2 per share on the subscribed capital of the company.

W. P. HOWLAND, President. TORONTO, October 10th, 1878.

To the President and Directors of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company:

GENTLEMEN,-We have carefully examined the books of account of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency for the year ending 31st August, 1878, and found them to agree with the several vouchers and the bankers balances, and they are in every respect correct and satisfac. tory

The mortgages, loans, debentures and other securities, as shown with the several schedules herewith exhibited, have been examined by us in detail and their amounts agree with their respective accounts in the Ledger.

The statements of "assets and liabilities," and the "revenue account" submitted herewith, have been compared with the ledger balances, and are certified as correct.

We are, gentlemen, Yours very faithfully, JAMES SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditors. DAVID HIGGINS, Toronto, 28th Sept., 1878. Assets. Loans on Mortgages\$3,187,870 85 Deb'ntures purchased 40,124 20 Loans on call or short date, on first class 19,467 81 stock securities ... -\$3,247,462 95 Interest accrued on investments to

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issue No. 4, sold Aug. 21st, 1878 1,446 82 306,959 67 \$306,746 17 J. G. MACDONALD, Manager. Moved by the President, seconded by Hon. . C. Aikins, that the report and proposal of the irectors, the statement of accounts, and the uditors' report be adopted and printed with the proceedings of this meeting for circulation mong the shareholders. Carried. Moved by Judge Macpherson, seconded by Mr. J. M. Thomson, that the thanks of the stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the Canadian directors and the Scottish Board for their continued careful attention to he company's interests during the past year. Carried. Moved by Mr. Jas. Scott, seconded by Mr. V. Y. Reid, that the thanks of the proprietors e presented to the manager, and other officers of the company; to the agents of the company n Britain and Canada, and to the company's uditors, for their faithful and efficient discharge of their respective duties ; that the sum of \$300 ach be paid to the auditors for their services nd that they be re-appointed for the ensuing rear. Carried. The President moved, seconded by Mr. A. C. Fulton, that by-law No. 2 be amended by substituting the word " thirteen" for the word fifteen" in the first line thereof. Carried. Moved by Mr. James Patterson, seconded by Mr. C. E. Hooper, that Messrs. R. H. Temple nd W. J. Baines be requested to act as scruineers for the election of directors, and that hey be paid the sum of \$5 each for their ser-rices. That the poll be now opened, and that be closed whenever five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered. Carried. Moved by Larratt W. Smith, D.C.L., secnded by Hon. J. R. Benson, that the president lo now leave the chair, and that it be taken by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. Carried. Moved by Principal Cockburn, seconded by W. Ramsay, Esq., that the best thanks of the hareholders are due and are hereby given to he President for his close personal attention to he business of the company, and that he be re-uested to accept the sum of \$2,000 in recog-nition thereof. Carried. The scrutineers reported as follows : We, the indersigned, duly appointed scrutineers, at the nnual meeting of the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company, held on the 9th October, 1878, hereby declare that the following sentlemen were unanimously elected directors : Hon. W. P. Howland, C. B.; Lieut. Col. C. S. Bzowski, C. E.; Mr. A. T. Fulton, Hon. D. A. lacdonald, Hon. Donald A. Smith, Mr. A. R. McMaster, Larratt W. Smith, D. C. L.; Hon. R. Benson, Messrs. T. D. McConkey, J. C. F. Cochrane, Donald McKay, Daniel Macfie, Henry roff.

R. H. TEMPLE, Scrutineers.

W. J. BAINES, Scrutineers. At a meeting of the Board of Directors subequently held the Hon. W. P. Howland, C.B., as re-elected President, and Lieut.-Col. zowski and Mr. A. T. Fulton, Vice-Presidents. The directors have since made the call of \$2

er share, (as announced in the report) payable n 12th Dec., 1878.

MOLSON'S BANK.

The annual general meeting of the shareholdrs of the Molsons Bank was held on the 14th ist., at the banking house in Montreal. The hair was occupied by Mr. John Molson, Presi-ent; Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, Cashier, cted as secretary. Among the shareholders

present were, Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Hon. Mr. Justice Day, Messrs. Thos. Workman, Jno. Hutchison, Daniel Wilson, H. A. Nelson, Capt. P. Durnford, John H. R. Molson, T. J. Claxton, R. Moat, Ald. Stephen, W. D. McLaren and John W. Molson.

The President read the annual report as follows :--

Report.

GENTLEMEN,-On the occasion of submitting to you their last annual report, your Directors expressed their belief in an early resumption of commercial and manufacturing activity, many indications, as they conceived, pointing thereto; but it is scarcely necessary to say that the depression which had spread over this, in common with almost all commercial countries of the world, had not run its course, and its effects have been felt by the bank as by kindred institutions in the curtailment of business and the incurring of losses. It will, however, be some satisfaction to the shareholders to know that these losses are chiefly resulting from the unclosed transactions of former years, and that the bank has been exempt from any loss, except of a very trifling character, since the close of the last half year. A perceptible improvement has recently transpired in the volume and nature of the business of the Bank, and, with its continuance, your Directors entertain a reasonable hope of a gradual return to the Bank of its former prosperity. We now lay before the shareholders the annual statement of the Bank's affairs to the anth Sentember last -

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Balance to the credit of profit and loss on 30th Sept, 1877 \$23,039 61 To which add net profits, after de- ducting expenses of management and reservation of interest accru- ed on deposits and exchange 201,793 34	M re re yc
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Ridgetown, a thriving place on the Canada Southern Railway. The branches of the bank have been inspected twice during the year, and the cash at head office has been carefully counted at intervals by the directors.

