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Tres Quebec Legislative Council has cost $\$ 1,200,000$ aince Confederation.

Tre lobster pack of Westmoreland county, N.B., shows an increase of 5,400 cases over last season.
F. J. MoCotonmon, who. levanted from Woodstock, leaving several creditors, has been arrested in St. Thomas.

The gold fever has again broken out in Belleville. A rioh discovery is reported from the fifth concession of Marmora.

Tue picking of the Egyptian cotton crop is now finished. The cotton is said to be of good quality, and the yield $3,750,000$ ćantars.

Cloak manufacturers are busy in preparations for the spring campaign. They are conspicuously silent as to the style probabilities of the coming eeason, but enough has leaked out of cortain representative designing rooms to indicate that the jaoket

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Puoes of tin plate are somewhat weaker in England in view of the fact that there are now over 400,000 bozes of cokes in stock at ihipping points.

The dry goods stock of Geo. B. Lowe, of Ridgetown, invoiced at $\$ 5,699$ has been sold by auction to Sovereign \& Co., of Simcoe for $72 \frac{1}{2}$ cents in the dollar.
J. B. Phamondon, is a very small storekeeper at St. Louis de Bonsecours who has been compelled to throw up the sponge. His liabilities will not exceed $\$ 900$.

Gunoisnimo Bros., of Preston, have failed in their efforts to secure a compromise. As a consequence the firm have assigned, and the business is being carried on by trustees.

A joint meeting of the Board of Trade of Chatham and the County Council has been arranged to discuss the establishing. of a beet augar establishment in the County of Kent.

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Tae atock of coffee at Havre on Saturday was 239,000 bage, of which 144,000 bage were Brazils, against 236,000 bags, inoluding 145,000 bags Brazils, the same time last week.

Carosao men are said to contemplate organizing a company to insure railroads against loss by damage suits. Yersea, Kimball and othere are said to be interested in the scheme.

Or the $\$ 400,000,000$ worth of pine now standing in the forests of Georgia, $\$ 160,000,000$ worth has already been killed by the turpentine farmers, most of it within the last ten years.

Owing to the dullness of the coal trade most of the Wilkes. barre, Pa., mines will be closed for an indefinite period, throwing thousands of men out of employment at the beginning of winter.
'Ine U. S. Treasury Depariment has directed the collector of Customs at Gloucester, Mass, to admit free of duty fish caught in the waters of Newfoundland by the fishing vessels of Gloucester.

Ter British tenant farmer's delegates to the Lower Provinces are delighted with their trip down the Annapolis valley and with what they have seen generally in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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The sales of cheese at Utica during the season were 385,000 － boxes or 56,000 boxes less than last year．The average price for the season was 8.42 cents，which is $\frac{1}{4}$ cent less than last year＇s sverage．

A stony has reached Washington to the effect that the Mor－ mon settlers in Canada are believed to be encouraging the In． dians in the vicinity of their settlements to hostile demon－ strations．

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Chatham Loan \＆ Savings Company a dividend was declared at the rate of seven per cent per annum for the current half year ending December 31st， 1890.

Ons hundred and fifty cargoes of grind－stones，piling，etc．， were shipped from the Joggins this season，and $32,000,000$ super－ ficial feet of deals were exported from Parrsboro in 41 vessels of 36,000 tons．

The action taken some time ago by the Coaticooke Colton company against Mr ．JXm．Angus for some $\$ 0,000$ ．balance claimed on calls，has b等：dismissed by consent，each party pay－ ing their costs．

The Provincial Fat Stock Show，held in Guelph，in conjunc－ tion with the Guelph Fat Stock Club，has been very successful． There were 46 entries in cattle， 96 in sheep， 60 in dressed poul－ try，and 19 in pigs．

Prof．Selifyn，Chief of the Dominion Geological Survey，has received specimens of kerosene－soaked and from the Athababca region，and will recommend the Government to test for oil in that district next year．

Mary Dobe，furniture dealer，of Ottawa，is a weak risk who bought most of her stock in small lots，and was usually kept sharply up to time by her local creditors．Nevertheless we have now to chronicle her assigument．

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Tue Dominion Postmaster．General has made a new regula－ tion whereby，after January lat，third class postal matter，such as papers，maps，otc．，not fully prepaid，will bo forwarded to the address named and the money collected．

Hon．Measrs．Carling and Tupper have agreed to receive a Montreal and Quebec delegation representing the Canadian Cattle Shippers＇association and the Marine Underwritera＇as－ sociation regarding the Canadian cattle trade．

Advioes from Paris announce the formation of a bank under the auspices of the Vatican，with a capital of one hundred mil． lion frances，of which the Society of Jesus will subscribe one－half． The new concern will be called＂Le Credit．＂

After a long discussion in committee at the Toronto City Council，the aldermen decided in favour of retaining the clause prohibiting the ruaning of strest cars on Sunday，as propided in the conditions of the new sireet car agreement．

Tinsel passamenteries are popular just at present，but the impression is that bead effects are to be rehabilitated in the coming season．Reports from the foreign centres of passamen－ terie manufacture would seem to indicate this．

Jorn Campbell，general storekeeper，of St．Peter＇b，C．B．， has been eking out his store by farming in order to make a living．Recontly a Halifax firm secured a judgment against him for $\$ 200$ and this has necessitated his assignment．

E．R．Bellerose，has been doing a small grocery business in the back part of Sorel for the past four years．He also carried a few dry gaods．The combination was not a success and he has assigned with liabilities of $\$ 1,000$ and aesets nominally worth． \＄1，200．－James Ramsay，general storekeeper，of Bridgewater， has assigned．His liabilities are about $\$ 2,000$ and he shows assets valued at only half that sum．

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Edmund Laiole, succeeded his father in the tin-ware business in St. Hyacinthe in 1880. Since then he has done a small living business, until hard times compelled him to run so far behind that an assignment has vecome inevitable.
'I'me Canadian Pacific and Northern Paciic Railway Companies have reduced the all rail rates on grain, flour, nad mill-stuffs frow Winnipe'g and points west of Toronto two and a half cents making the through rate $44 \frac{1}{2}$ centa instead of 47 cents.

Neokwbals manufacturers say that the current season's sale of sutin "four-in-hand" scarfs has been unusually large. 'the favored style is the black background, patterned in amall, wellapaced object ligures, produced in blue, yellow and red

Jumas Horne, of Essex, has given his decision in the case of the Montreal Stock Yards, which appealed againt their assessment in Walkerville on the ground that their stock was not assersable. Tho judge diemissed the appeal, with costs.

Mr. Join Aird, for the past two years manager of the Seaforth branch of the Bank of Commerce, was entertained by the citizens at a complimentary supper previous to his departure to 'loronto to assume the position of assistant local manager.
W. G. Moman, jeweller, of St. 'lhomas, succeeded in effecting a settlement with his creditors last January on the basis of 20 cents in the dollar, cash, on liabilities of $\$ 5,000$. Even this failed to put him on his feet and he now makes another assignment.

Josiaph hacompta, a city shoe dealer, was compelled to com. promise with his croditors in November last year at 30 cents in the dollar ersh, on linbilities of $\$ 2,600$. Since then he has made no beadway, and he has now assigued with liabilities of about $\$ 1,800$.

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F. T. McCappery, general storekeeper of Nicolet, has beenin business for about five years. He was not a particularly shrewd man of business and was regarded locally as a weak credit risk. His assignment with liabilities of $\$ 2,500$ is not altogether unexpected.

Joan F. Conninghan, general storekeeper, of Cape Ibland, N.S., has assigned with liabilities of $\$ 5,000$. He gave too much credit and in addition his expenses were too Leavy for the size of his business. His estate will show a deficit of between $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 2,000$.

Goulet Bros., grocers, of Gananaque, were two clerks who started in for themselves a few months ago on a very alender capital, and have just wound up their brief career as merchants with an assignment. Their creditors are principally in Brockville and Kingaton.

Tur syrup in 2 lb tins recently placed on the market by the Canada Sugar Refining Co. (Redpaths), as already noticed in these columns, has become so popular that the company are overrun with orders from the trade. It is more fully described on another page.

The Sanitas manufacturing company of the United States has sold its various patents for use in frada to Ormand Hig. man, Ottawa, who already has the mavinery in place at 117 Bank street, in that city, and will at once turn out the goods for the Canadian trade.

Messas. Russell, Seybold \& Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Ottawa, whose suspension was commented upon in these columins last week, state that John Macdonald of Richmond, whose failure was attributed to their difficulties, was not one of the firm's debtors.

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Tue United States press give prominence to rumours that the Dominion Government will shortly introduce a bill to sup. press the civil service pension fund and replace it by a system of life assurances by arrangement with some Canadian or Eng. lish life insurance company.

Sooalled "jeweled" embroidery is growing in popularity. Its great European success promises to be duplicated in this market. Imitation turquoise, amethysts; emeralds, and corals are conspicuously utilized in these goods. The "turquoise," how. ever, is the pre-eminent favorite.
J. A. Gendron, dry goods and groceries of West Farnham, has assigned. His estate shows liabilities of $\$ 18,000$. He has been there since 1883 but of late has become overstocked and, trade locally being poor, he has run behind in his payments. His deficit is, nominally, between $\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 3,000$.

A San Franoisco paper is authority for the atatement that "more loose raisins have been sold in the New York market already this year than ever before in an entire season." To this may be added that more Californias have been rejected this year than ever before, owing to their inferior quality.
B. F. Siaw, creator of the idea of the seamless stocking, and the inventor of the loom to make it, died at Lowell aged 58. In 1869 he made the first loom for his patent seamless stocking, and after 10 years persistent work on it organized the Stawknit Stocking Co., which now employs several hundred people.
J. D. Windruar, grocer, of Toronto, bought out W. Puggley in September 1885 and started in this business with an estimated capital of $\$ 1,500$. He apparently did a fair trade and owned his own store, but the fact that he has just assigned to a loan company leads to the impression that the mortgage thereon was too heavy for his meang.

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According to report this winter's logging operations in Maine will be heavier than usual. Spruce is the main wood in that State, and, as they were successful in inducing Congress not to reduce the import lumber duty on that wood, the Maine lum. bermen appear to have a brighter look out before them than our own.

Mr. Thob. MoFarlane, Dominion Analyst, is now engaged on an analysis of samples of mustard collected from grocery stores at various points in the country. It is suspected that table mustard has been of late badly adulterated with ochre and other impurities, and it is to settle this question that the analyses are being made.

The offering of spring prints is certainly an unusually attractive one, strong in plaids and stripes and rich in the newest colorings. Fioral, geometric and object figures of every possible variety and grace are artistically utilized in the offering, but plaide and stripes head the display, as they will probably lead the demand.

Lunbermen's wages started out very low at the beginning of the season, but have slightly advanced during the past month. In the Ottawa district choppers get from $\$ 18$ to $\$ 22$, teamsters from $\$ 15$ to $\$ 17$, and road makers from $\$ 13$ to $\$ 15$. Little square timber will be gotten out, owing to a dull market and large stocks on hand.

Roppeli. Bros., general storokeopers of Elmira, aucceeded their father in 1886, and have since been struggling to pay off their liability to him. Their stock was small, and much of it old, ao that they could not do much business so that, although they are both honest hard-working men, they were only credited on the score of their character, and their present assignment was inevitable from the start.


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Buokland Pole \& Co., knilters, of Toronto, have succumbed to the incvitable and assigned. They started last April with very little means to speak of. Buckland was formerly in the grain commission businesb, and Pole was the practical man, but the combination was not a strong one, and their success was always dubious.

Ar the mecting of Directors of the Prudential Fire Asbociation of New York it was formally decided to make up the impairment, reinsure the risks and retire from business. While the debtination of the reinsurance has not yet been officially announced, there are good reasons for believing that it will go to an Englisle company.

Join M. Maoume, grocer of Buckingham, is in difficulties. He haskept a small grocory there for the past four or flve years but has eventually had to succumb with liabilities of $\$ 1,400$. J . E. Turgeon, grocer of Sherbrooke, has assigned. Business in this line is a little overdune in that bustling city and, as 'Turgeon was only in a small way, he has had to succumb.
E. Beroevin, haberdasher of Quebec, has assigned. He atarted business in the spring of 1886 with a few hundred dol. lars for capital. He was in difficulties, owing to accommodation paper, at the time of the I. A. Bergevin failure, but, as he showed a burpus of $\$ 1000$, he was assisted by a Montreal house who have since practically controlled his account.

Tus owners of grist mills in Huntington county, Que, adjoin. ing Now York State, complain that Canadian farmers can send their grain into New York to be ground and have the product relurned duty free, while $n$ similar privilege is not granted by

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the United States Government. The millers petition the Miniater of Customs to cancel this privilege onjoyed by Canadian farmers.

Olivier Charbonneau, is the name of a small cabinet maker who started in the furniture business in this city last May. Eight months have exbausted his slender resources and he now assigns owing $\$ 1,000$.-Joseph F. Dupre, has kept a grocery in the East end for some time past. It has not proved successful, and he has consequently gssigned with liabilities of $\$ 1,090$.

The season of American sardine packing, now nearly to a close, has been short, but one of the busiest probably of any since the establighment of the industry. The quality of the goods put up has been far above the average, owing to an unprecedented "run" of the very best fish, as to size and condition, that has been taken on the coast in a long time.

Some time ago it was announced that the Woolen Manufacturers Society of Aix la-Chapelle would inaugurate a system of regular auction sales; the initial event to take place early in November. This sale, however, did not take place, and the postponement of the scheme is said to be indefinite. The weak state of the German woolen market is said to be the cause cf the collapse.

Wm. Frebland, grocer of Palmerston, has been running behind very rapidly of late. He did at one time the largest business in the place, but his habits led him to neglect his store and as a consequence we have now to chronicle an assignment.-H. F. Buck, a small furniture dealer of Listowell, is endeavoring to obtain a settlement with his creditors on the basis of 40 cents in the dollar.

