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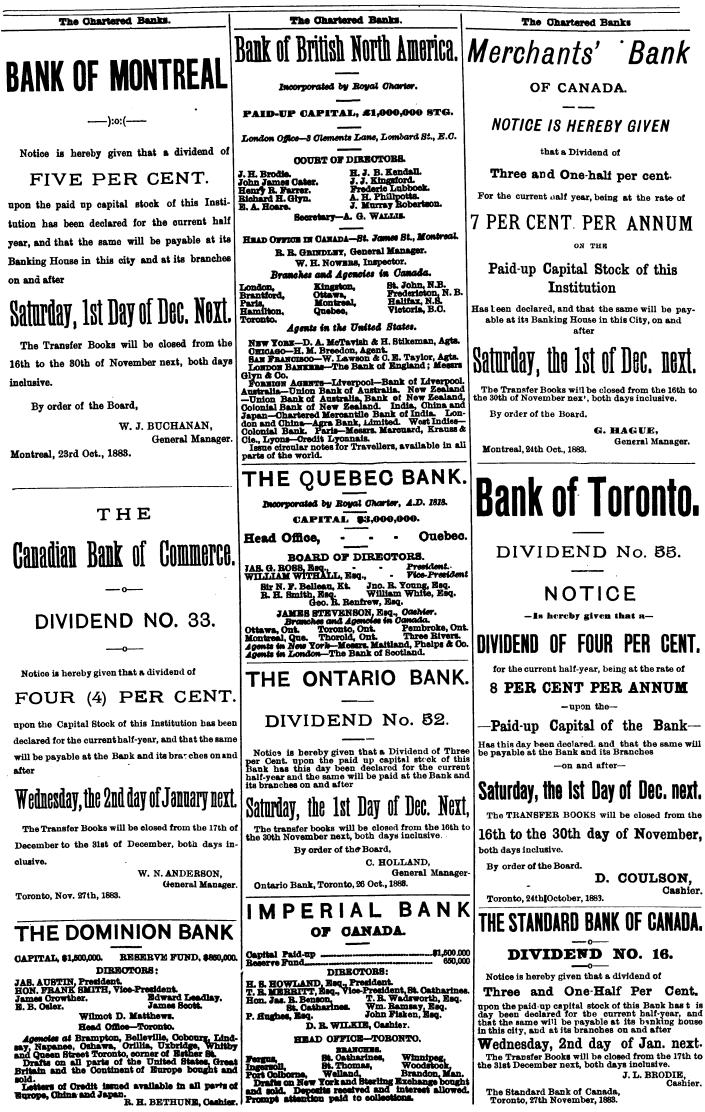
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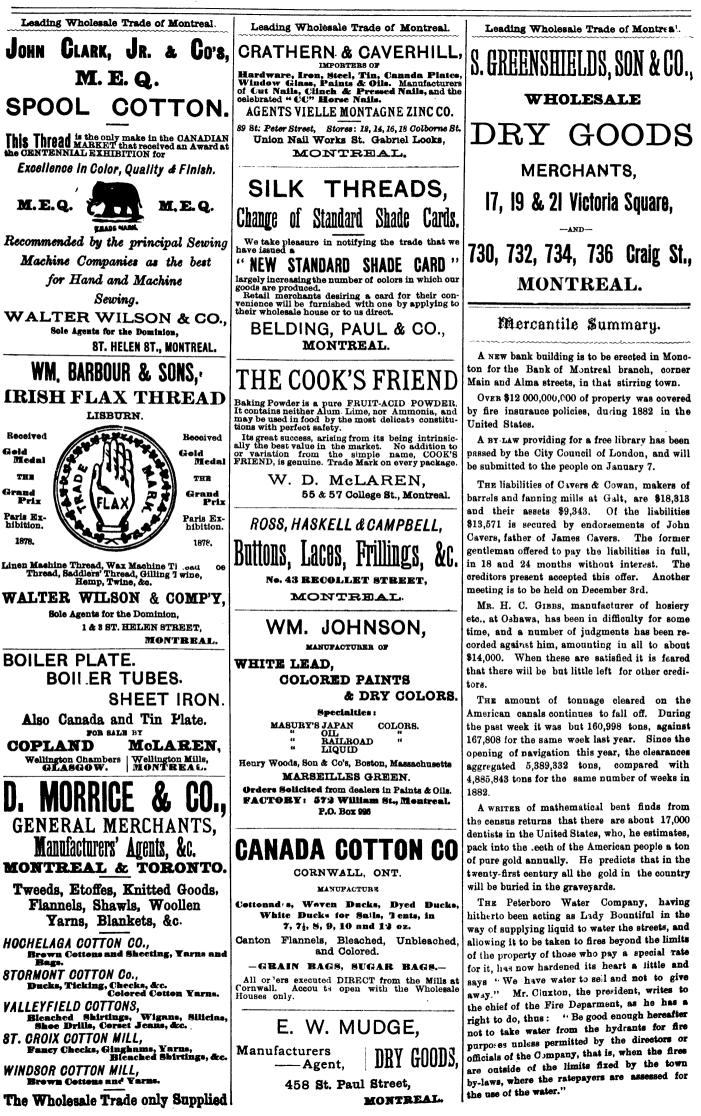