JOHN MOLSON, President. MONTREAL, 14th October, 1878.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

of the affairs of the Molson's Bank on the 30th September, 1878 :---Capital authorized \$2,000,000 00 Capital subscribed 2,000,000 00 Liabilities. Capital paid up.....\$1,996,715 00 Notes in circulation 995,549 00 Dominion Government Deposits payable on demand..... 56,210 19 Other deposits payable on demand 1,935,439 62 14 " after notice 781,589 33 32,887 71 Due to other banks in Canada.... ** branches..... 21,414 11 " Foreign Agents..... 15,124 01 Agents in the United

Kingdom	60,979	
Rest	400,000	00
Profit and Loss	3,130	43
Forty-sixth dividend	59,901	45
Dividends unclaimed	2,388	41
Interest, Exchange, &c., reserved.	34,045	82

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THE MOLSONS BANK.

ontreal, 14th October, 1878.

The President, in moving the adoption of the eport, said : Gentlemen,-You have heard the sport which has just been read, and I think bou will agree with me that, considering the ear through which we have just passed, the esult of the bank's business may be considered atisfactory. In the early part of the year losses ere developed, which induced your directors eluctantly to reduce the usual dividend, but, their opinion, it was preferable to do so ther than reduce the Rest below 20 per cent. the capital, and in this they feel sure that ou will agree with them. Had the result of e first six months been equal to that of the st, a larger dividend might possibly have been aid. I am glad to be able to say that our busiess during the last few months has shown arked improvement. While it would have been gratifying to your directors to have reported larger profits, yet, I think I may say that, considering the great commercial depres-sion which has prevailed, the bank has done as well as could reasonably have been expected. We begin the year with a rest of \$400,000-20 per cent. upon our capital, and an improving business. I do not think of anything more that I need say. I now move, seconded by Judge Day, the adoption of the report.

Hon. Judge Day, in seconding the adoption of the report, said that the report must be received as a gratifying one, under the existing unfavorable circumstances of business during the last two or three years. Of course, when men were dissatisfied, they looked about for a scape goat, and the natural scapegoat for shareholders, if in any way inclined to be dissatisfied, wes the directors. It seemed to him, at present, they had no reason to lay any heavy burden of fault on the directors, but rather to the universal paralysis of trade and commercial dealings generally. Although they could not say they were quite happy under the diminished dividends and shrinkage in values, on the whole, the gentle-men entrusted with the administration of the affairs of the bank had done their duty skilfully anairs of the bank had done their duty skilling and prudently. There was one little ray of light in the remarks made by the chairman, namely, that the business had improved within the last few months. They might indulge in

the hope that they had reached the lowest point, that they had arrived at that time of thick darkness which preceded the dawning day, and that hereafter there would not be any sud-den reaction of improvement, but a gradual, growing progress in the right direction, and that at their next annual meeting the report presented would be more satisfactory than that just received. In business above all things else, brevity was the soul of wit : he would content himself, without further remarks, with seconding the adoption of the report.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. D. McLaren moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Wilson, That the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their management of the Bank during the past year, and that the Presi-dent be requested to accept the sum of \$3,000.

Carried unanimously.

The President, on behalf of himself and Directors, thanked the shareholders for this expression of confidence.

Mr. Robert Moat moved, seconded by Captain Philip Durnford, That the thanks of the shareholders be also tendered to the Cashier, the Managers and other officers of the Bank for the satisfactory manner in which they discharged their several duties. Carried unanimously. Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, Cashier, in re-

turning thanks, referred to the past year, which had been unfortunate in one respect, namely, that they had been unable to carry out the anticipation of last meeting : that this year's return would be a great improvement on that of last year; but the fates had been adverse, and, as the report stated, they had suffered in common with other institutions. A great solace, how-ever, was the fact that during the last seven months they had scarcely made any bad debts. This was the most satisfactory clause in the report, and he hoped they would meet under better circumstances next time.

The ballot being opened, the scrutineers, Messrs. Robert Moat and Daniel Wilson, reported the following gentlemen duly elected as Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. John Molson, Thos. Workman, T. J. Claxton, R. W. Shepherd, Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Horatio A. Nelson and Miles Williams.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. John Molson was re-elected President, and Mr. Thomas Workman, Vice-President.

insurance.

FIRE RECORD .- Port Dalhousie, Oct. 9th .-R. McGraith's barn took fire, which spread to Mrs. Young's shop and Mrs. Fleming's dwelling, Jno. Smith's butcher shop, which M. Cas-tello occupied, Duffin's brick hotel-A. Reid, tenant-McGraith's dwelling, Dwyer's tobacco shop and the express and telegraph offices. These are all destroyed, loss estimated at \$8,000. Toronto, 10th.-A fire in the lumber yard of J. Woods did \$1,000 damage, covered by in-

surance.

John Ford's carpenter-shop was injured to

the extent of \$300, insured. Sunderland, 4th.—George Parliament's barns and implements and 1,000 bushels of grain were burned, having been struck by lightning. Build-

ings insured. Drumbo, 8th.—Barns of J. W. Fritch burned

Drumbo, 8th.—Barns of J. w. Fitch burned with season's crop. Insured for \$900. Fenelon Falls, 3rd.—Bakery, grocery and dwelling of Jno. Elliott, owned by Noble In-gram, burned down. Insured for \$700.

Lanark, Oct. 15th.-The barn and stables of Charles Woods were destroyed by fire, with all last season's grain, hay and farm implements. Loss about \$2,200, no insurance.

Lonsdale, Oct. 15th.—The barn owned by

John Kinnear, Tyendinaga, with sheds and contents of grain, &c., were all consumed. Loss, \$1,500; insured in the Victoria Mutual for \$800.