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Aotive preparations are already going on at the Kennebec River ice fields for cutting this year's crop. The ice is from six to eight inches in thickness and in excellent condition. The houses contain but very little old ice, the quantity being various ly estimated at from 50,000 to 75,000 tons. An abundant crop is expected in Maine this winter and lower prices may result next season.

Ir is learned that, although it is probable that a settlement will be arrived at, a demand of assignment has been served up. on the firm of John Larmonth \& Co., agricultural implement makers of this city. This firm succeeded B. L. Olds \& Co., in which Larmonth was a partner. He had only a moderate capital, which was all locked up in plant, and it was felt that if pressure was put upon him resistance was out of the question. Of late farmers have not been paying their notes and as a consequence he has run behind.

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F. M. Drohene, dry goods merchant of Quebec, has absigned. He has been in business for 25 years and this is his first failure. He did an excellent country trade in the Lower Town, but of late his habits have been such as to preclude bis doing business, and there was no alternative left to his creditors but to force him into an assignment. It is claimed the estate-Till show a surplus of $\$ 7,000$.

Print cloth mills are having a hard time. Not merely is money tight and purchases slow, but the old-style calico is doomed by the jobbers, gingham being preferred by the public to-day. Prints hold their own chiefly by such specialties as fancy printed twills and either fine fabrics or cheap challies. The nose of the old fancy print executed on the $64 x 64$ cloth is decidedly out of joint.

Thres failures, due to the suspension of John A. Paterson \& Co., are recorded this week. The first and most important is that of W. McKenzie, a millinery dealer of Toronto, whom the suspended frm were practically carrying. He only opened out this spring, having been formerally in the millinery department of T. Eaton \& Co. The second is that of Madame Lussier of this city, whose liabilities will reach $\$ 5,800$. Early in the fall her two principal creditors put in a receiver, but the Paterson failure wiped her out altogether. The third is also a local one, that of Miss Marie L. Chartrand. In this case the liabilities are under $\$ 1,000$.


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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS．

The question of the extent of the responsibility of directors to the shareholders for loss or damage occur－ ing through the negligence or malfeasance of the em－ ployes presumably appointed by them and under their control has，at last，been definitely pat at rest by Mr． Justice Pagnuelo in his judgment in the important case of L．J．McDonald，a shareholder in the ill－fated Consoli－ dated Bank，against John Rankin，president of the bank at the time of its collapse：His decision should effectually awaken careless or supine directors to the pecuniary risk involved by any lack of the necessary supervision upon their part over their subordinates， and it is to be hoped will have the effect of reducing the existing number of figure－head directors，and re－ placing them by men not only capable of exercising a rigid control over the operations of the various em－ ployes of the company，but willing to devote to that purpose the requisite time and energy．

The Consolidated Bank was organized on the 10th May，1876，by the amalgamation of the City Bank of Montreal，and the Royal Canadian of Toronto，and Mr， Rankin was a director，and continued in office until the failure of the bank in July，1879．At the time of

the amalgamation the paid-up capital and reserve fund of the Consolidated Bank amounled to $\$ 3,724,874$. Three years later, on the 31st July, 1879, when the Consolidated Bank closed its doors, the reserve and five-sixths of the capital had disappeared. Only $\$ 460$,000 were realized by the liquidators, the losses being $\$ 3,264,874$, yet a dividend of 3 or $3 \stackrel{\downarrow}{2}$ per cent had been paid every six months, and brilliant reports accom panied these declarations of dividend. On the 24 ih April, 1879, the directors recognized that they could not pay the ordinary dividend of May, and addressed a circular to the shareholders to explain the matter. On the 5th May, 1879, application was made to the Legislature to reduce the capital, and a reduction of 40 per cent was made. There then remained, according to the directors, a surplus of $\$ 943,707$. But on the 3 rd of July the general manager resigned, and on the 15 h July, 1879, the directors informed the shareholders that after a new and careful examination, the assets might realize from $\$ 1,250,000$ to $\$ 1,500,000$, or 60 to 75 per cent of the reduced capital. Mr. Archibald Campbell, who, on the 7th July, replaced the general manager, closed the bank on the 31st July with the consent of the directors.

The present suit was brought by Mr. L. J. McDonald for the sum of $\$ 150,000$ on the ground that the directors had abandoned to the general manager of the bank the administrative powers which legally.devolved upon them, that they had accepted without any altempt at verification the statements placed before them by the employes, that they had neglected to examine the books or in any way to make themselves acquainted with the business it was doing, that they bad issued false and deceptive statements to the government and to the public at large, and that they had speculated with the monies of the bank. In reply Mr. Rankin did not deny that the affairs of the bank had been badly managed, or that this mismanagement had resulted in heavy losses to the shareholders; but he asserted that the directors had acted ir good faith, and to the best of their knowledge and capacity, and that therefore they were not guilty of negligence. He pleaded that the losses had not been caused by them, but by the general manager and his assistants, who had deceived both him and his co-directors and kept them in ignorance of the true character of the bank's operations until it was too late.

On this plea the judge ruled that the Banking Act
clearly defines the responsibility of the directors. It states that employes appointed by them are to assist them in their operations, and not to administer in their place. Directors cannot delegate their powers to others without express permission, and when they obtain assistance they are responsible for sny malversation on the part of their employes if they have fuiled to supervise them properly. He also ruled that each and every director was equally responsible to the public, no matter how they might divide the work and responsibility among themselves, and that the fact that they had abandoned the management to a co-director or an emploge in no way diminished their liability. In the case in question the gross negligence of which the directors had been guilty created a presumption that they had participated in the fault of the manager, and knowingly concurred in the declaration of dividends which impaired the capital of the bank. It was impossible to believe that they could be ignorant of the overdrafts which were entered in the weekly and monthly reports. The enormous advances made to insolvents without security were unjustifiable, and the court arrived at the conclusion that the defendant was personally responsible for the miemanagement of the bank, the only question being the extent of the responsibility. The court, following certain precedents referred to, came to the conclusion to allow as damages sixty per cent of the losses, which were eighty-eight per cent of the paid-up capital (twelve per cent having been distributed by the liquidators.) Mr. McDonald held 1,115 shares, equal to $\$ 111,51,9$; on which eightyeight per cent would be 898,120 . Tuking sixty per cent off the $\$ 98,120$, judgment was theretore rendered for \$58,872, with interest from 15th A pril 1882, the date of service.

Of course a case involying such enormous interests will not be suffered to rest here. Not until every legal resource has been exhausted will the matter be finally decided. But in the meantime Judge Pagnuelo's decision should have the effect of materially decreasing the number of wealthy citizens who procure themselves to be elected upon boards solely for the sake of the fees, and without the slightest intention of performing any of the duties attaching to the position. These ornamental directors-known in England by the nickname of "guinea-pigs"-are a distinct source of danger to the shareholder's interests. Their financial standing is usually such as to secure the confidence of the investing public, while their negligence and lack of interest in the details of the business they are supposed to supervise enable unscrupulous managers to take advantaze of that confidence to further their own ends. The Consolidated Bank is not the firet concern that has been wrecked through the laxness of its directorate; but if Judge Pagnuelo's verdict stands, and the "guinea-pigs" on other boards have their financial responsibility brought home to them in earnest, it will not be very far from being the last.

## PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Anyone who has given intelligent attention to the system of government in this Province must have been struck with the peculiar difficulties which surround the Treasurer. He has no positive control of expenditure, yet he must devise the ways and means for providing for it. The several departments make up their estimates, keeping as well within bounds, we can well understand, as circumstances will allow them. But, as proved by experience, their capacity
for spending far outruns the limits they set for them. selves when, struck by economical remorse or repentance and full of good resolutions, they come before the Legislature for appropriations. This applies to all governments. It was the same when the late treasurer, Mr. Robertson, laid the financial case of his collongues before the Assembly, as it is to-day when Mr. Shehyn appears as the apologist for vanished millions. As the one was deserving of sympathy so is the other. It must, however, be admitted that he who is compelled to make good the extravagances and mistakes of his predecessor, and, at the same time defend alleged like offences on the part of his own friends, is particularly worthy of commiseration. All financiers delight in overflowing coffers and ample revenues, but this is a sensation of pleasure which no Quebec treasurer has ever enjoyed subsequent to the first two years of Confederation, nor is any treasurer likely to enjoy it for some years to come. Their task will be to do as Mr. Shehyn is doing-put the best face on the finances and keep up the public credit.

If the late government on leaving office had left behind them an absolutely perfect balance sheet, showing exactly how the fiumnees stood, it would be an easy task to criticise the statements of the present treasurer. But there is nothing of the kind. We have only their lust Budget, which is contradioted in almost every essential particular by the Budget of their successors. Evidently, it must appear from this that government by pariy has not reached perfection in the matter of financial oxegesis. There can be no doub, howover, that the Province was in a bad way when the change of Government took place. This result was probnbly as much owing to a spirit of patriotic enterprise as to a desire to apend money in obedience to popular demands.

We have already given a general aketch of the financial situation, but there remain some further observations to be made. An important point is contained in the comparison of expenditure from 1875 to 1887, with that bet ween 1887 and 1890. In this regard the figures cannot be "twisted," because they were published ench year. Thus it appears, under the hend of expenditure on capital account, that the total outlay was, for the years first mentioned, $\$ 25,244,983$, which gave an annual average of $\$ 2,103,747$, or, as Mr . Shelyn claimed, $\$ 2,500,000$, in round numbers, if the contested debts on the 31st Janunry, 1887, were included. Now the amount of obligations incurred by the present Government from 31st January, 1837, to 30th June, 1890, was $\$ 3,698,299$, or a yearly avernge of $\$ 1,056,655$. On this showing it cannot be denied that Mr. Shehyn had good reason for congratulating himsolf.

In a former article we gave the estimates for the coming year. In oxplanation thereof, we may observe that the total expenditure chargeable to capital is less than lust yeur. The amount asked for public works was $\$ 838,555$, and for railway subsidies $\$ 756,956.25$. But for the next fiscal yoar the expenditure for public works, including railways, would be $\$ 1,695,511.25$, or or an excess of $\$ 34,015.24$ over the current year. This excess, however, wns only apparent, for what was not expended this year would be required the year after. The outlays for public buildings were in rome cases of absolute necossity and in others of great utility. The reader can judge ns to the correctnoss of this claim by the following enumeration: $\$ 20,000$ to complete the Parliament buildings; 875,000 for a now Normal
school at Quebec ; 8100,000 for iron bridges; $\$ 100,000$ for works in connection with the enlargement of the Montreal Court House; $\$ 100,000$ for the new Montreal jail, to be added to the $\$ 300,000$ already voted in order that there may be no interruption to the work; $\$ 20,000$ for a new court house and goal at Bryson, and $\$ 10,000$ for stoning roads.

To meet maturing obligations between this and the 30th June, 1892, the amount required would be $\$ 3,592$,179.42, and this would have to be provided for. It is plain that the ordinary revenue would not meet this extraordinary demand. It would have to be increased, and resort must be made to a loan. With regard to this Mr. Shehyn found it impossible to state what would be the amount of the loan needed, so long as every new project of a nature to ontail an outlay chargeable to capital account, was not before the house. He regretted the necessity of a loan, but the Province was bound to honor its obligations, and there is no other way to meet them. Concerning the much-debated proposition for the conversion of the debt, it is gratifying to know that proposals looking to that object are before the government. Furthermore, that those proposals warranted the expectation that the conversion would bring about an important saving on interest account.

Of course everybody will rejoice should the anticipations of the Budget be realized. Mr. Shehyn has certainly made a luminous exposition of a rather obscure array of oalculations, and he will deserve the public gratitude should he succeed in extricating the Province from its financial embarrassments, while at the same time finding ways and means for implementing the liberal policy of the government.

Those who have followed the somewhat dry and exacting details of this and preceding articles in these columns on provincial finances will, we think, arrive at anything but a pessimistic conclusion. No doubt there has been heavy, and not always wise expenditure; but the condition of the country, its necessities, the peculiar social and political influences which prevail and cannot be changed, perhaps; for generations, show how diflicult is the task of government, no matter which or what party may be in power for the time being. The facts and figures we have endeavored to elucidate, however, lead to the belief that a change in the direction of a more healthy application of the energies of the people and of the natural resouces of the Province, has taken place.

## BARLEY FOR THE ENGLISH MARKET.

It would look, from recent developments, as if what the Canadian producer for export really suffered from was not so much the restrictive tariffs imposed upon his products by foreign purchasers as ignorance of what they really require. Particularly is this the case in barley. The Canadian farmer has been assured, and on high official authority, that when once the American market was closed to him by the McKinley tariff it was no longer profitable to grow six. rowed barley. The English, it was said, would use only tworowed barley for malting purposes, and therefore if the English market was to be secured, the Canadian farmer must at once abandon the sowing of the sixrowed barley and substitute that of the two-rowed variety. Experimente were made to that end at the Government farms and farmers wereinvited to eend in applications for seed and instructions. Why ?

Up to 1881 the English brewers certainly would not use six-rowed barley ; simply because, up to that date, it was unprofitable to use any other than the heaviest malts in England. The duty was assessed on the measure of malt instead of on the weight; so that "fat malts," containing much saccbarine matter, gave more beer than "husky" malts, and so paid less daty. But in 1881 the Beer Duty Act was passed, and the duty on malt was removed and placed upon the beer produced in the fermenting tun, and three months later so much foreign barley poured in that the price of English high-farmed barley fell fully thirty per cent.