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THOS. KELLY, a furniture dealer at Ridgetown, N. S. has assigned in trust with small liabilities and assets.

P. N. BRETON, a small stationery man of Montreal, has assigned to Messrs. Beauchemin & Valois, his leading creditors. He owes about \$1,500.

A MANUFACTURER of Sackville, N.B., Mr. J. R. Ayer Larrigan, has assigned. Judgments amounting to \$5,000 were recently obtained against him.

AT a meeting of bank presidents and others in Boston last week, which was largely attended, the speedy passage of a uniform national bankrupt law was urged.

CHAS CULLEN, a general dealer, of Carleton, Que., has assigned in trust to R. L. Gault; thus putting an end to the embarrassment he has been in for the past month.

THE Coldbrook rolling mills and nail factory at St. John, N.B., have been purchased by Messrs. I. & F. Burpee & Co., who will at once commence operations at the works.

A BRITISH steamer loaded with, cotton, corn and oil-cake, clearing from New Orleans, has passed through the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, drawing 25 feet and 2 inches,

COUNTERFEIT five-dollar bills on the Bank of British North America are circulating in Montreal. Keep a sharp lookout for them, as the counterfeits are very like the genuine notes.

A. L. DESAULNIER, of Riviere du Loup en haut, Que. has assigned in trast to P. P. Martin, his principal creditor. Liabilities are about \$5,000, assets about \$3,000. He kept a general store.

THE only storekeeper at Belyea's Cove, N. S. Samuel H. Gilchrist, by name, has assigned in trust, after being in business about five years in a small way. He shows liabilities of about \$3,-500 and assets nominally, about \$3,400.

MB. WILMOT, Superintendent of Fisheries, has given some figures of the season's operations at the Newcastle hatchery. 2.650,000 salmon trout ova have been distributed in Ontario, 500,000 have been sent to England, and 250,000 salmon and speckled trout sent free to parties having ponds.

L. W. SHERMAN, lumber dealer, of Fredericton, N.B., who fell into difficulties last month, has assigned in trust to C. S. Ingraham. His estate is not likely to pay much, but the liabilities are not large, not exceeding \$5,000. He has only been in a small way and has not made much stir.

A MEETING of the creditors of Bennett & Co., wholesale stationers, Montreal, was held a few days ago. at which a statement was submitted showing the liabilities to be about \$53,000, including indirect, while the assets are valued at about \$24,000. No offer of compromise was submitted.

Bowen & FRASEE, a general store firm at Vernon Ont., have made an assignment to the representative of a leading Hamilton clothing house, and a meeting of creditors is to be held shortly at Ottawa. They shew liabilities of nearly \$5,000 and assets of \$3,200. The estate is likely to be wound up.

The smaller fur and hat men of Montreal seem to be in a bad way, and failures among them have been numerous of late, as evidenced by our columns for several weeks. It had been hoped that the run was over, but last week brought about two more; the first being the assignment of Joseph Cedras, hat manufacturer, who has already been unsuccessful in the past, while Liouis Hart, a capmaker, was the second unfortate. The liabilities will not be excessive in either case.

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J. & R. McGREGOE, tanners, of New Glasgow, N. S., have called a meeting of creditors. The announcement is rather a surprise as the firm has hitherto been considered in fair standing, though not very progressive.

