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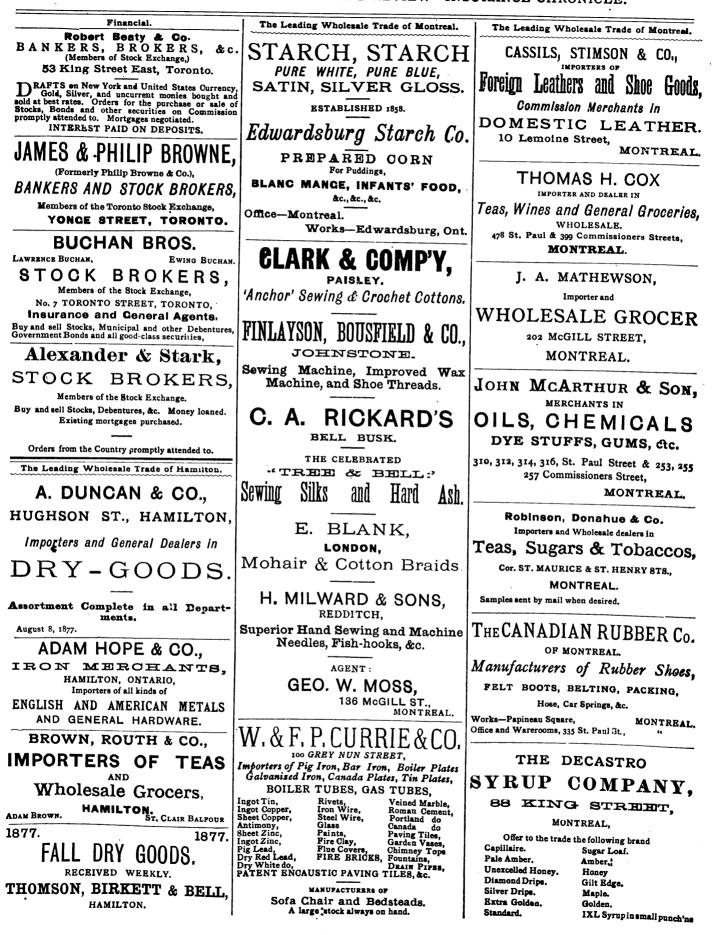
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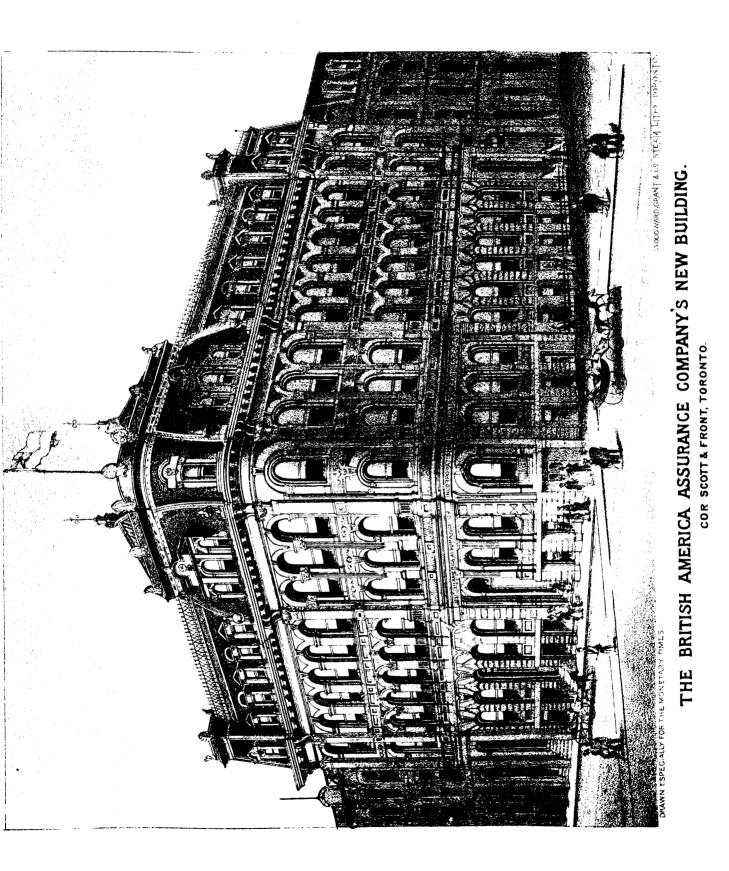
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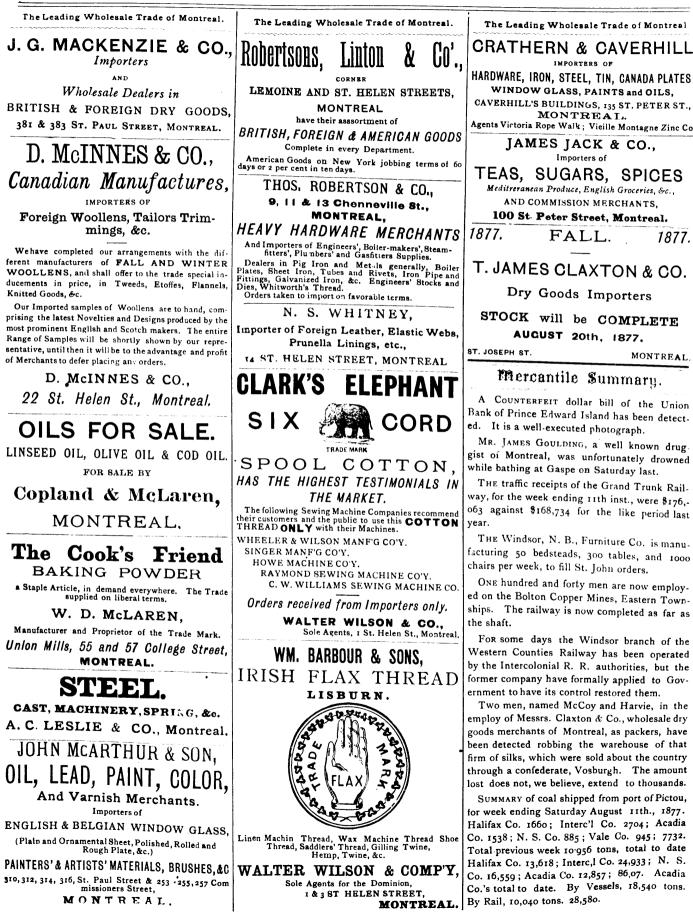
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ONE of the oldest established French Canadian merchants has just failed in Montreal, we refer to Mr. Victor Hudon, who was a large importer of French liquors and mediterranean goods, and was, besides the founder and a large shareholder of the Hudon Cotton Mills, established three or four years ago. Being a man of much energy, and of an enterprising spirit, Mr. Hudon lent assistance to a number of business undertakings. The result appears to have been that he had this year too much capital in unproductive enterprises, and had not resources to continue longer. The telegram mentions \$100,000 as likely to cover his liabilities. We venture to think they will amount to a much larger sum.

MR- COEN the junior partner of the wholesale hardware firm in this city of ¦Messrs. Mc-Nab, Marsh & Coen, is believed to have absconded. This gentleman, for many years was bookkeeper for the firm and lately was admitted partner. How he managed to support his family, fast horses and sporting dogs, out of his income has long been a mystery. His books are in a bad condition, and there are good reasons for believing that he has been systematically defrauding his employers for a considerable time. In consequence of this it was thought best for the firm to suspend payment until a careful investigation of its affairs can be made.

THE wholesale clothing firm of Messrs. John A. Rafter and Co., of Montreal, who failed some months since, have effected a settlemeut at twenty cents in the dollar, payable in 4, 8, and 12 months, the two latter payments secured by Messrs. Mullarky, and McCready. We think there were clrcumstances about this estate that did not warrant the acceptance of a dividend of so small an amount.

MR. J. A. I. CRAIG, the large furniture manufacturer of Montreal, who failed in June last works.

cents in the dollar, showing a surplus of \$30,ooo, has evidently made great miscalculations, as he is unable to carry out his arrangement, and is now offering creditors thirty-five cents in the dollar, which they don't feel at all inclined to accept, and the estate is again in the assignee's hands.

THE second and final dividend at the rate of  $12\frac{1}{2}c$  in the dollar, is declared in the matter of George H. Haymes, furrier of this city. The amount of claims fyled is \$20,989 amongst some twenty four creditors, mostly in Toronto and Montreal, those in the trade being eight in number.

AMONG the new ships turned out this month by Nova Scotia, are an iron kneed [ship of 1100 tons launched at Tusket, a barque of 840 tons owned in Yarmouth; a packet of 125 tons, intended to ply from St. John to Windser, launched at Margaretville; a schooner of 114 tons, launched at Pugwash, part owned in Halifax; and the ship "Bedford" built at Clifton and now loading at St. John for England.

Mr. N. H. PETERSON of Belleville, general merchant, contends that his creditors did not "sell him out," and never served him with a paper of any kind, but that he made "a fair settlement and got receipts from all creditors in full after which he sold his stock *en bloc.*" We find that he did effect a compromise with his creditors at eighty cents in the hundred, of which seventy-five are secured, and the remainder his own note at eighteen months, and for this his creditors deemed it advisable to give him a clearance.

This day week the people of Wingham voted upon a by-law for providing water-works for that place, which we understand are to be on the Waterous system, and carried it by a fair majority. We trust they will push on the works.

A WRIT of attachment has been issued against E.Millier, general merchant of Danville, Quebec, who has been in business for about ten years, for a part of that time under the firm of Millier & Parche, but since the retirement of his partner the business has gradually fallen away. Liabilities are not yet known, but are believed not large.

