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Tum Septennial Jeague and the Order of Home circles，bills havo been thrown out by the commictee on banking and com－ merce．
＇Tus lockout of the shoe lasters employed in the boot and shoo factorics al Quebec，is now at an end，the men having gone back to work on the manufacturers＇torms．

Mr．Jamer P．Bamford，Iate of Belleau \＆Bamford，now dis－ solved，has been appointed resident agent at Montreal for the Lancaster Fire Ins．Co．，of Manchester．Mr．Banford also represents the City of London Fire Ins．Co．

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Correspondenoe from Prince Edward Island states that，owing to the late spring grass，is rather short for the season，but the grain is looking well as a result of the heavy rains which have just fallen．Fiehermen report the catch，so far，a fairly good one，and the lobster factories have put up a good average pack compared with other years．

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Mrs．James MoDougall has carried on a lamp and oil busi－ ness in Hamilton since the death of her husband in 1881．In April 1890 she got into difficulties and was compelled to assign， owing about $\$ 3,000$ ．She succeeded in securing a compromise at 40 c in the dollar，but since then her credit has been limited and her present assignment a foregone conclusion．

There must havo been something more exbilerating than water at the insurance banquet at Detroit judging from the oratory．A reverend speaker said：＂It is a beautiful emblem that the Equitable Life has－a guardian angel with a shield over a weak widow and a helpless orphan．Life insurance is the guardian angel of these helpless homes，and just what Beatrice was to Dante，just what Portia was to Shakspeare，just what the White Lady was to Shelley，so life insurance is to hundreds and thousands who are suffering in widowhood and orphanage．＂ Life insurance must be a very mixed business，or possibly the orator was muddled．

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Patniok J．Sollivan，formerly a bar．tender，bought out his brother＇s hotel in 1889 and started in business for himself．He was chattel mortgaged from the atsrt，and of late judgments have piled up against him until an assignment became inevitable．－ Abramovitch Bros．，two young Hebrewa，doing a small hardware business in Winnipeg，have assigned．Last March they claimed to have dissolved partnership but their creditors refused to re． cognise the dissolution．Hence their assignment．

Telegrapaio reports of crops from a number of the principal places throughout Manitobs and the Northwest indicate that the prospects are brighter than ever before in the history of the country and foretell a harvest that will rival the immense one of 1887 ．From all quarters comes word that wheat，oats and barley are much further advanced than ever before at this sea－ son of the year，wheat being in places at least ten days ahead of 1890．The growth is vigorous and healthy and it is beginning to head out．The yield in all probability be an immense one．

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'linomas Beeon, hotelkerper of New Glaggow, N.S., has assigned. His liabilities will reach $\$ 11,000$. He gave $\$ 12,000$ for the hotel property, but there are $\$ 10,000$ in secured claims recorded against $\dot{\prime}$, and only the margin $1+f l$ after it's aale will be available for a division anong outaide creditors. This looks as if their dividend would be a small one.
W. Sropes, of Lnnilon, Eng., member of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the committee of judgas app inted last October to judge of and report on the quality of Canadian barley, is in the city. He says that uature has singularly favored Canada as a bwley griwing ocuntry, and favorerl her to such an extent, that if burley is properly grown she can easily beat all rivals and control the market.

Georas Rexomid, dealar in coal and wood of London has assigned, as his lankers resolutely relused to discount any acenm. modation $\mathrm{f}^{\text {raper }}$ for bim. Hi liabilitires are ooly $\$ 2,6010$ nnd it is believed he can sucure a composition at 40 cente in the dollar as he has only three creditors, the bank, a coal merchant in Butalo and his nophesw in Michugan. He attributes his failure to lorses en real cestate epeculations.
II. C. Pullas, tinsmith of Jancaster, has assigned. He has been in the business for four years but bad too many chattel mortgnges aguiust him to be likely to succeed. Last spring he whs endeavoring to secure a hotol license.-Sam Patterson a small tinsmith of Dorchester, N. B., has succeeded in effecting a settlement with his credutors st 60 conts in the dollar, payable in 30 dnys, ou liabilities of $\$ 400$.

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Alphonse Gaboury, builder and contractor of this city, has assigned. Of late his habits have become irregu'ar, and in May last a meetiog of his creditors was called at which a committee composed of J. S. Bousquel, T. Prefoniaine, and J. Paquette, was selected to carry on his business until such time as his liabilities were paid off. It lass now been found better that he shnuld assign, and he has ace:rdingly done so, with lisbilities of $\$ 7,980$. He shows a nominal surplus.

Heber Chambers, described as a trader of Moncton, N.B., bas assigned. He speculated in everything from getting out ship timber to felling country-knitted socks. Nothing was too hot or too heavy for bim to bandle. But he is described as erraticand visionary ard he evidently lacks the elements of success.-James A.MoNeil, a small tailor of Hantsport, N.S., has 4ssigned. He owes $\xi_{i} 1,310$, whie his se8pts arenot worth $\$ 200$. He has never made more than a hare living, and at times not even that.

Mr. T. V. R. Brown, for upwards of twelve years past connected with the wholesale business of the Gcodyear Co. and with that of the Grunby Rubber Co. since its inception, bas resigned for the purpose of jnining his brotber in husiness in New York. Mr. S. H. C. Miner, the active and enterprising president of the Granby Co, has meantime arranged with the firm of Amee, Holden \& Co to conduct the selling agency of the company. Considering that Messra. A. H. \& Co. have heretofore handled annually upwards of $\$ 100,000$ worth of these goods and that apart from the energetic guidance of $t_{1}$ estill

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G. F. Burnett \& Co., wholesale clothiers of this city, have been served with a demand of assignment. This firm was composed of G. F. Burnett, an ex-railroad man whose knowledge of the clothing trade was hampered by limits, and Harris Vineberg, a shrewd but unsuccersful clothier; against whom two previous failuref, one in Lancaster and one in this city, had been recorded. Vineberg was to supply the experience and Burnett the cspital ; the result being that Burnett has now some years experience while bis capital is a minus quantity. When Burnett left the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway he was credited with possessing $\$ 26,000$. Only $\$ 10,000$ however was available, and this he invested in Vineberg's business; it being understood that he was to have charge of the financial part, while Vineberg superintended the manufacture and sale of the clothing. For a time they did fairly well; but Burnett soon found out that the clothing business was not the gold mine he had been induced to believe it to be. The firm had keen competition from stronger firms to tace, and, as their business lay principally'among weak accounts, they soon ran behind. They opened a branch store in Toronto, und $\cdot \mathrm{r}$ the charge of Brunetl's son, and claim to have lost some $\$ 15,000$ there ; but these branches are very convenient outlets sometimes for goods, and the creditors are not disposed to attribute their failure to this cause. In May last they were burned out and according to their own account suffered a loas of $\$ 26,000$. This was adjusted at $\$ 14,000$, and as this, outside of the stock and book debts, represented the bulk of their assets, while their liabilities amounted to $\$ 50,000$ direct and $\$ 40,000$ indirect, their creditors deemed it time to call a halt. The principal ones, Gault Bros., to whom they owe $\$ 16,000$, took out a demand of assignment and it is now believed the firm will endeavor to effect a settlement at 40 cents on the dollar.

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The Hamilton Board of Trade at its annual meeting passed the following item in the Council's report. "The Ontario act providing for the equitable distribution of insolvent estates having been reudered slmost inoperative by a late decision in the courta, an amendment regarding unjust preferences was intro. duced last session, which should prevent any serious hardships. After the injustice foreign and domestic creditors have received in some recent failures in the Dominion, it is adviéable that a federal act be introduced next session and passed to aholish undue preferences and provide for the equitable distribution and investigation of insolvent estates, and so remove the reproach now lying upon the Dominion in foreign markets and give increased confidence to creditors of all kinds."

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## ENGLISH VS．AMERICAN METHODS．

The authorities of the Canadian Pacific Railway might well exclaim＂Save us from our friends．＂The rapidity of its growth，the enterprise of its manage－ ment，the vitality it shows，have caused the partisans of the C．P．R．to speak with disdain of the more gradual， but none the less solid，progress of older roads．The assertion has indeed been made that had other lines
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followed the policy of the C.P.R., they too would have made equally phenomenal progress. Such statements ignore the facts that the C.P.R. is a new line, equipped with the most approved materials, favored by government capital and support to a large extent, and enjoys a monopoly of one of the best freight providing districts in the country. These vital conditions are set aside to give the whole credit of the success of the C.P.R. to its being run on "American" methods. The inference is clearly meant that any line not so managed cannot be so successful. All this is too shallow to deceive any one at all conversant with railway affairs. As a specimen of this form of argument, or rather assertion, we may cite an article from the Toronto Em pire, which in this does not display its usual accuracy and impartial tone. After a disparaging contrast of the management of the older road with its new rival, the writer says:-
"The truth of the matter is that the Grand Trunk system is managed on the English plan, but unfortunately must doits business on the American plan, if it does any. The English system is well enough with English rates to admit of it, but in America, with the much lower rates prevailing, the American plan of running railroads aa transportation companies, and not as vast conglomerations of business enterprises, is the only one that admits of dividends."

This implies a strong condemnation of the policy of the Grand Trunk Railway in making its own locomotives, rulling stock and other plant, to which its reduced earnings are attributed. Had the writer known the facts he would have avoided such an error. The officials of the G.T.R. know that not only is a very large saving effected by its manufacturing works, but the quality of the goods made is better than an equal expenditure could procure in the open market. The C.P. i , managers knowing this are now manufacturing their car-wheels and castings. They are, we believe, proposing to follow the policy of the Grand Trunk in providing all their own plant, and so saving the profits now paid to the middleman, to say nothing of possibie illicit commiesions-such as lake-side residences, etc. It is therefore inaccurate to say that "The C.P.R. confines itself to operating its railroad syetem." Besides the two cases alluded to, the C.P.R. controls "an agglomeration of business enterprises," larger and more varied than those to which the writer in the Empire attributes the reduced receipts of the Grand Trunk. Amongst these enterpriges-highly laudable of course-are, a fleet of steamers, grain elevators, palnce hotels, parks, a telegraph and express system, refreshment rooms, parlor cars, all of which pour their

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earnings into the C.P.R. treasury. On the other hand the Grand Trunk receipts are confined to the proceeds of traffic, as becomes "a transportation company." It is charged that the older company has far more "opportunities for providing positions for officials who have dropped out of the management proper," than the younger line; but this will find little credit when the varied operations of the C.P.R. are considered.