Ir is stated by the Port Hood, Cape Breton, Referce, that Messrs McLellan Brothers, of that town, were about shipping 700 cases canned meat per S. S. M A. Star, via Halifar, for the European markets. This is the second heavy shipment by the same firm.

D. Rupert Eaton, of Parrsboro, a well known shipbuilder, died suddenly last week at Canard, N. S. Mr. Eaton was senior partner of the firm of D. R. & C. F. Eaton, and carried on a mercantile business both at Lower Canard and Parrsboro, N. S., and also shipbuilding at Eatonville.

A SMALL store keeper of St. Thomas de Pierreville, Que., Mrs. E. H. Prince, who has been in business there two or three years, has assigned in trust with liabilities of about \$4,000 and assets \$3,000 nominally. Too much competition and outting of prices, are the attributed causes of failure.

It is stated that Mr. Gibson, the "lumber king" of New Brunswick, has shipped from St. John this season 87,000,000 feet of deals, in 115 vessels, for the English and French markets. Last season his total shipments reached 100,000-070 feet and were made in 136 vessels.

H. G. CHARBONNEAU, a store keeper at Plantagenet, Ont., has assigned in trust, with liabilities of about \$3,000; this is his second failure, the first being in 1879, when he effected a compromise of 30 cents on the dollar, on liabilities of about the same amount as at present.

THE chief inspector of the cattle ranches of the Dominion, reports that cattle can be wintered with safety sonth of High River, which is about midway between the 50th and 51st parallel in the Canadian Northwest, and that with ordinary care the losses need not exceed two per cent.

THE Customs' officers have been notified by the Department that on and after January, no invoice of goods will be passed unless certified to by the person and firm from whom they are purchased. The words "certified correct" and signature of maker will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the new order.

THE manufacture of cances for hunting or pleasuring is a considerable industry in Peterboro. One maker there can turn out, it is said, three a day, and is sending some to England. A company whose factory is across the river, at Ashburnham, has prepared a dozen of "cedarribbed, cherry-decked sailors," for consignment to the Old Country.

THE stockholders of the New Brunswick Steamship Company (Limited), at St. John N. B., last week decided to wind up the affairs of the company. About \$40,000 has been sunk by the venture. The charter of the company will not be surrendered. This company was organized to run steamers between St. John and Liverpool. Their first steamer, the Cedar Grove was lost on her voyage out.

THE Winnipeg Free Press is indulging in some rather plain talk, such as is peculiar to that free land of the setting sun. Thus: "The people of the Northwest are not to be imposed on by idle twaddle about the 'Mother Country.' They have their commercial interests to look after, and will be guided only by commercial considerations. Freedom of commercial intercourse with the United States is a sine qua non to commercial success; and freedom of commercial intercourse this portion of the Dominion at least must obtain by some means in the near future." towel has comprotions that the the setting success is a sine qua non to commerpensing credit too among his neigh bilities of \$3,000.

THE Sandwich Islands forming the Kingdom of Hawaii, are situated about the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and export large quantities of sugar, coffee, rice, hides &c. They consume a good many manufactured goods which our American cousins supply to them in large proportion, the exports from New York and Boston for the last year being over \$8,600,000 in value. Canada might do business with Honolulu, too Mr. C. Elliott Anderson of Ottawa has been appointed Consul General of the Kingdom for the Dominion, while Messrs. Adam Brown and E. Strachan Cox are the Vice Consuls for Hamilton and Toronto respectively.

At a recent meeting of the St. John Board of Trade, a letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. Ira Cornwall, jr. of Liverpool, suggesting that several thousand copies of the hand-book published by Mr. J. R. Hamilton for the Board be sent to the Canadian Immigrant Agent at Liverpool. New Brunswick, the letter stated, was losing immigrants, because there is no available information in Britain concerning the province. Mr. Dyke, on a recent visit to Denmark, was flooded with enquiries concerning New Brunswick. The Board decided to send Mr. Cornwall 1000 copies of the hand-book in question.