A practical brewor, in a letter to a contemporary points out that although this Act admitted thinner barley, it at the same time prescribed a limit. Roughly outlined it defines that 42 lbs . of malt shall be called a bushel, which is supposed to produce 18 gallons of wort of $\mathrm{sp} . \mathrm{gr} .1,057$, less certain allowances. When malt is light and does not produce the required specific gravity (as Canadian malt for instance) the full duty is charged on the bushel weight, the same as if it had done so. Should the malt be heavy and produce more than the required specific gravity (in otherdwords, should it make too much beer) the duty is charged on the amount of wort actually obtained pro rata according to density. This act gave no encouragement to six-rowed barley. It encouraged the use of lighter qualities of two-rowed barley because. these just yielded the required extract ; for it was barely possible to use Canadian or other six-rowed barley without paying a slight forfeiture to the excise as duty on wort which was not actually produced. But, in 1889, Mr. Goschen, the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, became dissatisfied with this method of taxing a presumptive yield. He accordingly amended the Act of 1881 to tax the suppositious bushel of 42 lbs . of malt absolutely as yielding 18 gallons of wort of $1,055 \mathrm{sp}$. gr., less the usual allowances, and such practical brewers as Mr. James Death, of Port Hope, claim that this lowering of the fixed yield of the bushel from $1,057 \mathrm{sp}$. gr. to $1,055 \mathrm{sp}$. gr. enables the better grades of Canadian six-rowed barley to be used without forfeiture of duty and thereby removes the only commercial objection to its use by English brewers.

This is a very important point. If the high grades of six rowed barley can be sưccessfully used in England there is really no reason why our farmers should abandon its culture in favor of a variety which the general experience has shown to be difficult of production in prime quality in this country. It only remains for them to discover what grades will afford the presumptive yield required by Mr. Goschen's law. At first, doubtless, the English will be prejudiced against a barley whose appearance is not such as they have been accustomed to ; but a practical test of its qualities will soon show them that it is superior for malting purposes to many two-rowed barleys, and then they will promptly accept it. Why then should weabandon the growing of a crop, to which the climate of Canada has proved to be favorable, in favor of a variety we can never expect to produce save in its harder ànd more steely varieties? It only remains to make a vigorous effort to introduce six-rowed barley to Eng. lish brewers and, now that the financial objections to its use have been removed, there is little doubt that they will take hold of it as freely as our American oousing.

## MUNICIPAL TAXATION (III).

The chaos which reigns in methods of civic taxation arises from the absence of any scientific law of relation between the costs of city government and the value of the properties, or extent of the resources, of those by whose money such costs must be paid. That the very existence of a city's government gives to real estate within its area the main bulk of its value is manifest. That all incomes earned in such area by trade or skill, or labor, owe their existence to those conditions requiring such government is clear. That the personal property of citizens derives much of its value from its position in the city is beyond dispute. Even possessions that are not derived from local sources have their value largely enhanced when brought into a-city to be enjoyed. A bondholder, for instance, may draw his interest in the back woods, but all the advantages a civilised person can derive from such income are found in a city, where alone are opportunities for its display or service Therefore it is just to place some share of a cily's maintênance, as a city, upon those residents who enjoy city privileges although their property and ito income have no direct connection with the place. But experience and study have failed to establish a true ratio of value between what city taxes provide and the value of citizen incomes and properties. The question thus resolves itself into one of expediency ; for without a definite law the question of justice must be an open one.

Having touched in previous articles upon real estate and income taxation, there is only left that of personal property, which is even more difficult to appraise than income. We may here assume that all will admit the fairness of this principle-that the general incidence of city taxation should aim to be levied with regard to the capacity of ench ratepayer to carry his allotted burthen without crippling his business, or weighing down his energies, or depriving him of ordinary necessities or comforts, or compelling him to live without making provision for the future. To whatever extent a city tax does any one of these it is vicious in action, as its antagonises so far the very object of its imposition, for surely a tax is only a means to an end, and the ond, the raison d'etre of civic government, is the maintenance and protection of the material and domestic welfare of the citizens.

Now a tax on personal property, in the main, means a tax upon mercantile capital ; as in most other forms sunh property is, if not a luxury, at least a non-necessity, upon the ownership of which a tax is really no hardship. We submit that taxing a merchants' capital is unwise, and necesearily inequitable, inasmuch as it is impossible to impose such taxation in any true proportion upon different traders; for by no aystem of valuation can the continuous or permanent capacity of such capital to bear taxation be arrived at, or its net value be appraised. One warehouse may be filled and_cleared only each spring and fall, another with goods of the same value may be sparsely occupied, but its contents average the same all the year round, although heavy shipments are made daily. Yet the capital which revolves only twice a year is assessed as much as that which runs round at ten times the rate and does ten times the work. Possibly the slower business gives a higher net income, but if so, that capital which needs to be driven at full speed all the time to secure the same profits as a slower: business must bo much less valuable of the two, because of the greater atrain and riska involved in keep-
ing it active and safe and profitable. Or the reverse, a small capital may be worked to yield a larger net revenue than a greater one in a different business. Yet in assessing such capital all the conditions are ignored that qualify its capacity as a basis of taxation. There are other conditions which so seriously affect certain forms of mercantile investments as to make the idea of a mere equality in amount of capital to imply equality in capacity to bear an equal weight of taxation, wholly erroneous, and a source of grave injustice when both are taxed alike. The question of debt upon stocks held or sold can never be equitably dealt with by city assessors. Of all forms of espionage that which pries into the secret chambers of a trader's business is the most offensive and the most fruitful of wrong doing to the city and the ratepayer. It is an outrage to compel a merchant to disclose the extent of his liabilities, and value of his stock to civic officials in whose confidence he has no reason to place perfect trust ; indeed whose secrecy he may have cause to distrust. It is believed that many a trader pays a heavier tax on personal property than be need do were he willing to expose the condition of hisaffairs to an assessor. Others escape a good share of such tax by under-stating values and over-stating obligations. As a general principlo that ought to rule in this matter as well as in that of incomes, we submit this to be sound, that the individual taxpayer ought not to be the person to fix the amount upon which his share of a city tax is to be levied. It is urged. that a trader who thinks his stock overtaxed can appeal. Truly so, but such a process means making in a public court such disclosures as he cannot make without extreme annoyance, and possibly grave injury to his credit. Appeals against real estate assessments are common, but $n$ merchant outside his own office is very seldom heard protesting against over-valuation of his personal property. Appeals against real estate challenge the judgments of many experts and neighbours, but what trader would care to have the state of his capial so openly discussed? The Court of Appeal to a merchant is a Court of Inquisition, which in its very nature is cruel and injurious. We cannot justify the selection of a certain clase of mercantile capital for taxation, when other such capital goes scot free and its net income is only levied upon. The stock of a banker for instance consists of bills and notes, his capital is in his bill case and all these are saleable goods. So of a loan company; its stock is in mortgages which are also vendable property. A dry goods trader buys and sells dry goods, a money dealer buys and sells credit; but the mercantile priuciple is the same in both forms of business. Why then is the merchant whose capital is invested in dry goods and in debts due to him, taxed on such capital as is not in motion, in his stocks, while a banker or loan merchant is only taxed on the income of his business? The discrimination is based on no principle. The taxation of mercantile capital is like putting grit into machinery instead of oil. It is a direct hinderance to the free activity and development of enterprise. We have no desire to dogmatise upon a sulject so mixed in its conditions and aspects; but we venture to hope that we have shown that against the taxation of incomes and of mercantile property the case is exceedingly strong. Also that, on the grounds of ensier and more exact ascertainment of values, or the higher cortainty of just assessments, on the greater freedom from concealinents of and misrepresentations of facts, and because such taxation would quickly dis. tribute the incidence naturally according to the laws
of demand and supply, it is more prudent and just to place the burden of city government upon the real property of the citizens. Against the tax being supplemented, as in this city, there are doublless objections, such as no tax is free from, but they do not seem to be very weighty, as other cities are asking for the obligation and Montreal has been spoken of as a city of refuge for over-taxed merchants of other cities.

## LOOKING AHEAD.

In many wholesale lines the lull incident to the season is now quite pronounced, and stock taking and balancing up for the year is the absorbing occupation. Already we have had to report the failure of several large firms and the future only can tell whether others dissatisfied at the result of the operations of the past twelve months will throw up the sponge or struggle along afresh.

The chief incidents of the year have been peculiarly trying to all firms and institutions of a commercial and financial character, even those backed up with unlimited capital and piloted by capable and experienced men. Contrary to all expectations the harvest has again been disappointing and following a succession of others, either decidedly poor or below the average, the results cannot but be far reaching and disastrous. Then again Canada has suffered from the hostile blow struck at her business interests by the United States Congress, an event likeiy to cause as much upheaval and change of established conditions as the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty by the same authority some years ago. The chief domestic event has probably been the steady march of the combine system, which has left few articles untouched. The attempts being made to shorten credits and the cry that there are too many in business are ominnus matters for the small storekeepers and are an immediate result of this system. It must be taken as a sign of the times that, although there is no pronounced depression, the wholesalers combines seem anxious to anticipate the natural order of things and force the financially weak and incapable to the wall. The grocery men have acted and the dry goods merchants seem disposed to follow suit. Dry goods used to be a sure road to wealth, but the good old times are no more. Especially on staple lines profits have been shaved down to such a low point that invested capital returns but a low rate of interest and some will be pleased if they have not actually fallen behind. The increase in the number of retailers has been enormous and limited capital and long credits have been the cause of numerous wrecks and paltry dividends.

The principal grounds urged in favor of shorter credits in the dry goods trade are these: Ambitious young'clerks, without capital, would stay behind the counter, to their own advantage in the end and many weak concerns would disappear from the scene. Well established retail firms would be protected, be able to sellata fair margin of profit and meet theirengagements promptly. The wholesale house would do the same amount of business in fewer but safer hands, and risks would consequently be much reduced. Expenses both at headquarters and on the road would be less. Accounts would be fewer and less troublesome, entailing less clerical work, while fewer travellers would be required on the road; and everyone knows that travellers' expenses are a heavy item. There would be, it is argued, less risk and fewer expenses and, in addition,
the quicker cash returns would cause a saving in the interest account. The sop thrown out to the consumer is that goods would be marked closer; but so far consumers have doubtless found their interests very well served by free competition. It should not be forgotten that credit has its uses and the abuse of it is what very often lands the merchant in difficulties and reduces his fancied profit into a dead loss. Long credits, however, are falling into disuse. At one time they were necessary in order that merchants could receive their goods, dispose of them, and then collect the previous season's bills with which to pay for them. Under those conditions buyers necessarily had to settle their purchases by notes, before leaving for home; but electricity and steam have changed all this, and about threefourths of the retailing of merchandise, except in the remoter districts, is now done for cash.
The credit system will doubtless be one of the chief topics of interest next year between wholesalers and retailers and the pressure of the combines is likely io be felt in that and other directions. The necessity for finding foreign markets for our produce will also continue to engage attention. In this direction there are encouraging prospects.

## OUR BOYS.

## (Concluded.)

A common dificulty with parents is to find out what their boys are best fitted for. Mental and physical adaptability is the first thing to be considered, with a view to a useful and successful career in life. If, as a German writer observes, the education given a child is capital, equivalent to a store of money, placed at its disposal by the parent, how truly is that parent bound to see that this, the only capital he can give, shall be the best he can possibly bestow? Thus considered, a literary education is but half, and the poorest half, of an education. But, were our school system properly constructed, that is, coustructed on a welldefined plan of social development, and as a preparation for a practical devotion of the boy's energies to industrial pursuits in after life, they would diecover the bent of their talents in the industrial and mechanical classes. It is really pitiable sometimes to see boys struggling in misery of mental torture over distasteful tasks, when, if wisely directed in the way of natural inclination, they would find both delight and success in their labors.

Under the prevailing system we treat our boys as if they were all endowed with equal mental powers. We drive them, willing or unwilling, capable or incap. able, through precisely the same curriculum and are astonished when they do not all turn out well.

Many intelligent boys, when they leave school, find themselves weighted with much that is useless, and instead of being able to enter into a practical calling they must attend a business college, or, if their means will not allow that, they must turn to whatever they can find to do and acquire what training they can in the hard school of experience. They are "green hands" and must accept the situation as such.

In Germany the idea we are endeavoring to elucidate is better understood and more practically applied than in this country, although we have promising beginnings in the industrial schools already started here and there in the Provinces. The vast majority of men (as has been well said by the late Earl of Derby) in all ages and countries must work before
they can eat. Even those who are not under the no cessity, are generally impelled by example, by custom, perhaps by a sense of what is fitted for them, to adopt what is called an active pursuit of some sort. If there is one thing more certain than another it is this-tbat every member of a community is bound to do something for that community, in return for what he gets from it; and neither intellectual cultivation, nor the possession of natural wealth, nor any other plea whatever, except that of physical or mental incapacity, can excuse any one from that plain and personal duty.

Here we may find the key to the problem-" What will wedo with the boys?" We must provide them with an education that will fit them for the practical concerns of life. Those among them who are endowed with high intellectual gifts will find their proper apheres and work congenial to their bent of mind. But the larger number, the great majority in fact, should be instructed in the mechanical and industrialarts, while those who have business instincts should be educated with a view to commerce. The opposition of the Trades unions to industrial education is founded, like the opposition to the introduction of machinery, on a misconception of the industrial elements. Who can say that the mechanics of the present day are so perfect in their arts that they are eatitled to claim the exclusive right to say how many artisans shall be permitted to practice in each trade, and to what extent this limited number shall be instructed in the mysteries thereof? If a government, were to undertake the enforcement of an edict so tyrannical as this, there would, in all probability, be a general popular revolt against it. But in these days of revolutionary economics, private combinations usurp the functions which no government would dare to exercise.

Lack of thoroughness is the most glaring fault in the work performed by most men. And no where is it more evident than in the hap-hazard manner in which we bring up our boye. Almost every man one meets imagines his children prodigies of cleverness and indulges dreams of their future greatness and renown. Time and sad experience may dispel the illusion, but few men ever discover that the failure of their boys to realize their expectations was the result of mistakes in education and training. Some men take intinite pains in the proper breaking-in of their horses for special purposes while they let their boys grow up without paying any particular attention to their breaking-in for the performance of duties which no man can shirk without suffering the penalty. This must be changed. The boys will have to be taken in hand and trained according to capacity for a purpose and a career. Many judicious parents do so and the results are as a rule most satisfactory. But to get the full benefit of the planit should be eystematised and put into practical operation in the schools.