Clinton, Oct. 15th.—The barn, stable, &c., of James Cottle, near here, were destroyed by fire; cause, lightning. Grain and other contents were insured in the Hullet & McKillop Insurance Company.

Port Burwell, Oct. 15th.—The house of Wm. Freeland, treasurer of Houghton, near here, was burned last night. A roll of bills amounting to \$1,200 was burnt up.

Wingham, Oct. 15.—The barn of Mr. James Henning, councillor for Turnberry, was struck by lightning and burned, together with his stables, crops and machinery. No insurance.

Peterboro, Oct. 15th.—During last night's thunder storm, Mr. John Connors' barn, township of Douro, was struck by lightning and consumed. Insurance \$900, in the Northern Assurance Co.

Acton, 14th.—The barn of John Sahly, township of Erin, was burned last night; partly insured.

Peterboro, Oct. 14th.—The Phœnix planing mill, owned by the Dixon estate, and occupied by W. Rombough, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night about 12.30. Machinery insured in Royal for \$2,000, loss about \$3,000. Loss on building \$1,800, insured in the Western for \$1,000.

Port Hope, Oct. 14th.— The store occupied by Mr. George Hope, grocer, on the corner of Ridout and Julia streets, was consumed, with most of contents. Stock insured for \$1,500. The building, owned by Wm. Garnett, was not insured.

Ingersoll, Oct. 14th.—A fire levelled George Bailey's carriage factory, stock mostly saved; loss about \$3,000. Partially insured.

London, Oct. 14th.—Fire broke out in a grocery and dwelling on the corner of Ontario and Franklin streets, occupied by Mr. George Butler and owned by Mr. Grayson. The building, and also Geo. Barter's house, was destroyed, buildings partly insured.

Woodstock, Oct. 1st.—Samuel Rowe's barn, in[E. Zorra, and 1000 bushels of wheat, and other grain, were burned to-night. Not insured.

grain, were burned to-night. Not insured. Boucherville, 13th.—The bakery of Charles Normandin and two adjoining buildings burned. Loss \$800 to \$1,000. Montreal, 12th.—The tailor shop of Gmeen

Montreal, 12th.—The tailor shop of Gzeen Brothers, on St. Joseph street, and the dwelling next door, of Madam Dufresne, dress maker, were burned.

Coldbrook, N.S., 14th.—The stable of Wm. Forsyth, with animals and other contents, was destroyed. Loss \$600, insured for \$200 on building.

St. George, Ont., 12th.—Barn and drivingshed, owned by M. B. Laurason, burned to-day. Buildings insured.

Frankford, 12th.—Smith Finkle's barn and contents destroyed by fire last night.

Madoc, 10th.—The dwelling of Lewis Empey, on 3rd concession, was burned. Loss considerable.

Windsor, N.S., 10th.—The dwelling of James Maxner, at Curry's Corners was burned; cause, a defective chimney. Insured for \$1,100.

Wiggins, N.S., 10th.—Mrs. McCrie's dwelling house was burned. Her daughter lost \$750 in gold, which was in the burned dwelling.

Berwick, N.S., 9th.—Rupert Caldwell's barn burned, with contents; loss \$500. Insured in Agricultural of Canada for \$200.

Charlottetown, P.E I., 8th.—The cooperage connected with B. Brydge's pork packing faotory was burned down.

The lobster packery of Duncan Munn, at Little Sands, was also burned.

Parkhill, Oct. 6.—A destructive fire began in McNeil's stationery store this morning, which laid much of the business part of the town in ashes. The post office block was in a few minutes a mass of flames. It then spread east and west, taking McInnis' grocery and dwelling, Mrs. Davidson's millinery shop, Fletcher's confectionery store and dwelling, McKinnon's shoe shop, Dickson's dry goods store and residence, J. Benham's jewellery store and dwelling, Reid's butcher shop, and the Montreal Telegraph Co.'s office. The brick building occupied by McTaggart's Bank was only saved by the strenuous exertions of the firemen. The insurance on the building was light. All the merchants had their stocks insured light. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000.

EARL DUFFERIN ON COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

The following is the reply of Lord Dufferin to the address presented to him by the Commercial Travellers' Association at Toronto:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.-I assure you I experience very great pleasure in receiving an address from such a body as this. In the first place I am well aware that the Commercial Travellers constitute a community as distinguished for its integrity, for its intelligence, for its general aptitude for advancing the prosperity of Canada as any in the country. In the next place I cannot help remembering that one of the wisest and most beneficent statesmen, whose eloquence and achievements have ever adorned the pages of English history, had the honour of once being enrolled amongst your numbers. I allude to Richard Cobden. (Applause). And I am also glad to think that another member of your profession, Mr. George Moore, has also justly attracted by his honourable and distinguished career the admiration and sympathy of his fellow countrymen. But there is a still closer tie which attracts me towards you, because after all what am I myself but a commercial traveller? (Laughter and applause.) I am a commercial traveller who has travelled more and further than any of you. I can assure you I have vaunted my wares with as much earnestness and sincere belief in their excellence as any gentleman present. (Loud laughter) I have endeavoured to extend our connections, and to push the business of our House-(great laughter)-with energy and integrity-I trust, and indeed as you and integrity—i trust, and indred as you are good enough to assure me—to the satis-faction of my employers—(great applause)— and amongst those who have addressed me there are none in a better position than yourselves to give me an assurance on such a point, as you are in the habit of mixing so intimately with all classes of the community in Canada. His Excellency concluded by thanking them in a few further appropriate observations for the flattering terms of their address.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' EX. CHANGE.