It then, being clear that no such broad distinction exists in the policy of these roads as is asserted by those anxious to damage the G.T.R., it may now be asked, which policy is best for the country, that assigned as the G.T.R. plan, or that of the C.P.R. ? The manufactures of the old line maintain a small army of workmen in construction and repair shops, whose wages are spent in Canada. The C.P.R. imports, what the old line makes, thusits money is spent abroad, and all the country gets is through the Custom House. Now we need not explain how much more advantageous it is for Canada to have all these mechanics settled here, earning and expending a vast yearly sum, than to have Canadian money sent abroad to maintain workmen elsewhere. The rise or fall then of the earnings of these roads is not affected by the policy of each in providing the necessary supplies for the road. The lines run in widely different localities, their accounts are kept on a different system, so that any comparison between them is impracticable. The C.P.R. has a monopoly of the North-West traffic, it controls the telegraph system of that region, and fixes what rates it chooses. The Grand Trunk connects only in the West with American roads, by whose rates it must largely be governed. The light earnings this season have simply resulted from light traffic in Ontario and Quebec, mainly owing to deficient harvests. It has no outside sources of revenue like the C.P.R., the Grand Trunk only can rely on the legitimate railroad business of traffic; hence its returns are the best index of the trade of the country. As the depression is passing away, American traffic reviving, and harvest prospects exंeellent, we may confidently expect the receipts of the Grand Trunk to rise to their normal level. The two roads are working in harmony for their mutual good. The promotion of a large, and influential'shäreholder in the C.P.R. to the chairmanship of the Grand Trunk is a hopeful augury for these vast enterprises. The outlook is a cheering one, and despite its adherence
to so-called "English methods," the Grand Trunk is so vigorously and prudently managed that its future must be one of solid and prosperous growth. The people of Canada need to remember that although the non-dividend paying character of the atock of the G.T.R. has been unpleasant to English capitalists, this country has reaped, and must ever continue to reap, enormous advantages and wealth from its great pioneer road.

## IMPORTANT BANKING CASE.

The suit brought by La Banque Nationale against the Merchants Bank of Canada decided in the Superior Court on 30th ult., is one of much importance to bankers, as well as to their customers. The judgment by Judge Davidson in favor of the Merchants Bank is fortified by a very large number of cited precedente bearing on the two aspects of the case, some directly others only incidentally. The main facts were admitted on both sides, hence the issue became one of law. The operation of the "clearing house" must be understood before this case can be made intelligible. Thach day at $10 o^{\text {'clock }}$ the bankers of this city meet and by a clerk and messenger mutually exchange all the cheques they severally hold against each other. Each banker makes upat the clearing counter a memo. of what his total receipts and payments are, and all these debils and credits are placed in the hands of one bank to pay or to collect- Thus instead of our 16 banks paying a batance to, or collecting one from each of the 16 banks, the whole are aggregated under one account and one settlement only is needed to clear off all these balances. There has been a code of rules passed to govern this system, one of which known as No. 5, was that any cheque received at the 10 o'clock clearing ehould, if not provided for, be returned to the bank it war received from by 12 noon. Evidence showed that this rule was a temporary one, we judge - it to have tentative, to see how it worked. The Court stated the facts to be as follows: "On the 30th of June, 1890, the Banque Nationale received from W. \& G. H. Tait the firm's cheque on the Merchants Bank for $\$ 5,759.30$ to retire certain overdue endorsed paper, which the bank, however, continued to retain awaiting payment of the cheque. At $100^{\prime}$ clock on the morning of the and of July-the first having been a holidaythe plaintiffs duly enclosed this cheque in its package of demands to be charged against the defendants, and received, but at what hour does not appear, a clearing house payment for the amount. Upon examination the Merchants Bank found that there were no funds to the credit of the Tait acconnt to meet the cheque, and it was, as a consequence, on the same day, but at some time after noon, sent back to the Banque Nationale for redemption. It was refused on the ground that the bank had already delivered up the notes and, as a consequence, lost its recourse against their endorsers. It refused to take the risk of collecting the cheque, the badness of which was, in fact, determined by the failure of the Taits four days afterwards. To justify their course the Banque Nationale relied on rule 5 of the association, which required dishonored cheques to be returned before 12 o'clook of the day on which they had been put through the Olerring house. Thereupon the Merchants Bank protested the cheque and all concerned. It so happened that the Banque Nationale, whose head office is at Quebrc, had a considerable account current with the Merchants Bank, and against the balance at its credit the latter forthwith charged
up the cheque. Naturally objecting to having the difficulty solved after so summary a fashion, the plaintiffs now take action to recover the balance to which they would otherwise be entitled. Out of these issues these leading questions result: By law, or as between members, and under the rules and usages of the association, must a bank to which a cheque drawn upon it has been presented through the Clearing house return it, if not provided for, before noon of the same day, under pain of being held absolutely liable to the holder for the amount? How far, if at all, is the presenting bank affected by the fact that it has not, during theovertime, altered its position or been in any way prejudiced by the delay? The defendants' return of the cheque was sufficiently diligent, so far as common law was concerned. Previous to the Clearing house the undisputed practice was to return at three o'clock. To hand in a cheque to a bank creates no obligation on its part to notify the holder that it will not be paid. The duty lies upon the latter to call and enquire."
Any obligation to return a dishonored cheque before 12 noon on day of presentation being not recognised by law, the question arose as to the liability which arises out of the rules of the clearing house. Now it was proved beyond doubt that the banks do not generally observe the twelve o'clock rule. "Mr. Giroux, of the Hochelaga Bank, says that his bank refuses to receive cheques returned after twelve. Mr. Brunet, plaintiff's manager, naturally thinks a bank entitled to refuse. An instance of a refusal by the Bank of British North America, and of another by the Hochelaga Bank are also given. On the other hand, representatives from leading banks in the city testify that no such usage or practice exists, and that the rule is practically, and in reality a dead letter. Mr. McDougall, manager of the Quebec bank, and chairman of the Association, says that the rule "is not acted upon." Mr. Penfold, local manager of the Bank of British North America, says that cheques returned after noon are " as a general rule paid." He recalls the one refusal above referred to. "By no means," he adds, "would I consider that the passing of the hour was sufficient to make me think that the cheque was paid."

Mr. King, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, says that he has never known a cheque to be refused; he always considered it in time if on the same day, "the hour made no difference." Mr. Wilgress, Bank of Montreal; does not know of a case of refusal; the return of cheques after twelve is of "daily occurrence."

There may be some good local reason for making up the clearing house parcels for presentation at the early hour of 10 a.m., but we doubt it. It is customary in England for the "clearing" to be done at 1.30 p.m., when all the mails are in from outside places that bring cheques presented at a distance on the previous day. A merchant having an account with a Montreal bank may issue a cheque nt a distunt point in full expectation of having all the day on whicli it will be presented to collect enough to cover it. But his receipts may be delayed until too late to make the necessary provision before 12 noon. So that if that rule is observed his cheque may be returned unpaid, when at a later hour he might have arranged for ite payment. Such an event might be extremely annoying, and do serious damage to an innocent person by the 12 noon law being enforced, whereas the making the law of the clearing house to conform to the statute law.in regard to the time within which. cheques must
be either paid or returned, would, we submit; be a aafer rule for all concerned. An action for damages against a bank for injury received from premature dishonorment of a cheque would be sustained.

Thejudge pointed out that, "the observance of a practice by an isolated bank, or isolated instances of refusal by other banks, do not constitute a uasge. We must also remember that the usage claimed is not one which leads us to some large and equitable method of business affairs. Its application means a condemnation to pay without value received. It is highly in the nature of a forfeiture, and moreover a forfeiture not expressed in terms in the rule under consideration. In all the cases cited the rules and course of business ran hand in hand." In this case the Banque Nationale relying upon the Merchants Bank returning the cheque if unpaid by noon, handed over to the drawer a series of protested notes for which he had given his cheque on the Merohants Bank, but failed to provide for its payment. As to whether these notes were handed over to the drawer of the cheque at his request or otherwise was not cleared up. The point is immaterial save as an example of a somewhat loose system. The judgment closes thus: "The informal manner in which rule 5 was passed, its alleged temporary character, its nonuser, the non-existence of a usage such as plaintiffs allege, the contradictions as to fact, the amplereasons which plaintiffis had for being wary of the cheque, the penal nature of the claim, the strict proof to which plaintiffs must be held of the existence of their claim in law and fact, all unite in leading me to the conviction that the action ought to $b e$, as it is, dismissed with costs."

We would suggest then that the banks bring their clearing house rules into line with law so that they can be enforced. It is manifest that the Banque Nationale in relinquishing securitios on a mere supposition that a certain cheque was paid, acted with unbanker like imprudence.

## THE LAW AS TO FALSE ANSWERS.

The whole business of life insurance is based upon the answers given by those who apply for policies to the questions put by the company, supplemented by the certificate of a medical officer. Those answers may be false, either from the ignorance of the wouldbe insurer as to the facts to which he testifies, or from a wilful suppression of his knowledge, or by direct untruths being told. There are an endless number of persons who are profoundly ignorant of the existence in their constitutions of some defect or tendency that renders their lives undesirable at ordinary rates. It is no uncommon thing for 3 persons who are known by their relatives to be consumptive, to be entirely unconscious of theirsad condition, as it is a topic tabooed in the family circle, and the family doctor mercifully conceals it from the person affected. Such a tendency may escape observation by a medical officer and a policy be issued which runs a very short course. On no other subject are men so incredulous as about their health.' An insurance company needs therefore to secure the best available medical expert to diagnose its applicants, and in cases of dispute the judgment of auch an expert ought to far outweigh any personal answers given by would-be insurers. There are two questions put by companies that are most vague and open to grave abuse. For instance a company asks, "Are you temperate in your habita?" and "Have you
always been strictly so?" Now a man may conscientiously answer that he is, and always has been "temperate," when his libations, judged from a different standard to his own, have been excessive. Some men "вoak" all day long, they are never intoxicated, never show any sign of drinking, yet their systems are a sort of alcoholio sponge. Another man may be sober for daye and then get drunk, and sober up again, he thus gets a name for intemperance when on the whole, he does not imbibe a tenth part of the liquor consumed by the "temperate" man. In these two cases, both men would say they were "tomperate," any friend applied to would confirm this, yet, in case of a dispute arising, the certainty is that the answer given by the one who was ocoasionally intoxicated would be pronounced false. A case occurred some years ago in which the question, if the applicant had ever received any bodily injury, was answered in the negative. . But he died suddenly, and a post mortem revealed that he had once received a blow on the head, which led to his decease. The company thereupon refused payment of the policy, but as it was proved that the blow was so slight that he never had any pain from it at the time, and forgot all about ii in a few minutes, the court gave judgment against the company. Another case was known to us in which the question as to the inheritance of any disease was answered "No, and the health of both parents was aaid to have been perfect. Yet the insurer : uddenly developed gout, died of it, and it was then fuund that his father had died of the same trouble at close upon his 8 uth year. The company contested this policy on the ground of a false answer, but withdrew the case from prudence. A recent case appealed to the House of Lords turned on this matter of frlse answers. The defence rested on the questions "Are you temperate in your babits and have you always been strictly so?" The answers were "Temperate" and "yes." Subjoined to the questions was a declaration signed by the applicant, as follows: -"I do hereby agree that this declaration shall be the basis of the contract between me and the company, and that if any untrue averment has been made or any information necessary to be made known to the company has been withheld, all sums which shall have been paid to the said company upon account of the assurance made in consequence thereof shall be forfeited, and the assurance be absolutely null and void:" Lord Blackburn stated the question to be determined on the whole evidence was, whether the statement was or was not " untrue" within the meaning of that word as used in the policy and declaration incorporated in it, and that, he said, to a great extent depended on the construction of the whole contract. There was no dispute whether the person whose life was insured had died on the day alleged. No case of fraud (at least in the strict sense) was set up, but the defence made was that there was an untrue averment in the declaration, inasmuch as the answer to the seventh question was untrue. Lord Blackburn added:-"Those whose business it is to ensure lives calculate on the average of mortality, and charge a premium which on that ordinary average will prevent their being losers. There are some expressions by the judges in the Court of Session, in the case of 'Hutchinson,' which would seem to lay it down at least when it is the party's own life that is insured, that it is illegal, or at least 80 absurd that no one would make such a contract to engage that if the life is such that the risk is of the ordinary kind the insurer shall be bound, but that if there is a
disease tending to shorten life such as to make it not the ordinary risk, the insurer shall not be bound, whether the assured know it or not. I cannot agree to this; it seems to me a reasonable stipulation on the part of the insurer, and that it is not at all absurd or improper on the part of the assured to assent to such being a term of the contract. It is seldom that a derangement of one important function ean have gone so far as to amount to disease without some symptoms having developed themselves; but the infurers have a right, if they please, to take a warranty against such a disease, whether latent or not, and it has now long been the course of business to insert a warranty to that effect."