The present movement of population, by which the country is deserted and the cities are over-crowded, is one which, in its very nature, must be temporary. In time the facilities of travel and transportation will make country life available and desirable to almost all, while the demands of a vastly increased number of inhabitants must increase the rewards of agricultural industry. Fifty years hence the farm will probably be more attractive and more profitable than the pursuits of the city. Even now thereis no calling which, to the frugal, industrious young man offers better chancès than agriculture. The rush to the cities is a craze arising froma desire to enjoy the excitement and plea-
sures of city life. The aggregation of great industries in cities also has its effect, but the time is not far off when the limits of city expansion will be reached and the tide will turn towards the country as it has in former periods of the 'world's history. He is a wise man, therefore, who provides his family with a farm. Those who cannot should adopt the plan here outlined and bring their boys up to some practical trade or calling. Our school authorities should insist that the hands of the boys be instructed as well as their heads. As Swift says,-" Although men r.re accused for not knowing their own weakness, yet, perhaps, as few know their own strength. It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of."

## the commercial travellers.

The Dominion Commercial Travellers Association held their sixteenth annual weeting in this city on Saturday Jast. . The report showed a balance of $\$ 17,780$, of which $\$ 4,478$ is in cash and $\$ 13,050$ on firsl mortgage. The assets amount to $\$ 92,133$, or a net gain for the year of $\$ 11,030$. 'The elections resulted as follows :-

President-Mr. Fred Hughes, of Caverhill \& Hughes, elected by acclamation at the November vominations.

Vice. Plesident-Col. O.P. Patten, who received 814 votes, as ugqint 164 cast for Mr. C. A. E. Patterson.

Treasurer-Mr. Fred Birks, 749 votes.
Directors-Messra. John Trylor 543 votes, R. C. Simpson 514, D. B. Black 44, Max Murdock 466, and E. Benjamin 458.

The most important resolution ollared was the incorporation of the fourth clause of the report anong the by-laws. The olauso reads :-

Wo regret to hnve to report the loss by death of a larger number of members than in auy previous year. This fact is patly owing to the prevailing epidemic "La Grippe" at the beginning of the year when several of our neembers succumbed to this disease alone. Altogther seventeen of our members have been removed by death and the suma of $\$ 10,800$ bas been promply paid their tumilies. It is of course reasonable to expect that as the years advance, the payment of mortuary benefits will increase and become more numerous. In this connec. tion your board beg to report that the proposition made at laat annual meating to increaso the maount of mortuary benefit to menblers over cen years' stauding has been carefully gone in to and they would recommend that the amount be increased front $\$ 1,000$, at the rate of $\$ 25$ per yearafter the tenth year, to $\$ 1,200$.
This was carried by a large majority after a sonewhat lengthy debate.

## the new american currency bill.

The Washington correspondent of the Daily Commercial Bul. letin writes that the curroncy bill ngreed upon by the committee ought to plense everyone, for it bas in it some part of nearly every plan which has yet been broached for increasing the volume of the currency, It is, in briet, the bill of Senator Sherman with provisions for large silver purchases and for ultimate free coinge added to it. It provides for the purchase of $12,000,000$ ounces of silver willin twelve months, in addilion to the regular monthly purchases under the Act of July 14, 1890. These pur obases are to be at the rate of not more than three million ounces per month, but the Secretary may in bis discretion purclanse aix million ounces of the amount within lorty day a after the passage of the Act. This provision means that something over $\$ 6,000,000$ may be added to the currency within forty days, and another $\$ 0,000,000$ wihin a year, in addition to the sum of about $\$ 1,500,000$ now being addod by the ailver purchases. Another section authorizes the purchase of additional silver bullion and the issue of Treasury notes therefor to replace the National Bank circulation as it falls below $\$ 180,000,000$. If sufficient silver is not oltered to the Government, legal Treasury notes are to bo issuod to supply the deficiency. This will permit the purohase of about $\$ 2,000,000$ worth of silver at once, and additional purchases as National bank notes are withdrawn from circulation. Another section provides for the free ooinage of silver When it alall reach parity wilh gold. One of the important
clauses is the one providing for a new issue of bonds. It fires the amouat of the bonds at $\$ 100,000,000$, the rate of interest at two per cent per year, and the time of redemption at the pleasure of the Goverament. The bonds are to be redeemable in lawful money and to be issued in denominations of $\$ 50$, or some multiple of that sum. These bonds máy be used as the bssis of National bank circulation, like the outstanding 4 and 41 per cent bonds. They are not strictly interconvertible bonds; but under ordinary conditions would be redeemed on demand and would be offyred for sale again. This "gection provides also that the proceeds of the sale of these bonds shall be applied to the purchase of the bonds now outstanding, making it in effect a refunding of the existiag obligations of the Government at a lower rate of interest.

## A WESTERA "FINANCIER""

Judging from the accounts of his transactions given in the Western papers, Mr. C. W. Yourex is a finsncial operator of considerable skill and daring. On the 22ad of November last he called at the banking office of R. \& J. Fox at Lucan, and purchased a draft from them for $\$ 200$, payable al any of the agencies of the Bank of Commerce. Four or five days later he made his appearance at the printiag office of Southam \& Co., in London, where he secured a supply of the draft form printed by then for R. \& J. Fox. Armed with these, and rendered conlident by the fact that the Fox signature was not widely known, he proceeded to fill in the drafts for snug' amounts and plant them where they would do most good. On the 29ih he was in Belleville where he succeeded in cashing two of them, and he then worked the country through Fincardine, Walkerion and Goderich and is believed to have unloaded a few more. He also mailed some to an uncle residiag near London for him to cash but the bank officials were too well posted to be taken in and the fraud was at once discovered. A good many people would now be glad to hear from Mr. Yourex.

## a produce dealer levants.

James N. Henry, a produce merchant of Chatham, Ont., described as an old and well-known resident of that town, exhibited a new and unexpected phase in his character on Saturday last by suddenly disappearing from hisusual haunts and bobbing up serenely in Datroit, whence he is believed to have made his way South. An investigation showed that he had sound financial reasons for his hasty departure. He had succeeded in inducing the G.T.R. station-agent to sign bills of lading for seven or eight carloads of produce, which he bad asserted would be loaded during the day, although only a small portion was actually in the cars, and these he negotiated at once at the bank for drafus to the extent of $\$ 11,000$. ' In addition to this he had been swindling the farmers right and left. How much his operations extend to is not known, but the lowest estimate is $\$ 30$, 000 , while his assets are absolutely nil. He based his credit on zome town property and a farm in Orford ; but on investigation it was found that it was all heavily morigaged and that, previous to has departure, he had given a ohattel mortgage covering everything he possessed.

## HONE NEWS FROYS ABROAD.

The following atartling paragraph appears in the New York Evening Post of last Saturdays's date:-"
J. M. Duchene \& Co., dry goods merchants of Quebec, have been compelled to assigu by reason of the failure of Thibs. deau Bros. \& Co.--The owners of the Dominion Cotton Mills
Co., which now controls all the cotton mills in Canada, yesterday decided to sell out.
Whence the Montreal correspondent of the Post evolved these two extraordinary fictions we cannot cenjecture, unless poseibly from his own inner consciousness.' Bolh atatements are too absurd to need comment. But the fact remains that an unknown piragrapher has induced a respectable financial paper to publish a statement which might seriously injure the credit of a firm less solidly established than Thibaudeau Bros., and that the financial oredit of our marchants in the United States is at the mercy of overy irrespoasible penay-a-liner.

## A LARGE DRY GOODS SALE.

Messrs Gillespie, Rosch \& Co., the well known wholesale dry goods house, offer their entire stock of fancy and staple dry goods for unreserved sale by auction, en bloc, at so much in the dollar. The inventory shows a value of $\$ 75,000$ and the terms are, one third in cash, and the balance in six monthly payments for approved endorsed notes, with seven per cent interest. The sale takes place on the 30 th proximo, and will be conducted by Mr, Thos. J. Potter. A deposit will be required on adjudication. 'The stock is in excellent shape. In fact it is in far better shape than at the time of the firm's troubles, for, since then, it has been carefully pruned, and the old and poor goods disposed of, until to-day there are probably few better assorted stocks in the city. In only one department-that of buttons-is the assortment excessive. In all the others judicious weeding and replacing with new goods have reaulted in clean and well assarted lines, and if the stock was valued well into the seventies at the time of the suspension it should certainly realize a better figure to day. The firm have decided upon this step feeling that it was uselese, with impaired credit, to hope to do business succes:fuily in the face of the present dull times and keen competition. They will not, however, sell their accounts, and it is their intention to liquidate the estate so gradually as not to force any of their past customers to the wall. It is to be hoped that they will soon find themselves agnin in a position to enter into the arena of trade, for both partners arè favorably spoken of in commercial circles as hard-working, oapable, and economical men.

## THE BANK OF OTTAWA.

The report presented at the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Ottawa (which we reproduce in another column) is far more satiffactory than was anticipated. Considering the depressed condition of the lumber trade, and the fact that the bank has had to make provision for their losses by the Russell Seybold failure, the announcement that the total profits of the year, arter making ample provision for all bad and doubtful debts, have reached 101 per cent upon the paid up capital, is a very strong testimony to the excellence of its management and the soundness of its business. Out of these earn ings the bank has paid its usual dividend of eight per cent to the shareholders, and has carried $\$ 25,000$ to its Rest account, so that that valuable eafeguard now reaches the snug sum of $\$ 425,000$ or $42 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the paid up capital. This is a show. ing that could not fail to be gratifying to the shareholdere, considering the adverse condition of trade generally, and the vote of thanks tendered to the President, Vice-President, and the officers of the bank, was a well-deserved one.

## SHORT AND LONG CREDITS.

Whether the shortened terms of credit, imposed by the guild, will be of direct advantage to the wholesale grocery trade remains yet to be seen, but certainly they must work injurious. ly to the interests of wholesale dry goods men. As things stand a wholesale grocer is quite safe in selling to any man who carries a stock of dry goods, since his customer can always sell his dry goods to pay his grocery bill. Underthe new rules the average credit allowed on groceries is sixty days, whereas the re. tailer can get six months on his dry goods and perhaps three or four months dating ahead into the bargain. This gives the grocery man an overwhelming advantage, and possibly it may re. sult in dry goods merchants, in self-defence, selling only to those who caryy no other line of stock.

After reviewing the general situation on the rice crop, a fapanese journal concludes: "If we take into account the enormous crop just harvested, it is not unreasonable to suppose that Japan will send out more rice in 1891 than ever before. We may not get large quantities in the early months, bui that ultimately a very fair share of the surplus will find its wsy to Europe seems all but certain' The first sales for December-January shipment have already been made at J33 3d for Germany, and purchasesis on the same sample for February.March shipments can now be made at 1Cs 6d and perhaps even lower.: In view of the tremendous crop, these prices are still too high, and we mould not-be at all surprised if millers succeed in buying We abould not-be at all surprised if mill

## A RAID ON MONTREAL STOCK.

The report of the precarious condition of a large Weatera firm of agricultural implement makers, whose lisbilities will reach close upon $\$ 400,000$, aftorded an excuss for the "bears" to hammer down Bank of Montreal stock to 219 , at which point so many good buyers flocked in that the stook rallied. It is underatood that the bank has refused further accommodation and, although the firm in question have hopes of patching matters up, their debt to the bank is now so large that the interest alone nust eat up any surplus. A leading broker stated on the street that there was little prohability of any implement house, compelled to rely upon bank assistance, pulling through, as four consecutive bad crops have caused the banks to shut down on all renowals of farmer's notes.

Tae statistical returns of the United States Department of Agriculture show that the present corn crop is worth more than the last, and that farmers will receive more for $i t$. Unfortunately, districts of failure do not realize their portion of the advance in average value. The average price by present returns is 50.1 cent. per bushel, against 28.3 cents for the crop of 1859-an increase of 77 per cent. It is the highest December price of the decade except that of 1881, the only year in which the final average of condition was worse than that of the present season. The present average shows that the law of demand is still the main factor in making prices and profits. The prices in the seven North Eurplus States are: Ohio, 51 cents; Indiana, 47.lc Illinois, 43c ; Iowa, 41c ; Missouri, 44c ; Kansas, 5Ic, and Nebraska 45 c . The average farm value of the wheat crop, as estimated, is 84 cents per bushel, against 69.8c for 1859, an incrése of 20 per cent on the price of last year. The value of wheat is affected by the harvest of other countries, and therefore, prices are not entirely governed by the size of the home-grown crop. For example, the crop of 1885 , though swaller than the present one, brought but 77 cents in December, while the crop of 1882, aggregating over $500,000,000$ bughels_-the second largest ever grown-sold at 88 cents at the same date. The price of oats has responded aharply to the pressure of a small crop and increased demand because of a short corn crop. The average is 42.2 cents, against 23 cents last year. It is the highest reported since 1881. An examination of records shows that abundance or scarcity of corn materially affects the value of this crop, the two prains being largely interchangeable in use. Rye, like oata, at 6.2 .9 cents is higher than since 1881 , and the same is true of barley at 64.8 cents. Buckwheat at 57.7 cents makes an average advance over last year, but is lower than in 1881. The deficiency in the potato crop has caused an advance in values in all sections of the country; the average is 77.7 cents, an increase of more than 90 per cont over the prices of the past. two years. Hay alone of all farm producta records a dechne from last year; the present price is $\$ 7.74$ per ton, and the slight falling off is due to the increased product.

