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ANOTHER storekeeper in Valleyfield, Que, Mr. J. F. Birmingham, has assigned in trust, leaving his affairs in a rather confused state.

W. H. McCRAE, general dealer at Merrickville, Ont., whose assignment was announced in a previous issue, is endeavoring to compromise at 50c on the dollar. The assets amount to only about \$900.

AT THE meeting of creditors in Toronto last week of Chas. J. Wagstaff, boot and shoe dealer, Port Lambton, Ont., previously referred to, he offered to pay in full with interest, giving security, in three, six, and nine months. The extension was granted.

J. R. SAUNDERS, a Halifax tobacconist, who is reported to have been carrying too heavy a stock for some time past, recently assigned to his principal creditor, Mr. J. H. Symons, who holds a preference claim for more than half the liabilities, which amount to \$7,000. The assets are estimated at \$6,000, in stock and book-debts. It is thought that there will be little left for outside creditors.

CHARLES DEST, general storekeeper, St. Anne. de la Parade, Que., has compromised liabilities of \$5,230 at fifty per cent, payable at four, eight, and twelve months, secured. The assets were placed at \$4,000 .- Remi Brault, a retail dry goods man at St. Johns, Que., has compromised at 75c on the dollar, secured; liabilities small .- J. O. Perrault, a Sherbrooke (Que.) grocer, is trying to effect a settlement at 50c on the dollar, payable at three, six and nine months.

THE Critic is the name of a new venture in journalism in Montreal, devoted chiefly to reporting social news. The Commonwealth made its first appearance last Saturday. Its principal features are the reproduction of Paine's Age of Reason, to be published in serial form, and appeals to the public for support. The printers were evidently afraid the authorities would confiscate the edition, and looked after their own interests with a tenacity rarely found.

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ALFRED MELLISH, who for some years has been doing business in Chatham, Ont., as auctioneer and commission merchant, was closed by the Sheriff on the 1st inst. The executions now against him amount to \$5,600; with several creditors yet to hear from, it is thought the liabilities will not be far short of \$10,000. The assets consist of a quantity of cheap furniture, plated-ware and fancy goods, and will probably amount to \$7,000.

C. I. Liddell, of Cornwall, Ont., who opened a retail boot and shoe store in October, 1881, and secured credit on the strength of his father's reputation, has assigned in trust to his principal creditor in this city. He commenced with a very small capital, and now owes \$3,400, with assets of about \$2,400. An offer to compromise at 35c on the dollar, secured, has been refused. An excessive fondness for fleet-footed horsefiesh is said to have been one of the causes which led to his trouble.

Messus. Hodgson & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, this city, referred to last week, have held a meeting of creditors, at which they showed direct liabilities of \$33,465, and indirect do of \$37,557, with total assets \$32,058, of

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which bad and doubtful debts amount to \$9,-811. An offer of 40c on the dollar was not accepted, and an inventory of the stock is being taken by the trustee. As intimated in our last issue, the business has not been paying for some time past, and the failure is attributed chiefly to bad debts, keen competition and

Marshall, Minkler & Co., private bankers, Waterford, Outario, have got into deep water through losses in business and speculations in Manitoba and the North West. The concern has branches in Cayuga and Hagersville, having bought the Hagersville Banking Co. from Squires & Boughner last spring. Mr. Minkler was formerly a wood contractor at Ingersoll for the Great Western Railway, and for a business man has always been considered somewhat too fond of speculation. The discounts of the Waterford Bank were about \$30,000. The Federal Bank is interested, but holds security.

E. Surnwood, of Mount Forest, Ont., who has been in business as a grocer and liquor dealer for some years past, is reported as having left for new pastures. His liabilities are said to amount to about \$12,000, a large portion of which is confined to residents of the town and neighborhood, who had endorsed for him. His assets are the stock in trade and store and a farm (both mortgaged) and some farm stock. The banks hold most of the security. Several farmers in the vicinity are endorsers for large amounts, and will find it difficult to meet their endorsements. Sherwood was generally supposed to be doing a good business and to be in good financial standing, and his sudden departure is a matter of surprise to all. The sheriff has taken possession of his stock, etc., under a writ of attachment.

CHARLES CHAPDELAINE, the general dealer at St. Francois du Lac, Que., referred to last week, has got a settlement at 40c on the dollar, secured, in three, six, nine and twelve months. The liabilities amount to some \$4,000, and the estate showed a surplus of about \$100. Chapdelaine has been in business for fifteen years, but for some time past seems to have been outgrown by the local competition, which has proved too strong for him .- Joseph H. Dorval, a dry goods dealer in a small way in this city, recently assigned, owing about \$5,000. This is the second time Dorval has been in difficulty, having failed; several years? ago when of the firm Broult & Dorval; shortly after the business was resumed, Dorval withdrew and accepted a clerkship. He started the present business nearly a year ago.

JOHN BAPTISTE VEZINA, wholesale fancy goods dealer, Quebec, has assigned in trust, owing some \$10,000. His stock and fixtures are valued at about \$4,200, with book debts to the amount of \$800, making the total assets nominally \$5,000. Vezina claims to have sustained a loss by damage to goods by water leaking from a tap, but it is stated that no sufficient explanation of the deficiency is yet forthcoming. The stock is said to be an undesirable assortment, and a second inventory is being taken by order of the trustee. Vezina failed in 1879 when of the firm Vezina & Bedard, who then compromised at 40c on the dollar. He is reported to have recently-five days prior to his assignment -executed a lease of the store premises for nine years at \$1,000 per annum. This may prove a serious barrier to the creditors, but in the absence of anything like an insolvent law in existence there appears to be no way of dealing with such a contract.

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Louis Labelle, general dealer at Sorel, who has been carrying a too heavy stock and finds he has more goods than he can pay for, lately assigned in trust. His liabilities foot up some \$20,000, with assets \$15,000, chiefly in stock, the book debts not exceeding \$1,000. No meeting of creditors has yet been held, but there is some probability of his offering 50c on the dollar. Labelle is said to have been trying to do a larger business than his capital warranted, but his failure is perhaps largely due to the fact that he and his brother, who were formerly in parinership, have for some time been attempting to divide the business formerly done by one store between two adjoining stores.— The bankrupt stock of groceries of John A. Miller, this city, referred to recently, is advertised for sale; the liabilities amount to \$1,178, with assets of \$846.50, in stock and book debts furniture, etc.

ROBERT HEYNEMAN, cigar manufacturer, this city, has assigned, with limbilities roughly estimated at over \$60,000, and assets showing much deficiency. A meeting of creditors was called for yesterday. Mr. Heyneman attributes his difficulty to bad debts, and attempting Leading Wholesale Trade of Montreal.

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to do more business than warranted by his Mr. Heyneman did business till recently with the Exchange Bank and only a few months ago that bank had over \$11,000 of his paper, but everything was always promptly met, and the last note was paid before the end of January last,

THE Grand Trunk Railway Company has excited the admiration of the business people in northwestern Ontario by reason of their efforts to keep the roads open during the heavy storms of January and February.-The subjectof butter making is being largely discussed throughout the County of Perth, and cheese factories are about to give way to creameries, when it is hoped that a better class of butter generally may be the result.

Joseph Rolles, an extensive lumber dealer and hotel proprietor in Quebec, is reported to have failed, with liabilities footing up \$50,000. -At an adjourned meeting last week of the shareholders of the Canada Candy Manufacturing Co., Mr. P. S. Ross was recommended as liquidator of the estate, and it was resolved that the Court be instructed to order the business to be wound up. It was understood that Mr. McLachlan would hand over the notes for the payment of the creditors as soon as Mr. Ross was appointed,

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THE Bankruptcy Bill introduced in Parliament by Mr. Benty, of Toronto, was defeated on its third reading, and from what can be learned of the measure it deserved no better fate. What has become of Mr. D. MacMaster's bill?-Owing to pressure on our columns we are obliged to increase the size of the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE this week to 36 pages.

MR. FREEMAN, of Hamilton, Ont., whose death by drowning in Burlington Bay took place a fortnight ago, had policies for over \$50,000 on his life among several accident and life insurance companies. The cause of his death appears to be shrouded in mystery. An action on the part of the insurers against the ice company is hinted at, with the object probably of an investigation as to the cause of his death.

THE estate of the late C. Mitchell, druggist, St. Thomas, Ont., who commenced business over twenty years ago, was recently assigned. Liabilities \$7,200, and assets, in stock, shop fixtures and book-debts, \$4,500. The failure is attributed to endeavors to pay off the debts of the deceased.-L. F. T. Buisson, dry goods dealer, Three Rivers, Quebec, referred to last week, has compromised with his creditors at 60c on the dollar, secured, in three, six and nine months.

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CATHERINE P. COYNE, who has been keeping store at Chesterville, Out., for the last five or six years, has assigned to her principal creditor in this city, and offers 50c on the dollar. She owes about \$4,000, and estimates the assets nominally at the same figure. The trouble is said to be chiefly owing to her paying back the money borrowed when she started business, loaving a balance of only fifty per cent, for the other creditors.-The dry goods firm of H. & H. Merrill, this city, whose assignment was noticed last week, are offering to compromise at 50c on the dollar, in five, ten, and lifteen months, the last payment to be secured. Another meeting of creditors is convened tomorrow, when it is likely that the offer will be accepted. The capital of the firm will not now be increased, as expected, by Mr. Merrill's son investing in the business; the latter having decided to remain in St. Louis, where he is engaged in business.

The failure of the Mahon Banking Co. of London, Ontario, appears to have developed some personal shortcomings rather than anything of financial importance. The agent of the Bank of Montreal has resigned, through

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having allowed overdrafts for some \$30,000, while his teller, Gilmour, is found to be some \$4,400 short in his cash. The Mahons have been arrested, charged with having accepted deposits after they knew their bank to be insolvent. The total liabilities are given by the local press at \$275,000, a large proportion of which is due the Bank of Montreal, which is largely secured. The deposits, including those in savings and toutine departments, amount it is stated to some \$77,000. Several local benevolent associations will lose by the failure. It is hoped that depositors may receive 30 cents in the dollar. A writ has been issued by the Molsons Bank against the Globe Works, but that bank is said to be fully secured. The liabilities are given at over \$100,000.

The stock and fixtures of the estate of Louis Lewis & Bro., manufacturers of cigars, this city, who recently failed to get a settlement with their creditors, were sold by auction last Wednesday at 60 cents in the dollar to Mr. Isaac Jacobs, admittedly for the brothers Lewis. The inventory showed value of about \$7,000. The book-debts, which were catalogued at over \$7,000, were withdrawn, the highest offer

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being 91c in the dollar. Some of the book debt items were commented upon at the sale, especially that of Machenbaum, Warsaw, Poland, while that of Godfrey Bros. of Yarmouth, N.S. (about \$220), and some others had crosses marked opposite them on the list. The two principal creditors, the Federal Bank and the Exchange, offered some ten days ago to accept 124c cash for the full amount of their claims, and to abandon the proportion of 124c in six months, the whole offer being 25c in the dollar, but the other creditors insisting on a valuation of the bank claims, the negotiations fell through. Mr. Lewis & Bro. will likely continue the business notwithstanding the interruption noted, but it is to be hoped with better success.

The CITIZENS of Sherbrooke have been exercised for some time over a peculiar case involving a charge of forgery. It appears that some time last summer a young man named Kelly on looking over his sister's Autograph Album found there the signature of Mr. John Taylor, a well-to-do citiz n, and, as alleged, filled up the blank space making it a note for \$2,000.

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which he is said to have discounted. At all events the note turned up and was declared by Mr. Taylor to be a forgery, though strange to say the autograph, or a similar one, is still in the album. Mr. Kelly and Mr. J. J. Webster, another prominent citizen and insurance manager, were held to stand their trial, the latter for being an accessory before the fact. The respective friends of the prosecutors and defendants were ranged on either side of the political division line of Rouges and Conservatives, and much bitter feeling was evoked. The result of the trial, however, was the conviction of Mr Kelly, and his condemnation to imprisonment for one year. Shortly afterwards, on a writ of error, the matter was brought before the Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal, and, owing to a flaw in the indictment, the former decision was reversed, and Mr. Kelly set free. Mr. Taylor was then arrested for having, it is alleged, tampered with the jury, but the Bill was thrown out by the Grand Jury. Mr. Kelly has been re-arrested, and is once more undergoing his trial, his legal defendant being Mr. J. N. Greenshields of Messrs. Greenshields, Busteed & Guerin, the well-known advocates of this city.

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damage to a wheel of one of the cars-twenty in all-between Buffalo and Eric did not cause any delay. Mr. Johnston remained with it while being repaired, and by means of a special engine overtook the regular train at Chicago and attached the car, without causing any delay whatever. Much praise is due to the railway companies who seconded his efforts and afforded him every assistance in their power. It is to be hoped that the enterprising manufacturer who conceived the idea and those who joined him in the venture will receive ample returns therefrom. The advantage to dealers in the Prairie Province and the North West in being able to produce fresh goods from Montreal within ten days or a fortnight from the date of shipment, is of no little significance, and will tend considerably to foster the business relations between them and the manufacture. turers and merchants of Montreal, the cheapest labor market on the continent. Another special train left the present week, in which Messrs. J. W. Mackedie & Co. are again the principal shippers.