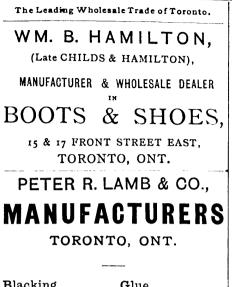
MESSRS. J. Smith & Co., clothiers of Ottawa, are arranging with their creditors for a composition of forty cents in the dollar, endorsed by one of their principal creditors. Mr J. E. Askwith of the same place has make an assignment with liabilities of \$5,809.14.

WE notice that T. E. Greffard, dry goods merchant of St. Joseph Street, Quebec, has again made over his affairs to the assignee. He has had such extensive experience that he must by this time be quite an authority on the intricacies of the Insolvent Law. In the spring of 1866 he failed when of the firm Greffard and Bro.; in April, 1875, he arranged with his creditors at 12/6 in the pound; in Aug., 1876, he assigned, and now again for the fourth time he sacrifices himself upon the altar of the official assignee.

THE good old proverb, 'owe no man anything,' and the line of conduct which it implies, would seem to be well nigh forgotten, says the Windsor *Record*, describing, as an illustration of the moral standpoint from which many people have come to view insolvency, a person in that vicinity who some time ago offered to compromise with his creditors by paying thirty cents on the dollar of his indebtedness. Being assured that the creditors would demand sixty cents, he manifested considerable indignation and exclaimed, 'sixty cents ! sixty cents !! Good heavens, a man might as well not go into insolvency, as be required to pay sixty cents on the dollar.'

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CROZIER & CAMPBELL, builders, Toronto, have called a meeting of creditors for the 27th inst. They failed about two years ago, and compromised with creditors at thirty cents in the dollar, which left them a fair margin in their business, but they do not appear to have profited by the lesson, as they have been extending even more than formerly, and their position now is rather involved.

A GENTLEMAN doing business in Prince Edward Island, lost a vessel and cargo in 1864, insured for about \$40,000 in several marine companies in New- York. All the companies paid their quota of loss except one, who had taken a \$10,000 risk, and which contested the claim on the ground of breach of condition of policy. When the insurance was effected gold stood at 128 per cent premium and during the interval between the loss of the vessel and pay ment of the liability by the non-objecting offices, it had gone down to less than fifty per cent premium, so that the currency received in settlement was enough by its increased value to cover the whole loss. The claimant beleiving he had a good case fought the Insurance Co., carrying the case from one court to another with various success and finally at the close of 1876, got a verdict for his full claim with interest and costs.

THE lists of commercial changes in Canada, published since the 18th inst., give ten merchants, in different lines, as selling out or having sold out. Of these, three are general stores, one each in Barrie, in Wingham and in Moorefield : two grocers, two shoe dealers, two millers and grain dealers. Nine attachments are issued, of which two are against general dealers in Douglastown, N. B., and Harpley, Ontario. H. J. Taylor, Escott, F. Menard, of Clarence Creek, Ont., and Angus Murray, Barney's River, N.S., all general store keepers, have assigned, so likewise have McIntyre & Crotty, cabinet makers, have dissolved partnership, also Messrs, Hamil- F. STEPHEN & CO., Selling Agents, MONTREAL Ingersoll; J. M. Stanley, Pembroke; Jules La- ton & Smith, stove dealers, of St. Stephen.

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 Ready-made Clothing, Furs, &c.
 750 co

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 1,220 00

 Shop Furniture, &c., including Safe
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\$5421 25 The bidding will be at a rate in the dollar on cost price and valuation as per inventory. Purchaser to have the privilege of rerting the store for such time as may be mutually agreed upon. THE UNCOLLECTED BOOK DEBTS will also be offered for sale, but in a separate 1st, and without any guarantee-amount about \$3,700. As there will be a cheap excursion trip on the Grand Trunk Railway from points west of Kingston to Mon-treal, on the 4th September, this will be a favorable op-portunity for calling at Cornwa'l on the way down There will be ample time to examine the stock aud re-main for the sale. \$5421 25 main for the sale Upon two-thirds of the purchase money terms of credit

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jeunesse, Montreal, carriage builders, and L. O. Legendre, shoes, of same city. Mr. Hamilton Tripp, bookseller, offers a compromise at fifty cents, because of the absconding of his brother and former partner; Mr. J. McKeown, of Mill-brook, tailor, and Messrs. J. Smith & Co., Ottawa, clothiers, are also seeking compromises. The creditors of Mr. J. H. Arkell, general dealer, in Aylmer, will meet to day, those of Mr. S. Grandberger, shoes, of Sebringville, have already met. In St. John, N. B., the firms of Messrs. Beard and Venning, and of Messrs. McCulloch and Walsh, in dry goods, The Leading Wholesale Trade of Foronto.

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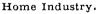
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#### LEGISLATIVE CONTROL OF THE TRUNK RAILWAY LINES.

Mr. Sherman, a member of the Washington Cabinet, in a recent speech, has expressed the hope "that Congress will pass laws to establish and limit maximum rates of freight, so that the production of a farmer may not be in danger of confiscation by exorbitant rates, that it will limit and restrain the cutting and reduction of freights so as to destroy the ability of railroad companies to pay fair prices for honest labor." He desires that Congress should go so far as to "control the most powerful corporations as well as the humblest citizens.' When Congress undertakes all this, it will find work enough on its hands.

As the American Trunk lines compete with one of our own, this question has a special interest for us. But it has besides an interest peculiarly its own and altogether apart from the question of competition with the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The legislative action which Mr. Sherman invokes is intended to remedy a state of things which leads to the strikes. And the suggestion is not original with Mr. Sherman. What he says is an echo, more or less distinct, of the resolves of workingmen's congresses, recently held at Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other places. These resolutions demand, among other things, that all telegraphs, railways, and other means of transportation be controlled by the Government. This is intended to be a means to an end, the end being the establishment, by the exertion of the power of the Government, of co-operative cising this extreme authority are another

associations, in which the workmen shall receive their share of the profits in lieu of wages. Fourier spent his life in waiting for some adventurous and benevolent capitalist, who should voluntarily furnish the means for testing his plan of co-operative production and consumption, but the wished-for millionaire never made his appearance, and the great author of communism died in full faith of the soundness of a system which he never had the opportunity of putting to the proof. A benevolent but mistaken Scotchman, Mr. Owen, tried Fourier's plan on a limited scale, and chiefly with such unpromising materials as criminals furnish. How the experiment ended, the world knows. Since the days of Fourier and Owen, communism has assumed several new phases, the most threatening of which is in advance of that patronized by Mr. Sherman.

Co-operation, always voluntary, has as sumed many forms, both in England and the United States. It has entered the arena of manufactures, sometimes with success. In some of the great American cities men, who might not be supposed to have much money, have clubbed their means together and have carried on business extensively as mutual lending and borrowing associations. Over a hundred millions of dollars have been lent and borrowed in this way, in Philadelphia alone. But the commonest form of co-operation has had consumption for its object.

To the communistic category belongs, in some sort, the Granger movement. It is a movement of the nature of that contemplated by Fourier, as the tentative stage of his system of communism. And the Grangers have won an extraordinary degree of success from the Supreme Court of the United States. Almost everything that Mr. Sherman contends for has been conceded by that tribunal. It has been decided that the legislative authority has the right to fix the rates of railway freights, to make a tariff for wharfingers and the owners of grain elevators. In fact, the principle of the decision went to the extreme extent of deciding that the Legislative authority, in this absolute form, extended to every business in which the public has an interest.

It would seem, therefore, that some legislative authority, state or national, does constitutionally extend to the sphere which Mr. Sherman claims for Congress. We say this on the supposition that the decision of the Supreme Court, the highest authority in the Republic, is correct. And in any case, there is no judicial authority by which it can be overthrown.

The justice and expediency of exer-

matter; and it remains to be seen whether Congress will adopt the views of the labor associations. But it is clear that there is one difficulty in the way: it will be impossible, at once, to please two parties, whose interests are diametrically opposed. The Grangers want low rates of freight; the Labor Associations want higher freights than have hitherto prevailed, out of which to obtain higher rates of remuneration. Mr. Sherman tries to run with the hare and hunt with the hound. First, as a sop to the Grangers, he calls for a maximum rate of freight, in the interest of the farmer. Then he calls for a minimum rate in the interest of labor. His rate must be at once maximum and minimum, a fixed rate, in fact, as long as it shall exist, though it might possibly be subject to fluctuation. Can such a fixed rate secure the several objects in view-low freights for the farmer, with remunerative rates for the companies, relatively high wages for labor ? It is easy to see that higher rates of freight do not necessarily secure higher wages. The railways to be dealt with are nearly all unproductive; and any increase of rates would naturally fall to go in remunerationsome slight remuneration-of capital. The natural corollary of fixing the rates of freight, considering Mr. Sherman's object, would be to go a step farther and fix the rates of wages. Unless this were done, the sche e would fail of its object; if it were done, capital might refuse to remain under the discouragement of the shackles imposed upon it. If the freights were made high enough to remunerate capital and to enable the companies to raise wages, the Granger would come to the front and prove that his phalanstere was more than a match for that of the proletariat. In any case, the attempt to fulfil the three objects avowed by Mr. Sherman by one and the same legislative fiat must fail of success.