From this, and numerous other cases continually arising, it would appear as though undue, injudicious reliance were placed upon the personal answers of applicants to questions the exact import of which they may not realize, or be ignorant about the facts sought to be elicited, or they may have been mislead by relatives, and even by the family doctor. The medical expert should go much further than a mere diagnosis, he should be asked to confirm all testimony as to the general babits of the applicant affecting health, and his certificate should cover information as to the presence or absence of liabilities to hereditary diseases. Unless there is clear proof of the answers given being deliberate falsehoods inspired by fraudulent intention, their technical inaccuracy should not be allowed to vitiate a policy. Such a rule places the contract between the insurer and the company on a basis of equity. Without it a life policy cannot be regarded as so absolute in its value as such an instrument ehould in all cases be, as, when its validity is questioned, the principal witness cannot be brought into court to testify.

## OUR RAILWAYS.

The report of the Government Railway and Canals Department like others is very late in being issued. These volumes might well be placed before the public six months or more earlier than is the custom. The Members at Oltawa have hardly time to give more than a cursory roading to Departmental documents before the close of the Session, when they become too busy on returning home to read such tedious literature. The number of our railroads now operated is filly of 13,325 miles comploted, sidings not included, 12,539 are laid with steel rails. Of this length of road 12,628 miles are in use for passengers and freight, being 5,737 miles more than ten years ago. The number of passengers carried last year was $12,151,051$, being $5,688,103$ above the travellers in 1880. Of freight there was carried $17,928,628$ tons, which exceeded the weight of ten years ago by $7,989,768$ tons. We have no desire to press these figures beyond a strictly fuir point as evidences of the progress of Canada in the last decade 1880 to 1890. But that an incrense in passenger traffic by over 47 per cent, and of freight by over 44 per cent, onn have occurred withont nin enormous development having taken place in the trading oapacity, the productiveness and financial strength of the country cannot be credited. All that passenger traffic was voluntiry, and men do not send freight for amusement, so that we must conclude that the progress of the country in the last ten years may be very fairly judged by its having built and found traffic for 5,737 miles of railway extensions, that is 45 per cent increased carrying accommodation. The total run of miles was $38,819,380$ this gives an average run of 106,354 miles per day,
which, for our population, must be regarded as a high rate. The im portance of this city as a railmay centre is very markedly shown by there being four routes in operation between Montreal and Halifax: the Intercolonial 848 miles, the Canadian Pacific 755, the Grand Trunk Railway 859, and the Temiscouata 814 miles. By the first route the Intercolonial is used for 675 miles, by the C. P. R. 275 miles, by the G. T. R. 275 miles, and by the last named route 275 miles.
The report gives the paid up capital of the railways as $\$ 760,576,446$, the gross receipts as $\$ 42,149,615$, the working expenses as $\$ 31,038,025$, leaving a balance of net earnings of $\$ 11,111,570$. Passengers over the C. P. R. are gratified to notice that all along that line between Lake Superior and Winnipeg and at the Western end also, the temporary and in some instances, rather startling trestles and crib work, are being replaced with earth embankments and masonry of a solid char-: acter. The Government railways extend 1217 miles. It is an unfortunate condition of the greater part of this length of roadway that it is not self supporting. The total loss last year on the Intercolonial was $\$ 553$,000, and the Prince Edward Island $\$ 105,000$. How far the deficit on the Intercolonial could be reduced should engage the earliest attention. If the C. P. R. pays its way surely such a route as the Intercolonial ought not to have so large a deficit. We are inclined to think that if the line were placed under such managers as thuse of the Grand Trunk and C.P. R., that the Intercolonial would cease to be yearly half a million in arrears. The complaints of shippers to and from Halifax have, we know, been far too lightly treated in past years. The merchants westward look on the Intercolonial with dread as a freight road.

The consequence is that an enormous bulk of foreign imports come in via New York because of the better service, the greater anxiety of the U.S. officials to give accommodation and facilities for quick transport, and their readiness to supply information. The competition of the C. P. R., has doubtless drawn down the receipts of the Intercolonial, but that competition was needed owing to the time occupied by the old route and its general lack of good arrangements for both passengers and freight.

## THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.

If the doctrine of "the survival of the fittest" is sound, the Jew must be especially the fittest to survive. Ever since his appearance on the historic stage the Hebrew has been under the harrow of persecution and oppression. Of migrations as a people, the Israelites know more than all other races combined. The story of their life in Egypt and Bubylon, of their vast hordes moving under great leaders from these captivities to the land they loved, and the city they adored, is of all history the most widely known. The narrative too of their annual migrations to the Capital on a scale of which we can form no conception, is familiar to every child, for the Child-God first steps prominently before his creatures by an incident arising out of one these migrations, and disappears from human story a few days after another. So that the Jew has in his very blood an element that adapts his race to the marvellous experiences it has undergone for centuries in being driven like a flock of sheep all over Europe, to meet everywhere with such cruelty from rulers and people as is the greatest scandal of civilisation. Spain,

Portugal, Italy, Greece and other places of minor import, have in turn received the Jews and banished or harried them away. England for centuries forbade them an asylum, English mobs without interference murdered Jews wholesale in 1189, and only within living memory gave them a civil status. Bodies of them by 2,000 , by 70,000 , have been on the march with brutal soldiers at their heels seeking refuge in atrange lands. Yet Europe owes a great debt to the Hebrew settlers, whose learning, scientific attainments and agricultural knowledge, planted or diffused the arts of civilisation wherever they went. The reproach against this race is less theirs than their tyrants. They were kept out of all honorable occupations, and denied any civil rights, killing a Jew was no crime; they were liable to banishment at any hour, yet tineir accusers charge them with following the usurer's cal ing, of not being rooted to the soil, of holding no property save in moveables!

The question what will Russia do with her 5,000,000 of Jews is a stupendous problem. What has Russia been been doing to allow so large a class of people to settle in her borders whom she now. wishes to banish, is one she could not answer without confessing a grave error in her system. A nation has the right to exclude whoever it will from ite soil. But, having admitted a certain race, with a full knowledge of their history and ways, it should treat them as part of the nation and blend their lives and interests with those of the whole people, then and then only will they become good citizens. To allow the Jews to settle and then to seek to banish them is the policy of barbarians. The ory against the Jew in Russia is that he is a grasping money lender, who "squeezes" the farmers by usurious rates. But this is only because there are no banks in Russia as there are in Canada to help the farmers. The Jew money lender is made a necessity by the government, and then punisheai for fulfilling the part to which he is allotted. It has been the custom of Jews in Russia to buy produce on the road to market. They gave their notes to farmers for these purchases, these notes were only saleable at a large discount, and the discounters were also Jews, so the farmers were fleeced no doubt, just as our farmers are fleeced when they need money so badly as to have recourse to a local "note shaver." This system placed a large part of the food supply in the hands oi Jews, thus giving them considerable importance and power in the country. But the Czar not only compels his people to borrow from Jews by not providing them with a banking system, but he sets them an example by his loans from the Rothschilds. We are inclined to think that if the Jew capitalists of all Europe were to combine to boycott the Czar, he would ind himself as uncomfortable as the poorest of his farmers in the grip of an usurer.

It is proposed to move these people out of Russia, as their ancesters left Egypt. But there is no divine leader, no manna, no rock gushing water to sustain them on the way, and worst of all, there is no land of promise wherein they may settle. The migration of five millions implies a vàst amount of money, supplies, and carriage facilities. However well arranged it must involve a terrible loss of life, and such wholesale suffering for women and children, as inflicts suffering even to think of. Baron Hirsch, a millionaire Jew, asks that the migration be spread over twenty years. But even that would be a frightful solition of this problem which, seeing that it would cost 325,$000 ; 000$ a year, we do not believe to be posisible. It is suggested to send
them to Morocco to settle it. The earth is not full yet certainly, but to place $5,000,000$ of people, mainly of one class and of restricted occupations, none of them agriculturalists, suddenly on any soil would be to dese: troy the bulk of them by famine and sickness. Hordes of enormous numbers have moved from Russia westward, but they were not banished, nor harried, they had their flocks and herds, and the movement was in accord with their migratory habits. What is to be the outcome of this desire of the Czar to deport his Jewish subjects wholesale, is puzzling the wisest heads in Europe. That despotic ruler would find his mind easier, his business anxieties less, and his conscience lighter, were he to adopt the policy commenced by England in the seventeenth century and treat the Jew as any other citizen, by giving him full civil rights, protecting him in all his lawful engagements by the power of the State, and demanding from Tsraelite as from Christian every service and duty needed by the community for its safety, peace and prosperity. One thing even the Czar must see, the Jew is here to stay, this race has survived disasters and calamities that have buried nations in ruins, it is better then to use his vitality and talents than to attempt the task of suppression. The Czar has sent'an exploring expedition to Palestine. Is he proposing some scheme for settling the Holy Land with his troublesome sub. jects?