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MONTREAL, MARCH 9, 1883

THE COTTON TRADE.

In a series of articles on the cotton trade and manufacture of Canada, some two or three years ago, reference was made to the rapidity with which our domestic goods were replacing those of foreign manufacture. Although a number of new cotton mills have since gone into operation, and the capacity of nearly all the large mills have been considerably increased, it was scarcely to be supposed that the change then noted would proceed with the enormous strides of the last two or three years. The following table shows a condition of things which must be highly gratifying to the supporters of the National Policy, and no man, whatever his party leanings, can fail to rejoice that we are able to manufacture for ourselves to-day upwards of 50 million yards of cotton fabrics which but a few years ago we paid the operatives of Lancashire and Lowell to make for us, sending out of the country the wages which now go to provide thousands of families with the comforts and luxuries of life, and so many more consumers and customers for other manufacturers, for the retail merchants, and even the farmers. We say the farmer, for the nearer his market, the better the price for his cattle, grain and other products. The second column of the table gives the value of manufactured cottons imported; the third column the quantity of raw cotton in pounds:

Year.	Manuf'd Cottons.	Raw Cotton.
1872	\$10,182,154	2,444,210 lbs.
1873	10,076,214	2,752,042 lbs.
1874	11,182,045	4,454,101 lbs.
1875	9,830,836	4,782,146 lbs.
1876	7,160,013	6,216,754 lbs.
1877		6,571,067 lbs.
1878	7,104,517	8,066,317 lbs.
1879	6,528,558	9,720,708 lbs.
1830	4,859,399	13,237,168 lbs.
1881	6,405,881	16,018,721 lbs.
1882	4,674,548	19,342,059 lbs.

Owing to the combination of "Cotton Wool " and Cotton Waste" in the returns for one or two of the years covered by the table, we are obliged to combine them throughout. This will account for the difference as compared with the table in a former article. It will be seen that the imports of raw cotton have doubled in the last three years, and increased eight-fold as compared with the year 1872. The returns for the year ending next June will probably show a further advance in the same direction, and it is doubtless to this increase in home manufacture that the altered condition of the trade is referable. The opening of the Spring trade of 1882 found the mill-owners the masters of the situation; they then had orders for several months ahead, and shares were still at a high premium. But the competition has changed it all, and to day, the travellers find it rather difficult to induce the country merchants to place their orders for Canadian cottons, especially grey fabrics. Retailers have been so accustomed for some years to obtain concessions in prices from the wholesale trade that they find it difficult to abide the new order of things, and are waiting some further inducements before they stock up. Whether they make a mistake or not is a question which may be decided by the wants of consumers to the disadvantage of the retailers; on the other hand there need be no lack of goods if ordinary prudence is observed. So strong has been the determination to wait, that in some villages the retailers have combined and agreed not to purchase spring or summer stocks of cottons till prices are reduced.

Our readers are already aware that a drop of from to to to and to per yard took place at the close of last season; and the present state of affairs is partly due to this fact, as well as to recollection of the 21 to 5 per cent concessions off mill-prices allowed gradually by travellers only a year or two since to the larger buyers, when cotton fabrics became to the dry goods dealer what sugar has been so long to the grocer, and nails to the hardware dealer,-a "leading line," which, by the asked price, often determined the customer in giving his order for other goods, with the price of which he was not so well acquainted. The drop of 3d. per yard in the price of Horrocks' (English) cottons within the last three months has also had some effect, although this is probably due to the competition of other English houses whose goods have been little, if any, behind that somewhat celebrated brand in saleable as well as wearable qualities during the last few seasons. Owing to the difficulty of selling Canadian cottons at a profit, some houses have latterly confined their efforts to American fabrics, but, excepting for a certain class of shirt-making, they do not appear to give as general satisfaction as those of Canadian manufacture. Owing to the price of cottons and to other circumstances during the past year, American manufacturers, have been able to sustain prices, The steadiness is probably due not a little to the excellent short date system in selling goods, and which one or two Montreal firms have been able to adopt with some degree of success.

The present condition of affairs can have only one result, probably a reduction in the quality of the goods. More "waste" and more starch can be used by the factories, and when profits are again reduced to a mere nothing, still more waste and more starch can be employed, till that condition of the fabric is reached which a few years ago was thought by Lancashire manufacturers good enough for the Chinese, and which most middleaged housekeepers can remember even in Canada, when the article after coming from the wash resembled a veil or net of grey cotton instead of the superior closely-woven, honest, well-wearing and comfortable cloth of the present day, made in our Canadian mills.

THE BANKING MEASURE.

The details of the proposed new Banking Act have been furnished in the resolutions proposed by the Minister of Finance. There does not appear any reasonable objection to the imposition of

penalties for the violation of the provisions of an Act of Parliament. It seems to us, however, that the proposed penalties will be found too stringent. They have no practical application to the banks with large capitals whose circulation never approaches to the legal limit. They will be found very severe by banks whose normal circulation is about the amount of their capital. With the best possible intentions as to obeying the law, banks with agencies may be found at the end of a month with a larger circulation than they are authorized to maintain. It would only be reasonable to enforce the penalty in cases in which banks had exceeded their authorized limit by a certain defined amount, say in cases of banks having capitals of less than \$500,000, of 10 per cent, and on banks having capitals of \$500,000 and upwards, of 5 per cent.

There is no analogy whatever between this country and England in regard to the question. For the last forty years the policy in England has been to prohibit all bank issues. No new banks have been permitted to issue bank notes, and the old ones have been restricted to the amount of their average circulation for the three years prior to the passing of the Act. In Canada it has been deemed expedient to restrict the bank circulation in each case to the amount of the capital. but there is no special reason for fixing precisely that amount, and when a penalty is imposed it certainly ought not to take effect in cases where there has been a mere accidental fractional increase. In point of fact there must be a margin, and the effect of imposing the penalty on any excess will be to restrain the banks to at least 10 per cent less circulation than they are authorized to have, so as to guard against a possible unintentional violation of the law. Much the same reason exists for making the penalty for delay in sending in the returns exigible only in three or five days later than the day prescribed. Accidents may occur without the least intention on the part of a bank to delay its returns. As to the penalty on private banks, it seems to be doubted whether it will not be found ultra vires. Otherwise it does not seem open to objection.

THE FISHERY TREATY.

There seems good ground for believing that it will be difficult to negotiate another satisfactory fishery treaty with the United States. It was stated in the discussion which took place on the subject in the Senate that the fisheries were no longer used by the United States fishermen to the same extent as formerly

but this was supposed at the time to have been an assertion made for effect. It seems now to be admitted that the Americans have to some extent succeeded in hiving the mackerel in United States waters, which they have succeeded in doing by obtaining bait in large quantities in the Canadian markets and depositing it in their own waters. We presume that our Minister of Marine and Fisheries is well acquainted with the state of the question, and that all the necessary steps will be taken to promote the interests of the Maritime Provinces. If the information that we have obtained should prove correct, we should fear that it will be found impossible to prevent injury occurring to our fishery interests on the cossation of the treaty. We observe that the Globe suggests that the Maritime Province members should join in demanding of the Dominion Government immediate action with a view to providing for the future. We are not enlightened as to the nature of the action to be taken. It is said that "steps ought to be taken "at once to prevent any injury occurring "to the fishery interests on the cessation " of the existing arrangement." If the mackerel, which are a migratory fish, should abandon Canadian waters for those of the United States, we should fear that no action of the Government would be of much use. On the other hand it may be found that the Canadian fishermen will be relieved from the competition of the Americans, and from the risk of collision, which will of course be much greater after the expiration of the treaty. It seems quito incredible that the fish will entirely desert Canadian waters, whoge alone the bait is to be obtained.

QUEBEC FINANCES.

It has been well observed by the Montreal Herald that the Quebec Government has but three courses open to it, viz. : "Retrenchment, taxation or repudiation." Mr. Robertson, the ex-Treasurer, has made a tremendous onslaught on the Treasurer's financial statement, as has Mr. Stephens. Mr. Robertson is to a certain extent in accord with the Ministry and the Opposition. He is in favor of a raid on the Dominion treasury, but he prefers to an increased subsidy a specific claim on the ground that a portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway is in Ontario territory, and yet constructed with Dominion funds. We have no doubt that the Ontario Treasurer would contend that the expenditure in this Province on the Canadian Pacific was considerably less

than that on the Intercolonial in the Province of Quebec. Moreover, if Quebec has any claim on the ground urged by Mr. Robertson, it is clear that the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have a similar one. The ex-Treasurer has taken a position that is indefensible. The Dominion Parliament must determine what are Dominion as contradistinguished from Provincial works, and it would be a fatal blunder to revert to the system, which was but too frequently adopted prior to Confederation, of expending public money in one Province to countervail an expenditure in another. The Dominion expenditure on the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Province of Ontario was necessary in order to establish a connection with the Dominion railway system, and was at least as much for the benefit of Quebec as for Ontario. The people of Ontario would, we have no doubt, contend that it was much more in the interest of Quebec; in fact, Ontario will have to expend capital to connect with the Pacific line. We confess that we have no expectation whatever that the demand made in such peremptory terms on the Dominion treasury will be successful, although the fact that it has been made seems to warrant the assumption that it must have been encouraged by the Quebec members of the Dominion Government. We of course do not allow ourselves to suppose for a moment that any member of the Quebec Legislature would venture even to suggest the idea of repudiation, and we fear very much that substantial retrenchment will have few advocates, even among the members of the Opposition. The only alternative left is direct taxation, and we have drawn an incorrect inference from the speech of the Hon. Mr. Lynch if it was not intended as an appeal to the members on both sides of the House to co-operate in the support of measures to place the Provincial finances on a sound basis.

THE BRAZIL TRADE.

It will most assuredly not be the fault of the energetic Consul for Brazil if trade be not extended between that country and Canada. We notice that a large deputation, headed by Dr. Fortin, who was accompanied by about twenty other Members of Parliament, representing all the Provinces, including Mr. Curran, Q.C., of Montreal, had an interview recently with the Minister of Finance, with reference to the promotion of trade between Canada and Brazil. Sir Leonard Tilley moreover assured the deputation that

'he was perfectly in harmony with the object of the deputation," and that "for the past five years the Government had lost no opportunity to further the same object." If this be correct, then the Mackenzie Government must have been likewise in harmony with the object of the deputation which, so far as we can gather from Dr. Fortin's statement, is to obtain some preference in the Brazilian market, for Canadian exports, and "in compensation" to admit into our market, "now that we have a surplus their 'molasses and coarse grades of sugar." Dr. Fortin said nothing about admitting "the molasses and coarse grades of sugar" of the British or Spanish West Indies, and it is therefore to be inferred that he does not contemplate the total abolition of the sugar duties which produce over \$2,500,000 of revenue.

We should doubt much, judging from his opening remarks, whether Dr. Fortin has ever examined the report of the West Indian commission or the correspondence with the Imperial Government on the subject. He is under the impression that, owing to confederation having taken place, the subject was lost sight of. The fact is that the commissioners obtained all the information that could be of any use, and Canada has recently subsidized a line of steamers, although there are at least grave doubts as to the practicability of enlarging her trade with Brazil. Dr. Fortin must be aware that there are no discriminating duties against Canada in Brazil, and that we already supply that market with codfish and lumber, which we ought to be able to furnish as cheaply as any other country. As to coal there was at the time of the visit of the commissioners no duty on that article. There are data by which we can judge of the probability of a large extension of our trade with South America. In the import statement in the report the aggregate amount of imports was about \$61,000,000 of which Great Britain and her possessions contributed \$32,419,085 and the United States \$3,129,742, France \$11,555,206. The imports from Canada were then \$6,493 and are now about \$500,000. The question of real importance is as to the meaning of the deputation and of the Minister of Finance. There is no obstruction whatever to trade with Brazil, and a preference has been given to it over the British Colonies by the establishment of a line of steamships. What, then, is the object? Is it proposed, in perfect harmony with Sir Leonard Tilley's views, to give Brazilian sugars a preference over those of the British Colonies in Canada? The chief exports from Brazil in which we have any interest are, coffee, hides and sugar. We have already admitted the two first articles free, and we are taking Brazilian sugar to more than double the amount of our exports to that country.

Mr. Burns, one of the deputation, pointed out the necessity of taking care that Brazil "should not adopt a policy "towards Canada that it had adopted "against the United States? namely, tak-"ing off import duties but substituting ex-" port duties." Is it conceivable that Mr. Burns or the members of the deputation can imagine that the Brazilian Government will confer advantages on Canada that are not granted to the United States. The idea is simply absurd. All that Canada can reasonably expect is that Brazil will not discriminate against us, as our dearly beloved France persists in doing. We have no complaint whatever against Brazil, and there is not the slightest ground for Sir Leonard Tilley making any effort to procure a reduction of duties which fall exclusively on the Brazilian consumer. As to the export duties, the object, doubt less, of imposing them is to obtain contributions from the coffee, sugar and cotton planters, which cannot be procured in a more feasible way. Such duties have been imposed in some of the British Colonies in order to recoup the treasury for the cost of immigration, while in other colonies a direct contribution for the same object is obtained from the planters.