But Mr. Sherman, after all, falls short of the communistic demands of labor. The central idea of communism is to abolish wages and substitute a share of profits in its place. While Fourier lived, as we have seen, he only hoped to bring about this result by a voluntary union of workmen and capitalists, a perfectly legitimate operation. The communists of our day claim to have this result achieved by force of arbitrary legislation. The Government 's first to possess itself of all railways, and then to run them for the benefit of the employés, dividing among them the profits. But we know, as a matter of fact, that at present most of the roads yield no profits. Profits could only be created by such an increase of freights as would set the Grangers in arms. We fancy Congress will pause before

adopting the advice of Mr. Sherman. At the same time, there is no doubt the legislative authority necessarily extends, more or less, to the regulation of freights. The trunk railways have in fact become great national highways, on which the volume of business is greater than that which finds its way down the Mississippi or over the great lakes. Four roads, Mr. Sherman tells us, carry nearly three times as much as the entire commerce by water;" they did this in 1866. The figures are:

	TONS.
Erie Railway	5,922,911
New York Central	6,803,680
Pennsylvania Railroad	9,922,911
Baltimore and Ohio Ry. (estimated)	5,000,000
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Or an aggregate of ..... 27,649,502 Four companies so monopolizing great central channels of commerce must of course be amenable to a high degree of legislative control. Maximum rates of freight may have to be imposed on them; but a maximum which aims at one thing, and seeks to carry a secondary consequence with it, and a minimum which aims at another, cannot at the same time be made to work. The idea of a minimum rate is new. It has the protection of labor against the natural results of competition for its object; an object which would also demand, as we have seen, the fixing of the rates of labour as well as of freights. The world cannot be regulated in this artificial manner; and any attempt so to suspend the natural laws, by the arbitrary interference of legislation, would involve confusion and produce trouble.

#### INSURANCE RATES.

Some months have elapsed since the great fire in St. John depleted the coffers of insurance companies to the extent of six millions of dollars, yet no general action has been taken in the direction of recouping the heavy losses thus sustained. The same ruinous rates that prevailed before the large fires of the earlier part of the year are still accepted, as if they were amply sufficient to meet every emergency that might arise. The entire business, for 1876, of the companies which reported to the Dominion Government, so far from yielding any profit, has resulted in loss. Yet a knowledge of this fact appears to have no influence in bringing about a better condition of business. The dearly bought lessons of past experience are of no avail. The same happy-go-lucky state of affairs is continued from week to week, and from month to month, without any appearance of reform. We often wonder why stockholders permit their money to be risked in this manner without fair remuneration for their invest-

ment. Depressed as stocks are, as a class, there are none so hazardous, and not any that pay so small a dividend as insurance stocks.

We know that mangers of stock companies say, and not entirely without reason, that the Mutual insurance companies are chiefly responsible for the present demoralization of rates. That, in extending their business into cities, the Mutuals departed from the original idea of their promoters, and this being so-the result of which is best known to those interested-it was felt necessary for Stock companies to assume the defensive. We are not now going to stop to discuss this matter. What is of most importance now is the question whether something cannot be done to bring about a healthier condition of business. With some of the Mutual insurance companies their existence is only a question of time, while the beggarly rates they seem satisfied with, continue. Unless a reform be instituted, the time is certainly not far distant when some will be unable to reinsure their business if called upon to do so.

Would it not be well, and becoming, for these companies to take the initatory step towards satisfactory rates? This would do much to remove the censure cast, justly or unjustly, upon them. Why not, during the next four weeks, make preparation for a meeting of the representatives of companies doing business, largely, in the isolated class of buildings, say in London, during the week of the Provincial Fair; and let each delegate be authorized and prepared to do something, either in improving a plan or in adopting the most feasible one suggested. There should be, for example, a harmonions determination to fix the rates on a three years' risk on isolated dwellings in Ontario, say at one per cent., instead of about an average of two-thirds this sum, which has been the prevalent rate for some time past. We know that in endeavoring to do this the fiercest opposition will come from a few weak-kneed agents. These will fear to lose their business. Better lose it than continue to ruin the company they are supposed to honestly represent. The experience of some of the largest companies, doing an isolated business, is that it costs seventy-five cents to carry a three years risk. Yet they frequently insure that class of buildings for less money. It is time that this class of underwriting should cease. Our latest insurance failure, that of the Provincial, which continued to do business at less than cost, is not so remote that it need be forgotten. Let there be a determination to fix upon an adequate rate, and let it be

honestly carried out. When insurers understand what is an equitable price, they will be quite willing to pay it.

#### HOPS.

The hop crop of 1875, in Britain, was considered to be the greatest ever known, the amount of land under crop being considered. But, at the same time, the prices realized were low, owing to the fact that the crop suffered from mould and discoloration. It is also true that the American growth of hops, in the same year, being remarkably large, helped to keep the price down. This year, the new crop in Germany, in Great Britain and the United States, gives promise of a satisfactory yield, and its progress is watched with much interest.

It will be seen above that the colour of the flower materially affects, sometimes to the extent of ten cents in the pound, the price realizeable, a bright color being as essential to the brewer for the production of a clear and light tinted ale, as that his barley should be clean and white. A good sample of hops must first be a clean picked sample, with no weeds or foreign substances either to spoil the color or increase the bulk. Next, they should be cured thoroughly, but with care that they are not overdone and thureby darkened. A strong stand is made by some in favor of sulphur fumes for curing, the argument being used that it is needed to kill the insects, &c. that may infest the flowers. But we have it from experienced authority that sulphur is apt to do more harm than good. The hops should be well cured, thoroughly dried, so that they will keep for a year if need be-but still not cooked till the life is all out of them-and then well and closely packed.

The Sherbrooke Gazette publishes an article upon the subject which contains some plain hints to the hop growers of the Eastern Townships, and may be of service to those of Northumberland, Durham and other Western Counties as well. Thus, ' if hop growers expect to secure a ready sale for their hops at remunerative prices they must do something more than grow them well. The manner in which the hop-raisers throughout the Townships (with rare exceptions) prepare and send their hops to market reminds one forcibly of an ignorant tailor spoiling a valuable piece of cloth in the cutting. The hops raised in this section, as a rule, are fit for any market, were it not for the fact that they are spoiled in the picking and curing. Farmers seem to think that buyers are so ignorant as to be unable to distinguish hops which are clean picked from those which have been gathered carelessly, and are filled with stalks, leaves and other substances no more resembling hops than chalk resembles cheese.

A New York gentleman, writes the same authority, emphasizing the points of picking clean, curing well, employing no sulphur, packing tight; by attention to which points we conclude with the writer, that the hops either of Quebec or Ontario may readily acquire a reputation in the world's market that would put thousands of dollars into the pockets of hop farmers.

#### GOLD MINING IN QUEBEC.

In the township of Ditton the Hon. J. H. Pope is at work this season as usual with eight or ten men, who return him, it is reported, an average of about five dollars per day. The gold is obtained entirely from the alluvium, and without any special appliances. The dirt is merely shovelled into a trough, or "long tom," and washed, the coarse particles visible to the eye only being saved. Of course all the fine gold is lost, which might otherwise be saved by quicksilver in riffles. No gold has yet been found in leads or veins in this township, although it is frequently found in angular pieces of quartz, showing that it has not travelled far.

On the Chaudiere there is considerable activity this season. Messrs. Lockwood & Co., of Manchester, have over seventy men employed, and are reported as fully paying expenses. A Canadian company has forty men at work, and several local associations are prosecuting the search and with considerable success. It is to be hoped that some good auriferous quartz veins will be discovered and worked so as to give more regularity and stability to the operations.

A large vein of iron pyrites near St. Jerome is being opened and tested under the auspices of the enterprising Father Lábelle. An analysis by a Montreal M. D. reports an encouraging quantity of the precious metals, but we should like to hear something reliable on the subject from the officers of the Geological Survey.

The extraction of free gold from quartz, like that of Nova Scotia and the Chaudiere, is a comparatively simple operation, but to successfully attack auriferous pyrites, whether it be the bi-sulphite of iron, like that of St. Jerome, or arsenical pyrites, like that of Marmora, requires the experience and technical skill of the trained metallurgist.

#### BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

We have much pleasure in presenting our readers with a finely lithographed illustration of the magnificent building on the corner of Front and Scott Streets, just finished for this company. The style of archi-

tecture is modern, and the structure would be a credit to any city on this continent. It has a frontage on the south of 84 feet by 104 in depth, on Scott Street. The building is five stories high, including basement and mansard, and is constructed of Ohio grey freestone. The whole exterior is bold and effective, rich in detail, being elaborated with highly ornate columns, pilasters, cornices, enriched windows and other appropriate adornments. The general office of the company is on the ground floor, 30 feet by 66 feet, and 16 feet high. The interior fittings, tables, desks, etc., are of walnut: they are most elaborate and beautiful in design, and are a credit to the Oshawa Cabinet Manufacturing Company. The Board Room is on the first floor above. The upper portion of the building is divided into handsome offices, supplied with vaults. etc. Access to these is by the comfortable elevator, or by stairway. The formal opening of the new building taking place on the occasion of the company's annual meeting, it is an opportune time to glance at the history of the "British America." The company was incorporated in February, 1833, nearly half a century ago. Among the corporators were some of the most prominent men then in the city; the Hon. William Allan being elected the first governor of the company, with Mr. T. W. Birchall as managing director. Its authorized capital was \$400,000, and a few years ago it was authorized to increase this sum to half a million. The company began business with \$100,000 paid up. This sum was shortly afterwards increased to \$200,000, and it now amounts to \$494,195.