Fon one of the sections on the Canada Pacific Railway- an isolated section on the north shore of Lake Superior, two miles inland and 170 miles from any settlement-preparations are being made as in the following description: The propellers California and Rupert, are westward carrying stores for Messrs. Ryan & Co., contractors. The propellers will land their stores at Pic, a natural harbour on the Lake. A railway village will be here constructed. About \$26,000 worth of provisions, clothes and other stores is now in transit from Montreal, Amongst other things forwarded are a small steam launch and a five ton sailing vessel for the settlement's use. At one place a mountain of solid granite has to be cut through, the contract price for one mile of this work is stated at \$300,-000. If possible work will be carried on all through the coming winter.

In the province of Manitoba .----Walton & Bird of Emerson are asking an extension of time until they are able to collect their accounts. -O. P. Jackson & Co. of Winnipeg, grocers, have assigned in trust.---- The effects of W. J. Corrigan, lumber dealer of Whitemouth have been seized and were to have been sold last week. -J. E. Johnston of Crystal City and Winni peg, hotel keeper, was reported to have moved some of his goods, so the sheriff has been put in -McTaggart & Scott, Souris city, charge.general dealers, who have been in trouble for some time, have assigned.----Inglis & Sisson, confectioners in Winnipeg, had their stock advertised for sale on Monday last by the Sheriff.

J. A. TODD a general storekeeper at Goodwood, whom'we reported as having been robbed, has assigned — A tailor in Hamilton, J. Finigan, doing a small business has assigned. His liabilities are principally to one firm in this city .-It may be a surprise to some persons to learn that Mr. Geo. Draper, general storekeeper at Listowel has compromised with his creditors.-In Mount Forest, Charles C. Cheeseman, who has been engaged in the furniture business more than ten years, now finds himself unable to meet his payments. This is rather unfortunate for a sober and industrious man afte giving the closest attention to business.----About eight years ago, M. Widerick jr., of Nanticooke, formerly a farmer, has been the victim of dispensing credit too freely as a general storekeeper among his neighbors. He assigned with liaTHE works on the Trent Valley Canal are progressing. The contractors for the locks at Fenelon Falls and Buckhorn are proceeding with the masonry work for the lock walls, and have a large force of men employed.

THE superintendent of the C. P. R. commercial telegraph department has made arrangements, says the *Commercial*, to open offices for the commercial telegraphic business at the following points west of Calgary, viz.:— The 22nd. 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 31st sidings. The last mentioned siding will be a division station. Bahama, Cassils, Culley, Farrar. Gull Lake, Irvine, Langevin, Shepard and Shackmore have been closed for the winter.

"ALL-WOOL" blankets, according to a cotemporary, are often composed mainly of hair that once pranced over the prairies on the scarred flanks of a long-horned Texas steer. The hairhaving been taken from the hides and thoroughly cleaned, is then mixed with enough wool of a low grade to enable the manufacturer to card it and work it into blankets and rough eloth. The test, it is said, is very simple: When short hairs can pulled be out of an " allwool" blanket, probably three-fourths of it is cow's wool. "

THE telegraph has just appeared at another important commercial region in the Orient. The new line between Samarkand and Bokhara, which is the first constructed in Central Asia, and which has been made by the Russian Gov. ernment it is announced will be opened to the public next month. Communication will thus be opened between the silk merchants and manufacturers of Europe and the principal markets of Central Asia for coccons and silk. Bokhara already contains 27 silk mills and 564 silk merchants. At present there is not even a regular postal service with that city.

It is announced that the Agricultural Insurance company of Watertown, N.Y. proposes to increase the capital from \$300,000, the present figure, to a round \$500,000. This can be done, and still enable the company to report a net surplus of about \$200,000. So that, upon even a \$500,000 capital, the company's shares will have a book value of not less than \$140 for every \$100 of stock. This move will place the Agricultural in the proud position of leading all the "country" companies of the United States in point of capital, as it is already, and, for years, has led them in volume of business and managerial enterprise.

A DEALER in staves at Port Rowan, named J. A. Dease, has compromised with his creditors at 30 cents in the dollar. It is thought that he will now get along.—John Frauce, a hardware dealer in this city, is stated to have more than one wife. Recently, number two appeared on the scene and John is reported to have left Canada. —Geo. Lucas, Jr., a saddler, at Sarnia, who had been endorsing for his father, a farmer, has assigned in consequence. This certainly is an exception to the general rule.—Messrs. Booth & Son, coppersmiths, in this city have assigned.