The proposition of the deputation embodied in Dr. Fortin's statement is so vague that we have not deemed it necessary to discuss the grave constitutional question which would most assuredly be raised if Canada were to attempt to discriminate in favor of a foreign country like Brazil against the British Colonies in the West Indies. It would be the plain duty of the Imperial Government to protect the dependencies of the Empire from any such outrage as that which Dr. Fortin's language seems to convey. It is moreover highly improbable that Great Britain would consent to the establishment of discriminating duties against the Spanish colonies which it is highly probable would be contravening the treaty obligations of the Empire. It is well-known that when the commissioners visited the West Indies and Brazil in 1866 the Board of trade felt it right " to call attention to "the difficulties which may arise, with "respect to foreign countries, having " reciprocity treaties with this country, if "any colony or colonies should make "arrangements for giving to one foreign "country advantages which are not given "to others." We have on more than one occasion, in commenting on the absurd claim that Canada should be permitted to negotiate commercial treaties, pointed out that there is no object whatever to be gained by entering into commercial treaties, except the few cases, such as France, where there has been discrimination established against her, and in those cases the remedy is in our own hands. We have suffered and are suffering from the grossest mismanagement of a thoroughly good case.

THE ONTARIO ELECTION.

The result of the Ontario general election, which took place on the 27th ult., is to give the Mowat Government a decided majority, although by no means so large as in the last Legislature. It is difficult to understand how the election can be looked on as a Conservative triumph, looking to the fact that at the recent Dominion election Ontario gave a Conservative majority. Both of the political parties put forth all their efforts, and the Conservative members of the Dominion Parliament threw themselves heartily into the contest. Just at the last moment Mr. Dalton McCarthy raised a new point in reference to the arbitration. The day prior to that fixed by the arbitration both Governments, doubtless by agreement, passed formal orders in Council appointing the arbitrators, and pledging themselves to abide by the award. Such a step would hardly have been deemed necessary elsewhere, as the fact that the arbitration had been agreed to and the arbitrators named would have been considered binding by men of honor. Mr. McCarthy endeavored to persuade his audience at a public meeting that until these formal minutes had been adopted the arbitrators had not considered the subject, and that in point of fact they gave a hasty decision without proper examination of the evidence. It is notorious that Mr. Chief Justice Harrison had been appointed, possibly by a letter from the Secretary, by command of the Lieut .-Governor, many months before the arbitators met, and that he had had in his possession all the evidence, including the cases prepared by the respective counsel, from the date of his appointment.

The antagonism between the Dominion Government and that of the most important Province is a serious calamity, and we fear augurs badly for the harmonious continuance of Confederation. The most singular circumstance connected with the controversy is that the representation of the Province, which of all others has the greatest interest in maintaining

Provincial autonomy, is the one which has been most prominent in interfering with the constitutional rights of Ontario. The time will most assuredly come, although just at present it seems likely to be distant, when the people of the Province of Quebec will deeply regret the course which their present leaders have sanctioned.

THE TIMES AND THE TARIFF.

The above is the heading of a paragraph in the Toronto Globe's London letter of the 15th February, which contains a verbatim report of the Times' sarcastic reference to a recent speech delivered by Sir A. Galt at Liverpool. Referring to that speech the Times remarks that "ever "since 1879, when the new tariff was im-"posed, Canada has been prosperous "according to him, and we are asked to " conclude from this that the tariff could "not have done Canada any harm. Every "one knows that in the autumn of 1879, "trade all over the world, but especially in "the United States, began steadily to recover from the depression which had "lasted during the previous five years, and "it was therefore rather daring in Sir "Alexander to offer such a piece of "pseudo-logic as this to a body like the "Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. It "will be interesting to see what Sir Alex-'ander will have to say when the usual "cyclic movement has come to an end and "business is dull everywhere. Probably "he will attribute the decrease of the "prosperity of Canada to the fact that "the present tariff is too low, and will again "set to work with mistaken zeal to per-"suade the Canadians to add another row " of bricks to the Chinese wall with which "they have surrounded themselves."

We have frequently taken occasion to warn those who rely implicitly on a high tariff as a security for national prosperity that a much higher tariff than ours did not protect the United States from that depression which was generally felt throughout the world during the period referred to by the Times. The truth is that, whether the duties imposed on imports be high or low, uncontrollable cirumstances will bring about periods of prosperity and of depression. We have little doubt that when the period of depression which we may expect before very long arrives, it will be imputed by the violent opponents of protection to the present tariff. While we think the remarks of the Times well worthy of thoughtful consideration we doubt much whether any. thing but practical experience will dispel. the illusion which so generally prevails on the subject.

PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY.

We do not yield even to the Toronto Globe in our advocacy of what may fairly be considered Provincial rights, but, on the other hand, we maintain that it is essential to the satisfactory working of the federative system that the Dominion Government should not shrink from the responsibility of controlling the action of Provincial Legislatures in regard to measures affecting the interests of the people generally. It seems to us that whatever differences of opinion may exist as to the extent of the legitimate nowers of the Provincial Legislatures, there can be none in regard to acts the tendency of which is to nullify an agreement between the Dominion Government and a company incorporated for the construction of a railroad on Canadian territory, and largely subsidized out of Dominion funds. If the Dominion Government cannot with propriety interfere in such a case, then the federative system is simply "a mockery, a delusion and a snare." The Globe in a late number attempted to establish an analogy between the disallowance of a Manitoba Act authorizing the construction of a railroad for the purpose of diverting traffic from the Canadian Pacific railroad to a competitive line in the United States, and the disallowance by the Imperial Government of the Dominion Act permitting marriage with a deceased wife's sister. We pointed out that there was no analogy whatever between the cases, and the Globe has made a rejoinder maintaining the correctness of his position.

The Globe entirely ignores the fact that several years ago an Act was passed by one at least of the Australasian colonies substantially similar to that of the late Dominion Act. As that Act was not dis allowed it would have been simply impossible for the Imperial Government to have disallowed the Canadian Act. It does not appear that the Act referred to had the effect of compelling a change in the English Law, and moreover it is well known that the advisers of the Crown in England are favorable to the principle of the Canadian Act, although the influence of the Bishops in the House of Lords and of those Peers who share their opinions has hitherto prevented the passage of bills which have received the assent of the Commons. We maintain that there is not the slightest analogy between the Act sanctioning marriage with a deceased wife's sister or the Tariff Act imposing duties on goods imported into Canada, and the Manitoba Act, which had for its object an interference with a bargain entered

into between the Dominion Government, with the sanction of Parliament, and a chartered company, for the construction of a railroad in which all the Provinces embraced in the Confederation are interested.

SALVAGE. (3.)

It may be that uncertainty as to the probable progress of a fire in adjoining buildings may prevent the adoption of such measures as afterwards assert their advisability, or that during a fire as in a battle,

"Midst the shricks of the wounded, The grouns of the dying,"

men may lose their senses, but surely, so soon as a fire is over there should be neither delay nor hesitation in preventing further damage; yet as ghouls and monsters in human form rob the dead on a battle fied, or barbarians murder such of their former foes as survive the slaughter of the battle, so do some insurance agents and some insured persons increase the amount of loss by their unwise and criminal actions, instead of, like-the surgeons and ambulance corps of civilization, preventing further damages as quickly as possible.

Whether ignorance or dishonesty be the cause, the effect is alike disastrous, so that it too often becomes necessary to impress upon insurance agents the fact that it is not to the honor of their agency that losses should be for the full amounts of their policies; it is not necessary to the adjustment of a loss that the assured should be prevented from carrying on his lawful business. If the loss exceeds the insurance, no insurance company wishes the loss to the assured to be increased by one cent; if the insurance exceeds the loss, then no person should try to increase the amount of the loss merely because of the insurance. The whole country suffers from the nervousness or ignorance or the dishonesty of the few who either have not the sense to know that increase of loss benefits no one, or have not the courage or the honesty to prevent such increase.

We could readily quote a very discouraging number of instances where people yet in business, and yet seeking insurance, have permitted or caused unnecessary increase of damage by allowing goods to remain water-soaked to mildew or rust or rot, or to remain shut up in buildings until smoke had made them useless, their only excuse being, "Oh, we will not get all our insurance if we do as you say."

These people have not the sense to think that reputable companies avoid disreputable people, and if by any means

they find on their books policies issued to people who act so dishonestly they quietly mark them "to be cancelled," or, at any rate, "not to be renewed." Such persons count on the immediate advantage to be gained because the appraisers may not be able to distinguish between the damages-the immediate result of the fire and those caused by neglect; they count on the efforts of the appraiser they appoint in obtaining for them the payment for their fraud as well as that for their misfortune, and they may occasionally succeed, but such things are not forgotten, nor are they without influence in future transactions. Hitherto the insurance companies have contented themselves with declining or cancelling the risks, but it is not impossible that a few prosecutions for attempts to defraud may serve as warnings to those who respect no law so long as they can evade its penalties.

But there are many people amongst insurance agents as well as insured who really do not know what to do in the event of a fire. They find themselves with, say, machinery or hardware which has been wet or damp, and if so left will be materially injured, but if at once dried, oiled; dipped for a moment in benzine, or otherwise sensibly dealt with, would escape with comparatively small loss; if they were not insured they would know what to do and would do it at once, but being insured they are uncertain as to their rights and duties. To such persons it is only necessary for them to know that their first duty is to notify the insurance company of the loss and the facts, then to go to work to preserve the property from further damage, keeping a strict account of what they do, being assured that if they act honestly and sensibly their actions will be adopted and approved by the Insurance companies.

It may be that some incompetent adjuster will find fault or take advantage of the best-intentioned and best-directed efforts of the agent and the insured, but both may rest assured that if the progress of the damage has been stopped by prompt and sensible action, the Insurance company will censure the adjuster and approve the action of the assured.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK CRISIS.

A political crisis has taken place in New Brunswick where a general election has been recently held. After the election of Speaker a direct vote of want of confidence in the administration was proposed and carried by a small majority The leader of the Government made the extraordinary complaint that the motion was not grounded on specific charges, which is conclusive proof that his information in regard to such votes is very limited indeed. Of course it frequently happens that an opposition will make an attack on some specific act of a Government, which is generally met by a declaration that the motion will be treated as one of want of confidence, the object being to rally the regular supporters of the Government in its favor. Direct votes of want of confidence are the usual mode adopted on the opening of a new Parliament of signifying the desire of the Legis lature that there should be a change of ministry. The Minister, instead of resigning at once, according to usage, actually advised the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the House, imitating the example of the Canadian Ministry of 1858, but with far less ground for such a proposal. It has always been held that a Government in power possesses an advantage in appealing to the people, and it is therefore quite unprecedented for a Minister to ask the dissolution of a House elected under his own auspices on the ground of its voting want of confidence. Sir Edmund Head refused in 1858 to grant a dissolution, deeming it his duty to endeavor to procure an administration that would possess the confidence of the newlyelected House, and he succeeded, and his conduct was approved by the Imperial Government. The Lieutentant Governor of New Brunswick had the wisdom and firmness to refuse the advice tendered to him, whereupon Mr. Hannington resigned, and Mr. Blair was entrusted with the formation of a new Ministry. This task he succeeded in accomplishing, and it appears by an announcement made in the House that the leader of the opposition is to be Mr. Wetmore and not the Ex-Premier.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual report of the Company for 1852 shows gradual increase of business which is a tribute to its popularity, and such a decided improvement in the marine department as to be very encouraging, the loss ratio having decreased from 80 per cent in 1881 to 58 in 1882. The Fire Branch in Canada has been very satisfactory, the losses being only 61 per cent, shewing the value of an old clientelle who insure for safety, instead of for the purpose of realizing by means of fire. The United States business has not been so good, but largely new business has always

more than proportinate hazard, necessitating extraordinary care in the scrutiny and revision of risks. We have no doubt, however, that the system of personal inspections by experienced persons, directly responsible to the Company, will produce an exceedingly satisfactory report for 1883 all round.

British America Assurance Company.—Although the figures of the statement of this good old Canadian Company are not, at first sight, such as we would have desired, yet the explanations and statements in the Governor's address shew the unfavorable results in such a light that we may confidently look for better things the present year. We commend the address of the Governor to all our underwriters, as its frankness and sound reasoning are evidences of that knowledge of the working of the business from which alone can favorable results be reasonably expected.

" A DISCREDITED CANADA CO'Y."