Power was given to transact Life Insurance, but this permission was never acted upon, and in October 1842, it was authorized to do Marine business. Owing to impaired health, the Manager, Mr. Birchall, was compelled to relinquish the duties of his office in April, 1869, and in August, 1871, he retired from the office he had held for thirty-eight years. The governor, Mr. G. P. Ridout, assumed the general management in 1869, and continued it up to the time of his death. In June, 1873, the present governor, Mr. Peter Paterson was appointed, and in July of the same year Mr. Fred. A. Ball entered upon his duties as manager. At this time, owing to the heavy losses that had been sustained, it was found, upon investigation, that the gross surplus was only about \$63,000. The subsequent history of the company shows that this amount has been increased to a handsome sum, in addition to paying dlvidends of nine per cent. in 1873-4, and ten per cent. annually since, And this happy | ing to change, omit or add, any new condi-

result was attained in the short space of four years. But what the public are most interested in is the present financial condition of the company.

The report submitted at the annual meeting showed that, notwithstanding the generally unsatisfactory character of the business last year, and the reduction in the amount of premiums in Marine and Canada Fire, on account of the low rates offering, the gross surplus has been increased from \$396.905, in 1876, to \$444,218. After payment of the usual dividends and providing for all losses, including the St. John's fire, which amounted to \$37,759.85, the net surplus was increased from \$100.402 to 194.021. We wish the company continued prosperity in its new building, and we have its solicitor's authority for the statement that in a short time he expects the officers to be able to enjoy the pleasure of sitting in this magnificent pile of stone at a merely nominal rent.

-The Toronto Board of Water Commissioners was extremely culpable in concealing from the City Council the fact that it would not be able to pay out of the resources at its command the half year's interest on the water works' debentures. The Commissioners knew, of course, that the Council, which is responsible to those who are entitled to the interest, would in this unexpected emergency, provide the means of payment; but it was very unfair to conceal from the Council the fact of the deficiency, till after the rate of taxes for the year had been struck. It is reported that the Commissioners have been constructing permanent works out of the revenue, instead of keeping the money for the purpose for which it was specially destined. If this be so, their blundering is extremely culpable. The Council must, of course, pay the interest. at whatever inconvenience, but we trust it will not be in the power of the Commissioners to repeat the blunder.

UNIFORM POLICIES .- Our contemporary, the Guelph Herald, has improved considerably since the recent change in its staff. It has fallen, however, into an error when dealing with the question of insurance. It says that "It seems to us that if the Government would pass an insurance law, affixing to it a schedule of conditions which would be the only conditions the law would recognize, the evil complained of would be in a great measure removed." The Ontario Government has passed a law requiring the companies to issue uniform policies. This Act came into force in July, 1876, and requires that in the event of a company desirtions, it shall be done in conspicuous letters, with different colored ink from that of the statutory conditions.

#### WHEAT IN THE NORTH WESTERN STATES.

The figures compiled by several of the leading American papers, with respect to the quantity of wheat grown and gathered this year in the most important wheat-growing States of the Union, are important and interesting.

We select the Chicago *Tribune's* estimate, by which it appears that there have been secured about, in round numbers, as under :---

	1875. Bushels.	1876. Bushels.	1877. Bushels.
Minnesota	27,000,000	16,000,000	
Iowa	29,000,000	18,000,000	37,000,000
Wisconsin			
Kansas	12,000,000	12,000,000	20,000,000

Total... 93,000,000 61,000,000 117,000,000

Showing that the four States above mentioned will have say 56,000,000 bushels more wheat to sell than they had last year.

· These figures are compiled mainly from the estimates and reports of the Agricultural Bureau of the U.S., and the acreage known to be under wheat has aided in the calculation. In 1875, for example, Minnesota had an acreage of 1,764,000, in 1876 1,874,000, and in 1877 1,990,ooo acres, and so great is the average yield as compared with last year, that the Tribune considers 35,000,000 bushels against a little over half that quantity last year, as a safe calculation. The N.Y. Bulletin considers that the wheat crop in California this year will fall short of last year by perhaps 12,000,000 bush. but the aggregate crop of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan will exceed last year's by 35,000,-000 to 40,000,000 bushels. The conclusion drawn from these figures, and from the assumption that wheat will be freely sold by farmers at say goc, is that the farmers of the United States will receive nearly fifty million dollars more for their crop of wheat this year than they did last.

-A most excited wrangle was the result of ward meetings held in Peterboro some days ago to discuss the sober and important subject of water supply for that town. It does not at first seem a subject likely to excite passion and personal allusion; but light is thrown upon the scene by the regret expressed by one of the speakers at "the system of partyism that had so long cursed the town." An Act has been passed, it appears, empowering the formation of a joint stock company to supply water to Peterboro. This Act fixed a certain limit of cost (\$50,000,) but did not specify any system of water works. Under the Act, commissioners were to be appointed by the residents to control these works, but this has not yet been done, and it is precisely at this stage that the trouble has begun. The plain facts of the case appear to us to have been well set forth in a speech by Mr. Dennistoun, wherein he cites

the case of Sarnia—a much smaller place —which had taken a credit of \$70,000 to construct water works, and had spent \$13,000 less. This was a town of little over 4,000 inhabitants. It was found, too, that the revenue almost met the expenditure already. There is one feature which the good people of Peterboro ought not to forget, and that is the marked saving in dollars and cents that they would effect in insurance, by providing themselves with an efficient system of water protection.

-A subscriber in central Canada asks us to inform him "why it is that butter is seldom or never quoted in the weekly reports of the Liverpool markets, whilst tallow, latd, pork, beef and cheese are quoted regularly." In reference to this, we would say that the same absence of quotation in the case of butter has been remarked to us before. Butter does not appear in the quotations of any European market, except in the circulars of particular firms. The cable reports do not give the state of the butter market in Britain. One reason for this, probably, is that American butter, being an article which is not graded, cannot, therefore, be quoted except approximately. If there were a general understanding as to what constituted certain qualities, as in grain or in pork, it might be more possible to attach a price to the different grades. We may remark that butter is quoted daily to New York, and the price in Britain put upon the bulletin of the Provision Exchange there, but nowhere else. Our daily newspapers might, we should think, procure these quotations and publish them, if they saw fit.

--We see it stated that a number of wheat growers in the vicinity of Chatham have formed a combination to hold their grain till the price offered by the local buyers rises to a point which pleases their fancy; and that the buyers, not unnaturally, refuse to advance. We are not told what the price is in either case, and are unable to judge what grievance, if any, the sellers have; but we fear it is the usual story with them, and a very foolish one. The farmer takes upon himself to decide what his wheat should be worth to the dealer, and stubbornly holds out for that figure. He does not, probably, know how the British markets rule, nor look at the prices in Chicago or New York. He gets some fancy about war prices, and is snared by an idea; but he often ends by taking, six months afterwards, a half less than he was previously offered. It is never safe to refuse a fair price. Thousands have been lost to individuals, and millions to the country, by just such folly.

-At a special meeting of the Fredericton (N. B.) Railway, held on the 16th inst., it was decided to reduce the guage of the road on or about the 16th proxima, at the same time with a similar movement by the European and North American Railway,

-The annual convention of the American Bankers Association will be held in New York on the 12th. prox., and following days It appears from the circular issued, that the discussions of the convention will be of a broad and useful character. The resumption of specie payments; the remonetization of silver; the union of banks for refunding the debt are among the subjects named. Another is the evil effect of the unrestricted power to issue municipal, county and other bonds, till enormous burdens of taxation have been piled up. It will be well if by the deliberation of this influential body some restriction can be brought to be imposed upon the reckless issue of securities of this class in the United States.

-The agency for Toronto of the Reliance Mutual Life Assurance Society of London, England, has been conferred upon Dr. Yorke, late one of the representatives of an American company. This well-established company invests the earnings of this branch in Canadian securities, and besides, issues its Canadian policies without the delay of reference to the head office in Britain.

-The official who was referred to in our arti le in last issue upon 'living beyond one's means,' was not, we understand in the employ of the Ontario Government. He was connected with the Receiver General's Department of the gen 'tal government.

—The Bank Statement for July is issued, but as it gives no returns from the Exchange Bank, we conclude that a supplement or some explanation will presently be offered. We defer comment meantime.

-The English papers containing the annual report of the Royal Insurance Company were received as we were going to press. The report will appear in our next issue.

-We had occasion to state that at the fire in the Norfolk county poor-house the officials, as far as then appeared, stood in no very favorable light. We observe that the verdict, since rendered upon the bodies of the seventeen victims, censures the male assistant, while believing that the female attendants did what they could. The following is the verdict :--

That the inmates came to their death through the accidental burning of the poor-house buildings. That the cause of the fire, in the opinion of the jury, was through a defect in the chimney connected with the kitchen, and that, from the evidence produced, the jury believe that the matron, Mrs. Coleman, and her female assistant, did everything in their power to rescue the female inmates, but regret that the male assistant did not render that efficient aid in the rescue of some of the unfortunate male victims that might have been expected at his hands.

#### Meetings.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COM-PANY.

The adjourned Annual General Meeting of this Company was held in their new offices, corner of Front and Scott streets, on Wednesday, Aug. 22nd. Among those present were: TheGovernor, Deputy-Gov., Messrs. Howland, Hooper, Ridout, Gordon, Boyd, Jno. McLennan, H. McLennan, Gault, Scott, Forbes, Priestman, Jno. Smith, Lee, W. Gamble, McDonnell, Jno. Morrison, Osler, Rev. Mr. Dowse, Cumberland, Betley, and Hon. Judge Burton.

Gen. Walker, and Messrs. Bruce, Stowell, Beattie, Law, Ashworth, Boyd, American gen.agts; and Messrs, Hammond, Hollinshead, Stringer, Cody, and Forbes, agents, were also present.