With respect to this organization, a summary of whose rules we have already given, the president states as follows upon the intended mode of operation in one particular: The members of this Exchange are bound by their obligations to allow their Secretary (who is a salaried officer) access to the ledger account of any individual buyer concerning whom he may be seeking information; this may seem a little inquisitorial, but without this ledger investigation the information gathered would be of no more value than what is now provided by the Mercantile agencies. In order to remove the objection that some may have in regard to showing their ledger accounts, the Secretary has been placed under bonds not to divulge to any person or persons whatever, the name of the firm seeking information, nor the name of the firms from whose books he may have gathered the information required further than to state that they are members of the Exchange.

We learn that the commission appointed upon the subject of the budget will meet again in the course of a few days to detarmine upon which duties reduction may best be made. We believe we are right in stating that the commission has come to the decision to make a reduction in the tax upon articles of home consumption on the one hand, and upon the other in certain taxes which press too heavily upon commerce and upon industry.

As to imposts upon home consumption the deliberations of the commission will bear upon the following taxed articles:

Revenu	e, Francs.
Chicory	5,529,000
Oil, orginary,	F 8 43 000
Oil, mineral	150,000
Stearine Candles	7,209,0 0 0
Vinegars	2,033,000

Total.....20,764,000

They have these five articles to choose from; and it is almost certain that chicory and oils will be made the subjects of a reduction in the internal tax.

As for the taxes which work injury to commerce and industry, the commission will have to choose between the dues for transport of goods, and the stamp tax upon bills and notes. For the latter, it is not a question of abolition, but merely of reduction. The question to be considered as to the former is the reduction of the stam, tax upon negociable bills from 1.50 to 1.00 per thousand.- Paris Journal de Commerce.

PULLMAN CARS .- The Pullman cars are obtaining a firmer hold upon the English public. Mr. George M. Pullman has contracted with the London & Great Northern and the North Eastern and North British roads, for the service of the Pullman cars, and they commenced running on the 19th ult. The number of these cars now running in England exceeds those run in this country ten years ago. The cars were manufac-tured in the piece in Detroit, and were put together in England. They are of the same pattern substantially as the American cars. The price of sections and state-rooms will be about the same as in this country. By the fourth annual report of the company, for the year ending with July last, the earnings, expenses and profits were all smaller than for any other of the four years, the figures being as follows, those headed 'surplus" being the actual earnings of the stock, out of which dividends were paid and an undivided surplus accumulated :

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The company has been accumulating a large surplus, which now is reported to be nearly \$3,-500,000, equal to 40 per cent. of the company's capital, and is a million dollars more than its funded debt. The loss by Angell, the absconding secretary, is \$115,000, nearly equivalent to 2 per cent. on all the stock—a quarterly dividend. There was very little change in the property or capital of the company during the last year, the stock of cars remaining 460, and the funded debt very little reduced. It is now less than 30 per cent. of the company's capital and at the rate of but \$5,145 per car owned.

STOCKS		'clock	, Oct	. 16, 1	878.
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MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.) Montreal, 15th Oct., 1878.

Business has not been particularly active in any branch, the present mild weather telling very much against the dry goods and boot and shoe trades. In groceries a fair jobbing trade is being done, sugar being a shade easier in sympathy with the English and American markets, fruit is not yet to hand in quantities harbour is offering at low prices to arrive. The harbour is very bare of shipping, but the fall fleet will soon be in. Freights are steady and in good demand. We note to day the stocks of flour and grain in store this morning under the respective paragraphs.

AshEs.—Pots.—The market has been well supplied; imports have been large, and sales to a fair amount have been reported at rather easier prices. Since this day week firsts have dropped from \$3,90 to \$3.80, at which latter price the market closes. Seconds have been placed at \$3.25 to 3.30. Pearls have shown an advancing tendency, firsts being placed to a considerable extent at \$5.00 to 5.05: The stocks at present in the inspection stores are Pots, 1716 brls; Pearls, 318 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Manufacturers are pretty well employed in making up heavy goods for which there is a fair demand, sorting up orders are numerous, and remittances are a turn better. Prices are easy, and concessions would better. Frices are easy, and concessions would be made on large purchases. We quote Men's Stoga \$1.75 to 2.50; do., Kip Boots, \$2.25 to \$2.75; do, French Calf, \$3.00 to \$3.75; do., Buff Congress, \$1.40 to 1.75; do., Split Bro-gans, 95c. to 1.00; Boys' Split Brogans, 85c. to 90c. do., Buff and Pebbled Congress, \$1.20 are a Women's Buff and Pebbled Pebbled to \$1.50; Women's Buff and Pebbled Bals., do., do. Congress, foc to \$1.25. CATTLE.—Arrivals of all kinds of cattle, hogs

and sheep, have been large, principally, however, for shipment to Britain. The supply for the local market was far beyond the demand, which was small. Butchers were paying from

as the cold weather sets in an active sorting up trade in heavy goods is anticipated. So far the fall trade has hardly equalled expectations. Re-mittances in this as well as in most other branches of the wholesale trade are improving.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Business is dull and almost entirely of a jobbing character and prices are not quotably changed We quote: Bi Carb Soda \$2.95 to \$3 00 per 112 lb keg, Soda Ash, \$1.50 to 1.75 per 100 lbs, Cudbear, 10 to 18c per lb.; Arrow root, 11 to 15c per lb.; Borax, 9 to 10c per lb.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 25c to 26c per lb; do Ground, 29 to 30; Caustic Soda, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. East India Senna, 12 to 13c per. lb.; Sugar of Lead, 12 to 14c per lb.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to \$1.63 per 100 lbs.; Madder, 71 to 9c per, lb.; Alum, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; Copperas, I to Itc per lb.; Sulphur, 3c to 3tc per lb.; Brimstone 2 to 21c. Epsom Salts, \$1.50 to 1.75 per 100 lbs., Sal Soda, \$1.00 to 1.10 per 100 lbs.; Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.25 per 112 lb. keg, Blue Vitriol 5 to 6c.