We have long looked upon the New York Commercial Bulletin as one of the most valuable of our exchanges because of the high character for honest and impartial writing which it has always maintained. Great, therefore, was our surprise to read in its issue of the 16th ult. an attack upon the Guarantee Company of North America, which has its head office in this city, the text of the article being a circular recently issued by a rival company, and from which circular a copious extract is given, all tending to damage the character of the Canadian company. There is no pretence whatever to give the other side of the story, which might have been ascertained with little trouble had the object been to make an impartial statement. As Jove was said to nod sometimes, so we fancy the worthy editor of the Bulletin had little knowledge of the article in question before it appeared in his columns. We have made some endeavor to learn the facts in the case:

It appears that some time during 1881, when Mr. W. H. Dyckman was secretary in New York city for the Guarantee Company of North America, he became party to an agreement with the Fidelity Company of that city to divide the business of the Manhattan Railway Company, which was then being transacted by the Guarantee Company of North America, in all future years, whichever company secured the business. The agreement provided for an advance of 50 per cent. on the rate

hitherto charged by the Guarantee Company. Nothing whatever was known by the New York Directors of the Guarantee Company concerning any such agreement till last October, when the time for renewing the risks of the Railway came around, and a demand was made by the Fidelity Company for the fulfilment of the contract. The New York Board of the Guarantee Company naturally repudiated any preknowledge or sanction of such an agreement, and advised that the matter be referred to the New York legal advisers of the Guarantee Company, Messrs. Alexander & Green, who have the matter in hand, and deny for their clients the authenticity of the document in question. That document was never previously produced. We much doubt that the Guarantee Company would knowingly lend them selves to such an agreement, which amounted virtually to a conspiracy against the Railway Company, its own client.

The people of the United States, especially the corporations requiring such insurance, should rejoice in having the advantages of a strong company like the Guarantee Company of North America in their midst.

We hope our worthy contemporary, the Deily Commercial Bulletin, will give a little of his attention to the matter, and in an early issue endeavor to repair the wrong he has, we must suppose, unwittingly done to an Institution of which we on this side have every reason to feel proud. We forbear making any reference to the character of the aggressive Company, but we think its course of action in the premises is ill-judged, and not calculated to redound to its credit. Comparisons are odious, and in this case we believe, from a glance at the New York Insurance Reports, they would be particularly so to that Company.

LABANQUE DU PEULLE.—The proceedings at the annual meeting of the pioneer French Canadian Bank will be found elsewhere. The chair was occupied by the venerated President, C. S. Cherrier, Esq., Q. C., who did not fail to add his warning to that which has been utered on several recent occasions. It appears from the report of the auditors that the bank has been pursuing a conservative policy in paying small dividends, and applying its contingent fund to the settlement of some old affairs in liquidation, a course in which the worthy manager, Mr. A. A. Trottier, is to be congratulated on having the co-operation of the Directors.

Hamilton Provident & Loan Society.—The report of the Hamilton Provident & Loan Society, which will be found elsewhere in our columns, affords evidence of a satisfactory year's operations. We observe that there has been an increase in the deposits and also in the currency debentures, while there is a decrease in the sterling debentures. The reserve fund has been increased by \$25,000, or an excess of \$5,000 over last year. On the whole the report will be found highly satisfactory as well to the shareholders as to the customers of the Society.

MEETINGS &c.

LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of Ln Banque du Peuple was held the 5th inst. in the Bunking House, St. James street. Mr. C. S. Cherrier, Q.C., the president, occupied the chair, and among the shareholders present were Ald. Grenier, A. Prevost, George Brush, L. Perrault, J. Leclaire, F. E. Gilman, J. O. Gravel, C. A. Geoffrion, C. J. Hill, P. Lamothe, and others. The cashier, Mr. A. A. Trottier, acted as secretary.

The secretary read the annual financial state-ment, which was as follows:

Dialitatio,		
Amount of stock paid up	31,600,000	00
Amount of Bank notes in circulation	378,991	
Amount of deposits not having in- terests	1,082,779	63
est	695,273 3,745	15
Amount of unclaimed dividends	3,745	37
Amount of net profits on hand this day, all expenses deducted	181,804	54
and Loss \$120,000 00		
Contingent 21,804 54		
Dividend No. 76, pay- able 6th March,		
1883 40,000 00		
\$181,804 54		
Balance due to other Banks or Bankers	96,107	G:

\$4,038,710 34

Assets.

Amount of discounted notes and other debts due to the Bank, the balance due by other Banks ex-

Amount of balance due by banks 2,416 49 13,528 03 87,596 00

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\$4,068,710 34 The auditor's report was also read as follows:-

To the Shureholders of La Bunque du People :-.

" Gentlemen,-We the undersigned auditors appointed at your annual general meeting have the honor to report that after a complete and detailed examination of the books and and detailed examination of the books and securities, in a word, after taking cognizance of the assets and liabilities of the Corporation of La Banque du Peuple, we declare having found the whole kept regularly and deserving our approval. We approve of the action of the Board of Directors in having paid a dividend of two and a half per cent, in September last. As also the paying of a similar dividend for the current half year. If the amount to the credit of "Contingent" do not appear any higher compared with the figures of last year's statement, it has to be mentioned that a considerable amount has been appropriated from that able amount has been appropriated from that necount to the settlement of a certain number of old affairs in liquidation. We beg to state that the result of last year's business has been satisfactory.

C. G. HILL, P. LAMOTHE, F. E. GILMAN. LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE, Montreal, Feb. 28, 1883.

On motion of Mr. Jean Leclaire, seconded by Mr. A. Prevost, it was then unanimously resolved that the annual report of the bank and the auditor's report just read be received and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Moise Branchaud, seconded by Mr. G. O. Gravel, it was resolved that Messrs. C. G. Hill, F. E. Gilman, and P. Lamothe be re-elected auditors for the ensuing

A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to the President, Directors, and Cashier, for their satisfactory management of the affairs of the bank; and the meeting then adjourned.

THE HAMILTON PROVIDENT AND LOAN SOCIETY.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Share-holders of this Society was held at the Com-pany's offices, Hamilton, Ont., on the 5th March, 1883. The President, Mr. George II. Gillespie, 1883. The President, Mr. George II. Gillespie, presided, and Mr. H. D. Cameron, Treasurer, acted as Secretary. The following Shareurer, acted as Secretary. The following Shareholders were also present: Messrs. A. T. Wood, J. M. Williams, Alex. Harvey, W. E. Sanford, Dr. Billiugs, John Harvey, J. B. Bagwell, W. A. Robinson, George Coumbe, Wm. Harris, John Crerar, Alex. Turner, Chas. Cameron, Wm. O. Carey, Henry H. Laing, W. F. Findlay, James A. Simpson, Hr-A. Banderet, A. C. Buck (Caledonia), Charles Gurney, Josias Bray, P. M. Bankier, J. S. Cruikshanks and J. Pearson. At the request of the Chairman the Treasurer read the Annual Report as follows: follows

The Directors have the pleasure of presenting the Eleventh Annual Report and relative Financial Statements of the affairs of the Society for the year ending 31st December, 1882, and congratulate the Shareholders upon the continued success of the Society's operations, indicated by the profitable results of last year's business. In pursuance of the Resolution adopted by the Shareholders at the last annual meeting, the Permanent Stock of the Society has been increased by the issue of five thousand has been increased by the issue of his thousand new shares, under the provisions of the Dominion Statute 41 Vic., cap. 22, and 22 per cent. has been paid thereon out of the Reserve Fund of the Society. The creation of this new stock, upon which 20 per cent. only is paid, has greatly increased the borrowing powers of the Society, and has been received with favor by Depositors and Debenture-holders.

The Directors refer with much satisfaction to the continued success of the Savings Bank, the deposits in which at the close of the year amounted to \$924,266.42, and to the sale of Currency Debentures now amounting to \$224.113 shawing a marked ing to \$224,113, showing a marked increase as compared with last year. The Directors continue to have the Mortgage Securities carefully inspected and reported upon by reliable and competent Inspectors. The Society's loans in Munitoba—restricted to cul-tivated farms—have been effected at remunera-tive rates, and the bulk of these Securities there have, during the year, been personally examined by the Treasurer, and found to be highly satis-factory. The Directors have the satisfaction of reporting that, from the Profits of the year, two half-yearly Dividends at the rate of Sper cent, per annum have been paid; and after providing for Interest on Deposits and Debentures, and for the necessary expense of manage-ment, they have been enabled to add to the ment, they have been enabled to add to the Reserve Fund \$25,000, and to carry forward at the credity of Contingent Fund \$2,782.86. The Directors have to announce, with profound regret, the death of their late President, the Hon. Adam Hope, which took place on the 7th of August last. The late President's influence in the information, and his unremitting services in directing the Scalety's efficient and place in the information the Scalety's efficient place for the Scalety's efficient and place in the Scalety's efficient and placety in the Scalety and pla in the information, and his unremitting services in directing the Society's affairs have been invaluable. He was peculiarly fitted for the position which he so long occupied, and the Directors can only express their sense of the irreparable loss which the Society has sustained in his death. At a meeting of the Directors, held on the 20th November last, and especially called for the purpose the vegetar extra Power and the Power can be sent to the property of the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the property of the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the position of the purpose the vegetar extra Power can be sent to the position of the position of the position of the position of the position which he so long occupied, and the position which he so long occupied to the position where the position of the position of the position where the position of the positio called for the purpose, the vacancy at the Board was filled by the election, as a Director, of Emilius Irving, Q.C.; and leat a subsequent

meeting Mr. George H. Gillespie was duly elected President. All tof which is respectfully submitted.

> George H. Gillespie, President.

Hamilton, 19th Feb., 1883.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1882.

> Profit and Loss. Dr.

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	Permanent Stock	S	82,011	33
"	Dividend No. 22 on Accumulat-	•		
	ing stock		852	96
"	Interest on Savings Bank de-			
	posits		34,400	01
"	Interest on Debentures		19,732	
	Exchange and Debenture ex-		•	
	penses		709	52
"	Expense Account, cost of man-			
	agement (including taxes,			F
	fuel, and altendance for the			
	whole building), also sala-			
	ries, inspection and office			
	expenses		18,245	41
"	Directors' Compensation		3,550	00
t t	Solicitors' Fees and Disburse-			
	ments		307	70
"	Commission and Fees paid			
	Valuators		4,421	
	General interest		563	
. **	Personal Property Tax		950	
"	Contingent Fund		2,782	
u	Reserve Fund		25,000	00
	and the second of the second o			 -
		Ş	193,526	82
	4	=		=
	Cr.	: .		
By	Interest on Loans	9	179,274	142
	Interest on Arrears of Mort-	. *		-
	gages		9,052	61
	Contingent Fund	1	3,243	
"	Rents received		1,956	

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. Liabilities.

To Stockholders: 2,782 86 July 1st, 1882...... Do added out of this \$70,000 00 year's profits..... 25,000.00 95,000 00 Dividend No. 23 payable Jan. 2nd, 44,000 00 1883.....

\$1,241,782 86

To the Public: Savings Bank de-Debentures, currency sterling. Interest due and accrued on currency 4,207 04 debentures..... 2,165 83

undry accounts, chiefly balances due 24,156 16 borrowers..... 1,367,735 25

\$2,609,518 11

\$193,526 82

Assels.

Net value of investments....... \$2,517,018 11 83,000 00 3,500 00 Property on King street Cash on hand and in bank......

\$2,609,518 11

H. D. CAMERON, Treasurer.

Hamilton, Feb. 17th, 1883.

We herrby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, and have found the same correct. We have also examined the the same correct. We have also examined the securities and find them in perfect order, and correct as set forth in the above statement.

JAMES WATSON, R. KNIGHT HOPE, Auditors.

Hamilton, Feb. 17th, 1883.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, paid a high tribute to the late Honorable Mr. Hope, his predecessor, referring to the deep interest he had always taken in the Society, and to the irreparable loss it had sustained in his death. As might be expected as a result of the prudent and careful management under a the prudent and careful management under a man of such great experience as the late Mr. Hope, the success of the Institution is assured; it rests on a solid basis. The President further said that the result of the year's business had been most satisfactory. Everything bad or doubtful has been written off, and still the Directors were able to pay two dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum and add the handsome sum of \$25,000 to the Reserve Fund. The issue of the five thousand, now shares and The issue of the five thousand new shares, and The issue of the five thousand new states, and the taking of \$100,000 from the reserve and paying 20 per cent on these shares, increased materially the borrowing powers of the Society; and seeing that there is \$400,000 of subscribed but uncalled stock the security to depositors and debenture holders is very much enhanced. The Society has now reached with-in \$200,000 of its limit of borrowing by way of deposit, but it is authorized to borrow on debenture a large sum in excess of what it has done. He expressed a hope that being in a position to offer such a desirable investment to trustees and others the Society would raise a large sum at a favorable rate by the sale of its debentures. He next referred to the Society's business in Manitoba, where the Society invested about \$120,000 at good rates and on the most undoubted securities. The Directors declined making any advance on city, town or specula-tive securities, confining themselves to moderate loans on occupied farm lands within easy reach of a railway station. Mr. Cameron, the Treasurer, had personally inspected the greater number of the farms mortgaged to the Society, and found the securities most satisfactory. He concluded by stating that the Society's business in every department was in a most satisfactory condition, and moved the adoption of the

report.
In seconding the adoption of the report, Mr.
W. E. Sanford said that the securities of the
Society were in the most satisfactory position.
The motion was carried unanimously.

Messrs. R. K. Hope and James Watson were re-elected auditors for the present year.

After the customary votes to the Directors and complimentary votes of thanks to the officers of the Society, the election of Directors was proceeded with, when the retiring Directors, Messrs. G. H. Gillespie, Chas. Gurney, Alex. Harvey, John Harvey, W. R. Macdonald, Emilius Irving, Alex. Turner, J. M. Williams and A. T. Wood, were unanimously re-elected. re-elected.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the

meeting adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. George H. Gillespie was re-elected President and Mr. John Harvey, Vice-President.

BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE CO.

The annual The annual general meeting of the share-holders of this Company was held in the Comholders of this Company was held in the Company's offices, Front street, Toronto, the Zist ult., the Governor, Mr. J. Morison, in the chair. Present—Messrs. H. R. Forbes, H. L. Ilime, H. S. Northrop, John Lyman, T. R. Wood, John Turner, R. H. Temple, Walter S. Lee, John Leys, Dr. H. Robertson, W. A. Situs, George Boyd, Augustus Myers, R. Dunbar, E. A. Scadding, Alex. Smith, E. H. Rutherford, Hon. Wm.

Cayley, J. Y. Reid, Henry Taylor, John Macdonald, W. J. Macdonell, George Kimmerly, and Mr. Martin.

Mr. Silas P. Wood acted as Secretary.
Minutes of last annual meeting were read and the same confirmed.

The annual report and statement were read by the Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors beg to lay before the Share-holders the usual statement of the Company's assets and liabilities, ending the 31st December,

In accordance with a resolution passed at a former meeting of the Sharcholders desiring to change the annual meeting from August to the third Wednesday in February of each year, the Directors have pleasure in reporting that they applied to Parliament for such necessary amendments to their charter as would enable them to accomplish that result, and now beg to inform you they have secured that privilege.
The Directors regret that the business has

not been more profitable.

Under a former management a branch office was opened in the summer of 1878 in Liverpool, England, to do business in Great Britain, and at the same time treaties were entered into with several English companies to take a portion of their surplus business in Europe and other foreign countries; but inasmuch as the business was not found to be on a satisfactory basis, your Directors decided to close that agency and withdraw. They have several times tried to re-insure all their liabilities under those foreign treaties, but the risks were of such a character that they have been unable to do so, and this Company therefore will have to carry the responsibility until every risk has run off, but they are glad to be able to say that all the risks in Great Britain, and a very large portion of those

in foreign countries have already expired. : "The business in the United States for several The business in the United States for several years past has not been so satisfactory as your Directors would desire, but they believe the changes made within the past year will enable this Company to receive its fair share of a better class of business, and which, they hope will prove more profitable in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SILAS P. WOOD, J. Morison,

Secretary.

Governor.

\$896,456 30

Toronto, 21st February, 1883,

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1882.

Assets.

	Amount.
Cash in hand and in banks	\$ 38,952 90
Debentures and mortgages on real	
estate	. 68.954 61
Bills receivable	. 4,857 36
Agents' balances	70,369 69
Real Estate	. 90,000 00
Bank and other dividend-paying	3
stock	145,090 10
United States bonds and specia	[
Office furniture	. 768,235,00
Omce furniture	8,419 41
	\$1,194,879 07
	Q1,103,010 G1
Liabilities.	
Capital stock	.\$ 500,000 00
Losses under adjustment	. 151 906 99
Dividend No. 77 (balance)	. 2.185 33
Dividend No. 18	. 25,000 00
Sundry accounts payable	
Balance	510,286 31
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PROFIT AND LOSS.	
Fire losses	C 5 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
Fire losses	5003,298 20 29,644 13
Commission and charges	245,908 68
Re-assurance	67,605 2
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Premium received-fire depart-		7
ment	\$750,098	99
ment	73,840	
Interest on investments	44,520	26
Increase in value of investments Rent account	21,237 2,908	
Balance	3,851	39
	\$896,456	30
SURPLUS FUND.		
Dividend-No. 77		
No. 78	25,000	
Profit and loss	3,851 510,286	
Datence		
	\$564,137	70
Balance from last statement	\$564,137	70
	\$564,137	70
RE-INSURANCE LIABILITY	r.	
Dalaman et anadit of numbun fund	9510 100	21

Balance at credit of surplus fund.. \$510,286 31 Reserve to re-insure existing risks. 295,086 68 Reserve to re-insure existing risks.

Net surplus over all liabilities... \$215,199 63

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Directors of the British America Assu -ance Company:

GENTLEMEN, -We beg to report that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the Company up to and including 31st December, 1882. The Vouchers and Securities have also been examined, and found to agree with the Statement and Balance annexed.

R. R. CATHRON. R. U. FITZGERAL".

R. U. FITZGERAL".

Toronto, 10th February, 1883.

The Chairman said: "Before moving the adoption of the report, I shall explain to you what your Directors have been doing since the last time they met the shareholders; for I believe it is the duty of a president, when losses have occurred, to state them frankly; if the year has not been a profitable one, and if a remedy has been applied for that condition of things, to state plainly what that remedy has been, so that you, gentlemen, will know exactly in what position your property stands. I will therefore ask your indulgence, because I shall require to go somewhat into the details of the business. husiness.

It is now two years ago since the late manager, Mr. Ball, resigned, and as the marine business had been very disastrous for 1880 we had a statement prepared by our marine manager, showing the results for 5 years, which we found had been very unsatisfactory. This Company had lost in that time over \$50,000; and an lacking dealy into the very of the and on looking closely into the nature of the business we believed the chief cause to be that business we believed the chief cause to be that we were carrying too large lines on any one vessel for the amount of premiums we received. It required only two or three wrecks a year, with such heavy lines as we were carrying, to wipe away all our profits for that year. We therefore believed that the true policy for us to pursue in the future was, to reduce our lines and confine ourselves strictly to agents at the ocean points of shipment, so that we may always depend upon it that the amount we are carrying on any one vessel does not exceed our limit. I am pleased to be able to say that we have made a very handsome profit on the amount of marine business done for the past amount of marine business done for the past year, for in reality out of the amount of Insses paid in the statement nearly \$8,000 was paid on losses which occurred in the years 1880 and 1881. And as our re-insurance fund for that business had all been used up, this sum had to be paid out of the business of 1882.

Another branch I wish to speak to you about is our English or foreign business. In the summer of 1878 Mr. Ball went to England, opened an office in Liverpool and appointed a young

an office in Liverpool, and appointed a young gentleman, a son of Mr. McLaren of the Royal Insurance Co., to be manager there of this

Company, allowing him to take risks all over Great Britain. At the same time treaties were entered into with the London and Lancashire entered into with the London and Lancashre Insurance Company to do an Indian and Continental business jointly with them. With your permission I shall, read you the estimated business as per statements received from our manager in England, and will admit that up to this time (1881) our business then showed a this time (1881) our business then showed a profit. But I need not inform yon, gentlemen, that it is usually very plain sailing for the first year or two with any firm which has credit. It is only when perhaps the third, fourth or fifth years come round that they begin to find out whether they are making or losing money. So it is with the insurance business. From the 1st. of July, 1880, to 31st January, 1881, we had done a foreign business of £23,952; deducting say a foreign business of £23,952; deducting say 30 per cent, for expenses left net £16,766. We sustained losses of £14,020 which showed, as you see, a gain of only £2,737. The amount we had at risk for that trilling sum was £5,088,500, or say in round numbers, 25 million delars! Now, gentlemen, I will not trouble you with each month's business, but I wish you to pay particular attention to the next statement which I will read, because it was at this time which I will read, because it was at this time that your directors began to doubt the wisdom of continuing such a business as this exhibit

In the twelve months, from the first of July, 1880, to the 30th June, 1881, the third year of our doing business across the Atlantic, we found the following results:

. PR	EMIUMS.	
	For June,	For the
	1881.	Year.
Russia	7000	£5,870
Austria	71	610
Germany	123	1,667
France	nothing reported	4,719
Italy	53	348
Belgium	40	293
N. W. Belginm	70	299
Denmark	4	254
Norway	17	313
Sweden	24	374
Smyrna	60	770
South Africa	57	1,120
General Foreign	- 4 1 Th	7
Trenty	661	5,095
Foreign Facultative	126	2,718
English	2,418	13,981
Direct Insurance	7	127
Gothenburg Royal	3	180
	£4,334	£38,738
Less 30 p. c. for		11,621
-		£27,117
Losses for the ye	ar	24,887
	•	
Gain	**** *** *	£2,230

The only localities in all this list which seemed to have given us a profit were Smyrna and South Africa; and although it is shown that we had made £2,230, when you take into consideration our increased liability of 15 million dollars our profit has disappeared. Let us look now at the amount we have at risk. In January we had about 25 million, in June we have £8,000,000 pounds, or say 40 million dollars, and only received for carrying that amount £38,738, or about 190,000 dollars. This, I remark, is at the rate of 48-42 cents per \$100, while in Ganada, on a much better selected business, we have a little over 15 million at risk and received 1 per cent, and in the United States The only localities in all this list which and received 1 per cent, and in the United States we had about 45 million and received 1.26 per cent. The reason for the increased rate in the United States over Canada is that we are receiving more specials; still it is a similar class of business to that which we were receiving in the Old World for 48.42 or less than half of one

per cent.

We said to ourselves, such a business is simply gambling. Receiving only such paltry amounts from those different countries, having no control or supervision of the business, getting only the poorer class of risks and at such low rates, it would never pay. And after watching month by month, and finding that from the 1st July, 1881, to 30th November of same year we had gone behind £6,034, or equal to about \$35,000 in five months we made up our minds to withdraw. And if there is any one thing which you, gentlemen, should pass a vote of censure on your present Board of Directors for, it is because they did not stop this business six months sooner.

I could go on reading monthly statements, subsequent, but that would not be fair, because our premium income from that foreign business our premium income from that foreign distinss had stopped, and our losses were still going on, I am sorry to say, at a tremendous rate. For on the 30th May of last year our losses over in-come had reached £14,643 or \$73,215, and they have still continued. But the worst is now past; our last loss in Britain was on the Alhambra Theatre in London, and a few months more will make us comparatively free.

will make us comparatively free.

I will now, gentlemen, discuss the United States branch of our business. We found by a statement prepared by our bookkeeper that when we entered that country we had made money, but at the date I speak of we seemed to be losing steadily. We sent for the general agents who had charge of the different departments, to discuss this matter with them and see if possible where the leak was, and to help them to change matters so that we night begin a fresh to change matters so that we might begin afresh and make some money. The only explanation we got from them for this state of affairs was this: They explained that they believed if we should pay them a little more in commission, should pay them a little more in commission, which would enable them to supervise the business more thoroughly, it would produce a different result. The Board did increase their commission to what they asked, and hoped good results would follow, but we were disappointed. At that time, you will observe, we had general agents throughout the United States, each had charge of the local agents in several States who reported direct to them, and who also sent the moneys due this Company to them. Thus, in reality, our business was controlled by those general agents—they sending the business to us, and the Company giving them three months' credit to remit the local agents' balances to Toronto. We paid them a commission on every risk for doing that business. risk for doing that business.

We have now done away with that system. Instead of general agents we have what are called in the United States special agents, or what we, in Canada, call inspectors, to examine every risk, and see whether the Company is receiving its fair share of the good business in each local agency, because that is where the foreign companies suffer the most in the United States, not receiving their fair share of the best business and too many of the special risks. Now your Directors are determined that this shall stop. If any local agent will not give us our fair share of the good business in his locality, our fair share of the good business in his locality, then he cannot represent the British America Assurance Company longer. As matters are now arranged, the special agent has power to make a change whenever he finds on examining the risks that such is the case; and instead of giving three months credit each agent is required to make the months of the case; and instead of giving three months credit each agent is required. to remit to Toronto not later than the 15th day of the following month. I am proud to be able to say that this plan is working well, and the money paid previously to general agents is now paid to inspectors, who are entirely in the employment of the Company, which the most of the general agents before were not, and we now pay all losses from the head office. Further, gentlemen, I am happy to say that, instead of the agents controlling the shareholders, the Directors now control the agents, and the policy of the Company is being carried out in a satisfactory manner. That policy is to do an insurance business on a legitimate basis. Namely that we must receive a fair rate for carrying the risk, so that the business of insurance will pay the shareholders a fair return for their investto remit to Toronto not later than the 15th day the shareholders a fair return for their investment, for, remember, all of your Directors are very large shareholders. Although our policy may be called a conservative one, still we are liberal underwriters, and write freely on the better classes of hazards if the rate is adequate, and although our gross assets and net surplus are less than when we met before, we believe

our property to be in a much better condition. I now beg to move the adoption of the report."

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. R. Forbes,

the Deputy-Governor.

Mr. Thos. R. Wood was reminded by the statement given how the Provincial Insurance Co. had formerly followed the very same track with respect to Foreign business, and the result turned out the same. "I never knew an insurance company to fail because it did too little business," said Mr. Wood, "it has always been because it did too much. Companies have always been aiming at big gross revenue, instead of net revenue." He referred to a company which did a very large business in the United States, taking premiums of \$4,500,000 in 1873-74; this its directors deliberately cut down until it reached rectors deliberately cut down until it reached \$2,500,000, with the result that more money was made out of the smaller receipts. "I hope," he continued, "that the results to this Company will be similar, and I shall look forward to a better statement at next annual meeting."

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Mr. H. L. Hime concluded, after listening to the Governor's explanations, that all must approve the action of the Directors. Though it may sound well, he said to be doing business in Smyrna, Trinidad, and other distant places, that does not compensate for the risks run. We are far better off doing business nearer home on small lines. In doing business of the kind described, "all over the world," there has been too much honor and too little profit.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Robert Thompson, in moving that the thanks of the shareholders be given to the Board, considered the report highly satisfactory. "We have got over the worst, and I think there is a great future ahead of this Company."