The Governor was called to the chair, and the Manager acted as secretary. The minutes of last annual meeting having been taken as read, the Annual and Auditor's reports, respec-

#### REPORT.

In submitting a statement of the Company's transactions during its forty-fourth year, it affords the Directors great pleasure to meet their coproprietors in the handsome and commodious building now nearly completed, the erection of which was commenced early in the spring of 1876. Besides providing for the requirements of the fast increasing business of the Company, the Directors believe the amount of money expended will prove a satisfactory investment.

In reporting the transactions for the year ended 30th June last, the Directors regret that the depression in Inland Marine business referred to in last year's report has not only continued but has increased, the amount of vessel property unemployed during the year having been considerably in excess of that for the year which closed 30th June, 1876. The result is a large falling off in the income from this branch of the Company's business.

The fire branch has also suffered from the continued depression in general business throughout Canada and the United States. In Canada there has been a material falling off in the premiums owing to the rejection of a large amount of business which would not be accepted at current (because deemed inadequate) rates. It is to be hoped that the terrible amount of losses sustained during the past year by most of the fire companies having transactions in Canada, will lead to measures which will place the business on a more satisfactory basis. In the United States, whilst the income from this branch has been considerably increased, a modification of rates has had to be submitted to.

However, notwithstanding the difficulties and discouragements encountered during the year the gross surplus has been increased from \$396,-905.01 to \$444,218.06, and the net surplus from \$190,492.01 to \$194,021.51. This result has been reached after providing for dividends—all losses, including \$37,759.85 by the conflagration at St. John, N. B., and every other liability. The receipts from interest on investments have been slightly in excess of the amount required for dividends, and this without orediting the account with any interest on the amount inves-ted in the new building. The Directors feel that there is cause for congratulation in the result of the year's business.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. PATERSON,

Governor. F. A. BALL, Manager. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT JUNE 30TH, 1877.

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Cash on hand and in Banks .... Dominion Stock ..... Debentures and Mortgages on Real Estate ..... Bills Receivable ..... Sundry Accounts Receivable.... Agents' Balances..... Real Estate ..... House on Church Street..... Bank and other Dividend paying Stocks ..... United States Registered Bonds

Comital Starl	GOLD.
Capital Stock	\$494,195 00
Losses under adjustment	101,530 84
Dividend No. 66 (Balance)	1,434 60
" No. 67	24,637 58
Sundry Accounts payable	17.427 39
Balance	444,218 06

#### \$1,083,443 47

#### Profit and Loss.

 Fire Losses Marine Losses Agents' Commission and other	60 222	
charges Profit and Loss (written off) Premium on Reinsurance Balance	200,07 t 3,708 59,917 72,966	85 57
Interest on Investments	\$749,730	
Profits	\$48,652 334	•
ment Premiums Received—Marine De-	605,768	94
partment Salvage	94,852 122	
	\$7.19,730	98

#### Surplus Fund.

Dividend No. 66 "No. 67 Balance at Credit of Surplus Fund	21 627	e۶
•	\$492,649	00

#### Reinsurance Liability.

Balance at Credit of Surplus Fund \$444,218 06 Reserve to Reinsure existing Risks 250,196 55

#### Net Surplus..... \$194,021 51

#### AUDITORS REPORT.

F. A. Kall Esqr., Manager British America Assurance Company.

SIR .- We beg to report the completion of our audit of the books and accounts of the " British America Assurance Company" for the year ending 30th. June, 1877.

The vouchers have been carefully traced to their proper accounts, and we are satisfied they have been correctly entered.

The various investments and securities held by the Company have also been examined, or certificates from Bank managers, and Deputy-Receiver General produced, and agree with the statements submitted.

The bank balances correspond with the ledger accounts, and cash on hand agrees with balance as shown by cash book.

The bills receivable represent the balance of

by us, correctly exhibits the state of the Company's business as shown by their books. All of which is respectfully submitted by Your obedient servants, (Signed) WM. GAMBLE ROBT. R. CATHRON

Ths following resolutions were unanimously adopted,

Moved by the Governor, seconded by Mr. John Smith, "That the report now read be received and adopted, and that it be printed for distribution among the shareholders.

Mr. James Scott, moved, seconded by Mr. W. S. Lee, "That the thanks of the shareholders are due, and are hereby tendered to the directors for their attention to the interests of the Company during the past year."

Moved by Mr. H. R. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Ino. McLennan that in consideration of the services rendered by the Governor, P. Paterson Esq. the thanks of the shareholders be presented to that gentleman, with the sum of \$3.000.

Moved by the Deputy Governor, seconded by Mr. Hugh McLennan, "That the thanks of the shareholders be presented to Mr. F. A. Ball, the Manager, and also to the general agents and agents of the Company, and to the members of the office staff for their efforts in promoting the interests of the Company."

Mr. M. H. Gault moved, seconded by Mr. John Morrison, "That Messrs. E. B. Osler and W. S. Lee be appointed scrutineers for taking the ballot for directors to serve for the ensuing year, and that the poll be closed at 2 o'clock, or as soon as five minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being taken." The report of the Scrutineers was then re-

ceived and adopted.

"We the undersigned, Scrutineers, appointed by the stockholders for taking the ballot at the election of Directors, this day, deciare that the following statement is the result of the same, and that the undermentioned gentlemen are duly elected for the ensuing year, viz: P. Pater-son, Hon. W. Cayley, G. J. Boyd, Peleg How-land, H. McLennan, J. D. Ridout, John Gor-don, John Smith, and Hon. G. W. Allan. (Signed), E. B. OSLER, Scrutineers. E. B. Osler, Scrutineers.

W. S. LEE,

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Governor for his able conduct in the chair, after which the meeting adjourned.

A very large number of shareholders, with a number of American and Canadian agents of the company were in attendance. At the close of this meeting the party were elevated to a large hall in the mansard, where about one hundred gentlemen sat down to the tables, and after partaking of an enjoyable repast a number of complimentary toasts were given and responded to.

FIRE RECORD.-Montreal, Aug. 21.-What threatened to be a very destructive fire broke out about two o'clock this morning in the flour mill of Mr. James McDougall, and that portion of the building consisting of the elevator and store house was destroyed, and also a large stock of grain. The fire also communicated stock of grain. The me also communicated with the adjoining premises, occupied by Messrs. Peck, Benny & Co., nail factory, which also suffered considerable damage. The loss is heavy but nearly covered by insurance, which is as follows: McDougall's flour mill was insured in the following companies: Royal Canadian, on building and machinery, \$12,000; reinsured in the North British and Mercantile for \$4,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$2,000 on building; Stadacona, \$5,000; Queen, on flour-mill and elevator, \$5,000; National, annual policy on grain stock, \$5,000, little damage, as there was small stock on hand,-Citizens, \$6,000 on "B" section and warehouses; loss about \$500. that account and the balance sheet as certified Imperial of London has a policy on the horse

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446,648 44 \$1,083,443 47 Liabilities.

38,969 36 91,176 58 9,591 91 211.599 68

GOLD.

\$46,943 41

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nail factory, but as this part of the building was not burnt no loss will ensue. Messrs. Peck, Benny & Co's. factory is insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe for \$2,000, and in the Royal Canadian for \$2,000; the loss to the latter company will amount to about \$200. The Royal, of England, has an insurance on McDougall's stock for \$5,000, and the Lancashire for \$5,000. The London Assurance Company's risks are not yet known, but are over \$5,000.

#### THE FIRE ON QUEEN'S SQUARE.

When Mr. Stevenson's house was going to pieces, a flock of pigeons hovering near it were drawn in by the heat; they whirled about for an instant, turned and rushed into the vortex, and perished in a second. A cat, maddened and wild, cut off from all escape, dashed along, when the fire pursued her and she stood still. On Thursday morning she was standing still in the same place ; her frame only could be seen, with head up and tail erec, a ghastly sight. It was during the conflagration on the square that was during the contagration on the square shall a little child, five years old, sat up by the window of his grandfather's house, then in fancied security, and looked at the flames. The little fellow for a while could not speak; he became pale with terror, and with a loud cry burst out with this thought :-- " O pa, pa, come and see! God is burning up the world, and he won't make another, he won't make another."-'tewart's Story of the Great Fire. Belford Bros.

#### STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

2.45 o'clock, Aug. 22, 1877.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transact'ns in Week	Buyers.	Sellers.
Montreal	153	156	846	155	1551
Ontario	991	993	3	991	101
Consolidated	831	831	2	83	84
Peoples	BC	BĊ		BC	BC
Molsons	111	111	13	100	111
Toronto	156	156	46	151	1571
Jacques Cartier			·	53	54
Merchants	67	673	227	678	671
Commerce	116	117	434	116	1171
Metropolitan				· · · · · · ·	21
Maritime					
Exchange	742	745	14		77
Hamilton			· ·		
Union					68
Montreal Telegraph	113	114	1483	114	114
Dominion Telegraph	••••••				
Gas		148	237	148	150
City Pass.					-3-
R. C. Insurance	81	81	25	81	814
Sterling Exchange	108	108		1081	1088
Gold	4	5		104	104
Riche ieu & Ont. Nav.	63	65	175	(6)	692

BANK CHANGES.—Mr. A. L. Dewar formerly accountant in Montreal branch has been appointed manager of the Canadian Bank of Com merce in Woodstock. Mr. Sampson having left that position to take charge in Galt. Mr. D. E. Cameron, leaves the Exchange Bank agency at Parkhill for a responsible position at the head office in Montreal, and is succeeded by Mr. T. L. Rogers, from the Eastern townships. Mr. Malloch, of the Molson's Bank agency at Smith's Falls retir.s, and is succeeded by Mr. Cottle from the head office of that bank.