FISH.—There has been no arrivals since the date of our last report. Herrings are scarce and likely to advance in price however we still quote \$5 to \$5.25: for Labradors; Dry Cod is steady at \$4 to \$41. No Green Cod in the market. Salmon \$10 \$9 \$8.00 for Nos. 1 2 and 3

FURS.—A correspondent in Leipzig writes under date 27th Sept., 1878, as follows: "The London and Leipzig fur sales are over, and no doubt you have heard the result by cable. Musquash, teaver, Raccoon, Martin, Skunk, Red Fox, Cross Fox, and Silver Fox, did very well, although not fully up to expectations of shippers, as they all thought better prices would be realized, the Russian war being over. Bear, Otter, and Mink did very poorly, and no doubt there will be a loss on them. The question with mink is what is to be done with them. as there is no demand for the article at any price. I think it my duty to caution you before you commence buying this fall, as the prospects are still not too flattering. There is a heavy stock in the hands of manufacturers, and the business is stagnated. Finances of the country not very good, especially Russia, where most of the American fine furs are consumed. You must still buy goods low and not pay the trapper more than can be realized in Europe for them, as has been done in former years, and not listen to the glowing circulars and runners which infest the country." This sound advice is likely to be acted on in our local market, which is still quiet. The following prices would be paid for fine skins, second unality in propertion. quality in proportion. Prime Mink \$2.00; Muskrat 10c. ditto kitts 5c; Marten, \$1.25; Otter \$7.00; Fisher \$7.00; Fox \$1.25; Lynx \$1.75; Beaver, fall, \$1.00 to 1.50; prime large Bear \$8.00.

FREIGHT .- Our port is very bare of tonnage just now but the fall fleet is daily looked for. The demand for ocean tonnage continues good, lately reported engagements by steamships to Liverpool for heavy grain 5/- to 5/3, to Glasgow 4/6, London 6/- To all U.K. for orders, 6/- to 6/3.

FLOUR.--The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 53,071 brls. against 45.681 bils on the 1st inst., and 51,163 brls. on the 15th October, 1877. Receipts dur-ing the past week 30,496 brls.: Total receipts from 1st January to date 701,294 brls. being an increase of 130,261 bris; shipments during the week 17.325 bris; Total shipments from 1st. January to date 513,677 bris. being an increase of 50,332 bris. on the shipments for the correswhich was small. Butchers were paying from 2 to 4c. per lb. Cattle for shipment brought 3¹/₄ sold at \$3.75 to 4.00 per 100 lbs. Dry Goods.—The mild open weather rather tells against this branch of business, but as soon

close the market was flat with downward tendency, but very little doing We quote Superior Extra \$4.321 to 4.40; Extra, \$4.15 to \$4.20; Fancy \$4.05 to 4.10 nominal; Spring Extra \$4.00 to 0.00; Superfine, \$3,75 to \$3.80; Strong Baker's Flour \$4.20 to \$4.50; Fine, \$3.10 to \$3.20; Middlings, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Pollards, \$.50 to \$2.75; Ontario Bags, \$1.90 to 1.95; Oatmeal \$4.00 to \$4.15; Cornmeal, kiln dried, \$2.35. GRAIN.—Wheat — The stocks in store and in the head of million this provide the store and in

the hands of millers this morning were 175,425 bushels against 55,783 bushels on the 1st inst., and 324,028 bushels on the 15th October 1877. Receipts during the past week 425,203 bushels total receipts from 1st January to date 5,975,015 bushels, being an increase of 1,163,564 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 306,039 bush Total shipments from 1st January to date 5,-372,126 bush showing an increase of 2,341,677 bush on the shipments for the same period of 3877. There has been very little doing beyond an occasional sale of a cargo of No. 2. Red Winter at 96 to 97c; at the close holders were Winter at 90 to 97c; at the close noiders were firm at 97c; No. 2 Spring in cars, holders are asking 95c; but not over 90c; would be paid. Maize is held for 45c. Peas have been dealt in at 76 to 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ c: per 66 lbs market closed at 76c. Oats quiet and nominal at about 28c; Barley 85 to goc; with sales within range of our quotations.

GROCERIES.-Teas-A very fair trade has been done in Japans, prices keeping steady, but without any quotable change since this day week. Green teas are now asked for from 26 to 65c; black teas in small quantities have placed from 25 to 60c for low to choice grades. Coffee-Although the New York market is slightly firmer it has caused very little change here, where the demand is confined to narrow limits. For job lots our quotations have been paid. Old Government Java, 27 to 29c; Singa-pore, 23 to 26c; Maracaibo, 204 to 23c; Mocha, 28 to 33c. Sugar—There is a fair demand for American refined. Prices are a shade easier in consequence of the tone of advices from England and the U.S. We quote yellow, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$; granulated, $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{6}$ c; dry crushed, 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. granulated, 94 to 98c; ary crushed, 10 to 104c. Raw Sagars, 74 to 8c. Molasses are quiet, but firm : Barbadoes, 38 to 42c; Trini-dad, 35 to 36c. Syrups are firm but unchanged. Rice meets with fair enquiry at \$4.15 to 4.50, according to sample. Spices— Almost all articles in this line are firm, consequent on reports of destruction of crops by bad weather in the producing countries. We now quote Black Pepper, 9c to 10c; White Pepper, 19c to 20c; Pimento, 121c to 131c; Cloves, 40c to 42c; Nutmegs, 80c to \$1.00; Cassia, firm at 19c; Jamaica Ginger is held at 16c to 19c for unbleached, and 21c for bleached. Fruit .- The stock of new crop fruit is still very light but imports are near at hand. Valentia raisins are freely offered to arrive at 4½ for round lots, but for lots in store holders are asking 5C to 5%C. New Layers, \$1.75 to \$1.80; London Layers, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Loose Muscatels, \$2.10; Cur-rants, 3c to 6c; Taragona Almonds, 12c to 16C; Filberts, 7c to 8c; Walnuts, 7c to 12C. HIDES.—The market for Butchers' Hides keeps steady, and all offering are readily taken at quotations, viz.: \$7.50 for No. 1, \$6.50 for No. 2, and \$5.50 for No. 3. Sheepskins are steady and unchanged at 60c to 70C. freely offered to arrive at 41c for round lots, but