The Governor, in acknowledging the vote, admitted the gratification with which the thanks of the meeting were received. The Board had given a great deal of time to the business, and, speaking for himself, he was willing, if re-elected, to do all in his power for the best interests of the Company.

Mr. Morison having left the chair, it was taken by the Hon. Wm. Cayley.

Mr. Walter S. Lee then moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonell, a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. He had attended many such meetings, be said, and heard many explanations, but warp heaved. but never heard any so thoroughly in detail and given with such business-like precision. "None of us will deuy," said Mr. Lee, "that the Foreign business should be curtailed."

The motion was carried; the Governor thanked the shareholders for the vote, and the meeting

adjourned.

The scrutiners reported the following gentlemed elected directors for the ensuing gente-med selected directors for the ensuing year:— Messrs. John Morison, H. R. Forbes, Hon. Wm. Cayley, H. S. Northrop, George Boyd, John McLennan, M.P., J. Y. Reid, John Leys and Henry Taylor.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. John Morison was re-creeted Governor and Mr. H. R. Forbes, Deputy-Governor.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at their Head Offices, Toronto, the 27th ult., Mr. A. M. Smith, president, in the chair. The following report was submitted:—

REPORT.

The directors beg to submit their report to the shareholders on the business of the com-pany for the past year, with the profit and loss account and statement of assets and liabilities on 31st December last. It will be observed that the income of both fire and marine branches is in excess of previous years, notwithstanding the fact that the business has been largely curthe fact that the business has been largely curtailed on classes of risks that have hitherto proved unprofinable. In the fire department, while the Canadian business has yielded a profit to the Company, its experience in the United States has not been so satisfactory. The low rates that have generally prevailed, combined with more than a construction of lease have with more than an average ratio of losses, have

\$36,114 98

rendered the business to the companies as a whole profitable during the past two years, and a number of offices both in Canada and the United States have re-insured their risks and retired. This unfavorable experience has recently brought about the formation, in many sections, of organizations for establishing and maintaining adequate rates, from which your directors feel warranted in looking for more entificatory results in the more than the contract of the cont satisfactory results in the near future. In the marine branch the losses have been somewhat below the average of recent years, and, after deducting expenses, a profit is shown on the business transacted in that department. After business Transacted in that department. After all losses reported to the 31st December have been provided for, and two half-yearly dividends of six per cent. paid, the reserve fund and balance at credit of profit and loss account amounts to \$802,727.89. Deducting from this the uncarned premium on outstanding risks, \$473,540.00, a net surplus remains, over capital and all liabilities, of \$329,187.89. The directors feel assured that the stock-holders share with them their regret at the loss the company has recently sustained by the death of two members them their regret at the loss the company has recently sustained by the death of two members of the board—the Hon. John McMurrich, who has been a director for the past twenty-three years, and has since the year 1865 ably filled the office of president of the company; and Mr. James Michie, who has occupied a seat at the board for the past sixteen years. To both these gentlemen the company is deeply indebted for their active and faithful services during their long terms of office. The vacancies thus caused have been filled by the election of A. M. Smith, Esq., a president, and A. T. Fulton, Esq., and George McMurrich, Esq., to the directorate.

J. J. Kenny,

63,980 00

J. J. Kenny, Managing Director.
Western Assurance Offices,
Toronto, February 28, 1883.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUN	T.	, , ,
Fire losses, including an appro- priation for all claims reported		
Marine losses, including an appro-	\$818,604	88
priation for all claims reported	· •	٠.
to Dec. 31st, 1882	220,532	45
sion, and all other charges	359,117	95
Dividend paid July 7th, 1882 Dividend payable January 8th.	24,000	00
1883	24,000	00
Depreciation in investments	2,222	
Sundry accounts written off	3,450	
Balance	2,727	89
	1 451 055	5.1
Dalance from last year	1,454,655 \$ 774	63
Fire premiums\$1,171,977 43	φ 11· 1	00
Fire premiums\$1,171,977 43 Marine premiums 383,904 33		
		
\$1,555,881 76		. *
Less re-insurance		
thereon 193,131 61		
Interest	1,363,750	15
Carried from reserve fund	48,130 43,000	13
	43,000	
S	1,454,655	51
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid up\$	400,000	00
1303303 under adjustment	117,027	55
Dividend payable January 8th	111,021	00
1883	24,000	00
		
Paranna II 1	541,027	55
Reserve Fund \$800,000 00 Balance—Profit and	200 mg	÷.
loss 2,727 89		4.35 A
2,121 89	802,727	90
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\$.	1,343,755	44
Cash on hand and in banks	F0.141	**
Debentures		
United States bonds and deposits	150,457	21
Loan and Investment Company	591,320	UU
Stocks Stocks	00.000	

New York Central and Hudson	Barting Assess
River ran way bonds	100,500 00
Mortgages	26,850 00
DRIIR STOCKS	75,465 00
Dominion of Unnada stock	5,885 00
Bills receivable—Marine premiums	69,834 90
Interest due and accrued	3,832 95
Company's building Re-insurance due from other com-	57,440 00
Agents' balances and sundry ac-	28,603 31
counts	93,445 31
S	1.343.755 44

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Western Assurance Company :-

GENTLEMEN, -The undersigned beg to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1882, the securities and vouchers have also been examined and found correct, and in accordance with the statement herewith appended.

R. R. CATHRON, JOHN M. MARTIN, Auditors.

Toronto, Feb. 13th, 1883.

In moving the adoption of the report, the President referred in feeling terms to the death of his predecessor in office, the Hon. John McMurrich, and the late Mr. Michie.

The report was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks tendered to the directors for their services during the past year. It was also resolved to have a portrait of the late president executed for the company's board-room.

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The following gentlemen were elected as directors for the ensuing year, viz.:—Messrs. A. M. Smith, Charles Magrath, John Fisken, Robert Beaty, Noah Baruhart, Wm. Gooderham, A. T. Fulton, George McMurrich and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the board held subsequently, Mr. A. M. Smith was re-elected president, and Mr. Charles Magrath vice-president.

MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Seventh Annual Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

To the Stockholders of the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company:

GRATLEMEN,—We, your Directors, submit the following as our report of the business of your Company for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1883.

During the past year 3519 policies and renewals were issued for insurance, amounting to \$3,570,997, on which we received for premiums the sum of \$49,107.20. This shows an increase on the business of the previous year of 540 in the number of policies and renewals 540 in the number of policies and renewals issued, \$519,163 in the amount of insurance granted, and \$10,434.96 in the amount of premiums received.

We also received the sum of \$3,447.63 for interest on our investments, which makes our total receipts for the year \$52,554.83.

Expenditure for the year \$42,404.98.

Showing a balance of \$10,149.85 in the Company's favour, which is disposed of as fol-

Dividend No. 7 for 1882 Claims under adjustment Sundry Liabilities	1,000	00 40
Suspense Account Carried to Reserve	1 970	61
	\$10,149	85

Our losses were all promptly paid without litigation.

Our total assets have increased from \$47,345 .-

97 to \$52,646.29.
The total insurance in force on 31st December last was \$3,721,219, and the reinsurance liability on these risks is \$21,123.38.

The Secretary's Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, Assets and Liabilities, the certified Report of your Auditors and a list of

the Stockholders of the Company with the amount of stock held by each, are herewith submitted for your information.

There are no calls on any of the shares in default.

On behalf of the Board,

ISAAC E. BOWMAN, President. P. H. Sims, Secretary.

Waterloo, 13th January, 1883. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Receipts.

Dec. 31st, 1882. Balance Last Report..... \$27,858 13 49,107 20 Premiums Interest..... 3,447 63 \$80,412 96

Disbursements.

Dec. 31 st, 1882. Losses for 1881..... \$ 293 00 1,600 00 Dividend No. 6 for 1881 Losses for 1882..... 25,145.00 Re-insurance and cancelled prems. 4,985 G2 Agents' Commissions and Bonuses Salaries and Directors' fees...... 6,805 01 3,075 20 Postage, Printing and Advertising Adjusting Losses and Inspecting 746.59 Risks.
Books and Stationery.... 663.99 241 57 100 00 296 81 Sundry Expenses..... 345 19 Balance..... 36,114 98

\$80,412 96 Assels. Cash at Head Office..... \$ 497 74

Cash on Account Molsons Bank...
Cash on Deposit " "
First Mortgages on Farms...
Office Furniture and Goad's Plans... 4,028 56 8,500 00 36,700 00 103 10 .3.055 71 Bills Receivable..... Agents' Balances..... 3,229 87 Interest accrued..... 1,042 32 \$57,157 30 Balance..... \$32,646 29 Stock paid up..... 20,000 00 Total Assets..... \$52,646 29 Liabilities. \$20,000 00 1,000 00 Dividend No. 7 for 1882..... 1,600 00 1,279 61 631 40 32,646 29

\$57,157 30 The amount deposited with the Treasurer of Untario is \$20,100.00.
Audited and found correct.

Balance....

ISRAEL D. BOWMAN, Auditors.

Thomas Hilliard, Januards.

On motion of the President, seconded by Charles Hendry, Esq., the foregoing reports were received and adopted.

The following gentlemen were duly elected as Directors for the current year:—Messrs. I. E. Bewman, J. B. Snyder, Robert Melvin, J. B. Hughes, D. S. Bowlby, M.D., J. W. Walden, M.D., Cyrus Bowers and John Shuh.

Vote of thanks to the agents of the company. Moved by R. Melvin, Esq., seconded by D. S. Bowlby, M.D., and carried unanimously—Knowing that a very large measure of the success of the "Mercantile" is due to the care and good judgment of its excellent staff of agents in the selection of risks, and the energy and good judgment of its excellent statt of agents in the selection of risks, and the energy displayed by them in other ways in advancing the best interests of the Company, we cheerfully take this opportunity of tendering to them a hearty vote of thanks for their efficient and valuable services.

P. H. Sius, Secretary. Waterloo, 1st February, 1883.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A VOICE FROM THE PEOPLE.
To the Editor of JOHNAL OF COMMERCE,

DEAR Sin,-Permit men few remarks on the Insolvency question from a Retailer's stand-point.

It is true that with the introduction of the law forbidding duelling insolence has increased.

It is true that a few States and nations that had abolished the death penalty have removed that system of punishment in defence of the

lives of the people.

It is true that in commerce men repudiate debts who would shrink-from prison. Instances might be multiplied to prove these premises. But you ask what have those to do with insotvency. Little, perhaps, only as linger-posts. The proposition may seem a barbarous one, but here it it:—"Let us have no Insolvency Legislation, but, instead, re introduce the old system of imprisonment for debt. Make it retro-active, and witness the scattering amongst the gambling aristocracy. The seal-skin sacques are transferred to the shoulders of the rightful owners. The fraternity of jowellers are seen weeping on the streets; and gaushing of teeth would be the fate of the great army of cornorants who speculate on margins and definde the

people."

But, seriously, whatever insolveney legislation may be brought about it is to be hoped that the Bill will contain a clause compelling creditors, under heavy penaltics, to criminally prosecute all delimpent debtors who do not show up a clear record. We have laws to punish frand, but it is to be feared many escape by means of the easy "compromise." There should be no compromise where frand is suspected without searching investigation. The absence of certain books which every business requires (whether cash or credit) should be prima facie evidence of frand, unless their absence is satisfactorily accounted for. Such a clause is satisfactorily accounted for. Such a clause is due to the hard-worked, plodding country merchant. His work is no sinecure: it is grind, grind, grind, early and late, in senson and out of season. In most cases he lives economically, and true to keep up appearances, but all at once he sees in the Joursal of Commence that his neighbor, so and so, has compromised. Now, good-bye profits for three months to come. His neighbor has already every available spot lettered: "Great Bankruptey Sale," "Goods being slaughtered," etc., etc. The public are drawn and it is no sham. Goods which are as staple as whent are sacrificed for what they will fetch. (The writer has known many such enses.)

When stocks are taken from debtors and sold same way for benefit of creditors, the loss to the honest dealer is the same. Now in these cases the losses to the wholesale merchants are considerable, but nothing in comparison to the loss sustained by the Insolvent's next-door neighbor. He cannot sell his goods at a profit, consequently they are unsold and lay over till next season. But the notes will mature. He cannot pay. A writ issues. An assignment follows, and the same thing is repeated. Weary and disheartened, he moves west, and is lost to sight, whereas his sharp neighbor, who can sell lots of goods, is kept in business; and a year hence, compromises quietly again, and no questions are asked -merely because he can sell lots of goods, and so the thing goes on. All this time the wholesale merchant is living at his ease. He goes to business at It, and leaves at 4 o'clock. His family travel in Europe. His mansion is brown stone, and he lives on the fat of the had. If he has a white travel. of the land. If he has pushing travellers, his customers' paper will float it all; if not, and he has a stender back-hone, down it comes. His creditors in their turn suffer. But he is too fine a gentle-man to go west. His friends organize a new Insurance Company for his special benefit, and he becomes first-president, and agents are sent out to coax the money from the people who work; and the purple and fine linen are again set up, and he is a Christian gentleman; contributes largely for church purposes, is standing chairman for all missionary and philanthropic inectings, and is a first-rate fellow generally. The man who went west grows the grain to feed him and many more, but the latter is nobody—never mention them in the name category.