Ar Aylmer, Ont. Black Bros. grocers have assigned in trust. One of the partners is reported to have sadly neglected his business, which is said to be the real cause of all their trouble.— In the same place, S. L Doolittle & Co., furniture dealers, have managed their business badly and have been obliged to assign.—In Fenelon Falls John St. Lawrence, began business "in the mild September," and now, "in the bleak November," he has assigned.—In October last John Habbiak, dry goods dealer in Galt, assigned and compromised with all his creditors but one, at 40 per cent. The sheriff is in possession and a sale is advertised for to-day.

MR. DAVID PLEWES, an enterprising and extensive miller for over twenty years at Brantford and elsewhere, is in difficulties. At one time he was undoubtedly worth a considerable sum of money and has always borne an excellent reputation. Being somewhat speculative, he invested in a number of mills and also put about \$15.-000 into lumber in Winnipeg ; the result of this is heavy losses owing to the great reduction in prices in that commodity. A statement of his affairs is being prepared. It appears that Mr. Plewes is associated with Mr. Snider, in the Hamilton Steam Flouring mills. He also carried on business in Winnipeg in partnership with John Mann. He owned and operated the Holmedale mill, and also owned the Kirby mills, but leased them to Sloan, handling the output. Mr. Plewes handled the products of several other mills, so that his operations were on an extensive scale.

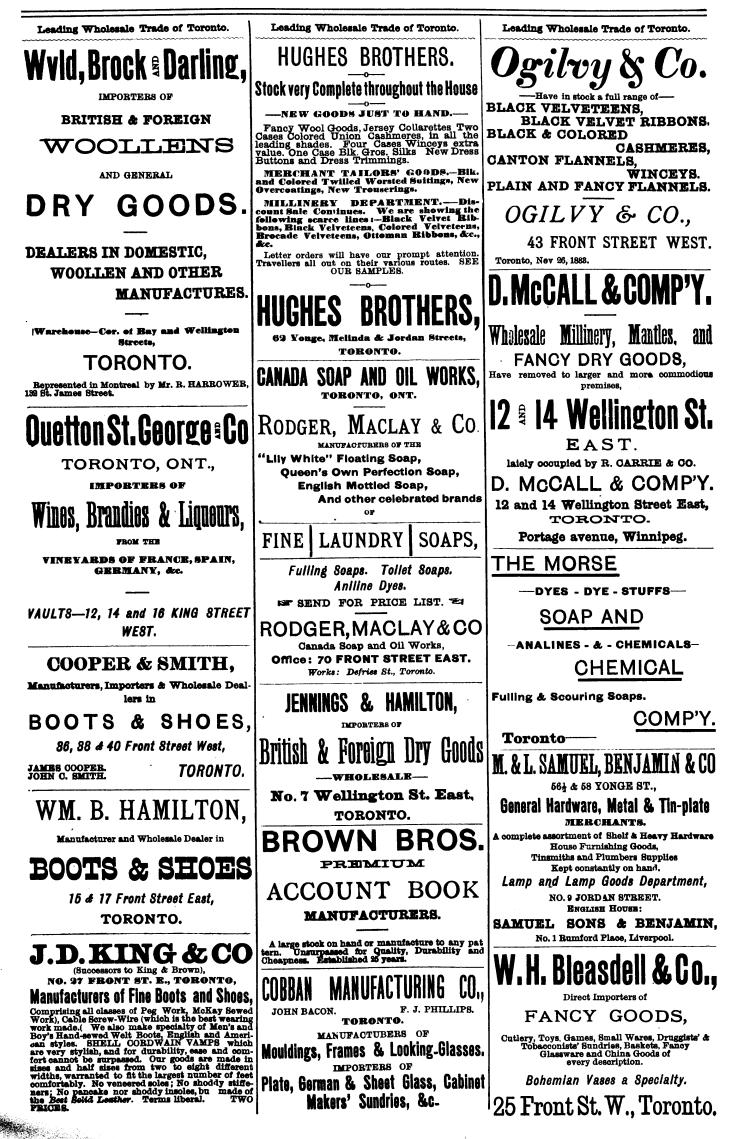
THE Hespeler Woolen and Cotton Manufactur. ing Co., at Hespeler, Ont., is stated to have a paid capital of \$170,000 and an excellent mill; but although it has been in operation more than a year, making flannels and other goods, its working has not yielded a profit. This is largely owing to unfortunate management. One circumstance more agreeable, however, is that its outside liabilities are comparatively small. The chief supplies of wool were from one of the directors who has secured a judgment of \$60,000 against the company. Another judgment for half this sum has been obtained by the president to secure personal endorsements. Floating debts of some \$5,000 or \$6,000 are current. Operations were suspended about ten days ago, and an inventory of the company's effects is being prepared.