Mr. E. W. Strathy, Manager of Molson's Bank at Exeter, has been removed to Owen Sound, to fill the vacancy there occasioned by the removal of Mr. Blakeney to the position of Manager of Molson's Bank at Windsor. Mr. Brewcn of Sorel, Quebec, takes Mr. Strathey s place at Exeter.

#### OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

PETROLIA, Aug 21, 1877.

Business flat, but development still carried on with vigor, the very small wells that are being struck do not seem to damp the ardor of the explorers. The favorite territory is still in the Northwest, or from lot 12, in the 12 conces., to lots 2 and 3 in the 14th conces. Enniskillen, but some attention has of late been given to South Eastern territory, lots 8, 9, 10, in the 9th concession, having had their fair share of holes, with one or two good Wells. The combination between the Crude men and the London Refiners is not yet completed and it is now thought will never be, the very low price of oil across the lines being the cause. Shipments for the week ending 17th Aug., Crude, 3012 brls.; Distillate, 1236 brls.

Markets Aug 20th, '77.

Petrolia, Crude \$1.25 per brl.; Refined 121 (w. m.) per gal.

New York, Aug. 20.

Refined 13<sup>8</sup> (w. m.) per gal.; Antwerp per kil. 29<sup>8</sup> f.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF SCOTCH IRON-MASTERS .- At a meeting in Glasgow of the ironmasters of the West of Scotland, a resolution having an important bearing on the coal and iron trades of the district, was agreed to. It was determined to throw out of blast for a period of three months one-third of the number of furnaces at present in use, the damping down to begin immediately, and to continue gradually till the 12th of August, by which time about thirty will be out of operation, leaving some thirty still at work. This practically means that during the time the resolution is in force the out-put of iron will be reduced by something like 6000 tons per week, and as a consequence there will be a corresponding and enormous decrease in the consumption of coal. Some time ago the coal and ironstone miners in the west agitated for an increase in pay to the extent of 6d. per day. Several of the coal-masters conceded the demand. There is a general impression amongst the iron-masters that the state of trade does not warrant the concession, and the resolution adopted as above may be taken as a proof of their determination to resist the demand.

HABITS AND HABITATIONS. — We have changed our habitations with our habits; we build as we live—for show and not for substance. If buildings are books, the books from which future generations must interpret and judge us (if haply the record shall last so long) will testify against us. Instead of the old-fashioned chimney, the mortar of which was tempered with brains and every brick of which had a conscience; about which, and in its proper relation to which, all the remainder of the house was builded, we have the frail and tortuous flue, hiding its infirmities behind friendly plaster; borrowing from adjacent walls a support for which it makes no repayment; shabby, slender, and unsafe,—E. A. Hewitt.

Saw MILL WASTE.—The waste of wood about the saw mills in this country is something enormous, and we think means could be adopted to work up a great deal of the refuse which is now consigned to the flames, or allowed to rot in piles. In some places "rotaries" have been fitted up to work the slabs and edgings into shingles, lathes, boxes, buckets and a variety of wood goods, all of which can be sold to a profit if properly handled. Our forests are not inexhaustible, indeed this fact is even now forcing itself on the minds of lumber operators

and ship builders, who find in the increased distance they have to go for timber, additional cost in providing for their wants at the mill and shipyard.

-It is a curious illustration of the ways of Wall street, that when a very large and somewhat unsuccessful stock operator (Selover) drops a very small and measurably successful stock operator (Gould) over a railing into a basement barber-shop, the affair is considered not in the light of assault and battery, but as a financial event. To those who chanced to observe the attack of Major A. A. Selover upon Mr. Jay Gould, but one idea seems to have suggested itself-How will this affect the market? One broker of more than average sagacity, asserts that when he observed a tendency on the part of Mr. Gould to fall head first upon the stones below, he made up his mind to sell Union Pacific heavily, but noticing that during the course of his fall Mr. Gould developed a cat-like disposition to alight on his feet, he concluded to buy Western Union instead. His determination was, however, finally modified by careful computation of the number of inches Mr. Gould rebounded into the circummabient ether after touching bottom, and he immediately sold a large block of Atlantic and Pacific "short," He stoutly denies any perception of the legal as-pects of the case, or any human sentiment of sympathy with either person. On the other hand, he asserts that he viewed the rencontre with precisely the same sensations produced by watching the "stock indicator" during a panic, and alludes with pride to his own perfect selfpossession during Mr. Gould's sudden descent into the areaway, and the coolness with which he was able to think clearly under these trying circumstances. The same view of the case is found out by the fact that a dear friend with whom Mr. Gould subsequently walked down the street, instead of asking how many ribs he had broken in his fall, tenderly inquired about his financial relations with Mr. Keene, and tear-fully tried to extract a "point" from a possible fracture of the cemur or dislocation of the thigh. -N. Y. Public.

—It is related of a town not far from Brantford. Ont, that they obtained ample facilities for extinguishing fires after having suffered very severly from several conflagrations. Soon afterwards, however, a fire broke out in a grocery establishment, in the basement of which there was stored a quantity of sugar. After putting out the fire, a fete which was accomplished expeditiously and effectuall, the "boys" continued playing on the unfortunate sugar in the basement, keeping the cellar full of water for three days, and, of course, totally destroying the stock. When asked why they pumped the water into the cellar instead of pumping it out, they replied, " Just to show the darn'd fires that we can beat them now."—Canadian Insurance Advocate.

#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

#### (From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, 21st Aug., 1877.

The improvement in trade noticed last week has been maintained. Especially has this been the case in dry goods and boots and shoes. Groceries have been rather unsettled, and prices of most articles in that line show weakness. Hardware is in moderate request, and prices rule steady. The demand for leather is

improving. Nothing of any moment is doing in grain, and the flour market has been completely upset; at the close we believe round lots could have been bought considerably under our quotations. Provisions quiet and weak; ashes steady.

The weather during the past week has been rather unsettled, a great deal of rain has fallen and is interfering very much with harvest operations in this region. Yesterday and to day, however, the weather has been clear and warm.

We give to-day the stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst.

ASHES.—Pots —The demand for ashes this week has been about commensurate with the supply, which has not been large. The market ruled very steady since the date of our last report, firsts selling at \$4.07½ to 4.12½, at which the market closes. Seconds \$3.40; Thirds \$2.00 to 2.65. Pearls are coming to hand more freely, but sales are not large and the market for firsts is weak, last reported sale was at \$4.75 for firsts. Seconds are nominal. Stocks at present in store are pots 3470 brls.; Pearls

853 brls. BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business to a very satisfactory amount has been done during the week quite equal to the same period of 1876. Prices quite equal to the same period of 1876. Prices rule pretty steady as follows: Men's stogas \$1.25 to \$2.50; Men's kip boots \$2.25 to 3.00; do.French calf \$3.25 to 4.00; do. buff congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split brogans \$1.00 to 1.25; Boys split brogans 90c to \$1.00; do. buff and and pebbled congress \$1.35 to 1.50; Womens' buff and pebbled balmorals \$1.15 to 1.50. do. prunella bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. congress 65c 0 \$1.50; Misses buff and pebbled bals oc to to \$1.50; Misses buff and pebbled bals. goc to \$1.20; ditto prunella bals. 65c to \$1.40.

CATTLE.-Owing to the limited supply of cattle in the market yesterday drovers were asking rather higher prices than on the previous market day. Butchers, however refuse to meet their demands and very little business was done, the few sales reported ranged from \$3.25 to 4.50 per 100 lbs. Hogs, about 150 changed hands at various prices ranging from \$5.621 to 5.75 per 100 lbs; Sheep about two car loads sold at \$5 a head, averaging about 134 lbs each. DRY GOODS.—There is little change to note

in this branch of trade, business has continued fairly active all week, and most houses have been busy filling orders which have come to hand from travellers and also received from buyers in the city, but country dealers still show caution in buying until the harvest has been marketed. A large business continues to be done in Canadian tweeds, and clothing has meet with a good deal of attention.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .--- We have nothing of any consequence to report transactions continue small and prices are generally in buyers favor, stocks are ample for all demands. Bi Carb \$3.15 to \$3.40; Sal Soda \$1.05 to 1.071; Soda Ash \$1.75 to 2.00; Caustic Soda \$3.50 to 3.50; Alum,\$1.75 to 2.00; Copperas goc to \$1.00 Blue Vitriol 6 to 61c; Epsom Salts \$1.65 to 2.00; I khum \$2.20 S lphur \$3.121 to 3.25. Brimstone \$2.00 to 2.50 ; Bleaching Powder 13 to2c ; Madder, 7 to 10c; Borax, 10 to 12c; Cream Tartar Ground 28 to 30c; do Crystals 25 to 26c; Saltpetre \$8.00 to 8.50.

FREIGHTS.—There has been a good demand for tonnage to take grain to Liverpool and Glasgow, rates paid for heavy grain by steamers and iron clippers to these ports have been 4/3 to 5/3; to London 5/- to 6/-, and to Cork for orders 6/6 to 6/9. Deals to London 77/6; to Liverpool and Glasgow 80/-. FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands

of millers on the morning of the 15th. inst., was 41,998 barrels, against 51,566 barrels on the 18t, inst., and 55,115 barrels on the 15th. Aug., 1876. Receipts for the past week 10,949 barrels been selling to some extent, but in small lots, any change.