An insolvency law should mean something more than a law to protect sharpers. If we have one at all, let it be a law for the people.

I am, yours respectfully, Country Merchant.

Essex Centre, Ont., February 20th, 1883.

We regret to learn of the suspension of the respectable and old-established firm of Henry Chapman & Co., of this city, wholesale grocers and wine merchants. The troubles are directly attributable to recent losses in this city, but the business has not been of the most satisfactory character for some time. The firm were interested to some extent in the recent failure of Senceal, Cadieux & Co. Messrs. Wonham and Cowan, who succeeded the late Henry Chapman some ten years ago, having been connected with the firm for years, are both men of the highest integrity, and will have the sympathy of the entire business community in what, it may be hoped, will prove only a temporary difficulty.

Messus. Goldstein, Islands & Co., who began in the leaf tobacco business here last Spring, have suspended. Mr. Islands, who came from the South-West, appears to have retired from the concern some two mouths ago. The elder Goldstein has carried on a retail eigar business in St. Lawrence Main street with another son, and was also interested in a branch at Quebec. Losses by recent failures in this city—noted elsewhere—are said to be the cause of the trouble. As the eigar and tobacco traders are more or less related in business, it is feared that one or two further failures will result among the retail dealers.

J. S. CROTHERS, confectioner, Belleville, who started some eight years ago, is again in trouble. Having recently been sued, he is reported to have assigned in trust. With a small capital he appears to have done a fair business, though perhaps not in the most careful manner; his losses are attributed to want of business capacity more than to want of trade or to bad debts. He no doubt lost money by teams which he kept on the road selling goods.

Pione & Sons, tanners, Arthabaskaville, Que., have assigned with liabilities of \$16,000. —The dry goods firm of St. Marie & Thibeault, this city, are again in trouble, and have assigned to Mr. Tetn, who bought the stock for them about a year ago. A. Racine & Co., of this city, have seized before judgment for about \$700, and the matter will be brought into Court. Liabilities not large, chiefly due to Mr. Tetu. No statement ready.

MR. A. ANSELL, retail cigar dealer, on St. James and St. Catherine streets, this city, has assigned to Mr. S. C. Fatt. Troubles owing to having given "accommodation paper." Liabilities about \$11,000.

Financial and Commercial.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 8th March, 1883.

There is little animation noticeable in trade, and fluctuations in values since last Thursday have been few, and, with one or two exceptions, unimportant. Further business troubles, whether from overtrading, or less serious and more easily remedied causes, having occurred, both

buyers and sellers are pursuing their operations with grea er caution; and as trade disturbances are becoming more marked in the States and in Great Britain than in Canada it is feared that some weeks may clapse before there will be much renewed activity here. Remittances gradually improving, since the farmers commenced to market their grain more freely, but the snow-blockades throughout Canada continue to seriously retard retail business. Good commercial paper is still taken by the banks at 7 to 74 per cent, and call loans on stocks to be had at 61 to 7. Sterling exchange about steady, at 108? for sixty day bills, and 1093 to 1091 for demand. Drafts on New York, & to a premium. The Stock market has ruled dull and weak for bank stocks. Money has been easier, but trade disturbances have had a counteracting influence upon the market, and City Gas is about the only stock in which there has been any activity or speculative dealings. Gas has advanced 24 per cent for the week, while Montreal and Merchants show an advance of only 1 and 1 p.c. respectively. Bank stocks further declined on an average 1 to 1 per cent to day, and the market closed weak, with a partial recovery, however, from the morning's decline. See comparative table on another page for the week's fluctuations in values.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—As the season advances orders per travellers are not so numerous as some weeks ago, but manufacturers continue very busy making and shipping goods of all kinds for the spring trade. Some houses report that country merchants are not paying as well as formerly, and attribute the falling-off to their having bought large Fall stocks, considering the amount of business done since.

CATTLE, ETC.—Recent cable advices from London and Liverpool report cattle a shade easier while Glasgow is steady at 8d for good Canadian steers, and the best sheep were selling at 10d, sinking offal.! The offerings at the local markets last Monday comprised about 200 head, there being a good enquiry, and prices ruled firm. Best steers sold at from 5ic to 5ic per 1b. live weight; medium to fair grades realizing from 4½c to 5c, and leaner grades ranged from 3c to 4c. About 25 Cabes were under offer, and sales were made at from \$2 50 to \$10 each as to size and quality. A small number of Sheep sold at from \$4 to \$9 each.

Daugs and Chemicals.—Business drags slowly along, and dealers do not anticipate a large business this spring. Buyers are very cautious, and stocks coming forward by spring ships will be lighter than usual. In prices there are little or no changes to note, but it is anticipated that freights will not be so high as last year, and this may affect values for the cheaper lines of goods. Sal Soda is being offered now in lots to arrive ex-ship at 971c to \$1.05. This is really the only article offering as yet. Quinite in the New York market is if anything weaker, and this market is relatively lower for German Quinine than Germany itself. Gum Arabics have stiffened both in England and the United States.

Day Goods.—The opening days of the leading millinery houses this week attracted a fair number of country dry goods buyers, but so little time having elapsed since placing their Spring orders with travellers their present selections from the well-assorted stocks in the leading warehouses are light. A larger number of Western customers is expected here next

week. On the whole business is fairly active, some firms reporting the volume of trude thus far this season larger than that for the like period last year, notwithstanding the rough, stormy weather. That business in the country has been seriously retarded by the snow-blockades there is no denying, but travellers who have returned from their Spring trip say that the country retail trade is not in such a bad condition as is supposed; merchants are not carrying over nearly as heavy Fall stocks as last year, and are buying much lighter this season for the Spring trade. Payments on the 4th inst. were quite satisfactory in some houses, showing an improvement, while in one or two others they are reported not up to the mark. The farmers are apparently selling their grain more freely now, upon rising markets, and a corresponding improvement in remittances is expected. The agents for some of the woollen factories report that they have already sold out for next Fall's trade.

Fish.—Market quiet; no sales of consequence reported. Cod Fish is easier, as the season advances, quoted at \$6.50 for No. 1 and \$5.25 to \$5.50 for No. 2. Supply of salt fish in first hands is light but ample, and values tend easy. Demand chiefly confined to fresh fish. Labrador Herrings sell at \$6.25 to \$6.50, and other kinds at \$4.50 to \$5.50. No. 1 Green Cod is worth \$7, and large draft \$7.25; Dry Cod, \$6.00 to \$6.25; British Columbia Salmon, \$17.00; white fish, \$6.00 per half-barrel, and trout \$5.25 do. Holders of White Fish and Trout are rather anxious sellers. Fresh Frozen herring quoted at 90c per 100, and snoked finnan haddies at 7c to 7½c per lb.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—English wheat markets quiet and easier this week; spot wheat in Liverpool however has been in fair demand. The week's imports in the United Kingdom show an increase of 5,000 brls. flour and a decrease of 70,000 qrs. wheat and 50,000 qrs. corn; compared with the week previous. Chicago wheat market sustained quite a "break" yesterday, prices closing nearly to lower, but a partial recovery is wired to-day, the market being a fraction stronger for both wheat and corn. New York grain market also easier the last two days. In the local market wheat buyers, under the influence of foreign advices, are holding off, and coarse grains continue dult; last week's quotations nominally unchanged. The local Flour market shows signs of weakness under absence of demand and accumulating supplies; to effect sales holders would probably make slight concessions.

Furs.—Reports of the London fur sales indicate a slight advance for silver and white fox; red fox and fisher held their own, while cross fox and otter were slightly lower. The offerings of raw furs here for the week show a falling off as compared with previous weeks. The small lots of Fox and Skunk that have been marketed meet with slow sale at previous quotations.

GROCKHES.—Not a great deal of business doing in Groceries, and values of goods slow, but very trifling changes. Teas.—Ordinary demand only, and with prices just as about last reported. Low Japans in New York have been dealt in to some extent, while the high qualities there are not active. Sugars.—Steady for Refined, all kinds, with moderate enquiry. In West India Grocery grades almost nothing doing here at the moment. Molasses slightly easier again, say to extent of about \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to 1c for Barbadoes. Other kinds neglected. Good Syrups steady. Coffee.—Rio has kept well up to late advance, but still this and similar kinds are very moderate in price, and consumption of the genuine article ought to increase. Mocha maintains extreme prices abroad. Rice dull. Spices.—Pepper quite firm. Other Spices nominally as before. Fruits—Valentia Raisins have sold slightly lower to close consignment.

Held in common way with but little relaxation.
Malaga Raisins dull. Other Fruits as well as
Nuts and Almonds remain inactive.

Hardware and Irox.—There is little of interest that is new to note concerning the iron and hardware trade. Dealers report that business has been interfered with considerably this season by the Ontario elections, snowblockades, etc., and that travellers are only doing a moderate business in the country. Payments fair. The market rules quiet for Bar Iron, Tin Plates and other metals, at unaltered quotations. In Pig Iron there has been no movement of consequence yet; buyers appear to be holding back their Spring orders, although Gartsherrie & Coltness have been sold to a limited extent for Spring delivery on the basis of \$23.50 for No. 1, and a lot of Eglinton is also said to have changed hands at about \$21.50 for Spring delivery. "Warrants" are cabled lower, at 47s. 3d.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Market remains quiet. The offerings of both domestic or foreign Hides during the week have been light, and quotations rule steady and unchanged. The demand from tanners is fair, not active, as the native hides are commencing to be grabby. It is moreover stated that tanners can in most instances buy only for cash, as dealers are becoming cautions in the present unsettled condition of affairs in the trade. Western States hides are quoted at 9½c to 9½c for No. 1, and 7½c to 6½c for No. 2. Sheepskins steady at \$1.10 for the bulk of the offerings; they are rather scarce but not much wanted. A lot of between 5,000 and 6,000 skins were bought in the Lower Provinces last week by a Montreal wool dealer on p.t., but it is believed that they cost as much as he would have had to pay in this market. A Lower Parts dealer is reported to have sold a lot of some 1,500 skins in this market this week at 65c, after having refused 85c at home.

LEATHER.—Market continues quiet, with nothing new to note. Stocks have increased during the week, and to move round lots sellers would have to make concessions. Transactions in Sole and black leathers have been only moderate, almost confined to supplying immediate wants. Manufacturers are said to be holding off, still Upper and Splits are accumulating, and some houses are making shipments to England to relieve this market. A round lot of French Calf is reported sold at \$1.35.

MILLINERY.-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of this week were opening days in all the large millinery and funcy goods houses for the sale of Spring goods. The attendance of buyers from all parts was large; and while a wise degree of caution is evidently being observed by country merchants this season, leading houses report that on the whole the aggregate of sales is quite as large as for last Spring. The novelties in both designs and colors are exceedingly rich and unique, especially the displays of Messrs. John MacLean & Co., and Thos. May & Vo. Among The novelties in both designs and the highest novelties shown by the former black Ottoman silk-brocaded Dolmans, with pullings and the new rat-tail fringe, and half Dolmans of Cachemire des Indes, trimmed with Cachemire rat-tail ornaments and fringe. The long Dolmans are quite out of fashion; short garments of the Bisete style will be worn this season. Another unique article is the Ilalf-cut Dolman, trimmed with gold braid and buttons. A leading feature, and an important one in the most fashiounble New York houses, for this season is the shapely Jersey Jacket and Polonaise, buttoned down before, in what are strictly the season's colors: Fraisé, Fraisée Berassée, (Urushed Strawberry), Framboise, Pongee, Electric, Cherry, etc. A large quantity of Greant and Cream will also be Ludies' hand-painted Fichus, on China silk, trimmed with lace, are quite popular. Hats this season are large, the most fashionable being

Chips, Belgian Split, and colored Manillas; Chips are expected to be quite scarce, later on. Bouncts are small, the Poke being the principal In trimmings plain Ottomans and shane. Cashmere effects are popular; flowers are chiefly naturals, but Ostrich plumes are largely sold, and velvet and Autumn tints (unusual features) are prevalent. Another departure is the use of humming birds, said to be a New York development. Ribbons are shown in great variety, and while the extreme fashion calls for very narrow widths, chiefly in velvet, medium and broad ribbons meet with a large sale-particularly a broad sash having for the design a large velvet pansy on a satin ground, used as crowns for bonnets. The novelty in laces is the introduction of the season's colors, already named. The demand is large, and the Soutache and heavy Spanish laces are probably source and neavy spanish nees are properly the newest. Fancy collars are taking the place of rufflings, and in silk dress goods, rich Ottoman and Ottoman Broches will be worn. Beads, which have been so prominent for two seasons, continue a leading feature, especially for inckets.

Ous.—In sympathy with an advance in England, together with the influence of a slightly increased demand, the market for Linseed is much firmer; dealers quoted raw at 62c to 64c per imperial gallon, and boiled at 65c to 68c. No round lot transactions reported.

PETROLEUM.—Stagnation is the ruling feature in this market. And lack of confidence prevents all sales beyond covering actual needs, price declined further to 13c, Petrolin, equal, to 16c here in car lots.