Iudar Tasonereau has given judgment on the exceptions in the case of R. \& A. J. Stewart, wood merchants, of St. John, N.B, against the Bank of Britigh North America. This was an action for $\$ 500,000$ on the ground that the bank having refused to honour two of the firm's cheques at the St. John agency, this act injured their credit greatly in the commercial world at large. The action was served in Montreal on Mr. Grindley, who is the ohief representative of the bank for all its agencies throughout America. The bank fyled an exception to the effect that the court here had no jurisdiction in the matter, inasmuch as the cause of action did not take its origin in the limits of the province, and that both plaintiffs and defendants reside outside of the province. The learned judge went elaborately into the question and quoted a number of authorities referring to the matter, coming to the conclusion that the court had full jurisdiction to take up the case. He held, moreover, that the Bank of British North America could hardly be called a foreign institution. Its Imperial charter having been recognized by our statutes, it had become domesticated, was placed on the same footing as our local banke, and enjoying all their privileges, muast also share their liabilities.

A constansarr of Canadian egga has reached Paris and found a resdy cale.

Rosselu \& Co, write from Shanghai as follows: Black Leaf Congous-During the past fortnight a fair business has been done, the demand being chiefly for teas under 11 taels per picul. Low common grades scarcely fit for consumption have been fetching from 9 to 10 tla per picul; buying, however, has not boen general. Prices for all kinds romain vory firm and have ranged as under: Ninchow, ll@l6 tls per picul; Kee Mun, 14.50 do ; Hohow, 961 rall do ; Kut Oan, 15.50 do; Oanfa. 9 to 1350 do; Oonam, 1040 to 11.50 do ; Oopack, 9.60 to 13.00 do ; dust, 7.2.j dn. Green Teas-Pingsueys-'Ihe stock has been pretty well picked over, and there is a scarcity of desirable teas on offer. Settlements have been small. Country Teas-Moyunes have bern in most demand, except for finest crops. The settle. ments of Tieskais show slightly easier rates. The few remaining chops of Fychows are underirable and rective little attention. Pricos paid have ranged as under: Pingsueys, 5,000 hallchasts chops, 14 to 23.50 per picul; Fychow, 2,600 do,j 15.35 to 17 do ; T'ienkai, 6,600 do, 18.50 to 23.50 do; Moyune, 9,500 do, 18 to 26.50 do .

Tne Federal Bank has filed a petition in the Michigan Circuit Court asking that it may he allowed to intervene and be. come a defendant in the case of Charles L. Ortman against the Au Sable Transportation Company, the J. E. Potts Salt and Lumber Company, David Tisdale and John E. Polts. The peti tion states that on August 20, 1884, David Tisdale, president of the transportation company, transferred to the bank 1,824 shares of stock in the concern as security for $\$ 1,300,000$ worth of property in Michigan which Tisdale bought of the bank. The agreement was to pay $\$ 200,000$ annually on account, and there is remaining now due $\$ 463,000$. The petition further states that the bank will contest the validity of the mortgages and bills of sale, and of all liens claimed upon the proporty of the Au Sable Company. It wishes action by the receiver stayed until it can file an andwer to the forclosure bill. The bank states its belief that the traneportation company was not indebted to Ortman, and that if it translerred mortgages and liens to him it did so without its consent and with intent to defraud the bank.

Thene is no particularly active enquiry for canned almon, at present, on the const. The reports about short packs and full parks have done a great deal to hinder the regular distribu. tion and to disturb prices unnecesearily, and it is to be hoped that then o will be less said ou the subject in the future. There is no shortage this year of any significance. The Pacific Coast salmon pack for 1890 is juat about what it was last year. There may be a shortage of 50,000 cases in the Alask pack, but take it all around the product of the judustry will ghow no significant falling oflin volume, But there noed bo no fear in marketing it all. Receipts in San Prancisco and sales for consumption in the Fast have been very large this beason. There are now about 200,000 cases of aalmon heid in that city. The ordinary demand will clean up tho balance of the pack and any extraordinany inquiry might have the effect to advance prices, but in a general way it may bo said that the situation suggests a steady movement at fair prices until the distribution of the present pack.
'Tnera is a murked change of feeliag in Eagland in favor of allowing the Bauk of England to issue 21 notes, Sir Robert Peol's Act, passed in 18t4, forbado the Bank to issue notes of lower denomination than £. $^{5}$; although the Scotch and Irish banks have always issucd $£ 1$ notes. In England, hitherto, there las been a prejudice against these smull notes on the assumption that they would lead to inflation, but the recent crisis has brought home to every one the necessity for an amendment of Sir libbert Peel's Act, and one change that seems to be growing in favor is the oxtension of the Bank of England's right to issue £l notes. Anoher change that is much favored by economists and bankers of high atanding is the copying of that provision of the German law which allows the German banks to iseue in excess of their authorized circulation notes based upon coin and bullion, on puying to the Government a duly of 5 per cent on the excess.

Under date of Laghorn, lat inst., the report is made that "citron has agnin advanced in sympathy with a wide speculative movement in the raw fruit, and now commands the full parity of 64 s per owt. f.o.b."

The new Dominion Cotton Mills Company havereceived their oharter, granted them by an Orderin.Council, and the following gentlemen have been elected directors : Messrs. A. F. Gault, Jacques Grenier, R. L. Gault, S. H. Ewing, D. Morrice, J. 0. Villeneuve and C. E. Gault. The directors have in their turn elected Mr. A. F. Gault, president, and Mr. Jacques Grenier, vice-president. The head office of the company will be in Mon. treal, and its capital $\$ 5,000,000$. The concern has already purchased the following grey cotion mills: The Hochelags Cotton Mills; the St. Ann's Cotton Mills; the Coaticonke Coton Com. pany; the Magag Cotton Company; the Kingston Cotton Com. pany; the Craven Cotton Company, of Brantford; the Now Brunswick Cotton Company, of Moncton; the Nova Scotia Cot. ton Company, of Halifax ; and the Windsor Colton Company, of Windsor, N.S.

Tae epruce lumbermen of New Brunswick and Quebec are protestivg against the removal of the export duiy on logs of all descriptions to meet the requirements of the McKinley bill. They contend that they are placed at a disadrantage, as they cannot now pay $\$ 2$ duty on spruce and ship to the Onited States while Ontario pine goes in at $\$ 1$ duty. They contend their interests should not have been eacrificed to enable the Ontario mill men to sell their pine lumber at an advantage, and they hold that the Government should not have removed the export duty on spruce logs unless the United States admits epruce lumber at the reduced rate of import duty. The McKinley bill has made matters worse for the peopla of Quabec and New Brunswick by laying a duty of 27 per cent ad valorem on cedar railrosd ties and telegraph poles, which goes into effect March 1. Last year Quebec sent to the States ties to the value of $\$ 78,000$, while the shipments from New Brunswick came to $\$ 77,000$.

Tue Amarican cotion crop of 188900 was $7,297,117$ bales, averaging 49814 pounds per bale, agaiast a crop the previous season of $6,939,284$ bales averaging 497.06 pounds per bale. The crop was the largest in the bistory of the country. Opinions differ as the probable size of the growing American crop, though there is a very general agreement that it will be considerably larger than the last crop. The advices do not indicate that the crop of any State will be less than in 188990 , while the production of many sections will be materially greater, and notably so in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabams, Mississippi, Georgia and Arksmas. Present prospects point to a crop of $7,800,000$ to $8,000,000$ bales. Frequent rains during the early fall did consid. crable damage and the quality of the cotton will be inferior to 1889.90.

Lumbermen in Ottawa seem to be more confident in the future, and most of the mill-owners express the belief that next season will make up for the dullness of 1890 , and that business will be brisk in the spring. The feeling is general thata brighter opening of trade may be looked for the coming spring, than last, as regards the United States trade. As regards the English trade it is believed that it cannot be any worse than it was this season, and there are chances that it may be better, stocks having run pretty low. With respect to the South American trade, though matters are more settled, it is generally admitted that the present high value of gold will prevent an early revival, as lumbermen will not accept so depreciated a currency and will not give credit on it.

Thers is no greater fallacy possible than the almost universal belief that if water be hright and sparkling it is necessarily wholesome. From a long series of experiments to ascertain the best methods of clearing muddy or clouded waters it was found that, while there were many diff rent mineral substances, each of which would canse the precipitation of the clay if added to the water in small amounts, the most powerful precipitant-the one which produced the result by the most minute additionwas sewage. From the point of view of the savitarian therefore the limpid purity of any spring or well is a suspicious quality.

Tae charges of freight diecrimination made against the C. P. R. at Winnipeg and also by the Midland Millers Association in session at Campbellford, Ont., are said by the company's officiale in this city to be entirely groundless.

Tee returns of coal shipments by water from the mines of Pictou and Cape Breton to the St. Lawrence show an increase of 121,796 tons for this season over last. This is a gain of over 25 per cent. The quantity of Pictou and Cape Breton coal sent elsewhere by water and rail must also be larger than last year The Springhill output is, notwithstanding the strike, the largest in the history of the mine. Take it oltogether it is probable that the Nova Scotia sales will reach this year $1,750,000$ or $1,800,000$ tons, as against $1,555,106$ tons last year, and 693,511 tons in 1878. The total coal production will probably not be far short of $2,000,000$ tons.

Tre following reply from the secretary of the Fire Underwriter's Ascociation has been received by the Council of the Board of Trade in response to an enquify as to a possible reduction in fire rates :-
"I am directed to any that the experience of the protection aff uded by the aligmentation of the Fire department of this city is neithir sufficiently apparent, nor does it cover an adfquate period to enable the Association to aanction at present any reduction in rates, but the mytter will be carefully kept in view, it being the desire of the Assnciation to afford the public the fullest benefit which any sctual improvement in results, when ascertained, may warrant."

Speating of the state of the wheat crop the Winnipeg Commercial вsy日:- In some districts threshing has been finished, and in most olher districts it is well advanced toward completion, but in other sections not over half the grain has yet been threshed. As the work is finished in one part, the machines are releas $d$ and are sent to points where the work is more backward, so that those diatricts which have been short of machines are getting their wants supplied. It is evident that there is a lot of grain yet to be marketed in Manitobs, when it is considered that there is a lot of threshing yet to be done.

This season woollen gnods have been practically a drug in the market. No woman of any pretensims to style will wear anything but furs; and clouds, woollen shawls, and other kiodred lines, have had to be sucrificed for whatever they fetch. Clouds Wholesaling at $\$ 8$ per dozen, are offered at retail for 25 cents apiece, without finding purchasers. Storm collars, boas, and shoulder capes, have driven woollens out of the market and those dry-gnods merchanls who laid in heavg stocks of these formerly popular lines must bs content to carry them for an. other season or ascrifice them belon cost.

Is financial circles the impression is gaining ground that we are about to enter upon a period during which higher rates of interest will prevail. It cannot be denied that the accumulation of funds, for some years past, at the world's large centres, which resulted in such low rates, had the effect of over stimulating speculation and enterprise in different parts of the globe. This supply of funds his, to a large extent, been scattered, and even with the increasing rapid communication between nations, a long time will elapse before it can pile up again. This supposition would, therefore, appear reasonable.

A number of volumes of the Encyclopadia Britannica were geized at Winnipeg some time ago for violation of the copyright law as they contained some articles which were copyrighted. The matter was referred to the Department of Justice to see if the serzure was legal, as it was maintained that ainoe the encyclopmetia itself could be admitted after paying duty the fact of its containing these articles was no violation of law. The Minister has decided that the seizurs is genuine and comes under the copyright law.

The enormous difference between rail and water freight rates is shown by:some recently published statistics of traffic on the lakes during the season of 1889. In that year the value of the freight carried through the "Soo" canal was $\$ 83,732,527$, and the total amount paid for its transportalion was $\$ 8,634,246$; Had the eame freight been carried by rail the cost to the shippers Fould have been $\$ 54,774,759$. The tolal saving to the public by the use of water transportation on the lakes is estimated at nearly $\$ 120,000,000$.

Masbrs. J. H. Routh \& Co., general agents of the Western Assurance Co., have lavored us with a handsome calendar for 1891 and a gilt-edged memorandum book.-The iriends of Mir. F. W. Foster of Aghcroft and Clinton, B.C., will welcome the neat practical calendar as usual issued by that enterprising merchant - One of the moat attractive calendars on our table is that issued by the National Assurance Co., of which Mr. L. H. Boult is manager for Canada. The work is evidently translineal.

Thr deserving or undeserving poor, "whom we always have with us," who want the city to act as "drawers of water" for them at little or no cost, have probably as much of right on their side as the scores of salaried cicizens who long owe the butcher and the baker, the grocer and the tailor and other business men all over town, adding to the general complaint in res. pect of payment of accounts at a time of the jear when peace and good.will should generally prevail.

Baltimorn authorilies express the opinion that prices for canned oysters "have got down to "hard pan.'" The present quotations are $\$ 1.85$ per dozen for 10 ounce, $\$ 1.70$ for 8 ounce, $9 \overline{\mathrm{c}}$ for 2 lb light wi i hts, 90 c for 5 ounce, 90 c for 4 ounce, and 55 c for 1 lb light weights. Owing to the high cost of the ram stock, many of the canners have stopped packing, and the pack thus far this season is about 70 per cent short of the usual season's work.

Foreion fashion authorities assure the trade that 1891 will wi:ness the supremacy of gold, silver and steel embroideries, for both wrap and drese garniture. Color will be the ferture of the new trimming offidrige, even to the extent that black bead fringes will te embellished with high colored initation jewels. Some of the new garniture samples now being shown embody the loudest eflects ever seen in this class of goods.

TaE Cowichan district of Vancouver island is being devastated by disastrous floods. There was a phenomenally heary rain for some days accompanied by snow, which rapidly melted and on top of all was a cloud burst. Houses, barns, bridges and everything moveable in the track of the fluod have been washed awny until the damage foots up nearly $\$ 500,000$. The waters are now receding.