## 'rRade with great britain.

The Board of Trade returns for May do not show any striking increase in our British trade in that month. The total imports are $\$ 50,000$ more than in May 1890 and exports were also in: creased $\$ 330,000$. The larger items of increase in imports were in iron and steel goods. Railroad iron imports being $\$ 190,000$ more, steel $\$ 60,000$ more, pig iron $\$ 17,000$ more, with decreases in hoop, sheets, lead and unwrought tin. Up to end of May we imported horses to value of $\$ 23,000$ from England, a tide which might be turned by our breeding better stock. In spirits, salt, cotton, piece goods, jute, linen, woollen fabrics, worsted, hardwars and cutlery, machinery, apparel, haberdashery, alkali, cement, earthenware, oil, seeds, etc., the imports fell off in May so far as to counterbalance increases in iron and steel. Foreign carpets seem to be increasingly consumed in Canada; as the imports so far are largely in excess of last year. The falling off in our exports of cattle this year is not a pleasant feature up to end of May we sent $\$ 150,000$ less oxen and bulls to England than in same period 1890. This is a decidedly backward step, and we can only hope that the cause, whatever it turns out to be, will be soon removed, as the capacity of Canada for cattle raising is practically unlimited, and the home market can ab. sorb more rapidly than our shipments can expand. Of whest we have sent this year $\$ 400,000$ and of wheat flour $\$ 150,000$ more than up same date 1890 , but of cheese less by $\$ 100,000$, and less of fish cured and salted by $\$ 870,000$. The exports of butter were $\$ 14,000$ against none last year. The net result of these changes is that up to end of May we received from Great Britain $\$ 865,000$ more manufactured goods than to same date 1890, and we sent there about $\$ 400,000$ less than up to May 1890. This is not satisfactory. But as the returns are for only five months, there is ample time for the adversa balance against us being changed to the other side. The tonnage of vessels entered and cleared at British ports with cargoes from and to Canada in the month and five months ended May 31st was:-

| Month of May. | Entered. | Cleared. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| , 1891...... | 52.692 | 106,717 |
| 1890. | 49,682 | 100,052 |
| Five month onded May. | Entered. | Cleared. |
| 1891.: | 122,679 | 272,705 |
| 1890. | 87,374 | $\therefore \therefore 114,478$ |

Cable advices to date give a much more favorable exhibit.

## SOME SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

In our isbue of the 24 th April last we gave a list of those Ámerican companies whose expenditure during 1889 exceeded their income, for which we are indebted to the New York Sun. We are now in possession of the statistics for the year 1890, us compiled by the Massachusetts Commiseioner, and although the list is slightly smaller than that of the preceding year, the following table shows that it still contains the names of 23 American companies who were compelled to draw upon their surplus to make up the deficit between their gross income and their gross expenditure.


Here we have a list of twenty three American fire insurance companies, doing business in a single State, whose total income is nearly 8 per cent less than their expenditure during the year. This is a condition of affairs which would seem to call for commont; for thore is but little doubt that the smaller companies in other states are in a similarly unsatisfactory condition. The skillfully directed efforts of the more powerful companies, aided by tho caution upon the part of investors inseparable from times of financial transition like the present, absorb the cream of the business offering, and, in order to secure even the meagre portion that falls to their share, the emaller companies are called upon to increase their expenditure and diminish their profits to below the remunerative point. It becomes daily more evident that singly they can no longer hold their own. Wither they must permit themselves to be forced out of business or absorbed by the larger and more powerful corporations, or they must follow the example of the weaker manufacturing companies and by the formation of syndicates or trusts combat them with their own weapons. In this era of concentration and consolidation there is no longer room for the small companies. They must bow to the inevitable, and either retire from the unequal contest or by amalgamation regain the confidence of the public and thus entor the list upon equal terms with their more powerful rivals.

Fortunately not one of the companies we have mentioned doos business in Canada. In fact, during the period under review, only seven American companies competed for fire insurance in this country, and that these are all staunch and reliable can be zeen by the subjoined statistics:

| Company, | Surplus. | Company. Surplus. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IEtan. | \$236,792 | Insurance Co of N A... \$337,867 |
| Agricultural | 54,711 | Phenix (Brooklyn) . . . . 512,180 |
| Conneoticat Fir | 169,163 | Phonix (Hartford)..... 226,30日 |
| Hattiord Firo . | 409,385 |  |

In fact Canada would seom to be an exceptionally prosperous field for insurance since out of the thirty-eight companies doing business in the Dominion only one small Weatern mutual company shows a deficit in income and that one only to the extent of \$629. In all the other cases substantial surpluses are shown, the respective balances showing as follows:-

|  | Excess of <br> Ineome over <br> Expenditure. |
| :---: | :---: |
| British Amorlca ....... \$ | . $\$ 22,793$ |
| Oitisong' | 27,300 |
| Ebastora. | 22,820 |
| Quebec | - 31,458 |
| Royal Canad | . 22,307 |
| Wustern | 125,109 |
| $\Delta$ ting, | 4,960 |
| British \& F'roign Marine | ( ${ }^{5,140}$ |
| Onledonian. | 7;804 |
| Olty of L'ondoin | 16:150 |
| Commerclal Uuion. | 84,409 |
| Employord' Linbility... | - 8,797 |
| Fire Insurañóo A880'n. | 23¢162 |
| Glnggow ${ }^{\text {aituld }}$ Löndon | 23;1交1 |
| Guardian | 3,941 |
|  | :82,142 |



Companics.
Encome over Lancashirs ............ \$56,063 Livorpool and London
and Globe........... 140,486 London and Lancashire. 20,762 London Assurance..... 24,139
Manchester ........... 27,601
National of Ireland ..... 7,835

| National of |
| :--- |
| North Britigh.. ........ 124,090 |

Northern ...... ....... 20,905
Norwich Union $\therefore$....... 17,010
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Phonix of London..... } & 73,403\end{array}$
Quien ....... . ......... 89,499
Royal, ........ $\because 6$.
Scotish Union and Nat.
Union Society . . . . . ..
6,777

In the case of the British companies, the figures given are those of their Canadian branches only; but they are equally significant of their sound and prosperous condition.

## A SPECIMEN OF MODERN ENTERPRISE.

Radford Brotiners,
As an evil example of some of the methods of modern enterprise the career of the now defunct firm of Radford Bros, wholesale men's furnishings of this city, certainly deserves more than a mere passing notice. Contrary to what was for some time believed, the firm began business without a dollar, ran on for nearly eight years without a dollar, and onded in a similar condition just as soon as the failure of the McLachlan-Lindsay. Gilmour combination blew on the bubble. Their sole capital consisted in their being allowed the use of the late John McLachlan's name to the extent of $\$ 15,000$, in return for which he was to receive an interest in the business. Considering that he never actually put up one cent, the graceful act of his widow in abandoning, at the demand of the bank, her claim for the amount seems all the more explicable.

When the Radfords secured this business from their old employer, Mr. Edward Nield, they did so on favorable and easy terms. They bought it at 3,4 and 5 years time. No payments were to be made before the third year, and in addition to this Mr . Nield allowed $\$ 20,000$ of his purchase money to remain in the business at a moderate interest. There was also some talk
 business in which he was interested in Guelph, but this seems never to have cryatallized into tangible fact. Their only real capital was on paper, in the shape of the use of John McLachlan's name to the extent of $\$ 15,000$. In other words they started by "flying a kite"-pretty heavily tailed, no doubt, but still a kite.

The first year they did tolerably well. They afterwards declared that the stock sold to them by Mr. Nield consisted Iargely of "culls"; but the fact remains that they made, or claim to have made, $\$ 12,000$ clear profit in the first year out of his goods, while they apparently never succeeded in making a cent since out of their own purchases. Evidently there must have been something wrong with their buying, or else with their accounts. Next we hear of their making arrangements with the then presumably stainch firm of McLachlan Bros. \& Cor, to secure a line of endorsation to the extent of $\$ 25,000$. So long as that moribund concern was able to keep afloat, all went well enough and on the lst of January 1890 the Radfords showed a statement as follows:

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& \text { Assets,_Stock......... ......................................... \$ 55,241 } \\
& \text { Cash.......................... ............................. 6,740 } \\
& \text { Bills receivable........................................... } 6,474 \\
& \text { Bank....................................................... } 106 \\
& \text { English banks......................................... 3,261 } \\
& \text { Accounts............................................................ . } 41,378 \\
& \text { Liabilities.-E. Nield............................. } \$ 20,000 \\
& \text { McLachlan Bros...................... . 25,000 } \\
& \text { Other bills................................ 20,449 } \\
& \text { Accounts......................... ....... . 8,670 } \\
& \text { 74,120 } \\
& \text { Apparent surplus....... } \quad 39,080
\end{aligned}
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When presenting the statement showing this surplus the Radfords informed the principal creditor that on the 1st of January 1891, it would be some twelve or fifteen thousand dollars larger, and consequently its total disappearance within the succeeding few months is somewhat astonishing.

When the McLachlan bubble burst, and the bank insisted on the $\$ 25,000$ worth of parer guaranteed by them being taken up; or else another name being secured as endorser, the Radfords turned in their extremity to Mr. Nield. They presented to him favorable statements of the manner in which they were amaesing profits; and, although they skillfully evaded showing. him the books, they succeeded in impressing him with the belief that the business was quite prosperous. They offered him five percent for endorsing, and also $\$ 1,000$ per year as salary for supervising their business, on condition of his extending the aegis of his näme over the firm. With calm frankness they are said to liave "admitted that they had conducted the business

on his-Mr. Nield's. But when the endorsations piled up until they reached $\$ 63,000$, beside the $\$ 20,0 n 0$ of purchase money left in, Nield became alarmed, and insisted on his liability being being reduced. This was gradually done, until just before the failnre their liability to him was $\$ 32,000$ for endorsations and the old claim of $\$ 20,000$. When the crash came Mr. Nield induced the bank to release him from his liability in consideration of his abandoning his claim for $\$ 20,000$, and executing a deed that he would not come upon the estate of John McLachlan for any portion of his losses. The widow on her side abandoned her supposed claim of $\$ 15,000$ for endorsations. Mr. Nield thus loses only the $\$ 20,000$ he left in the business.

That the estate will turn out poorly seems a foregone conclusion. At present it does not show more than 20 cents in the dollar, and the stock, which is to be sold by auction on Tuesday next, has evidently been allowed to run down until much of it is of very little value. Local experta, who have examined it, value it at from $48 \curvearrowright 50$ cents in the dollar. The stocks of scarves, ties, etc., invoiced at $\$ 6,000$, are estimated to be not worth over 20 cents in the dollar. The silk handkerchiefs-and muffers, invoiced at $\$ 4,066$, are placed at 30 cents, much of the stock of shirtings are a couple of years old and these and the jewellery are not valued at more than 15 certs in the dollar. It is evident from this that it will be a hard struggle for the assignee to pay even the low dividend expected. Walter Radford, and their principal traveller George Mowitt, have secured positions in another house, but it is regrettable that they should have been able to do so only through the forcing out of two old employes by accepting their positions at lower salaries and guaranteeing an equal volume of sales. Of courie such methods are by many looked upon as as tair in business as in love or war, but it would have been pleasanter had they been able to discover vacancies for their talents by some more direct methods.

The troubles of the firm are by friends attributable to the encouragement met with at the outset of their career. Such early success-especially where they have everything to gain, and nothing to lose but their time-is not as a rule calculated to promote eventual prosperity. Had Mr. John McLachlan not been so untimely cut off, it is probable that his ability would have pulled them through-or enabled them in time to pile up still higher liabilities.

## THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES.

Our readers are probably aware that Montreal has been favored for the last few years with two telephone companies, the Bell and the Federal. The latter company had succeeded against heavy odds, among others the destruction by fire of their central station some three years ago, as they were about to get under woigh, in working up a satisfactory and encouraging factory service. The Bell Company were not likely to witness unmoved the advent of a rival with a strong array of shareholders, and accordingly anticipated the propased cut in rates by reducing their annual charge to $\$ 25$. The Federal built its new plant, laying wires according to the best methods, and claimed a right to charge more, and $\$ 35$ was the rate fixed upon. As usual in most cases, expenses proved greater than anticipated, and the Federal, through its president, Wm. Cassils, pledged ita property to the Bank of Montreal for a loan of $\$ 50,000$ which was renewed from time to time. The shareholders, among whom are Sir Donald A. Smith, Duncan Mcintyre, R. B. Angus, W. C. Van Horne, John Duncan, I. J. Forget, Wm. Cassils, S. H. Ewing, A. W. Ogilvie, M. S. Foley, Hector Mackenzie, Jacques Grenier (exmayor), etc., etc., seemed disinclined to contribute more money notwithstanding glorious intimations of future 20 per cent dividends, and at the last annual meeting, when an appeal for some remuneration to the unsalaried president pas proposedfor his efforts in organizing the company-it was palpable that the company had lost heart, and was likely to fall an easy prey should its powerful and auccessful rival open a vigorous cam. paign against it. The charter of the Federal company forbade it selling out to a competitor, but this was like the laws that the great Irish Agitator boasted he could drive a coach and four through.

There is nothing to prevent the shareholders from selling their stock and this the largest of them have already done, transferring their shares to R. B. Angus in trust, to be exchanged for an equal number of shares in the Bell Co. There is a:
clause in the agreement appointing Mr. Angus as intermediary to the effect that if the $\$ 75,000$ fixed upon with the Bell Company prove insufficient to meet liabilities, the shareholders bind themselves to contribute the amount necessary in proportion to their holdings. This, it is averred cannot exceed 1 or $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. As the Bell stock is at 118 shareholders should hive little cause to complain, Nevertheless the object with which the promoters of the company went before the public is defeated; and naturally the Bell Company is not likely to waste any time in restoring the former rates to subscribers. As the lattor has upwards of 4,000 names on its list and the Federal but about 1200, there will be some compeusating advantages. The larger connection will be worth much more, and as a proportion of the Feneral subscribers use the Bell also, there cau practically be no rise in cost. Generally speaking then the change can scarcely result in any ultimate disadvantages either to the shareholdegs or the public.

The immediate causes of the change arose (1) from alleged reluctance on the part of shareholders to pay $\$ 10$ a jear more for the new system whatever its claimed advantages in plant and service, (2) from the inability of the Federal management to raise money sufficient to add to the "cable "service which as it now stands is unable to accommodate a greater number of in. struments, and (3) doubtless to the vigorous efforts made by the Bell company during the last fers months. Any one of these were sufficient to set shareholders a-thinking whether it wore preferable to accept a 6 per cent dividend stock quated 18 above par, or continue the unequal contest. The 1200 subsoriptions were claimed to be enough to pay expenses ; and people may wonder why at such a stage the money was not forthcomingwith such an array of shareholders and directors-to enable them to add more instruments to the service and thus render it a dividend paying investment, but it was probably here that the two opposing elements agreed to respect each the position of the other. The directors reelected at the last annual meeting in February were: Messrs. Wm. Cassils (president), Hector Mackenzie, J. P. Dawes, Jacques Grenier (ex-mayor), L. J. Forget, A. W. Ogilvie (8enator) and S. H. Ewing. The new board is composed of Messrs. C. F. Sise (manager of the Bell Co.) Robt. Archer, Robt. Mackay, G. W. Moss, C. P. Sclater, J. R. Thibaudeau and Hugh Paton all Bell directors also.

IN PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR.
The brilliant reception given to the Emperor of Germiany in England, believed to be unparalleled for the diaplay of naval strength, and the exceeding cordiality of his welcome, are re: garded as signs of a entente cordiale being established between England and Germany in view of the probabilities of war in Europeat an early date. One of the most significant movements prior to war is the storing of food in garrisons and fortilied towns on a scale that would be needed in case of siege. In numerous instances an intention to go to war has been divined by the placing of enormous stocks of food in army granaries. The French Government evidently is taking measures to provide against a repetition of the starvation experiences of the last war. On the 27 th May the Legislature passed a Bill to éasble the Government to stock all entrenched camps and fortitied towns with flour enough for a two months' supply for the civil population; at a cost of $\$ 8,500,000$. The Municipalitien are to bear half the expense, which will be a serious burden for the larger cities. Paris will, we judge, not complain, as there yet remains there a lively memory of the siege days when the richest were compeli. ed to feel the pangs of hunger. This storing of food is however only a return to the custom of the days before railways and telegraphs. Just as to day the retailer keeps up a continual receipt of wares from wholesale houses, so the army atorehouses. are now so readily filled by freight cars that stocks on hand are lighter than in pre-railway days. But an invading army soon brings those days back again, hence it is inferred that France not only anticipates war at an early date, but has already prepared herself in the matter of food supply, for an invasion. If however the crops in Russia are as bad as reported, that coun. try will not engaged in a great war for some time to come. War means money; plenty of cheap food for mon and feed for cattle and horses, and a deficient harvest means the opposite of these. Let Rusaia wax fat with an abundant harvest, then probably the. atorm will come that the French have been preparing for; and:
our crops will be enhanced in value, as in previous times of European disturbance.

## INSURANCE TOPICS.

At the World's Congress auxilinry, the following themes will be dircussed in the insurance division. Mr. George F. Bissell, of Chicsgo, is chairman of the insurance division of the World's Congress auxiliary, aud the themes considered will be as follows:
a. The origin of the business of insurance; its historic development and the nature of the insurance contract.
b. The essential elements of marine risks; the relation of the partips to the contract of insurance and the reforme, if any, which should be reonmmended.
c. The essential elements of fire risks; the relations of the parties to the contract of insurance, and the reforms, if any, which should be recommended.
d. 'The essential elements of life risks; the relations of the parties to the contract of insurance, and the reforms, if any, which should be reeommended.

The ossential elements of accident risks ; the relations of the parties to the contract of insurance, and the reforms, if any, which should be recommended in this branch of the insurance businest.
f. The essential elements of annuity insurance, and the importance of extending this branch of insurance on grounds of public policy as well as on those of private interest.
g. Moral hazards; the relation of the personal character of the insured; to the risk taken by the in urer; and practical - aafeguarda and needed reforms.
h. The essential principles of classifications of riske; and the rules by which the just premium for a particular risk can be detormined with approximate certainty.
i. The value of statistics and the affeguards against erroneous conclusions from inauficient data.
j. The effects of governmental regulation and supervision; and be reforms, if any, which should be recommended therein.
k. Excepted risks; the principles upon which the various classes of exception rest, and how lar the exclusion of particular risks by exception should be regulated by law.

1. The ethics of insurance business, and the reforms which should bo recommended therein.
m. Insurance organizations; corporate powers ; rights ; privileger; duties and liabilities.
n. Criminal jurisprudence as related to the principal crimes from which insurance companies suffer in the prosecation of their business ; and the reforms which should be recommended thercin.
o. Insurance societies; their advantages and defocts; and the means by which their utili.y may be improved.
p. The advantages that would result in case policies of marine or fire insurance or personal property should be made technioally "instruments of commerce" and technically negotiable with the transfer of property.

## HARVEST ANTICIPATIONS.

From the West to the Atlantic the most gratifying reports are coming in as to the condition of our principal crops. Manitoba is rejoicing over the prospect of reaping the heaviest yield of wheat ever harvested there. In Ontario the grain crops are all but secured, cutting begins next week, and they are more abuadant than any for three years pret. The hay fields, that recently were so bare, are promising an average yield owing to timely rains, and root crops, especially potatoes, are asid to be promising a good crop in the Maritime Provinces, and they will also yield well wrstward. Fears as to the restricted market, and depressod prices for'barley are regarded as premature. We are not ontirely " out of the wood" yet, but the opening is in sight and it is sunny with brightest hopes. Should these anticipations be realised the Canadian barvest will so enrich the country that the depression loag felt will to a vory large extent give place to greater financial ease. The firat to suffer from the income of the country from its agricultural products being diminished, are merchants engaged in lines of business that supply articles which minister most to a love of display, a by no means censurable taste when kept within the means of the buyer. Of theso the millinery merchants are the chief repre-
sentatives, others are jewellers and vendors indeed of everything not essential to ordinary domestic comfort. The great number of failures in the fancy dry goods trade had their origin in the peoples' lack of means to buy, or to pay for purchases made in hope of better times. Our cotion mill operatives, now a highly important factor as consumers of dry goods, have for a length ot time beon kept too low in purse to do much for the retail stores. Let this class make steady wages by revival of trade through a good harvest, and their spendings will relieve many a merchant. So alfo farmers, although frugal, their wives and families will quickly make a heavy yield of produce pour a shower of dollars over the parched fields of retail business. In this connection we may say that the rumors current during the week concerning a leading lancy goods house had their origin doubtless in alarm caught across the sers because of the recent suspension of $m$ prominent local house in the same department. Not only has the firm not been pressed by a partner who retired a few jears ago because of ill-health, but they have been urging him or his estate, from time to time to withdraw his share. One good to come from a bountiful harvest will bé such a res̃toration of confidence as will prevent injury to sound concerns from disquieting rumours.

## THE EXCHANGE BANK.

The spasmodic activities resuling from the failure of the Exchange Bank are drawing to a close, and the final report of the shareholders' committee, recommending the discharge of the liquidators, will in all probabilty be accepted by the judge in a few weeks. Some of the figures are curious. Cash and the negociable securities on hand together with what the sale of judgments may realize will leave a final dividend for depositors of about 3 per cent. Among the securities (which are reckoned as good as cash) is one for $\$ 7,000$ againgt a high city official who settled a claim of $\$ 32,000$ at that rate, claiming however justly, that he was unabie to carry out his contracts owing to the troubles of the bank. There is a mortgage on the Corriveau Mills for $\$ 16,000$, payable in December, deemed good. Out of about 3y millions, the liquidators collected one and a-half million, leaving after law and other expenses $\$ 2030,000$ to be accounted for by bad debte, etc. The law expenses were about $\$ 30,000$, of which $\$ 24,000$ went to a master lawyer, $\$ 28,000$ to an active fraternal fitm, 85,000 to a firm of Toronto law dealers, the balance being made up of a number of smaller charges. The liquiaatiors received $\$ 28,000$ and their clerical assistants $\$ 10,000$, not exces. sive for 8 years labor. The bank was obliged to compromise with at least one large shareholder. A prominent citizen who was liable for $\$ 60,000$ in double liability, but who had met with misfortunes, obtained $\$ 10,000$ from a relative which was accepted in full. His many friends rejoice in his recent prosperity. A joint stock paint company was one of the bank's tiying cus. tomers, getting in through rental influences. The Exchange Hotel at Point St. Charles still keeps the name before the public while those of Acer, Craig and others are almost forgotten. The total of unpaid dividends to depositors and creditors is $\$ 550$. The double liability realized $\$ 500,000$. On the whole, the cost of liquidation bears a favorable comparison. That of the Central Bank is about double the amount.