Provisions.—There was a decline of 6d each for lard and bacon in Liverpool yesterday; pork and tallow were unchanged. The Chicago hog market opened steady at Tuesday's prices, and afterwards advanced 5e to 10c per 100 lbs.; estimated receipts were 7,500. In the home market business appears to be improving; Western Mess Pork has been selling in car load lots at \$21.50, and in jobbing lots at \$22. A fair jobbing demand has been experienced for Canada Mess also at \$22 to \$22.50.

Lard—Very little of Fairbanks' in market; it is worth 143c to 143c, as to size of lot, and Canada lard has been in fair request, at 14c to 142c for pails and tubs. The season for smoked meats has pans and the season for smoker means has scarcely opened yet, and prices rule nominal at the figures previously quoted. Dressed Hogs steady, at slightly lower prices than a week ago as the season is rapidly drawing to a close; yesterday \$8.40 was offered for fine heavy hogs, and for jobbing lots, \$8.50 has been paid, but light weights are quoted at only \$8,30. Receipts for the week light; dealers state that nearly all the hogs from the best sections of Ontario have been marketed, and that what remain to come for-ward are Northern hogs, and less desirable for packing than those from Essex county. The season has not proved a very profitable one for dealers who brought on hogs from the West, as the keen competition at points of production left little margin for handling them here. Eggs, under liberal receipts for the time of year, are duli and ensier; holders are asking 27c to 28c for fresh stock, but buyers are holding off. Limed eggs, of which there are none in the market, are worth about 20c.

Wool.—Latest American advices report the markets bare of fine wools, for which values have advanced 2c to 3c per lb. This market is also bare of fine wools, and while no advance in prices has occurred, holders of the small stocks here are decidedly firm in their views. A fair enquiry is reported for fine grades of domestic descriptions, but coarse grades are neglected. Transactions only moderate and confined to small lots to supply the immediate wants of manufacturers. The London wool sales are progressing satisfactorily, and values are so strong that orders for Canadian account have not been executed, although buyers have had their limits advanced 2c per lb.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

TORONTO, March 8, 1883.

It has been apparent to contractors for the past, two months that building operations will be restricted in Toronto this senson. A recent estimate of work in the hands of architects, and projected otherwise, will not much exceed \$300,000. This is not a quarter of what was expended in buildings last year. Wholesale trade is not brisk, but dealers are not despondent. Dry goods are moving, and the millinery openings this week have attracted a number of buyers. Groceries are dull, but the aggreg ate sales have been not greatly disappointing. Boots and shoes are not active, and leather dealers recognise this in the quiet character of their business also. In Manitoha business is reported most embarrassing to wholesale dealers. Renewals are said to be common, and the dealers here are generally willing to grant extensions. Remittances have been disappointing, but there is a large portion of the wheat erro of 1882 still in the farmers' barns. And although prices are not expected to be much better than they are at present, there is still produce to bring to market that will realize a large amount of money. In matters of finance there is not any change to note during some weeks. Ommercial paper is discounted at 7 per cent for first, class and 7½ to 8c for less desirable, according to security, and for renewals. On the Stock Exchange there has not been much variation of prices during the week, and the aggregate business has been below the average. Indeed sales have been particularly light during the past few days. The following table shows the closing bids to-day compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Rid Mar.	Bid Mar. S.	Loun Cos.	Mar. 7	3id . Str. 8.
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FLOUR AND MEAL.—The breadstuffs markets are all weaker than they were a week ago. The demand for flour has decreased, and holders are now asking more than buyers will give. Superior Extra is quoted at \$4.63, but buyers are not auxious even at that. It is not worth more

than \$4.60, and uninspected Superior is not worth more than \$4.60. Extra is nominal at \$4.50. It appears that the bulk of opinion is that flour will be cheaper again before March is out. The stock here on Monday last [was 6,070 barrels, an increase of 1,750 barrels since the Monday previous, and against 7,648 barrels on March 81h, 1882. Outment is only in moderate demand, and prices are steady at \$4.90 and \$5, in large lots; and jobbing at \$5.10. Cornment is also in small demand, and at unchanged prices, at \$3.60 to \$3.75 for lots and \$4 for single barrels. Shorts quoted at \$18 to \$20 for car lots of medium quality. Bran is in good demand and sold yesterday at \$13.50 on the track.

Wheat.—The transactions in wheat have fallen off considerably. The quotations of the Liverpool market, it is found, would not warrant the prices paid here. And the opinions of the growing crops and prospects for next harvest have not had weight against the certainties of the surplus of the crops of 1882. The estimated surplus in the wheat exporting countries is known to be much greater than what is now the estimated deficiency in the growing crops, and this knowledge is against any permanent advance until more definite knowledge can be had of the future. The American market has declined in the past few days, and shows signs of further weakness. Quotations in this market are: No.2 Fall, \$1.03; No.3 Fall, \$1; No. 1 Spring, \$1.10; No. 2 Spring, \$1.08; No. 3 Spring, \$1.05, and Goose Wheat at 97c and 98c.

Coarse Grains and Seeds.—The market has been steady all round, and prices well maintained. It is thought probable that barley will be firmer on account of the American duty being reduced from 15c to 10c. The maltsters here are depressed over the increase of duty on malt entering the United States. No. 1 barley is quoted at 77c; No. 2 at 73c; 3 extra at 66c; No. 3 northern barley at 56c; and western No. 3 at 53c. There were in store on Monday Inst 130,566 bushels; on the Monday previous 130,652; against 234,448 Mar. 6, 1882, and 339,894 bushels on Mar. 7, 1881. Peas are in fair demand, and shipping lots are worth 76c and 77c. Outs are still in light supply and prices are maintained, selling at 44c for Western and 43c for Eastern in car lots. Rye nominal at 31c. Canadian Corn 62c on the track. Red Clover steady, and bought now only for the local market at \$7.25 to \$7.50 or \$7.75 for choice lots of well cleaned. Alsike bought at \$9 to \$12. Timothy is more active and improved, bringing \$2.10 up to \$2.40, according to quality, per bushel of 48 lbs.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—Trade is dull. During the past four days there have been about 250 cattle in the western market. They sold at from 4c to 54c per lb. live weight. The condition of the cattle offering now is better than it was since Christmas. The supplies are still below the demand.

Provisions.—Trade is quiet; jobbing lots are moving. Meats are firm. Bacon held at 11½e for long clear; 10½e for Cumberland ent; 13½e for breakfast; 12½e to 13e for rolls. These are quotations for box lots. Lard has advanced, and is now quoted at 14e for tubs and 14½e for pails. Hams, prices unchanged, with moderate demand: Sweet pickled 12½e; smoked 13½e. Butter is in good demand and becoming scarce; top grades are still high, and worth 20e to 23e for good to choice dairy; 18e and 19e for large rolls, good quality; and 13e to 16e for store packed, according to quality. Cheese is steady and price a shade higher; common 12½e, medium to fine 13e to 14e. There is no chance for export with these prices paid here. Eggs are declining: strictly fresh are sold at 24e for buskets and 22½e for boxes; pickled are nearly unsaleable, and certainly not worth over 18e. Drid Apples in fair demand, selling at 9½e to 10c, which is high; and 17e to 18e for evaporated. Pork quoted at \$21 to \$22, according to

brand. Beeff sells in a jobbing way at \$14 for prime and \$15 for mess.

OTHER PRODUCE.—Polatoes are unchanged and in good supply; 65c per bag in car lots; 75c on the street. Apples \$2 to \$3 on the street; \$3 to \$4 for good to choice in store. Hogs are nearly all sold. Sales of small lots have been made at \$8.10; a lot of 500 was sold on Monday at \$8 outside, and freight to Toronto would make price \$8.15, but \$8.20 would be paid for good lots. The estimated number of hogs packed in Toronto from Nov. 1st to March 1st is 32,000. Hops nominal at 95c to \$1.05. Poultry unchanged; turkeys 14c; geese 9c per lb; ducks 80c to 90c per pair; fowls 60c to 70c per pair. Onions \$2 to \$2.25 per barrel. Eggs 24c. Tallow buying at 81c and selling at 81c for rendered; and rough buying at 44c.

Petroleum.—There is a good trade being done still. American refined is unchanged, selling at 26c for prime and 30c for water white. Canadian refined is lower, selling at 18c for single barrels and 17fc for larger lots. Prices are reported steady at present.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no change in the market. Cured hides are quoted at from 73c to 8c, with sales slow. Green hides buying at 7c for cows and 8c for steers. Sheep and Lamb skins bought at \$1.25 to \$1.30. Calfshins, cured 13c to 15c.

GROCERIES.—Trade keeps dull. Sugars are firm. A sale of 75 barrels yellow refined was made yesterday at 71c and 71c. Teas are steady; market all round firm. Syrups, common, 55c to 57c; amber 62c to 66c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business is quieter than it was last week, in nearly all lines. Quotations of leading articles are: Glycerine 38c to 40c; hops \$1 per lb; Cream Tartar 38c to 40c; turpentine 92c per gall.; linseed oil, raw 67c, boiled 71c; madder 13c to 14c.

Fuel.—The market here is well supplied with both coal and wood. Prices are maintained, but they will be lower before the month is out, it is thought. Coal all sorts, hard and soft, delivered \$6.50 per ton; steam coal \$4.50 to \$5.50; pea-nut, a size less than ordinary small nut, \$5.50.—This coal is coming into general favor on account of cheapness and quality. Hard wood is abundant at \$5.50 and

LEATHER.—Business is dull, manufacturers are buying only from hand to mouth. Quotations are unchanged.

Hardware.—Business is reported improving. It is looked for that builders' supplies will be in demand immediately. Orders at present are of a general character. Quotations are:—Nails 10d to 60d \$3.05 to \$3.10; 8d and 9d \$3.35 to \$3.40; 6d and 7d \$3.65 to \$3.75; 4d and 5d \$3.75 to \$3.85; 3d \$4.10 to \$4.20. Glass, 25 and under \$2.10; 26 x 40 \$2.25; 41 x 50 \$2.55. Tin, grain, 27c to 28c; ingot, 23c to 27c. White Lead per keg, \$1.50 to \$2. Manilla Rope, 124c to 13c per 1b. Glue, 8c to 20c per 1b.

Wool... There is no improvement noticed in trade nor in prices. Small orders from the factories are filled at previous prices. There was hope of some demand from the United States for Canadian fleece, but it has not reached to any figure of advantage. Canadian is quoted nominal at 18c to 20c; Supers sell at 27c and 28c; Extra Supers at 31c to 34.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, 3.00 p.m.—Wheat, April, \$1.031; May, \$1.33; June, \$1.14. Corn, April, 583c; May, \$623c; June, 623c. Oats, April, 423c; May, 443c; June, 444c. Lard, April, \$11.35; May, \$11.50; June, \$11.55. Pork, April, \$18.171; May, \$18.424; June, \$18.60.

New York, 3.30 p.m.—Wheat, No. 2 Red, March, Sl.21&: April, \$1.23&; May, \$1.25\; June, \$1.26\\$. Corn, March, 72c; April, 72\\$c; May, 72\\$c; June, 72\\$c.

Milwaukee, 2.30 p.m.—Wheat, March, \$1.06 $\frac{7}{8}$; April, \$1.08 $\frac{7}{8}$; May, \$1.13 $\frac{1}{2}$.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 8, 1883.

(Beerbohm's Advices.) Cargoes off Coast—Wheat and Corn, inactive. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and Corn rather easier. Mixed American Maize off Coast tale quale 32s 3d to 32s 6d. Quantity Maize on passage for U. K., 340,000. Wheat and Flour, 2,250,000. Liverpool Wheat on Spot quiet but steady. Corn easier. Liverpool Mixed Maize 6s 43d. Canadian Peas 7s 11d. No. 2 Red Winter Wheat for prompt shipment 46s 6d, present 46s 6d. Weather in England—heavy snow storms prevalent. Paris—Wheat quiet, flour steady. Wheat quiet, flour steady.

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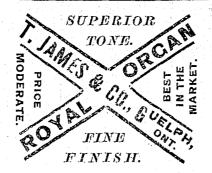
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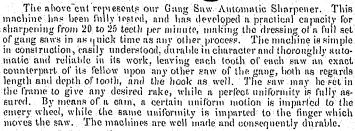
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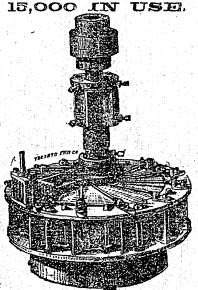
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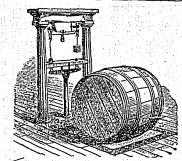
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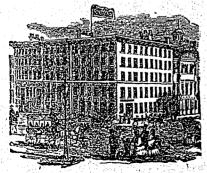
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Canada Life Citizens (Life) Confederation		4,137,203,56 136,070,60 643,138,81	\$ cts. 326,752.00 † 185,915.66	*8 28}
Mutual Life North American Ontario Mutual Sun Toronto		142,227,60 28,932,83 309,606,50 \$411,199,68 29,921,79	2,430,64 27,495,15 64,824,07 7,647,36	8 <u>1</u> 9 15 <u>1</u> 251

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