The improbability of any material recovery in security values in time for st, tement purposes makes it seem likely that "profit on underwriting" statistics will be more popular this year than "gain in net surplus" tables. If secuities had not fallen so heavily well-managed fire insurance companies generally. would have shown abnormal gains on account of the light losses.

Recrnt advices from England say there is reason to believe the wheat crop of that country for this year has been much overestimated. The average yield is now expected to be return. ed oficially at not more than thirty and perhaps as low as twentynine bushols to the acre. This would mean a reduction of some $5,000,000$ bushels from the quantity hitherto counted on.

Tref furriers are indignant at Senator Pettigrew's suggestion to kill off all the seals in Alaskan waters in order, thereby, to help the cod Gisbery, and putan end to the Behring Sea troubles. They eay this drastic course would involve the throwing of 22,000 men and 70,000 women out of employment, and that this is too high a price to pay for peace and chesper fish.

Tar Department of Agriculture Las issued the moriasy statistics for month of November last. The highest death rate was in Sorel, 2.07, and next in Quebec, 2.01. In Montreal the death rate was 1.53 , compared with 1.95 in Halilax, 1.14 in To. ronto and 1.28 in Hamilton. St. Johns, P.Q., was lowest with . 36 , and Guelph next with .56.

A cormespondent of the New York Clironicle credits this paper erroneously with an article on "Credit given in insur: ance." This is entirely incorrect. The article in question is not in anyway up to the standard of this Jounsal, and is probably fathered by one of the many petty trade papers that have aprung up so plentifully of late years.

Is the man who gives his neighbors a hearty laugh is a bonefactor to society, the editor of the Trade Bulletin certainly deserves well of the hardware trade. His last week's editorial on the fall of Scotch warrants to 42 s 9 d was one of the few mirth-provoking incidents of the week. It was beautifully repsoned out, but unfortunately his premisea were wrong. Bcotch warrants did not fall to 42 ad . It was simply a transposition of figures in the "sheet" that deceived the sapient editor. Scotch warrants have not yet fallen below 46s, and, therefore, his melancholy forebodinge as to the position of pig iron are not warranted by the facls.

The liquidation of the Niagara District Fire Insurance Co. is still dragging its slow length along the ages. It is now some ten yeara since Mr. Heary Giles the liquidator took up his residence in Montreal whore he has evidently come to stay. Mr. Giles could say something about the "Law's delay" in this Province, an' he would.

By the deall of Mr. A. B. Stewart one of Monireal's old commercial landmarks is removed. Mr. Stewart was one of the best known official assignees under the old Insolvent Act, and for many years has boen a leading accountant in this city. His funeral was largely attended by our most prominent citizens.

Fificen car loads of dressed turkeys, of ten tons each, were recently shipped from Smith's Falls to Boston. They were sent by special train and were run over tho C. P. R. to St. Polycarp Junction, thence by C. A. K. to Rouses Point, and on by the Vermont Ceniral. The value of the shipment was $\$ 27,000$.

A mulu has already been introduced into Congress to fix the duty on tinplates at one cent per pound instead of the McKinley. rate of two and two lenth cents; and the duty on manufactures of tin ut forty.five per cent instead of fifty five per cent. The bill also proposes to leave tin ores on the free list.

Woons wages in the Northwestern States continue higher than have ruled for several seazons. In the Menominee district and around Green Bay lumbermen are paying $\$ 26$ where formor. iy iney paid $\$ 16$ and $\$ 18$, and $\$ 30$ and $\$ 35$ where they paid $\$ 26$. Here is an opening for our unemployed axemen.

So many coasting vessels were wrecked in the great storms of the past fortnight around the Nova Scotia coast that there is a scarcity of tomnage, and freights have gone up 40 cents a ton within a ferr weeks. 'This, added to the ecarcity of stocks, will likely cause a coal famine in Nova Scotia this winter.

Collector Milue of Victoria, B.C., has seized the German schooner Adele, which returned Sunday from Behring sea, where sho raided the Prybolof islands and killed 400 seals.

Drsites statements to the contrary it is understood on the best authority that no definite arrangements concerning the reopening of the Barmoral have yet been made.

Ths trade will noie with intereat the announcement else. where of 'L. J. Potter's auction sale of a bankrupt stock. Mr. Potter's success in trade sales of teas, fruits, etc., has directed more attention to this mode of selling.

Ir is learned that the London Absurance Corporation is about to apply to Parliament for additional powers. It will ask, among other privileges, to be authorized at any time, should occasion arise, to own stock in any foreiga insurance company.

Tus Othava city council has referred to a special sub-committee the aot to abolish the present income tax principle and establish one based on the annual assessed value of the premises, not exceeding if per cent., irrespective of the personal property or stock therein.

Tas Minister of Railmays and Canals has ordered a aurvey for the enlargement of the Farran's Point canal, above Cornwall, to the standard of the St. Lawrence system. The canal, which is one and a half miles long, will be widened to ninety feet. The estimsted cost of the work is $\$ 750,000$.

Mr. Arthur P. Tippar (of A. P. Tippet \& Co., left on the "Aurania" to visit the different firms represented by his house and will be absent for some weeks. Mr. Tippet is well known to so many of our readere, east and west, that we are sure they will wish him a safe journey. He visits England, Germany, Franoe aud Italy while away all in the interest of his large and Frauoe aud laly whin
inareasing buaineas.

Ofr Walkerton, Ont., correspondent writes:-R. W. Türuer woolen manufacturer, who was in financial difficulties lately, has resumed operations.-The Merchants Bank of Canada has purchased Whitehead's 3 -storey block in the centre of the town, whither it intends to remove its oftice next March. -The corporation has advertised for tenders for constructing the water works in town which will cost in the peighbourhood of $\$ 30,000$. -Buildings costing in all about $\$ 70,000$ were erected in this town during the past season.

Tas Loanda on her last trip from St. John and Halifax to Bermuda, St. Thomar, St. Kittis, Antigua, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, Barbadoea, Trinidad and Demerara, carried a large assorted cargo chiffly from the lower provinces, small centres in the Province of Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. The articles comprised nails, spikes and carrigge hardware, lish of all kinds, cloth, hay, potatoes, apples, drugs, lard, cheese, butter, clothing, beans, wire mattresses, stoves, shirts, canned goods, ptc. The vessel is expected to arrive back from the West Indies about the 20th prox.

Bar of Quinte Notes.-J. K. Scovil, Portland, has sold his phosphate mine to an English syndicate for a handsome sum.The Kingston cement company will carry on their operations at Kingaton Mills where they can secure good water powerMr. R. H. Baker, Deseronto, shipped a car load of oats last week- A gang of men are busy thoroughly cleaning out the Deseronto Big Mill after the season's work.- A strong force of millwrights are busy making repairs to the Deseronto Cedar mill, which will be ready to commence work again in three or four weeks.-'The weather during the past week has been variable, but generally of a wintry cast. On Monday morning the mercury in the themometer sank to $10{ }^{\circ}$ below zero. Fortun ately it was a dead calm and the cold was not so intense as might be expected. There hava been a few light flurries of snow during the week, and the sleighing along the front has been fairly good, though five or six miles back from Deseronto farmors are using their wagons, as there is not enough of snow for sleighing. On Wednesday there was a dash of rain, and the high temperature of Thureday following, the snow is gradually disappearing.-Lumbering operations are becoming brisk in the vicinity of Arden.-The Thousand Isiands Railway is doing a large freight and passenger traftic this $y \in a r$. -The Kingeton cotion mill be transferred to the syndicate January lst.-The farm of the late Adeline Niltoc, near Athens, has been purchased by James Walker, Newboyne, for $\$ 3,950$.-The November imporis at Belleville show an increase of $\$ 4,527$ and the exports $\$ 14,534$ over the same month last year.-The Tweed Neqs says it is reportcd that tho Cunadian Pacific Railway round house at Havelock will be removed to another point on the line, probably 'Tweed.-The steamers Hero and Norseman will both undergo extensive repairs at Kingston.-Messrs. Smith and Gibson of Deseronto, announce a dssolution of partnerahip.

Mortranal Olabing Hodsh--Olearinge and balanoes wieek ending 18th December, 1890 :-

|  |  |  | Clearings. | Balances. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12th December 1890. |  |  | \$1,479,500 | \$222,173 |
| 13th | " | 1890 | 1,651,143 | 167,842 |
| 16th | ' | 1890. | 1,097,122 | 121,145 |
| 16th | " | 1890. | 1,733,917 | 295,287 |
| 17th | " | 1890. | 1,553,051 | 189,671 |
| 18th | " | 1890. | 1,555,805 | 147,798 |
| Total |  |  | \$8,970,538 | \$1,143,916 |
| Last weok. |  |  | \$9,618.605 | \$1,203,500 |
| Onr wafk lant vear, |  |  | 98426,669 | \$1.296 067 |

## Meeitings, Reponts, 8 c .

## TEE BANE OF OTTAWA.

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Ottaws was held at the Bank on the 10th inst. Among thoge present wure Messrr. G. B. Barland, Robert Blackburn, Hon. Francis Clemow, E. Nohr, of Araprior; Alex Fraser, Westmeath; George Hay, Andrew Masson. Jas. MacLaren, Chas. Mugee, John Mather, Denis Murphy, David MacLaren, Wakefield, and J G. White.

On the motion of Charles Magee, Efq, seconded by George Hay, E-q, the President, James MacLaren, Eoq., took the Chair, and the Cashier aoted as Secretary.

The President then called upon the Cashier to read the following report of tab diriotors:
The balance at the Credit of Profit and Lobs Account, on 30th November, 1889, was. ...........................
at Profits for the year onding 29th November, 1890, after
deducting expenses of management, reduction in Bank deducting expensas of management, reduction in Bank
Premise日, and making necessary provision for interest due to depositore, unearned interest on current digconnts, and for all bad and doubtful debts.

105,44895

Appropriated as follows:
Dividend No. 28, paid 1st June, 1890......... \$40,000 00
Dividend No. 29, parable 1st December, 1890.. 4n,000 00
Carrled to Rest Account. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 25,000 00

Leaving a balance to be carried forward at the credit of
Profit and Lass Account
\$21.079 83
And making the Rest Account.
425,000 00
While the past year has been chararterized to some extent by a depression in trade, the business of the Bank has, on the whole, coninued to progress eatisfactorily.

The various offices of ihe Bank havo been carefully inapected during the year.

The Directors have antisfaction in expressing their approval of the manner in which the offijers of the Bank continue to perform their respective duties.

Jayeg MadL mun,
President.
General statement of liablities and assets as on 29th November, 1890. hiabilitiea.
Notes in Clrculatinn.......... $\cdot$............

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## Loans overdue secured

Real Estate, the property of the Bank
other than the Rank premigen,
Mrrtgages on Real Eatate sold by the Bank. Bank premises.

## $\$ 5,553,01766$

Gro. Buan, Cashier.
The President, Mr. ManLaren, in moving the a ioption of the report; gald that the year had beenja good one with the Bank and fita branches generally, the business as a whole having proved astisfactory. Unfortunately the Bank had suffered to some extent by a recent local failure. Be was alad to be able to assure the Shareholdere, however, that the loss in this account had been amply provided for before the books were closed, and for this resson the addition to the leet pas not so large as the Directors would have liked.

Hon Senator Clemow said that he thought it was a matter for enngratulation that the Directors were in a position to assure the Sharebolders that any probable losa had been amply provided for, and that they were able to add to the Rest. Such a condition of thing should be very gratifying to the Shareholders.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimanimir.
It was moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-Presldent, that the report of the Directors and stitement- now raad be adopted, and printed for the information of the Shareholders.

Moved by G B. Burland, Esq.: beconded by Hon. Francis Clemow, that the thanks of the Sbarchuldurs are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Dirertors for their careful attention to the intereats of the Bank durivg the past yenr.

Soved by D, Mfurpby, E-q.. Beconded by E. Mobr, Efq, that the thanks of the Shareholders lis tendered to the Cashier and other officers of the Bank for the efficient manner in which they have dis. charyed their respective dutips.

Moved hy Mr. Sheriff Sweetland, seconded by A Marson, Esq., that the ballot box be now opened, and remain open until five oclock for the o'ection of seven Directors for the ensuing year, and that Messra. D. Murphy and D. MarLaren be appointed seratineers, the polls to: he closed whenever fivo minutes shall have elapsed without a vote being tendered.