HARDWARE.-Trade generally has been fair and there has been quite a little inquiry for goods, which is generally the case at this season of the year, at the same time there is nothing of any consequence to note. Ocean freights having considerably advanced will do more than counterbalance any reduction in prices matite, \$24 to 25. Bars.—Per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.70 to 1.75; Best, ditto, \$1.90 to 2.00; Swedes and Norway, \$4.25 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$5.50 to 5.75. Canada Plates.—Per box, Budd. \$3.00 Canada Plates.—Per box, Budd, \$3.00 to 3.10; Penn and Garth, \$3.00 to 3.10; Hatton, \$2.90 to 2.95. Tin Plates—Per box, ordinary quality, Charcoal IC, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Charcoal, IX, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Charcoal DC, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Coke, IC, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Tinned sheets, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookley K, or Bradley, 11 to 11¹/₂c per lb.; Galvanized Sheets No. 28 best 7¹/₂ to 7¹/₂c. Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.15 to 2.25. Sheets, best brands, \$2.35, to 2.50. Boiler Plates per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to 2.50; Russian Sheet Iron, gto gic lb; Cut nails. - Per 100 lbs., 12 dy to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.30; Shingle nails, \$3.80; Lath nails, \$4.60, subject to the usual trade discounts. Lead, Pig, per 100 \$4. to 4.25; Sheet, \$4.50 to 4.75; Bar, \$5.50 to 5.75: Shot, \$6 to 6.52; Steel, per lb., 12 to 13c; Spring, do, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire do., \$3 to 3.25; Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 2.75; Ingot tin, 16 to 17c per lb.; Ingot copper, 17 to 18cper lb.; Horse shoes, per 100 lbs., \$3.121 to 3.25; Proved Coil Chain, 8 in. \$4.50 to 5.00; Iron Wire No. 6, per bdl., \$1.60 to 1.65.

LEATHER.-We have to report a continued fair demand for good Spanish sole at firm prices. Curried leathers have met with fully better inquiry, although purchases are for immediate wants only and in small lots. Prices continue to favour buyers, but are not what may be called questionably lower. We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole, No. 1; B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to Zanzibar, ordinary No. 1. 20 to 21C: 21C; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19C; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19 to 20C; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19C; Hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 24 to 26c; Waxed Upper. light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 28 to 34c; Grained, 32 to 36c; Splits, large, 22 to 29c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; Calfskins, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c ; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 621c; Sheepskin linings, 20 to 321c; Harness, 20 to 30c; Buffed cow, 12 to 15c; Enamelled cow, 15 to 18c; Patent Cow 16 to 17c; Pebbled cow 12 to 15c; Rough 20 to 24c, OILS.--Fish oils of all kinds are in fair sup-

ply, but there has been very little demand dur-ing the week. Cod oil, Halifax, 40c; do. Níd.. 47c.; Seal pale, 42} to 45c.; do. straws, 39 to 40c.; do. steam refined, 47c.; Whale oil 45 to 472c.; Linseed raws, 60 to 61c.; do. boiled, 63 to 64c., market very strong; Petroleum.-As the season advances the demand continues to improve, the low price of the article in the U.S. keep prices pretty well down here. We quote car lots 17c.; part cars, 17¹/₂c.; single barels, 18 to 181c. per wine gallon. Olive oil \$1.00 to 1.10.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts, 9,116 pkgs.; shipments, 9,659 pkgs.; market is steady and fine qualities of butter commands a ready sale. Townships, 14 to 161c.; Brockville and Morrisburg, 12 to 14c. Cheese .- Receipts, 16,762 boxes: shipments, 12,130 boxes. The market is firm for September make at 9 to 91c., holders are asking about ‡c. more at the close. Pork Receipts 252 brls.; shipments, 7 brls. Market has been quiet but steady at \$12.50 to \$13.00 for mess. Lard is in moderate demand at $9\frac{1}{2}c$. Canada canvased Hams 121 to 13c.; fresh smoked Hams 12 to 12kc.

SALT .- Market is steady with upward tendency. Coarse is in fair demand at 60 to 621c. factory filled 95 to \$1.15.

WOOL .- Although there has been no activity in the woo trade worth speaking of, there has certainly been an improved demand for small lots of Canada pulled at 22 to 24c. There is hardly any enquiry for Cape wool, for which holders are asking 17 to 171c. buyers views are about 16c.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Oct. 16, 1878.

The unseasonably mild weather of the past week has made against the movement of Dry goods and Boots and Shoes. A good business has been done in groceries, provisions, and hardware, the jobbing demand having improved. It is reported that the cotton manufacturers of the Cornwall, Hochelaga, aad Dundas mills, have recently advanced the price of grey cottons about 71 per cent. and white cottons about 10 per cent, while the same class of goods are said to have reduced 15 per cent. in the United States. We are also advised that Canadian woollen manufacturers are shading prices on orders from wholesale dealers for spring goods The cattle and sheep trade has not been so active as usual during the week, the receipts having been greater than the demand, and except for the very finest export grades prices have declined about 25c. per cwt. The flour and grain trade has been dull and drooping; the market has not yet touched bottom apparently. Receipts have again largely increased, and with buyers holding aloof, values throughout have declined.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- A few sorting-up orders have been received by mail, but sales, on the whole, have been anything but satisfactory, owing probably to the warm, dry weather. The factories are generally busy completing orders given some time ago, but unless trade improves, some dealers, who have been turning out from 3,000 to 4,000 pairs per week, intend shortly running only three-fourths time. They still complain of slow remittances.