Total receipts from 1st January to date 382,389 barrels, being a decrease of 121,878 barrels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Shipments during the week 19791 barrels; Total shipments from 1st. January to date 282. 158 barrels. During the past week it has been very difficult to fix quotations which have de-clined all round, but they may be considered now as nominal as business in this department may be said to be at a standstill. The market closes weaker to day and lower prices, would be accepted for round lots. We quote Superior extra \$6.25 to 6.50; Extra superfine \$6.00 to 6.10; Fancy \$5.80 to 5.90; Extra superine \$0.00 to 0.10; Fancy \$5.80 to 5.90; Strong baker's flour \$6.00 to 6.25; Spring extra \$5.80 to 5.90; Superfine \$5.50 to 5.60; Fine \$5.75 to 5.85; Middlings \$4.85 to \$4.95 Pollards \$4.20 to 4.40.; Oatmeal \$4.75 to 5.00 ; Cornmeal \$2.90 to 3.00

GRAIN.-Wheat.-The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 24,318 bush, against 55,281 bush, on the first inst, and 320,444 bush, on the 15th of August 1876. Receipts during the week 149,-268 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 1,047,214 bushels being a decrease of 3 2:4,-501 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Shipments during the week 45,535 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date 624.593 bushels ; being a decrease of 2,669,738 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1876. The present quotation for Upper Canada white winter wheat The present is \$1.35 to 1.40; some car lots having changed hands during the week within our range. Maize is quiet and easier at 55½ to 56c. Oats 36 to 38c Peas 90 to 92c per 66 lbs; Barley 60 to 65c. There is almost nothing doing in any kind of grain.

GROCERIES .- Teas.- There is very little demand for the new crop Japans, which are coming to hand freely, notwithstanding that they are being offered very low, say from 35 to 50c; old are offering at 25 to 40c; which are better value for the money. Small sales reported of both old and new within our range, black are inquired for from 25 to 50c; greens black are inquired to from 25 to 500, greens neglected. Coffee.—Transactions are unim-portant and quotations are unchanged, the limited market here has not sympathized with the decline in the U.S. Sugar.—The decline in the English market has caused holders to be more anxious to part with their stock, and prices are decidedly in buyers favor, yellows 91 to IOC; American granulated IO to IOIc; dry crushed 103 to 11c; Raw sugars are steady but in light demand at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{1}{2}$ . Molasses.— The demand has been small, but little change to note in values, Barbadoes 50c; Trinidad 45c; Rice continues to be sold in moderate quantities at \$4.15 to 4.25; spices there has been an im-proved demand this week but generally for small lots within our range of quotations, black pepper  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{2}{3}$ c; white pepper 18 to 20c; nut-megs 60 to 85c; cloves 40 to 45; cassia 15 to 18c; mace 85 to 90c; Jamaica ginger 18 to 21c. Fruit.-The low prices which rule, do not seem to lead to business, and at the moment, fruit may be called a drug in the market, only very small sales reported within our range of quotations. Layer raisins are offered at from \$1.15 to 1.20; Valencias 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 5c; Sultanas 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 7c; Seedless 5 to 6c; Currants  $5\frac{3}{4}$  to 6c; Figs 6 to 8c; Filberts 9c; Walnuts  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to 11c; for Grenoble.

HIDES .- The expected rise in price of hides has not been realized and the market closes weak at quotations with downward tendency. No. 1 hides \$8.00; No. 2 \$7; No. 3 \$6.00. Lambskins continue firm at 55c.

HARDWARE .--- There is little now to report this week, prices continue steady as quoted, but the demand has been very limited, and confined

and there has been more enquiry for Canada Plates. Pig iron is difficult to sell. We quote : Pig Iron-Eglinton and Clyde, \$17.30 to 18.00. American \$20.00 to 21.00; Summerlee, \$18.25 to 18.75; Gartsherrie \$19.00 to 19.50; Hematite, \$23 to 24.00; Bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire \$1.90 to 1.95; best do. \$2.15 to 2.20; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.50; to 3.60; Garth and Penn \$3.50 to 3.60; Arrow \$3.75 to 3.85: Hatton \$3.40 to 3.50; *Tin Plates* per box, ordinary brands—Charcoal IC, \$6.25 to 6.75; ditto, IX, \$8.25 to 8.75; ditto DC, to 6.75; ditto, IX. \$8.25 to 8.75; ditto DC. \$5.25 to 5.50; Coke IC, \$5.50 to 5.75; Tinned sheets, Charcoal best, No, 26, 12 to  $12\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Galvauized Sheets 8 to  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Hoops and Bands per 100lb, \$2.40 to 2.50; Sheets best brands \$2.75 to 3.00; Boiler Place, ordinary brands \$2.50 to 2.75; do. best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russia sheet-iron per lb., 10 to  $10\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Cut Nails, 2 d lath 4.50;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 shingle \$3.80; 5 d to 10 \$3.30; 12 d and larger \$3.00; 100 kegs lots c per cent. discount: cut nails patent chisel lots 5 per cent. discount ; cut nails patent chisel pointed esc extra; Pressed Spikes, \$4 to 5, shot ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; Lead-Pig \$5.50 to 5.75; sheet ditto \$5.75 to \$6.00; Bar ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; Steel cast, 12 to 13c; Spring, ditto \$4.25 0.25; Sieter Cast, 12 to 13, 5, 5pring, aitto 42.25 to 4.50: sleigh shoe steel \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire dito \$3.50 to 3.75; Ingot Tin 18c to 18½c.; Ingot Copper, 18½ to 19½c; Horse Shoes \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved coil Chain §inch, \$5.00 to 5.50; Anchors, 7 to 71c; Anvils, 10 to 11c; Wire per bdl. of 63lbs. No. 6 \$2.00 to 2.10.

LEATHER.-A moderatively active business has been done during the past week in nearly all descriptions of stock, and prices though without much change are firmer in some lines. But Spanish sole, splits and harness leather have not met with much active inquiry and stocks of these goods are not excessive. The prospects are fair for an average fall trade. We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 24 to 25c; do. No. 2, 21 to 22c; No. 1 Orinoco 22 23c1; No. 2 ditto 201 to 2101; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 34 to 37c; do. heavy 32 to 35c; grained upper 34 to 37c; splits large 25 to 30c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 50 to 65c; Sheepskin Linings 20, to 37½c; Har-ness 25 to 30c; Buffed Cow 14 to 16c; Enamelled Cow 17 to 18c.; Patent Cow 16 to 18c : Pebbled Cow 13 to 15c.; Rough 22 to 26c.

OILS .- The market for petroleum is stronger and car lots is held at 141 to 15; smaller lots from 151 to 17c; fish oils are in moderate demand at unchanged rates namely: Cod oil 50 to 52½c; seal pale 52½c; ditto straw 50c; ditto steam refined 55 to 57½c; whale oil 55c; linseed is firm at 70 for raw and 75 to 80c for boiled with every likelihood of an advance; Olive is firm at 95 to \$1.00. PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts during the

past week 3598 pkgs; shipments 2059 pkgs; there has been very little enquiry for butter during the past week and unless really choice the article has been entirely neglected ; the range of prices in to days market was from 17 to 21c. Cheese.—Receipts 3051 boxes; shipments 14273 boxes much of which has been bought in the Western markets for shipment; the market closes weak at 9 to 10c; Lard is weaker at 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 11C; Tallow 9c for rendered. Pork.—Receipts 427 barrels, shipments 721 barrels, market quiet. Mess \$16.25 to 16.50; Thin mess \$15.25 to 15.50.

SALT .- There has been a pretty fair demand for coarse, sale at 52c ; Factory Filled is more difficult to move, the present price is 95c. to §1.00.

WOOL.-The demand for wool has not been quite so active this week, and sales generally have been of small lots, quotations are without

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#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 22rd Aug., 1877.

The week has not been particularly active one as regards the amount of goods sold, but the activity of getting their fall stocks in order is general among dry goods houses. Groceries are moving fairly. Boots and shoes doing a moderate trade considering the season. Provisions are quiet, hides and wool unchanged. The flour and grain market is unsettled, no transaction; of moment having taken place, and prices weakening week by week. The rains that have fallen for the past ten or twelve days, while they have helped root crops, have sprouted the spring wheat, and injured the peas and and barley in several districts.

Money continues easy, and is not in demand for speculative purposes. Bank and building society stocks have an upward tendency. Commerce, for example, sold up to 117 on Wednesday.

CATTLE.—The week has shown a fair but not lively trade. Receipts of *Beeves* were moderate but not so much asked for, the shipping demand having fallen off. Firsts are not plentiful, and command \$4.75 to 5.00; seconds are in better supply and sold freely at \$3.75 to 4.00; thirds are not wanted, and range from \$3.50 to 3.00. We hear of a sale of steers by the car load, 1000 lbs. average, at \$40, and several cars of mixed at \$34.50 to 37.50 and \$40. Prices of *sheep* are firm and the demand good, but few are offering first class bring \$5.50 seconds \$4.00to 4.50. Lambs are well supplied to the market, first class sell at \$3.25 to 3.60. Calves 1st. \$8.00 to 10.00; 2nd. \$4.50 to 6.00.