## ORGANIZATION OF U. S. BANKS.

In answer to enquiries as to the basia on which the bank notes of the U. S. Test and mode of issue, we suhjoin a short explanation. The Comptroller of the Currency, United States Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., is the chief officer of the National Bank Burenu of the Tressury Department, through which the government has control of the national banks throughout the country. The present national bank system was organi. zed by acts of congress passed in, 1863 and 1864. A national bank can be organized by any númber of individuals not less than five. The paid up capital stook must not be less than $\$ 50$, 000 for cities not exceeding $6, n 00$ in population, not less than $\$ 200,000$ for cities exceeding 50,000 , and not less than $\$ 100,000$ for all others. One third of the capital stock must be invested in United States bonds, to be deposited in the Uaited States treasury for security. Upon these the treasury iseues to the banke, for circulation, national bank notes equal in amount to 90 per cent of the current market value of the bonds deposited,
but not to exceed 90 per cent of the par value.:. The government guarantees the circulation and has the first lien upon the assets of the bank, in order to cover any deficit, if it exceeds the amount of the bonds deposited. National banks are safe, the depositors being secured by the government against loss. They have furnished a sound currency, acceptable in all parts of the country. They are subject to rigid government supervision, and must keep their affaire straight. National banking is free. Five, fifty, or more can form a company, with a paid-up capital of $\$ 50$, 000 , and organize a national bank for their mutual benefit by proceeding according to the laws on the subject.

## INEXCUSABLE INVESTMENTS.

The trader whose capital accumulates faster than the capacity of his business for its proftable use is in a very happy, but we fear, a highly exceptional position. One so placed can do what he likes with such a surplus. . It is his business only, and should he think well to "make ducks and drakes" of his money, his folly is no concern of his creditors. But it is difficult to realise, now a days when competition is so keen, how a merchant can be piling up such a genuipe surplus as to justify his making investments that are wholly speculative. The talents and methods that bring a surplus are almost invariably found in company with such capacity and ambition as induce men to use all they accumulate in extending their business, or organising it so as to work with more economy. It is therefore a fair presumption, that a merchant who takes capital from his busi ness to invest it in some far away venture, is displaying a lack of confidence in that business which is not consistent with its prosperity. But if a merchant, who is not making a yearly surplus, whose business is iun to any extent on borrowed capital, who is not economising by cash payments, if such sn one withdraws capital to place it in a speculative venture, we must conclude that he is too reckless for a trader, or so dishonest as to be preparing for a fall. It is sffirmed that a merchant referred to in our last issue, took $\$ 23,000$ out of his firm to purchase a timber lot at Satsuma in Fiorida. Ho was not in the timber or lumber trade, this money was placed on the same principle, or for the same want of principle rather, as some use their creditors money to gamble on horse races. For such aso-called "investment" there is no form of excuse. It was not his own money, bis business had no surplus, he simply sent down to Florida the money that ought to have gone into the pockets of his creditors, who, had they known of this withdrawal being contemplated, would have quickly protected themselves by due process of law. The risks of any business are enough for any honest man to provide against, and no one who desires to pay 100 cents in the doliar would euter upon a speculation so far outsida his business, or place his funds beyond the control of either himself or his creditors.

## RAPID TrANSIT.

Having put their hands to the plough, the promoters of a plan for securing this city a more rapid transit service seem determined not to look back. That our citizens are ill served now by the street railway is universally complained. What is the matter, is, that the managers seem to be indifferent about the value of time, and are too dull to comprehend the extreme annoyance that active men experience at being kept on a carso much longer than the trip requires. - On one line the cars are kept waiting an average of 5 minutes at a certain point and within a few hundred yards they are always stopped a few min. utes for the horses to be watered, which ought to be done at the resting place. Then the fares are an outrage, and the ab. sence of tickets is a stupidity without excuse. Our citizens are marvels of patience or the atreet car service would have been reformed long ago. The line proposed to be served by electric cars is from Craig up Bleury to the tracks of the C. P. R. This would open the ejes of the people as to what they are losing daily by slow transit. This route would be the popular one for visitors to the park and ought to be supplemented by one up to its bigher levels. The chief promoter of this line is most energetic and capable, he promiaes, if the Council meet his wishes, that he will have this line working in September in time for the Exhibition. We earnestly hope the project will succeed as in it
there seems to be a fair promise of relief from the intolerable waste of time now caused by the slow and ill managed caribere vice. We haveno hesitation in saying that our people; as a whole, sacrifice about 100 days of full working time everyiday from the slow transit service now endured.

## canadian lambs exported.

In face of the marked falling off this year in our agricultural exports to Britain it is gratifying to find that one new export has been touccessful, A consignment of 100 lambs from the Agricultural College, Guelph reached England in fine condition, they dresseg̀d on arrival $68 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds each and fetched 17 cents per lb. Whlle we doubt, as we have already said. the suitabiliity of Canada for suppling England with mutton on a large scale, for climatic reasons that are patent to all who have had experience with sheep, this experiment shows that with special care, there may be such an amount of exports as would make an acceptable addition to many a farmer's profits.

As eminent agricultural authority has found the following plan successful in ridding his land of thistles, which cause an evormous yearly loss to farmers. "Have the. land well seeded to clover, and by top-dressing with plaster, ashes or some other means, get as good growth to the clover as possible. As soon as the clover is in full bloom, and here and there a thistle shows a blossom, mow and make the crop, thistles and all, into bay. After mowing, apply a little plaster to quickly start the growth of clover. 'You will find this to come much quicker than the thistles. As soon as the clover has a good start (from July 20th to August 5th), plow down, being careful to plow all the land and to cover all growth. Then roll and harrow at once, so as to cover every thistle. But few thistles will ever show themselves after this, and they will look pale and weak. When they do show, cultivate thoroughly with a cultivator having broad, sharp teeth, so as to cut every one off under the ground. In two days go over with a eharp hoe and cut off any that may have escaped the cultivator. Watch the thistles, and keep using the hoe and cultivator until freezing weather. By plowing this field just before freezing up you will have the land in the finest condition for a spring crop. This plan not only kills thistles but other weeds. It is much better than a summer fallow, and without the loss of any crop."

Ir is current in railway circles that shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the Continent have arranged for a meeting to be held with their fellows in London shortly for the purpose of appointing "expert auditors" to viait Canada and examine into and report as to the aystem of bookkeeping employed in this country, which is aaid to be above the comprehension of certain interested Hollanders and Britons. The chief officers in Montreal disclaim any knowledge of such meeting "having been held." Surely the auditors and accountants can have but little difficulty in affording the necessary informstion in the event of such a call-and we are no less confident that they do not need this timely advice.

The increasing apprehension of bad harvests throughoout Europe is disturbing its financial relations with this continent. The prospects of having to purchase an uuusual amount of breadstuffi is a very serious one, while so much distruststill exists, caused by the collapse of the Barings. The largestock of gold, bought from the States for purposes of strengthening the benks, is likely to be needed to pay for imports of wheat and flur. This means higher prices for lood exporte, which will bentfit Canada, and such a coudition of the money market in England as will depress prices for such exports as we tăke from there: Buying well and selling well mean making money,

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The congested state of the population of Ireland should by this time have been relieved, as in the last 40 years the total number bas decreased about three-and-a.half millinns; or 43 per cent Since 1881 Ireland has lost 414,000 of her people. In the same periods, 1841.91 and 1881-91, the population of England increased $11,000,000$, and $3,000,000$ respectively. The annual rate of increase averaged 1.40 per cent. in 80 yeara.

Canads, bayban American paper, which has always been high in a tariff way, has apparently taken a fresh start, urged on, doubtless, by the American McKinley bill, its last move being the adoption of extra duties on American spirits. This rule is good tor their own dealers, but is not so satisfactory to our whisKoy trust people, who do not relish it any manner whatever." The increased duty is not relished by anybody except those retailers who have raised prices beyond the amount of the extra duty.

A well-known wholesale hat and cap house of this city are in financial difficulties; but it is hoped that they may yet be able to'stave off the evil day, "as they did once hefore in their career. No doubt they have met with serious losses, but when one joint stock concern in this line was obliged to face bad debts to the extent of $\$ 100,000$ in one year lately, it is not surprising that a smaller house ahould be found obliged to abandon a portion of its turnaver.

A St. Catmarinus reader is kind enough to compliment us on our early business information. He says "'lhe Journal or Com manos was the first paper in Canada to give the details of the financial troubles of the Barings (in the issues of October 24th and November 21st, 1890), and the firgt to give the quotations of sugar under the new tariff."
T. F. Mimar \& Son, agricultural makers of Morrisburg, have held a meeting of their creditors at the oftice of Mr: John Forman in this city, finding it impossible to meet their maturing obligations. 'They claim a large surplus but it is in stock, open accounts and machinery. No definite understanding was arrived at.

As we go to press we learn that G. F. Burnett \& Co., wholesale clothiers of this city, whose financial troubles are recorded elsewhere in this issue, are offering to their creditors a composition of 40 cents in the dollar, cash, or 50 cents on time. The cash, it is said, will be advanced by a well-known local financier.

Ir is alleged that the Dominion line steamship Oregon supplied the cattle on her last trip from this port with hot water to drink, and while the animals landed, as usual, " without mortality," they were in a very depreciated condition. The owners have taken an action for $\$ 10$ per head damage against the Dominion Line.

Cyrille Labounaetx, a Coaticook merchant, and member of the Town council, has left for Boston, leaving quite a number of creditors in the lurch. Bis action is understood to have embarrassed considerably the firm of Quevillon \& Lamoureux, of which he was a momber.

Reponts from all over Nova Scotia speak of the root crops, promising an abundant yield, potatoes being most likely to turn out heavily. Hay is far better than expected, most fruits will yield well. After recent rains a few warm days will add largely to crop values.

The Russian Government has ordered a great reduction to be made in the freight charges on grain being shipped to the provinces, where famine is threatened. This action is taken in order to prevent the threatened rise in the price of bread.