DRY GOODS .- On the whole, trade during the week has been quiet. The warm weather has checked the demand considerably from the country for heavy woollen goods, and another leading cause of the inactivity is the large stocks in the country, carried over, in this line, from last season. Orders for Spring goods are being placed moderately with the manufacturers; and tweeds are considered cheap. Remittances are beginning to improve, and more energy on the part of country merchants in making collections would benefit all parties concerned.

DRUGS, ETC .- The volume of business done in drugs here during the week is only moderate. Castor Oil is now very firm at our last quotations, prices in Liverpool having advanced about 1d. per lb. Madder has also advanced considerably in Germany. Quinine continues in short supply, but the price is steady at \$4. Tartaric Acid is held much higher by the manufacturers, of late, the quotations being 46 to 50c, with a firm market. Camphor has also advanced in value, the best being quoted at 5oc. Cash receipts are still light, and as this is the season of the year for the heaviest importations, dealers feel this fact all the more keenly.

FLOUR.-Stocks in store 2,600 brls, against 950 brls last week, and 958 brls on like date last year. Business improved in this market during the latter part of last week, but this week there have been no sales reported and the market remains purely nominal, with prices steadily declining. On Saturday, Superior Extra sold at \$4.20, on track; and Extra changed hands at \$3.95 to \$4.05. On Friday, Strong Baker's brought \$4.25, on track; and Spring Extra sold freely at \$3.80 fo.c., and equal to \$3.771 and \$3.82 here. Superior Extra has since sold at \$3.95, and to-day it was offered at equal to \$4.10

GRAIN.-Wreat, Fall.-Stocks in store 57,332 bush, against 38,234 bush last week; and 42,-353 bush on like date last year. The wheat market has continued inactive, inclining to dullness; holders are offering at declining prices without finding buyers. As before stated, until some shipping orders are received, no improvement can be expected. No. 2 fall was sold last Thurday at goc; No. 3 fall at 77c, and rejected on Friday at 70c f.o.c. On the street fall sold at 74 to 92c. Wheat.-Spring.-Stocks in store, 57,-901 bush against 45,662 bush last week, and 155, 169 bush. on like date last year. Towards the close of last week No. 1 grade of spring was offered at 90c, with 85c bid, and car lots were sold at 84 to 85c yesterday. No. 2 spring was offered yesterday at 83c without finding buyers, and on Monday No. 3 was offered at 70c, without buyers. Red winter sold yesterday at equal to 88c here. For a single car of No. 1 83c, and for round lots 8oc was bid, with holders asking 88c. Street prices are 70 to 86c. Oats-Stocks in store, 15,240 bush, against 15,500 bush. last week, and 17,249 bush. on like date last year. The market has remained dull and inactive, with prices weak. Reported sales during the week include American on track at 28c; inferior at 27c, and black to arrive at 271c. Cars were offered to-day at $27\frac{1}{2}$ to 28c without buyers. Nothing doing in Canadian. Street prices 30 to 32. Barley-Stocks in store 181,758 bush., against 101,870 bush. last week, and 137,835 bush. on like date last year. The market has ruled very quiet, with a marked decline for lower grades; it is expected to continue dull until a better demand for shipment sets in. The first grade has been scarce and wanted, with sellers usually asking \$1.05, and buyers at \$1.02 to \$1.03. On Friday, Extra No. 3 sold at 75c., and No. 3 at 70c. f.o.c. for car lots ; and on Monday old No. 3 changed hands at 68c. To-day the first and second grades seemed unsettled, but No. 1 was worth \$1 to \$1.02. No. 3 Extra was offered as low as 71c., and No. 3 at 70c., with no buyers of either. Street receipts for the week about 35,000 bush., and prices to-day 6oc. to \$1. Peas Stocks in store 3,393 bush., against 1,555 bushels last week and 11,655 bushels on like date last year. A few lots were received by rail during the week, but no sales have been reported. Our quotations remain nominal. Street prices to day 60 to 66c. Car lots of Rye are worth about 55 to 56c., but none offering on the street yet.

GROCERIES .--- Business has generally been good, and with some houses brisk, since our last. There has been a good jobbing and country trade done, and remittances are reported fair. Coffees are not enquired for now. Fish are just beginning to come in, but as yet the supply is very small; some White Fish and Trout have arrived, but the market is not yet settled, and prices are quoted at \$3.75 for the former, and \$3.50 for the latter. It is rather early in the season for the demand. Fruit is still in good request, but stocks are light, as they are sold out about as fast as they arrive, and with the present high freight charges only light lots are brought forward. About 8,000 boxes of new Valencias have arrived during this season, and at least 5,000 of these have passed into the hands of retailers throughout the country at from 51 to 6c, but for lines 51 is now accepted. Lots of 50 boxes each were sold to-day at that figure. Shipments of new currants are arriving this week, and selling freely at 5 to $6\frac{1}{2}c$; according to quality. Round lots were sold to day at $5\frac{1}{2}c$. *Rice* remains steady, it being too late in the season for a large trade; prices unaltered. Sugars are active and steady. Bright Scotch rather more plentiful, and sales of job lots have been more free at 85 to 9c; and of low grades at 8¹/₂ to 8¹/₂c. There is a good steady demand for all kinds, but cables from with no buyers. For Spring Extra \$3.50 was bid. Glasgow and Liverpool announce an advance

there of fully 6d per cwt, so that an advance may be expected here also before long. Teas have not been in active demand from country dealers, still there has been a considerable quantity moving off in small lots, and the wholesale demand has been fair. Prices in England are advancing, and desirable lines telegraphed for from here, are not to be had. Prices here are firm, reported sales do not include any large lots. For *Tobaccos* there is the usual consumptive but no speculative demand. Prices unaltered