The scrutineers presented the following report:
Orratra, 10th Decomber, 1890.
To Geo. Bu'n, Esq, Cashier:
Sir.-Wo the uoderaigaed Scrutineers, appninted at the General Meetiog of the Shareholders of the Bink of Ottawa, held this day, hereby declare the following gentlemen dulv elected Diructors for the ensuing year: fames MacLaren, E*q, Charles Magee, E*q, R. Blactsbard, Esq, Hon Gro Bryson, zen'r, Alezander Fraser, Eeq., Geo. Hay, Evq., John Mather, Esq.
D. Murphy,
D. MacLarem,

Scrutineora.
At a meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors, hold aubse. qnently, Jamps MacLaren, Eeq., was re-elected President, and Charlea Magee, Esq., Vice-President,

Geo. Bern
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Total Aspets immediately available..
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Loans overdue not specially secured..... .
\$ 976,070 30 4,465.544 73

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Tab circular of Duncan, Ewing \& Co, dated Liverpool, Dec. 1, anys: The imports during the past moath compared favorably with those of the like time last year, and the consumption in the nggregnty has been satisfactryy. The general stacks, however, are far too heavy, nad in some instauces excessive, such as Quehec pine timber and cak of all drscriptions; also hewn pitch pine, Quebec and N. B. and N, S. desls as will be seen on refererence to the contrated stocks at foot. There is no improvement to record in prices of these articies, and there is nothing to warrant any ourly waterial advance. As regards spruco dealf, however. the stocks, allhough excensive, consist chitfly of narrow widths and oddmunts, so that any early shipment of good specification, erpecially of 11 inches, will conmand full rates. Yellow Pine Tinber: There has been a very light import, aud the deliveries good, but the stocks remain excessive, with no improvement to record in prices. A parcel of prime Waney, 18 inch average, has been cold at 2 s 2 d per foot, ex quay. Red pine: There is very litile doing in this arricle, and-stocks are ample. Oak: The import bas bern small, but the stocks are heavy, with no advance in values to report. Sales have been by private treaty. Elm: The consumption has been good, and stocks are redued, bat auple for the requirements. Ash: There has been no import. hut the atocks are sufficient, with the limited demand. Birch: The import has been large, oul the deliveries shtiffactory; stockf, however, are ample. A parcel of Quitec, 18 inch average, is reported to have been rold att $23 d$ per foct, ex quay, and parcele of Pictou; $16 \frac{1}{2}$ inch average, and Tatimagouche 26f jnch average,
bave been gold at 16 d and 16 fd per foot, ex quay. Birch planks keep very low in value, and stocks are heavy. Quebec pine deals. There has feen a large import, and the deliveries appear eatisfactory, but the stocks are 100 heavy. By atiction a rmall lot of lat quality brond was sold at $£ 24118$ per btanaard, and oddments at $\mathcal{£ 1 8}$ per alandard. Of 2ad quality, 16 inch and up at $£ 20$ per standard, 11 inch and up at $£ 16$ per standard. By private treaty sales of oddments or ponr speprivate treaty sales of oddments or ponr spe-
cification ara reported at very luw figures N. B. nod N. S. spruce deals: The imports have betn hesvior than were anticipated, snd the deliveries are leks than daring the like period last year, whilst the stocks now on hand are excersive. The following sales by private treaty are reported: Daihousie at 56 per standard, Shediac at $\boldsymbol{E}_{5} 1$ Trs 6 d per stand-
 terms.

Ox the 3rd inst. the United Labor Oonncil of the port of London ibsued a manifesto, accuring shipowners of breaking the immemorial custom of engaging crews at specifled sinipping offices and compelling the men to sign articles on beard ship. The accussition has not been disputed, nor do the fhipewners deny that their artion was from the first directed against the unions By engagiog men aboard ship and keeping them there after aikning articlep, the shipowners have seriously hampered the op-rations of the unton officials, who find it difficult to keep old memberis and impossible to obtain recruite. The union decided to limit the straggle as far as posidule, the present time of year being unsuitable for strikes, and they therefure at-
tacked only the three leading offenderg-the Shaw Savill and Albion, the British India and the New Zsalnnd liner, whofe fremen and seamen were called out on December 8 . The coal laborers in the eame service struck work in sympathy and are still out. The three companies all belong to the Shipping Federation, and that powerfal body at once took charge of the fight. It proves to be admirably orkauized, and up to the present has been victorious all alnge the line, the ships baving betn coaled, manned and derpatched with scarcely any delay. The unionists admit that they have been worsted so far, but they will keep the stroggle alive until the spring, and then widon the area of batle Both sides are preparing for the great fight, in which it is probable that the existence of all trades utions connecred with shipping and dncks will be involved.

## tinancial.

## Montaraly Thurbday Efymina,

The market has been dull and unintereating all week and the hniliday feeling soems to be gaining pround. Bank of Montreal has flactuated between 210 and 222 and closem easy and dull at 2201 asked, 219 bid. Sales of the stock were in amall broken lotg, bat footed up the fair total of 318 shares., Com. merce was not so active as usaul and also closed easy with only 123 bld, after molllas.
daring the week from 1232 (a) 1242. Only a peddling buainuse was done in other bank shares. Canadian Paclicic was less active, the sales not exceoding 2,480 sbares. One amall lot was put through at 73 , but the bulk of the trading for the week was at a much lower range. Quito a lino of stock was sold at 704, but the markot was botter than this later, tho closing buing $71 \frac{1}{2}$ arked, 71t bid. Gas was moderately active and fairly steady and 'Ielegraph showed no important change. There was ouly oue bmall sale of Btreet railway. Northwest land was extreinely irregular, fluctunting betwoen 683 and 72. At the close it stood 65 sellers, 65 buyers. Among the sales of the week ware $\$ 1,400$ Corporation 7 per cents at $15 B(3) 167$ and 40 Onion bank at 93. Tha bank of England rate is un, changed at 5 per cent; street rato 4 f. Loral sterling market better. Sixty days sight $7.16-16 \pi 8$ 1-16 and 88 位; demand $813-16 \pi$
 2-16@1-10 und $\$ 03$ prem., cattla bild 83.16
 sterling in New York $4.82 \frac{1}{2}$ and $486 \frac{2}{2}$.

| Banks |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commercs. | 73 | 1241 | 1237 | 1234 |
| Merchants | 6 | 142 | 140 | 141 |
| Moutreal | 318 | 223 | 219 | 2264 |
| Peoples | 17 | 981 | 97 | 988 |
| Outario ....... ... | 25 | 110 | 110 | 1324 |
| Miscellancous. |  |  |  |  |
| Uan. Padfu.... . | 2,480 | 738 | 708 | 723 |
| Gat. | 370 | 200. | 109 | 2031 |
| North West Land, | 201 | 72 | 689 | 82 |
| Telegraph....... . | 203 | 08 | 07 | $95 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Street Eailway... | 12 | 171 | 171 | 200 |

## MONTREAL WHOHESALU TRADE.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1890.
In tho wholerale trado very lltt'o chauge can be reported since our last writing. Tavellers are mostly in town for the holidays, and a large number of housis aro buesly ongaged iu stock-taking. Still thoso who have their men atill out on the rond report a fair volume of amall spring orders, although they are not disposed to speak hopefully of the trade situation. The stringency of money, and the unsatisfactory nature of paymente, aro overywhere a source of complaint, the aumber of small failures is diequifting, and the fenr that thotr volums will bo largely augmonted bifore the end of next month renders morchnits caullous. Four succeseiva poor harvurts havo demoralized country paymentr, and the ramor that some of tho leadiog banks bave decided not to renew furmers notes has had its effect on the ngricultural implement makers and kindred lines. In this eity the holiday trado may be said to have scarcely begun, but, from this out, business in these lines is sure to be rushiog. Local retailers report the volume of trado fully up to the averageand, although their views of the situation are cerialnly conservative, they are not disposed to talion gloomy viow of the situation.
Agnks.-Receipte, though still light, have boen slightily heavier and prices of pots are a shade casler, \$5.05@\$5.60 having been accopted for first sort. Sucond unsettled, add worth about $\$ 4.60$. Pearls scarce nad nomlnal ; last aules ouly 2 brle first at about \$5.75. Receipts since lst January, 2,001 brls pots; 882 bels poarle. Deliverfer, 2,363 bris pots; $b 29$ brls pearia. Stock in etore, 17 Docomber, 3 p.m., 73 brls pots; 15 brls pearls.

Oxaient--Cablo quotntions received gegthis wook quote Loudou brands for immediate shipment on through bills of landing to Montreal $\$ 355$ and Toronto $\$ 2.73$ per cask; which are inside the present quotations of dealers from stock here. Business on spot is dull

## SIX PER CENT. DEBENTURES

## EQUTTABLE MORTGAGE COMPANY

## Head Office, - 208 Broadwav, - New York.

## CuNDENSED STATEMENT, Jane 30th, 1890 ,

Capital Subscribed, - . . . . . . . $\$ 2,000,00000$

Secured by all the capital and askets of the Equitable Mortgage Company, including Its uncalled capital of $\$ 1,000,000$, and hy firat mortgages on- Real אestate tranaferred to the American Luan and Trust Company of Now York, as trastees; each debenture being specially secured by $\$ 100,000$ of first mortgages on improved properties certified to be worth not less than \$250,000.

By the lsaue of new stock at a preminm, the paid-up capital of the Equitable Mortgage Company is now being increased to
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IEWIS A. IIART, • - - NTOTARY, MORTGACE AND DEBENTURE INVESTMENTS. Imperial Buldings, - 107 St. James street, - MONTREAL
hear of during the week was on the basis of $\$ 2.60$ per cark for Newcatle cement and a amall lot in outsider's hands at a fagure somewhat less than above. There is no change in quotations on Belpian brands. Stocks of firebricks are very light for this season of the year and are held firmly at $\$ 24 \pi \$ 30$ per $M$.
Camatmab Cattle - Some eplendid beeveb have been on the market for tho Christmas market, but owing to the large shipments to England this season the quantity was scarcely so large an usual. One lot avernging 1,450 lbs sold at $5 f \mathrm{c}$ and others averagine $2,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ were sold at 6 chera7e and over. Two loads came on hore from Maple Creek, N. W. T, and were favorably received. Toronto has been rather short of cattle and bas not been able to send many here. Deslers look for top prices and a good margin of profit.
Day Goods.-There is but little change in the situation since our last writing. Travollers ore doing fairly woll in small ordars, but money is very tight, avd there is an uneasy mistrustful feoling in the market that leads merchants to put credit in the vaguest rumours. Ia this city trade is slightly better and tho Cbristmas rush (which has been unusually lato this year) is now putting in an appearance. Retail merchants say the volume of trade fs fully up to that. of last year, bat the general impression is that people will be more chary of spending money this seabon than usual and that the holiday trade will fall under anticipations.
Dressed Hocs.-Wilhin the past fewt days there has been a fair demand and prices are well maintnined. Jobling lots have sold at $\$ 590 \propto \$ 6$ and car loads at $\$ 5,75 \ldots \$ 5.85$.
Dary Prodog and Pbovisioss.-Choice batter has sold well in jobbing lots and commands its price The best creamesy has been placed at 23c and Townships dairy at 20c. Exportera are chary and bids aro below sellers views. Something may be dono Inter on in this way in medium priced stock. Cheese has ruled quiet but firm and sellers serm still to hava the advantage. It is likely that English donlers will not operate until the new year, after the official stocks of cheese are annonnced. Local men are of opinion that the balance in hand on this side will be wanted at paying prices and that much briskuess in demand will soon send values apwards. Becent shipmente are on old orders for December delivery and of late now basiness has ban $n$ a rarity. Tho shipments officially hnown for the past week comprise 14,904 boxes to Liverpool, 1,956 to London and 1,020 to Bristol, maklag 17,880 boxes. The gtesmer of one of the leading lines saling to Bristol from Port-
land takes in addition fome 8000 or 9,000 boxef, The ordinary top price is 98 ? and we have heard of no business over that figure except in a jobling way, however, somerelected lote are held for a triffo more. The following are Montreal retall prices:-Choice printbotter, 30 c ( 735 c ; creanuery. late make, 22 c © 2 c ;
 strictly new laid, 40c(a50c; held fresb, 25c@ 23c; limed, 23c@25c. A despatch from Brockville says: A sale of 1,600 boxes of cheese was made here. The lot was nearly all Soptember and October which brought 9 9/c. A few Augnst brought 9 3 c. An offer of $915-160$ bas been made for a lot of 800 , hut the owner is bolding for 10 c , and the prospects are that by the end of the week he may get his price. In provisions a fuir bucinees is passing, especially in pork and lard. Our quotations for pork are slightly revised this werk.

Egas and Poulthy.-Eggs have tended upwards for strictly fresb, recoipts having fallon cff greatly. As the holidays approach the damand has fidecreased. Fresh new laid bave sold at 26ca28c, held at 22c $\alpha 24 \mathrm{c}$ and limed at 200. Dressed pouliry in brisk demand, especially turkeys. Ohoice fresh turkeys are worth money these days and in spite of the duty many have been exported to the States while some have been seat to England on trial. They aro worth here $9 \frac{1}{2}$ conioc, ducks 8c@8 do, ehickens 7c @, 8 do, geese 7c, yartridge 55 c a60c per brace; hares $30 \mathrm{c} / 235 \mathrm{c}$.

Flour and Grain.-A modorato jobbling demand has been experienced for flour, bat that is all. Quntations are unchaneed with the exception of new strong bakers which we reduce in price as millers are willing to sell at $\$ 530$. Grain is nominal. There is little doing in wheat here nad about the only fact worth mentioning is that oats are scarce and firm at 44cod5c for Manitoba, and at 461c@ 47 c for Ontario. P+as are worth $73 \mathrm{cra74e}$ per 66 lbp , in store. No. 2 Manitobs wheat is quoted at $\$ 1.01 @ \$ 1.02$, but there is no fixed quotation for No. 1. There is little move ment in corn at 73c@73c, duty paid. Feed burley quiet at 5uc@52c and good malting at 65c@7uc; rye 60c. There has been an frregular tone to the Chicago whest market, nevertheless there bas been some heavy buring during the wetk. May wheat sold at 99f"a $\$ 1.01$. The total quantity of wheat in sight on this co.tinent and afloat to Europe is 49, 637,000 bushels, an increase of $1,056,000$ bushels compared with a week ago, $1,92 n, 000$ bushels compared with a month ago, aod a decrease of 3,547,000 buibels cumpared with a year ago. A late Engligh cable cays that wheat cargoes were firmer with a continental demand and corn rteady. California wheat off coast 37s 9d; Australian the amme prico;

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## 18 Bartholomew Close,

## LOMDOM. FROLABR.

Chilinn 3639 and Walla whent aleo. Wheat and firur, reduced to whent, aflont to Europe, $24,450,000$ bushele, compared with $24,012,000$ busbels for the previous werk, 22,504,000 bushels for two week 3 go , and $19,240,000$ buehels for the same time last year. In Chicago easier money in the east cansed grenter confidence and legislation favorable to silver is also epoken of as a good factor. Exports from the United States for less than half of the crip year to date foot up $46,000,000$ bushels, which is less than 2 per cent. short of the total a year ago, and the outgo the last few days ahows no preceptible falling off, though it is mostly from the Pacifio coast. A tolo-

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gram from Chicngo stater that Hutchinfon's purchases have helped the market as much as anything else, although Eugligh arivices eave some support. Receipts in the Northwest were light and cash wheat was reported in good demand at Minnenpolis at 910 bid, buta selling movement started that was too mech for the market, carrying prices from $\$ 1.01 \frac{1}{2} 99 g_{8} \mathrm{c}$, closing 993 c bid. Everytima the western market gets firm there scems to be tro much wieat for sale. On the breaks the bulls unload and this demoralizes what ought to be considered a strong markot.
Fise.-The market is quiet, as usual at this seagon of the year, and most fieh are now in store to awalt the ienten demand. Herrings are weaker and holders have cut prices 25 cents in order to avoid the necessity of ptoring them. Green ond is scarce, but enough ig coming forward to satisfy the present diminished enquiry. Other lines unchanged.