Mortbyal Oliabige Hodar,-Olearings and balances week ending 9th July, 1891 :-

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3rd Jaly | 1891. | \$2,299,326 | \$263,385 |
| 4th | 1891. | 1,842,984 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 219,622 |
| 6th | 1891 | 1,591,087 | 369,585 |
| 7th | 1891. | 2,217,186 | 285,893 |
| 8th | 1891. | 2,164,76 | 330,962 |
| 8th | 1891. | 1,784,681 | 234,342 |
| Total |  | \$11,899,931 | \$1,709,789 |
| Oor week | ..... | \$10,431,779 | \$1,370,607 |
| Onr. wi ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | .... | \$ 9,824,984 | \$1,906,356 |

## IHE NORTHERN ASSURANOE CO.

The fifty fifth annual general report of the Northorn Ashurance Co, ehows that in the fire departmont the premiums received last year amounted to $\mathbf{f 6 7 1 , 4 6 4 \text { , Bhowing an increase of }}$ £45,135 over those of the previous yobr The losees amounted to $£ 305,188$, or 58.9 por cont of the promiums, a ratio which happens to reprosont alao the oxperience of the company from the deginning. The expenses of managemant (inclading commiselon to agents and charges of every hind) came to $£ 220,003$, or 328 per cent. of the premiums. This is 88 per cent. lower than the ratio of the year before. The rosult is that, aftor resorving tho usual $33+$ por cont. of the premiums to cover liabllities under curront policies, a profit was earned of $£ 41,226$, which sum has boen transferrod to the credit of the profit and loss account. In the lifo dopartment tho now assurances during the yoar, after deduction of re-nesurances, reached in the aggrognte the sum of $\mathbf{x 4 8 6 , 6 5 5}$ of which $£ 265,750$ was for ondowmont assurances payable at death or on the attainment of $a$ specilic age. These new absurances yieldod annual promiums amounting to $£ 18,823$, and single promlums amounting to $£ 650$. The total incomo of the yenr (including inte. rost) was $£ 309,812$. The claims amounted to $£ 139,990$, of which the suim of $£ 0,622$ was for endowments and ondowment nssurances payable during lifo. The expenses of managoment (including commisaion), wore limited to 10 per cont. of the promiums recoived. The quinquennial investigation of the company's standing was made on tho most atringent data over used by its officers. The liabilities under

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account，leaving 56,620 to be carrled forward In the participation branch，the profits of which belong to the policy－holders，there is a －burplus of $£ 235,610$ ，out of which the direct－ ors recommed that a reversionary bonus of fl．118．per cent．per annam be declared apon the original amounts assured by all policies current on December 31 last，for the five years ending that date．This bonus＂Will absorb £224，428，leaving $£ 11,182$ to be carried for－ ward．The directors further recommend that a prospective bonus，at the rate $\mathrm{El}_{1}$ per cent． per annum，be declared upon all policies which shall become claims before December 31，1895．As regards both these bonuses， it is to be understood that，as heretofore，the amount shall only be payable in those cases in which the pollicy has been in existence for a period of five jears．

## Sinancial．

Montreat，Thurgday Evening，
Joly 9th， 1891.
The English money markets have been ex－ tremely dull owing to the holiday time now raling in London．Shipments of gold are still being made to Russia．One shipment of £250，000 was made this week，and $£ 1,250,000$ more will be sent within tho next fortnight． Portugal has passed a bill providing for a loan iot $£ 1,600,000$ for the purchase of silver and as the demand for this metal from that conn－ try and Spain continues good，the price of bullion in London is still frm at $46 \frac{1}{4}$ in spite of the weaker feeling in New York．In this market there is very．little ohange to report in money．Oall loans are made at $4 \lesssim 4 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent and commercial paper is discounted at 6 （a）per cont according to name and date．In Loncun the street rate is $1 \frac{1}{8}$ per cent and the bank rate $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent．In New York the street rate is 2 per cent．．The exchange mar－ ketis steady but lower at 9 C 多 for sixties bat－ ween banks and 94＠日 over the counter．De－ mand 9这发 and 94＠1 cables 10．1－16 Posted rates in New－York are 4854 and $4.87 \frac{1}{2}$ ．Actual
 ＂as．＂Commercial paper $483 \frac{1}{2}$ ．Docamentary bills 4．82 $\frac{1}{2}$ ．New York funds．1－32 dis＠par betweeu banks and ：toot premium over the counter．The stock exchange has been aotive during the week，and a large；babiness result－ ed．The expected acce日ipion of Mr．Duncan McIntyre to the board of the Grand Trunk rendered Pacific very strong，and at the close it sold up to 818，In sympathy North West Land advanced 5 points from its lowest，and closed buoyant．Telegraph also gainsd 2 points，and the annovincement of the practi－：
cal absorption of the Federal Telephone 0 o． by the Bell boomed the stock of the latter op． to 115．A good investment business pas done in bank stocks and the market closed streng and bullish．

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKWTS．
Montrafal Thurgday Evaning，$\}$ July 9th，1891．$\}$
The welcome raing of the early part of the week did incalculable good to the growing crops throughout the country，and as in Western Ontario farmers will commence har． vesting the winter wheat next week and the promise of an abundant yield has been amply verifled，there is a more hopeful feelingin trade centres．In epite of the summer exodus to the country and the seaside the city dry goods trade ＇report a very fair volume of trade doing，and al－ though the orders sent in by fravellers show csution upon the part of country merchants， there is perceptibly more confidence ap－ parent．Remiltances，too，have improved，and the paper maturing on the fourth was satisfac－ torily met．In the grocory trade the featare of the week has been the rush for gugar，with which the refineries are still unable to cope． As a result prices are an eighth stiffer，and re－ finers are unwilling to book orders ahead． Iron and the heavy metals are moving slowly and an extraordinary feature in the market is the entire lack of tin and terne plates in first hands．Lenther，though dull，seems a trife more active．Hides are quiet and unchanged． Fish is somewhat dearer after the holiday de－ mand．Fruits are atrong and very active． Cattle are scarce at the moment and shippers are filling their space with hay．Wool is quiet with very little fleece in the markot． Olls and the heavy chemicols are dull with the excoption of Paris groen which is strong and active．
－Asass．－Recelpta are moderato．Firsts pots ${ }^{\text {sell }}$ at $\$ 4.25$ æa $\$ 4.30^{\circ}$ ；seconds at $\$ 3.60$ ；there are few pearls remaining in store and the price is nominal．Recelpts aince lat Januariy 1400 ：brls pots； 83 bris pearls．Dellveries 1327 brls pots； 95 brls pearlg．In atore Jaly 8th at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .152$ brls pots； 3 brls pearls．
Botrer axd Carbss．－There has been very little doing in batter，as buyers and nellers are both disposed to hold off．Sellerg ideas are 19 cents，bat as this figure precludes the poselbil－ ity of export，what business done is purely in a jobbing way．Factory men＇ara cointing on a short make，but unleas the shortage is a coneiderable one，the lator maker getting the preforence renders the holding of early makes a dangerous experience．Townshipe is：in fair sapply and is readily taken ap at $16 \not 17 \mathrm{c}_{0}$.

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The long-time partnerghip of MESSRB. TAYLOR BROS. Lerminatea to-day by offlaxion of timn, 30th Jnne, 1891.
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Weatern dairy rules at $14 / m$ bn. The chepfe markat is irregular and huyers sepm to think tiant thinge are comlere huir way; but holderis sill hold out for 83@\& for fluest white and 8ider for colored, nud inta checks businers, as the Engliah houres are not anxione to buy at preame Agures Thay argua that prices murt comen diwn hefore long, and they do not care to operate on a declining market. Factory ment appear to be tolerably well sold up. All tho Grit half of June is cone and the recond lhalf in now on uffer. Still it would to better for them to meat buyers vlows a littlo more freely and got rid of their oarly cheere before tho later maker come upon the market. Noring June cheene is rarely a paying policy, parifeularly with the cable at 43 s .
Onkint.-The demand is slack and stooks are aocimulating in dealers hands. Without any nétial woakening, prices would berbaded for cound lots. We hear of a sale of, 200 bris $\cdot$ Englidh nt $\$ 241 \frac{1}{2}$ for Weatern necount. We quote $\$ 240 @ 65$ for English, $\$ 230$ (o440 for Bulglan and \$2.8l aigs for German. Firebrioks weak at $\$ 18$ @ $\$ 24$ per 1,000.
Dixy Goods - The outlook for the dry grods trado seems decidedly brighter, although this may be called the between season so faras the wholeasle houpes aro concerued. The wel come ralus have rendered buyera confitent as to the future of the harvent, aud the result is thatisa though orders are cortainly small, travellers write more hopufully of the outlook.


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Remittances phow a marked improvement. The fourtio of July was fairly met, and there seems to be more monay ln the country. The city trade keeps up wril, in epite of the usial exidus to the serside or the farm, and on the whole the trade situaifon io d'stinctly briphter.
Flour and Grain, -The flour market dieplays a much better feeling than of late, and a fair volume of business is current. The Eugligh are disponed to pay higher prices and rinco last writing aboat 3,000 sacks mediam Manitotia flour have heen sold for export at abuut 6 d advance. There is not much to note in the local grain market. Beyond some transactions in onts at our quotations the market has been dull and lifeless, altheugh the stocks in atore show a decreare of 30999 bus. whert, 24365 bus. corn, 32,370 bus. peas, aud 11,180 bub. barlay as compared with a wetk ago. Wo quote to-day as follows:No. 2 bard Manitobn, $\$ 110 @ \$ 1.12$; No. 3 do, 90c ; No. 2 Northern, $\$ 1.01 @ \$ 1.03$; feed do., 62c(as60; ; peas, 860 . per - 66 pounds in
 Upper Canada do.j 65 d' © 56 ja per 34 punads; corn, $72 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{S}^{2} 76 \mathrm{c}$ duty paid; feed barley, 60c; good malting. do., $65 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{a6} \mathrm{Fc}$; rye; $831(08+\mathrm{c}$. The Am+rican market is in very narrow compass in expectation of the governwerent report which will be out in a day or two, nod news from abroad is in favor of the shorts. English wheat is $6 d$ lower and furrign wheats is lower in Mark Lane, and reports show that the Euglish harvest will be a good one, pro-

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bably exceeding 30 bushels to the acre. Barley giver fair promise and oats will be a gnod crop. Latest cables report English wheat dull at $39 \times$ © 408 ; fine whites were 44 s . Foreign whents were firmer; Californian on passago was 418 Gd. Flour was steany. , Misizo oats and burley wore 3d lower, Beans and peas were steady.
Fish,-Prices for salmon continue to role high and we quote $13 / 015$ cents for Gaspo in a wholesale way. All other fish are high in sympathy. We quote freah halibut $10 \not 0120$. Salmon trout, white fish, doroe, 7@8c. Pike, 60. Haddocix and crd, 4c. Lobsters, alive or bniled, 10c, the former prefurred, the lstter boing so arlt of late as to aronse the surpicion that they havo been boilrd with saltputre. Black basr, 80. Sea basa 10c. Mackerel 10c
 fish are quitet unchanged. We quote:-B.O. ralmon in barrels $\$ 12$, in half birrels $\$ 625$. Lubrador $\$ 15$ in bris, $\$ 8$ in half barrels. Mackerel $\$ 20$ per brl, $\$ 10$ in ha'f brl $\$ 1.50$ per kit No 1 Labrador herring $\$ 4.60$ per barrel $\$ 250$ per half harrel. Halituat $\$ 5$ in half hrls. Salmon trout $\$ 4.50$ in half barrels. White fintu \$5. Green cod $\$ 5.50$ in 200 lb barrels. Haddock $\$ 5$ No finasa haddies in the markat but canned finnan haddies are selling at $\$ 140$ per dozan aud $\$ 550$ per cave. Smoked herrings 16it(a) 17 n per bix. B anless 0 d 60 © 6 fe in 141 b hoxes and $6 \frac{1}{2} 7 \mathrm{c}$ in 5 lb boxes Bunoless fish $4 \check{\omega} 50$ per lo in boxes same size.