HARDWARE.—The demand for general hardware has continued good, and a satisfactory business has been done. Altthough prices are not quotably changed, to good purchasers of round lots our figures have been shaded. There is a good enquiry for heavy goods, but *Pig Iron* is in very light demand, although prices favour buyers; the latter will take advantage of the low rates before the close of navigation. Win dow glass is considerably firmer, owing to a recent advance in Belgium. Remittances show slight signs of improvement.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of Hides has been equal, during the week, to the demand, and previous rates were paid for all offering. Sheesskins are unchanged; there are a good many coming in, and 7oc. is still paid for all brought to market. Calfskins, nominal. For Tallow the market remains steady; the supply is ample for the demand, and the only change to note is a decline of $\frac{1}{4}c$. per lb. for rough, which is now worth \$3.75 per cwt.

LEATHER.—The country trade has been very quiet, but the demand from jobbers has improved. From the latter class of buyers Upper, Splits, Buff and Pebble have all been in better demand than during the week previous. Heavy weights in prime Sole leather have been in good request, but Harness is quiet. Prices of all kinds favor buyers. Remittances are only moderate, not satisfactory. Oils continue very low; an A I straits can be bought at 40c, and round lots a good deal lower.

LUMBER.—The shipping demand continues dull; dealers here state that they do not remember a season when there was as little shipping done as during the present one. Within the past fortnight about 1,000,000 feet of lumber of all kinds, comprising three or four cargoes, have been shipped from this port, and two vessels are being loaded now with mixed lumber for Oswego.

PROVISIONS .- There has been considerable activity in this branch during the week, there prices were generally lower. Butter .- Fine shipping lots are still in good demand at 10c to 11c, but anything inferior remains really nominal, except for local use. Roll Butter is commencing to move, and there is a fair demand at 12c to 14c for ordinary large rolls, while 14c to 16c will be paid for the finest. A car load of selected butter for shipping, was sold yesterday at an outside point, at IIC, and another on this market at the same price. There is another No quantity of ordinary quality offering, without buyers. Pound rolls on the street worth 15c to 18c. Bacon has been moving off steadily, and as the new season draws near, prices are getting easier. The demand is fair, and Cumberland cut is quoted now at 6c to $6\frac{1}{4}c$ for small, and $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$ for large lots. Long Clear is scarce and firm at 7c. There has been no sale of car lots reported. Shoulders are worth $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c. Chesse is firmer, and could not now be laid down in this market at less than 9¹/₂c., Aug. A car load of choice late made was sold at an outside point the other day at $g_{1,c}^{1}$, prices range from g_{1}^{1} to 10 $\frac{1}{2}c$. Some early cheese have been offered, without finding buyers. Dried Apples have been in fair demand from 5 to 6c. for lots of American and Canadian, as to quality. Prices will likely be still lower as the new crop is gathered and distributed. A large lot of Cana-

dian was reported as bought yesterday at 4c. Eggs have been in good demand, but there have been very few lots coming in, especially of **HOT** strictly fresh, which are worth 13 to 15c. in lots, and 16 to 18 at farmers' waggons. Hams have been in fair request. at easier prices, from 11 to 12c. Bellies are quoted at 8½ to 9½c. for smoked. Stocks are light all round. Lard has continued in good demand, and prices range from 83 to glc., according to the style of package. Mess Pork is easier, and can be bought in car loads at \$11; smaller lots bring from \$11.50 to 12.00. No large sales reported. Salt has been in good request at firmer prices in sympathy with Montreal Market. In lots of 100 bags each, quotations range from 70 to 73c : f.o.c., and small lots are worth 80 to 85c per bag. Liverpool stoved is offered at \$1.25 to \$1.50. New Hops have been offered at 8 to 100 but no sales have been reported, and the demand seems to be light.

WOOL .- The market is unchanged. During the week a considerable quantity of fleece has been delivered in small lots at previously quoted rates, as holders are becoming impatient waiting for higher prices. One lot of 9000 lbs was bought to day at 24c. In *pulled Super* there is no change to note, the supply continues good, and 22c. has been paid for all offered, but beyond a few lots of pulled, forwarded to the factories, there is no outward movement at all. The warehouses here are completely filled up, and dealers are at a loss to know what to do with their heavy stocks; they cannot ship except at a loss, and besides there is no foreign de-mand. The following recent despatch expresses the condition of the Boston wool market; No change in domestic wool; prices steady, desirable grades held with considerable firmness and there is a good demand at the low prices now current; Wool is passing rapidly into the hands of manufacturers, much more so than at this time last year, but there is no prospect of any immediate improvement. Combing and delaine fleeces are quiet, the demand having completely fallen off, and there is now very little inquiry for any kind. California wool has met with fair demand and prices remain about the same. New fall is arriving more freely, but it is in such poor condition that it attracts very little attention.



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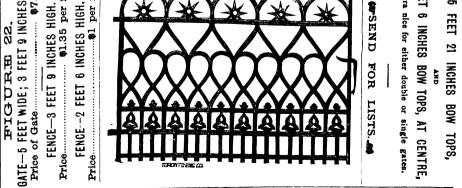
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