Grockriss.-The leading jobbers have been finding onough to occupy them in filling the usual ascorting orders for fancy goodr, but they look for a quiet business from this out untilafter the turn of the year. As was to be expected, the retail trade has taken quite a ftart and money has been coming in a little better. Action is not likely to bo taken against the Combine until the New Year, as retailers are now too busy to devoto much attention to anyithing but filling and sbipping orders for holiday goods. In standard lifes the samo reports current last week still do duty with the trade. Sugars are nomloally steady at the comparatively low prices ruling, but there is an ancertain tone to thinge. Dealers are keeping on ege on the American market, whero there will be a blg drop ao soon as fres imports are allowed rrom Bouth America under the now tariff. There is a rumor that another sugar refinery is to be started in the viclnity of Montrenl, but just now things are blue enough for the two large conceras already in operation. Demand for refined in the States has beon poor, and a shading on prices bas resulted at some pointe, owing to the keen competition. There has been a good business for export, embracing 3,000 barrels granulnted at $\$ 5,00$ caeh to the United Kingdom. Spices have continued dull, with offers at lower prices. Coffee in moderate demand and eacy. Teas dull here and weaker in New York, where mora have been seeking the auction room. Dried frults are quicter, the conntry demand being about over. There is littlo or nothing doing in molasses.
Gexen Froits, Nuts, etc.-To ues a trado expression" "good money " has been made on apples this season and considerablo ehipments continue to go forward from Portland. The

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Liverpool markat is firm-and sales are-satisfartory. A lot of 600 brls, assorted, netted $\$ 4.05$, Montrial, while another lot netted $\$ 4.20$ and nnother consistiog of small mixed fruit netted $\$ 3$ for tho western shippers. Good to choice apples are jobbing here at \$4 @ $\$ 450$ and $\$ 5$ per brl. Diled ripples $8 r_{1}$ and nev evaporated 13 c क14c. Pears $\$ 6 \ldots \$ 8$. Almeria grapes $\$ 500 \bar{a} \$ 050$. Oranberries $\$ 11$
 Valencia oradges $\$ 5.50 @ \$ 6$ per case. Jamaics oranges \$5@\$; Floridas \$4 25/a\$4 75. Lemons, 14 厷 $\$ 6$. Sweet potatoes $\$ 3.50$.a $\$ 4$ per brl. Cocoanate nominal at $\$ 4.50 \curvearrowleft \$ \$ 4.75$. Walnute, Grenoble, 17 c (018c; French, 10 c (3) 120 ; S S. almonds $131 \mathrm{c} @ 14 \mathrm{c}$; filberts 8f( 0101 d ; pecans 170 ; peanuts, raw, 110 ; roasted, $12 \frac{2}{2} \mathrm{c}$.
Hops - Since last week nothing new has transpired. Brewers are indifferent and western bellera are more willing to offer. Some few jobbing sales of choice are reported at 32c/a38c. Buyers continuo to talk about German hops coming in here and think they bave only to wait to get hops at 30 c and under.
Iron and Habdtabr -The market has been dull and lifeless in the heavy metala, and. quotations for fron are purely nominal in absence of quotations. In England iron is picking up again, and warrants are bd bigher than at last writing; but it in a carious feature that pig iron is sluggish in spite of the fact that there are $750,0 \mathrm{C} 0$ tons less in stock in Great Britain than at this time last year and that production has practically ceared In the United States the market is also quiet and without activity. Prices are nominally unchanged, but there are no buyers. Founders will not take a pound before they need $\mathrm{it}^{\text {a }}$ and even low prices do not seem to be uny inducement. Tin plates are weaker in Eogligh hands, owing to the accumulation of 400000 boxes at shipping pointe, and in this, market holders are ovidently growing anxious to get rid of their stocke. We hear of a salo of a car-load lot of charcoals at \$465. Ingot tin is sironger in Eagland, where it advanced 48 s in one day. In the United States the position of the copper maiket looks worse; if bnything, at the present time than it dida week ago. At all ovents, it is assorted, that: consumers fiatly refuse to place orders except at confiderably lower prices than the mining companies have ceen fit to quote, and outside. holding have been offered at a further reduo-

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Lyattikn- Tho woek has been dull in lenther oirclek, although some houses report a alightly improved enquiry. Prices are weaker, and we mark down our quolations for sole, apilte, grain and buff The other linea maintain valnos nominaliy. The shoe houres report a fair volume of ordern, as the abundance of snow has holped the country trado: but as yet they have not started to rut, and very little will be dune ontil the holidaye are over.
Paints, Olle and Glabs.-Tho markot is very quict. Somo houses are now buay stock. taking and others are about to commence,

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A. R0B8 \& BONS. Amherat.N.S., agents for Maritima Prnvinans.

The travellers are all in for the holidnye and very little is doing. Stocks are int large and there is no weakness in valu-s; but the demand to very light at the moment. Chemicals are strong, both hare and in Eagland, and on the other fide of the Atlantin the teudency is upwards. Branner, Mond \& Co. are niw the only firm outside of the Le Janc Alkali Union, and it looke as if the syadicate would force va'nes up before long. Dye staff are unchanged; with the exception of gambier, which is quoted easier at $6 \frac{1}{2}$ a7tyc.
Bay Fras.-Receipts have been moderate, butare increasing. A good buainess is expected. The following are average prices, as exceptioually fine skins may be sold higherBeavor, per lb, $\$ 4 @ \$ 4.25$; bear, per fkia,
 $\$ 350 @ 85$; fox, red, $\$ 1$ © $\$ \mathbf{5 1} 25$; fox, crose, \$3出\$5; lynx, $\$ 1.50 \ldots \$ 3.50$; marten, $50 \%$ $90 c$; mink, dark, $750 / 8 \$ 125$; muskrat epring, 8 (a)120; nttar, $\$ 8 / a \$ 10$; raccoon, $25 \mathrm{c} \AA 50 \mathrm{c}$; skunk, 20 c a60.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADES.

 (Revised by Telegraph.)Toronto, Dec. 18th, 1890.
The wholepale trade of this city continues quiet, and a number of travellers have returned until after the holidage. The retail trade in dry goods, fancy goode, stationory and jowellery is fairiy active, and the weather continues farorable. Prices of leadiog staples are frm , and prospects are, on the whole, considered satisfactory. Payments are still reported as slow. The money market is firm Call loans on choice stocks are quoted at 64 to 7 por cent. and prime commercifl paper is discounted at these rates. Sterling exohange steady. Tho stook markat bas

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ruled very dull this week, but, with few ex ceptions, values were maintalned. Following sre the closing bids an compared with last Thursday:-

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Botrme,-Receipts this week have been modernte and prices steady. Fair demand for cholce qualities of tub at $14 \mathrm{c} \times 15 \mathrm{c}$, and a round lot of medium sold on Wednesday at 10c. Large rolls rule at 12 C @ 13 th, and creamery at 210 (an 23 c . Eyge are bcaice and frm at $24 \mathrm{c} \boldsymbol{m}^{2} 50$ for fresh, and at 21 C @22c for limed. Cheese dull at $10 \frac{1}{2}$ for the begt and 82v for summer makes.
Dressed Hocs. - The market is rather firmer, with recelpts smaller than a weok ago. Belected weights bring $\$ 5.40$ to $\$ 5.60$, and IIght $\$ 5,10$ to $\$ 5,25$.

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Flour and Gaan.-Tbe flour trade is dull, and prices unchanged, Straight rollers offir at $\$ 4.20$ and extras at $\$ 4$. Ontario patevts dull at $\$ 4.40$ to $\$ 4.75$, according to quality Wheat is steady, with a fair demand. No. 2 white sold here at 93 c on track, and at 870 outside on the Northern. Sixty lbs sold at 88c. Fity-eight los spring dull at 82 to 83 c ou Northera and at 85c on Midland. Manitoba grades steady: No. 1 hard pold at $\$ 1.04$, No. 2 at $\$ 1$, No. 3 at 90 c, No. 2 Northern at 90 c to 91 c , No. 1 frosted at 79 c to 80 c, and No. 2 frosted at 70c to 7 tc . Birley dull atid 49 c to 60c for No. 3 extra and at 46c for No 3. Oate are steady; sales of mixed outside at 39c and here at 432 c on track. White sold at 40 c to $40 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ outaide, and at 43 hc to 44 c on track. Feas are weaker, there being sales at 603 to 61 c North and West, and nt 62 c on Midiand. Rye sold east nt 57era58c. Oatmeal quoted at $\$ 4.650 \$ 4.70$ for ordinary brands and at $\$ 4.75$ fur granulated. Bran is higber, with sales at $\$ 17 @ \$ 17.50$ on track. Middlioge, \$18@)\$20.

Gaoorries.-A fair trade is roported and prices gentrally steady. Sugars unchanged, with granulated quoted at 6 ficarc and yollows
 layers, $\$ 3$; B'ack baskets, $\$ 4.00$; Blue basket日,
 tanas at $16 / 016 \frac{1}{2}$, and currants 6
dates 6hc.
Chencble walnuts, 162 (a) $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$;
Chili,
Hardware.-There is a fair Christmas trade. Althoogh cables are lower for metals, no changes are reported here.
Hides and Seleb.-Trade quiet and prices unchanged. Sales of cured hides at 5 fc . Green are quoted at $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$ for No. 1 and 3 h c for No. 2. Sheep-sking are in fair recelpt and firm at $\$ 1$ to $\$ 110$ for the best. Calfakins nominal at 6 c to 8 c , the latter for No. J .
Live Stock.-The market is well supplied with cattle, and prices are a shade weak. Butchers are selling at 4 c to 4 fc for rhow and at $2 \frac{13}{} \mathrm{c}$ to 32 c for inferior to gnod. Springers $\$ 40$ in $\$ 50$ n head. Calves ir m $\$ 5$ to $\$ 12$ a head. © Wheep in limited supply and firmer; a fow mixed lots fold ul $5600 \$ 600$ ahead and good lambs at $\$ 4 \sqrt{7} \$ 5$ a head. Hoga are firm, with sales of light fat at $4 f \mathrm{c}$ and stores at 4c,

Phuybions,-There is littlej change in the situation. Car lots of rong clear bacon are
 C.O. at 73cra80. Now rolls 0 do $;$ backs 100 and bellies $10 \mathrm{c} / 7101 \mathrm{j}$. Hams nnchanged at 11 c (a) 12 c the farmer for heavv; pickled 10 c . Mess pork dall at $\$ 15,00$ a 0 O $\$ 1550$ for Canadian. Short cut $\$ 16.00$. Potatoes firmer at $800 / 2850$

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per bag In car lota, and jobbing at $90 \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{d}}$ $\$ 1.00$. Beans steady at $\$ 1.60 @ \$ 1.65$ for small lots. Onions sell at $\$ 2$ ros 25 per barrel. Applen, chnice are quoted at $\$ 3.50 @ \$ 4$, and inferior $\$ 2 \Omega \$ 3$. Hops are quoted at $35 \mathrm{c} @ 370$ for choice and yearlings at 20 c @ 2 Ec .
Wool-Trade dall, and prices unchanged Fleece is nominal at 200 , and clothing at 220 . Yulled wools dull at 22c(a22 ic for supars and nt 27 c な27 2 c c for extras.

## SPECIAL NOTIOES,

A $R$ bs \& Sors, of Amherst, N. 8 ., aro making a name for themselves with all aners of steam bollers They are mendiog on an Armington \& Sim high speed engine, together with their Monarch Economic bollers, to North Sydney, B. O., for the electric light plant there. Building operations are progreasing, and the machine and patern shopa are ready for occupation. The salesroom and cffices are also being pushed rapldly forward, and the firm hope to be in their now quarters by the firat of the year. One of the patent Monarch Economic boilers has been plaćed by Mesbrs. Robb in the tannery of R. Luaby \& Bons and they are now buay on their

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Tho town of Valleyfield is aplendidly gituated for businasa and has been made ensy of access both by train nad boat, tho distance future as a cily beums to deprad upon the uillization of the most magniticent water pnwer in the province. The Federa government having prrjocted an eularged canal for abippling upon the opposite side of the St. Lawrenco, the present Beauhurnois canal Which runs into lake St Louid at Vallesfleld, will be wholly avallable for manufacturing purpones. Outaide of this canal the water pow or is stupendous, one-half of the St. Liwence which is here cut in two by a large faland havlug been dammed up to provide a houd of water for the exi-tiug camal. Through the kiadness of Mr . Simpson, the wirthy manager of the Vallesticld cotion mill, a travelling correpp indent of the Jodrnal was onabled to judge of the increased factlities which will be available. There will be ample ground for buildinge and the water fall for loug distances caunot be excelled in this or any other country. The present Mayor, Mr. Biyer, and councll are of the progressive stamp and are said to bo in favor of benures to firateclas cuncring. The leading merto fratechas Dion \& Co, wholemale and retnil of 28 yeara standing, J. C. Choquette, eto. MubDomald \& R ihbs' nad Boljuc Lepperance \& Cu'a th mi milla are dotng a good busiuens. Tho leading hotel, tho Larocque house, E. W. Brooke, proprietor, to centrally and plearantly located, is heated by steam and is managed by the genial owner.


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