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Froit.-The fruit market continues active and prices continuéstrong New Early Rose potators are now in the market from Ohio and are selling at 27 abla per lb in a retail way and at $\$ 325$ per barrel from jobbars handa. Canndian cherries are at $\$ 1.25 \% \$ 1.50$ per basket with fancy large black nxhearts at \$1.75. Apricots $\$ 3$ per box. Bartlett pears \$B 25 per box Strawherries 9@10c, fancy 12 c . Lemons are dest and adrancing. We now quote $\$ 450 @ \$ 5$ and it is exprcted that $\$ 7$ will have to by paid befora the season is over. Orangea, Messinas, are at $\$ 4.50$ per box with half boxes $\$ 2$ 50/त $\$ 3$ Valentins command $\$ 6$ fnt cases. Bananas run frnm $\$ 1.25 @$ @2. 60 . Water melons $4 n c$ each. Piueapples 120150 Cocobnuts $\$ 475$ per 100. Plums $\$ 450$ per carrier of 4 bankets for fancy large. Peaches $\$ 2.25$ per box.

Groosures.-Nothing bas been talked daring the part week bat nugar. Every one is clamoring for sopplies, but itocks are so low that the refineries cannot supply them quirk enough and wholesalers are running round horrowing in order to givo their customers sufficiont to fill their needs. as a resnit sugara are an eighth of a cont higher all round, We quote 4ho for granulated and 3f: for the lowedt grade of yellows. The retinaries have the gituation in their own hands. They refuse to book orders ahead and in reply to euquiries say that when the supar in ready thoy will sell at corrent rates. Teas have been comparatively neglected, all the atiention being concentrated on sugars, hat the market is firm for low grade Japans and the stock of low and medium is in very compact complass, We quote low griàdes 142@16łc; mediúm 19c(o) 22c; fine 25@32hc; and cholce 34/037to. Dusts sell at 11 @l 2 ta on spot. Lower grades of Ohinrse gieens are scarce and selling at 18d 1019 c ; good thirds $191 \sqrt{2020 c}$; peconds $22 \frac{1}{2}$ @23c; firsts 271@30c; fine 33@35c. In black teas advices rom Uninese shipping ports say the heary Ruseian drmand has forced up the values of North country teas from 50 to 100 per cent over the opening values of last year and Honinge and Ningchows are held for higher figures. We quote new Khisow congoas at 14@150; 10w grade Pakliug 16@170;

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merlium to fine 22k@27xc; finest to choice 32@45c. Syrups nre firm owing to the strone position of melabses which cannot he laid down here under 421 cents for Harbadors although fome houses are still selling at 40 cants. In fact it looses as if 46 cents would be the figure before long. In the mean time wo quote the range for ayrups from 2 2 @3l cents per $\mathrm{lb} ; 25 \mathrm{lbs}$ pails $\$ 1$. Raibins are being cut by two hnuses in the trade and values are very low for Valencias. Wequnte from $4 c$ up to $6 z^{\circ} \mathrm{c}$ according. to quality. As the coming crop is a large one it lo oks as though Valen. cias wonld continue cheap all through the yenr Prunes are weak through beavy sales in Nuw York. Boania in hoxes are quoted at 712ce with French at 10@13c. There is a cut in rice. The mills are charging $\$ 370$ in large lots and yet it is said some housos are etill charging only $\$ 3.55$ to their cuatomers, although the bulk astsed $\$ 380$ for small lots. Canned goods are quiat. Some large contracts bave been made, but all on the "if packed" basis, which means that if prices go higher the grocer mont get bis goods, while if they run lower he will be held stoutly to his bargain.

Hay.-The hay market continues firm, as cattle ehippers who are unable to get stock are filling their tween deok spaces with hay. We quote No. 2 hay at $\$ 9$, at which price sevoral buodred tona have been secured for export. No. 1 hay is held tor $\$ 1$ more.
Heafy Cuemicals.-Paris green continues to move out actively antil. it has become somewhat scarce. We quote 131 なDL50 according to package. Latert quo:ations from England are:-Alum, 16 2s 6 d, bicarb, $£ 6158$

ค風 7 , borax, $£ 28$, cnustio, $60 \%, £ 910 \mathrm{~B}, 70 \%$, $£ 10$ Бs, copperas $£ 3$, gnda cryatals, $£ 3.78$. 6 d , lump sulphar, $\mathbf{f 6}$, finur sulphor, $£ 7$ 108, bulphate of copper, $£ 1610 \mathrm{~B}$, cream of tartar, f.o.b., continent, 906@gis 6d.
Hides and Tallow -The hide market is quiet. Tanners are putting but few into their pita and the demand is black although stocks are not increasing owing to the few now coming in. Cllpe are now worth 30 cents and lambskins 30 cents. Calfutins steady at 70 per 1b. Tallow in fair requent at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ conta for gond and 7 cents for finest cake. Beef hidé are unchanged at 6,6 , and 40 respectively.

Hops - No yearlioge are in the market and the stock here, which is confleed to abouta dozen bales, consists of 18908. A fer small bales of these have sold at 260 which may be, considered the ruling prica. - Reporti of ramage acrose the border are now being wiped off and, as a consequence, the situation is erbier.

Iron and Hardmary. - During that week pressure has been sought to be put"uponing by a certain firm to induce us to quota the discounts upon iron pipe lower than is quoted to genuine bavers in the market. It is needlese to say that it was useless. Tha: yalues quoted in these columns are those at which goods are actually offered for aale, and an buch are absolutely raliable. If they do not buit, certain holders it is not our fanlt, for wé cannot consent to bolster up the market on their behalf. To-day the discount offered on iron pipo is 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ger cent all roand. It is trae some hoases are giving only 60 per cent on large sizes, but the fact that 500 foet of 4 inch has been offered at 624 per cent fxes that as the market value. Pig fron is quiet bat wo hear of sales of No 18 hatts at $\$ 215 \%$ and 100 tons Summerlee have changed hands at $\$ 21$. For Eglinton $\$ 18.75$ hag been offored avd refured and 100 tons of this' brand have, 801 d at $\$ 19$. Carnbroo in small lots iş selling at

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$\$ 10.25 @ \$ 19.50$, Bar iron is weak nad is nolling at \$2. In tho United States the markets are hardly opon yot after tho holidays. Pricos for foundry pig aro nominally unchanged but plenty of holdors would be glad to soll at prosent figures if thoy could find buyorf. In England tho depression in tho steel plate trade owing to the closing down of the tin plato works has brought warrante down. Thay ne now quoted at 47s for Scotch and - $41 \mathrm{~s} 4 \frac{1}{2}$ for No 3 Middlosborough. In thits markot thosituation for tín plates is an extraordinary one. Not a siagle box of perfoct cokenis in the market, nor is there a box of torno plate. For wasters $\$ 4$ is asked and holdors are enger to soll, as thoy'know well onough that in a fow rrocks thmo they will bo gilad to got $\$ 3$ for thom. Cahlos from Engflad to got $\$ 3$ for thom. Walios from Eng-
land quoto 13 s (i,o.b. Wales for Bessomor, land quoto 138 od io.b. Wales for Bessumer,
138 od for Siomons-Martin and 148 gd for char$1389 d$ for Siomons-Alartin and 148 gd for char-
conls.' It is said an order for 1000 box e ternes has boon placod for import but torms aro kopt private. From Anuericau merchints it is louruod that the stock of $14 \times 20$ cokes is by no means so largo as is generally bolloved and that thoy will have to import again shortly. Thero is a henvy stock of undesirable sizos - Whioh swells tho figures; but tho staplo plates in atooks aro not moro than onough for threo months consumption, and tho iden of Amorican tin plato is simply laughed at, as 28 cuage steel in Pittaburg cannot bo got undor 3 conto, which would mako 30 gauge, the tin plato size, atill dearer, whilo at present duties British plato, rundy tinnorl and boxed, can be laid down thero at sy conts. A ridiculous gratemont appenred in the Now York Gerald to the offect that the Temescal tin mine bad

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Bhipped 38,000 tons of American pig tin to the tjn plato company at St. Louis. It is needIass to say that this is a corregpondent's ybrn. based vapon the fact that an order for 38,000 pounds bad been givon to the company which they have not been able to fill. Copper is very firm here and is bold at 140 in epite of woaker cables from England. Ingot tin wo quote at $22 \frac{1}{2}$ (a230. Lead is still quoted at $\$ 3.60$, but if any one went into the market for 50 tons this prico would be shaded. Nails are still a bone of contention. Some hour os quote $\$ 2.20$, somo $\$ 215$, and some are selling as low. as $\$ 2,10$ to favored customors.

Leathes - Bubiness in leather continues quiet but stodks:on hand are not large as taniners have boen curtalling prodnotion for some time past and are putting in very few hides just nöf: We hear of a gale of 1600 sides slanghter sole at 21 conts, which is a out figure. In upper the most activo is Don-
sula which continnes to move out well in jobbing lots; but buyers are taking only for imuredinta wants. Thers is no speculative muv. men! whatso-ver in epite of tho fact that 'he market is down to hard-pan and that indinemments we nid be offered to make sales at tha mumbnt shoe men will not operate, and evin offurs of undoubted bargaina fail to tempt thom to invest, Most of tho shoo honses will send their travelle-rs out again on the fnll trip, is tho first trip was anything bat satisfactory in the way of orders, and naturally thoy have not started cutting yet. Bat now that crop proqpects lrok better it is to be hoped country buyers will take a more hopeful vlow and give in their orders promptly so that the makers may get to worle nt once and the prisent stagnation In the leather trade be put an and to.

Ohes, Paints and Glabs, - There is little to say about the oil market. The cut in linseed oil atill causes confusion in prices, and we hear of sales of raw at 60 cents and of boiled at 83 cente, although 62 and 64 cents are quoted rates. Some lots of steam refined pale eeal have sold at $47 \frac{1}{2}$ conts. Ood ofl is quiet. In paints an c.rdinary jobbing trade is doing, not quite up to the avorage in volume, and at rates which leave but litile profit to the maker. Glass is quiet and unchanged at $\$ 1.40$ and upwards, and we do not hear of any tranbactions bolow this, even for ex-ship.
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lard 32 s ; bacon, $30 \mathrm{~B} / \omega 30 \mathrm{~s} 5 \mathrm{~d}$; tallow, 25s 6 d .
Woos,-Wery little fleece is offering in this quarket as yet bat one or two fair lots have changed hands at 20 (alal cents. In Cape we haar of no tranfactions but two cargoes are now near at band . Whioh are held atald 16160 . Buenos Ayrean is quoted at $34 @ 40 \mathrm{c}$. The London wool sales are ehowing a good desl of activity and crosg-breds brought full ratos. Merinos were principally taken by foreign
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demand for loan company isenes. Following are the closing bids as compared with last Thursday :-


Botrar,-The recoipts this wealk have been fair and prices generally steady owing to good domand The best tab aells at $14 \mathrm{c} @ 16 \mathrm{c}$, and medium at 11 c (212c, creamery 220. Eggs aro firmer with asles at 130, Ohoese quiet and unchanged at $\theta_{2}$ asa ${ }^{2} \mathrm{c}$ in a Jobbing way.
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