DRY GOODS.—Most of the wholesale houses are busy opening goods and making preparations for fall trade of which they anticipate better results than either of the two past years have shown. Stocks are well assorted, but do not appear heavy, certainly not so heavy as some previous years. In the old country, prices in woollens and cottons are generally weak, the depression is most marked in cottons. Dundee goods which in May and June were spurred into a temporary war rise, have fallen back to former prices. Bradford goods are lower, we are told, than they were last November. It is the case there, as at Glasgow, that many factories are running but half time, and orders are taken by manufacturers very low for the sake of keeping their machinery going.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—Stocks in store 4,976 barrels, against 5,376 barrels last week, and 5,529 barrels on corresponding date of last year. The market is considerably disorganized and a decided difference in opinion exists between holders and buyers. The latter look for a greater drop when new comes to market. Holders are offering at our quotations with no buyers except for actual wants, when in a few cases our figures have been paid. \$4,75 for superfine to \$6.00 for superior extra indicates about the view of sellers. *Oatmeal* is nominally unchanged at \$5.60; there is absolutely no movement; *Cornmeal* sells slowly in small lots at \$2.75 to 3.00.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Fall, stocks in store 12.547 bushels against 12.988 bushels last week and 107.977 bushels on like date of last year. There has been no movement of consequence, a small quantity has been taken during the week for local milling purposes. The price has fallen steadily since last week, in view doubtless of the decline in the West, and early receipts there of

new crop, which is as we show elsewhere, an abundant one as compared with late years. The nominal figure here for old is \$1.30, but it has offered down to \$1.25 with no takers. No. 2 at \$1.20 and No. 3. unsaleable at say \$1.10. It may be concluded that it must go still lower when wheat offers this week in Chicago at gic; and 95c. for Sept. delivery. Spring stocks in store 29.718bushels against 44,074 last week, and 157,509 bushels on like date last year, stocks have been reduced by shipments to Liverpool on consignment, as a last resort. There is no other movement here. \$1.12 to 1.14 for No. 2. and \$1.15 to 1.20 for No. 1. represent about the views of buyers and sellers respectively. *Oats.*—Stocks in store 11,365 bushels against 12,374 bushels last week, and 6.410 bushels on corresponding date of 1876. The market is corresponding date of 1876. The market is dull; some sales of car lots are reported at 33 to 35c. the fall having been rapid since we last wrote. American are selling in Chicago at 223c. Barley stocks unchanged from last week at 12,200 bushels. The first load of the new crop has been sold on this market on Monday last at 60c. and the range for No. 1 may be placed at 55 to 60c. The limited stock of old will likely be worked off together with the new by degrees. Pens.-Stocks in store 14,777 bushels, against 15,178 bushels last week and 4,078 last year at like date, offering freely at 72 to 75c. without buyers.

GROCERIES.—A fair country trade continues to be done. There is no jobbing demand and no sales of round lots to be noticed, as to prices almost any line will be conceded upon to a good buyer. Coffees are unchanged. Fish inactive and in some lines weak. Fruit generally steady, new valentias are not obtainable at less than  $4\frac{1}{4}c$  except in large lots. Rice shows marked firmness and our quotations probably represent the bottom figures. Sugars are weak and the market rather "indisposed " in view of a decline in England ; prices favor buyers, but we are not aware of any transactions which justify a change from our last weeks quotations. In teas there is rather more movement, but all of a retail character. Liquors.—We have no change in price to quote. We hear that by recent letters, brandies are to be shipped from France at the same prices as last spri g. The Revue des Vins et Liqueurs states that business in wines was very dull in France through the whole month of July, with, however, an upward tendency. Brandies have been dull like-wise, but their holders will make no concessions. The vine In the Bordelais has passed through all the flowering stage, and entered satisfactorily upon the grape stage of development. In Chablis, Champagne and the Beauiolais the vines look well.

HARDWARE .- Values in heavy goods are somewhat higher in Britain, such goods as tin and Canada plates are firmer there, but prices in Canada are steady at former figures, stocks here are well assorted but not excessive. Galvanised sheet iron is easier in consequence of the popular brands having been reduced slightly in the home market. Prices of pig are nominal, no stocks of consequence are held here. Lead in pigs is easier in the English market, we perceive that this article ia about to be produced in Canada by the Frontenac Lead Works at Kingstone. No change to note in block tin, Window glass prices may be heightened by the fact, that advice has been received that the last sailing vessel has left Antwerp, so that some orders may be shut out and have to come later by steamer. No activity in hosp and bard iron, for which the stagnation in oil production and the uncertainty (up to to-day) as to the passage of the Dunkin act will largely help to account.

It was announced in April that Messrs. G. B. Thorneycroft & Co., the English Iron firm, would close their works at the end of June. However, the partners have since decided to

carry on the establishments, though trade is very discouraging, in consideration for their old workmen. The Shrubbery Works, at Wolverhampton, will be operated by Colonel Thorneycroft, Mr. John Perks and Mr. George Hartley, but the Bradley estate, with the blast furnaces and collieries, will be sold. This firm will thus give up the making of pig iron.

LEATHER. —Quietness reigns at present ; very little money is stirring and very little expected for another month, when the harvest is over and begins to come to market. Prices are nevertheless tolerably firm in all lines, and concessions are not readily made. Sole leather is unchanged and steady with no excessive stock. The idea is general that tanners have very little stock in the vats.

PROVISIONS.—There is no marked revival in prices but a moderate movement in hog products. Stocks of hams are beginning to be reduced and scarcity may have the effect of improving prices which at present are as quoted, say 11½ to 12C. In bacon, long clear is in good consumptive demand at & to  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; Cumberland steady at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{4}c$ ; the movement of mess pork is conferred to small broken lots. Lard is moving moderately at  $10\frac{1}{2}$  to  $12\frac{1}{2}c$ . Cheese is steady, last week several factories offered at  $9\frac{1}{2}c$  for July makes sales were made at Ingersoll on Tuesday at 10c for July makes, while yesterday  $10\frac{1}{2}c$  was realised. No August cheese offered although 11c was freely offered for August make.

Butter.—No movement to note, stocks here are small, but in Montreal they are heavy, and almost entirely in the hands of speculators. The local trade is being supplied here at 17 to 19c; for choice- Eggs are somewhat firmer when quality can be guaranteed

PETROLEUM:—A moderate and steady business is doing in this article. There is no present change in price, but there are some indications of an advance in prices being made in the Wets.

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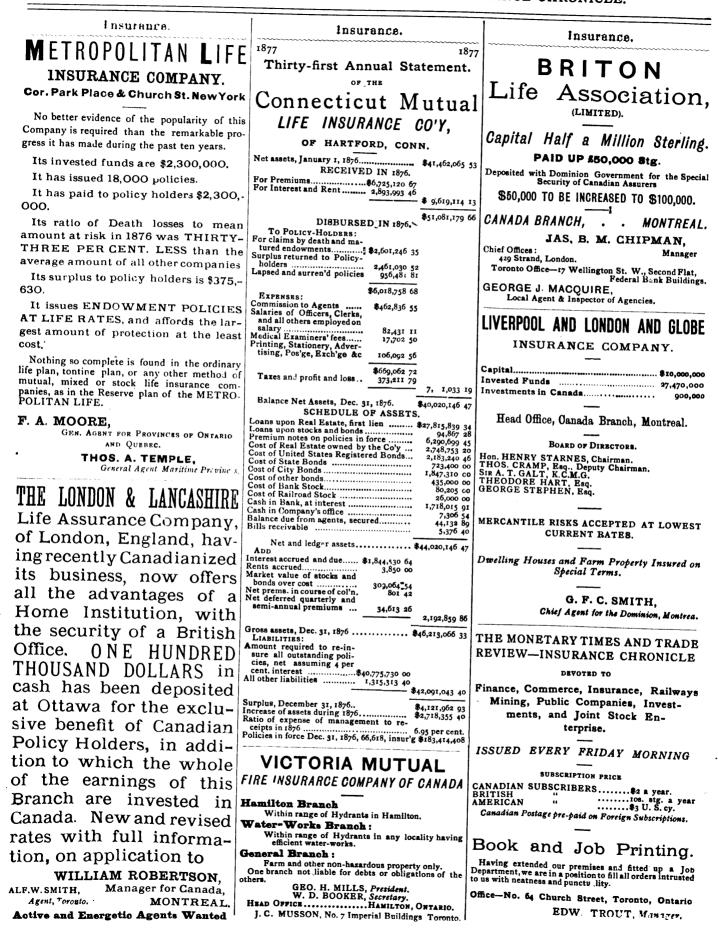
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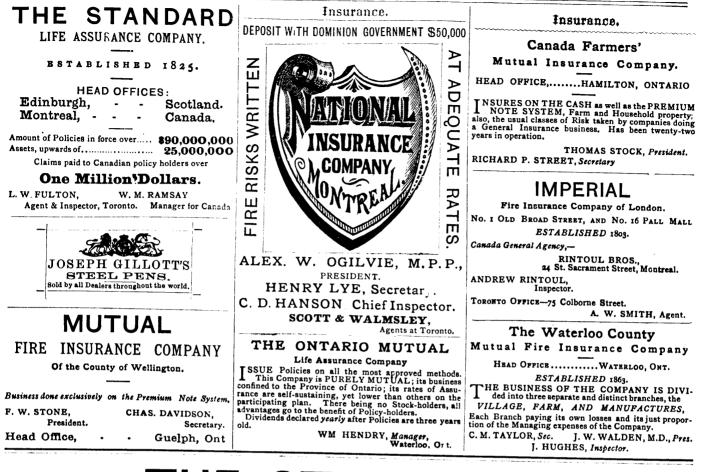
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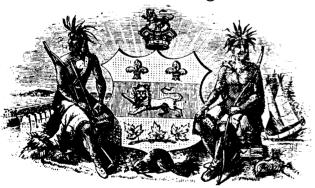
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