-Rev. Henry Ward Beecher made a speech at the New York Chamber of Commerce banquet on Evacuation Day, on the topic "Then and Now." "The spirit of the American people" he said " had changed. The period of now teaches a more liberal lesson than the period of 100 years ago. We are not supposed to regard with distrust or vindictiveness any person coming from the mother land.' England's sons and daughters are as free to come to us as we are to go to them" After referring to the Scientists, the *Litterateurs* and the actors who had come over on visits, he goes on: "Now what shall I say of the investors, the railroad constructors, and the manufacturers that have invaded our shores from Great Britain? What can be said save welcome, every one? What shall I say the multitude of young English lords and noodles no told enough to know how to take care of themselves? What of the Cockneys and bumptious fops that swarm across the Atlantic? Well, I think that we send over to England just as many bumptious Yankee noodles and ignoramuses as we get of the same material from there. [Laughter.] Great Britain can't play any such game on us."



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MANITOBA GRIEVANCES.

There are people in Manitoba who are trying to attract attention by protesting before the world that they are suffering grievances so serious as to demand immediate redress. That the tariff, in some particulars, presses heavily upon the North West need not be denied ; and any reasonable representations that may be made on this subject deserve to be considered, and we have no doubt will be considered in a spirit of fair play by Parliament. But some of the demands put forth are quite untenable. Manitoba, we are told, demands the right to control its own public lands. If by this is meant the School lands which the people of the rest of the Dominion have donated, the demand may be considered. But when Parliament granted these lands, it had a right to attach conditions to the grant. Conditions were imposed, ne of which was that the Federal governmen should retain a certain control over them. The donor, no doubt, believed that in this way, the object of the grant would be best carried out. It may be that this extra caution was unnecessary; it may even be that it was a mistake. But if Parliament is to be convinced appeals must be made to its reas n; and if it were found that an error had been made, it would be proper to rectify it

But if the intention be to claim the lands within the limits of Manitoba, belonging to all the people of Canada, the claimants might fitly be answered in the words of the report of a committee of the United States House of Representatives, 50 years ago : "Several of the new States have now boldy demanded of Congress the surrender of the lands within their limits, although the sovereignty and right of soil were obtained by the treasure. or won from the Indians by the blood of the citizens of the old States. These new States have affected to assert a right to what they, however, come before Congress to have awarded to them by way of concession. Your committee will enter into no argument on the subject. These demands, the committee are disposed to believe, have been rather the acts of certain individuals than the deliberate expression of the people at large. The patriotism of the citizens of the old States, who voluntarily conceded these lands to the Union, might here be placed in strong contrast with that want of feeling in the citizens of the new States, which could seriously demand from the Union the surrender of all this invaluable property to

reality, an unhallowed desire to get, it may be useful for them to reflect that the other States have the power to keep, and that it is the duty of the representatives of these to know that, if the national property is parted with, it is parted with only for the general advantage." This is the language of patriotism—the expression of the just resolve of the nation, in opposition to the narrow selfishness of sectionalism.

The time has come for the old provinces of Canada to act upon a similar patriotic resolve. Parliament is the guardian of the rights of all the provinces without distinction. Congress retained, and still retains the disposal of the lands of the nation. Many of those lands had, like our North-West Territory, been obtained by purchases. Florida and Louisiana had been purchased, and therefore stood in precisely the same position as the lands in Manitoba and the North-West stand. Canada first purchased the lands from the Hudson Bay Company : next she purchased them from the Indians; then she went to untold expense to build a railway to make them accessible to settlers, and to put them in communication with the civilized parts of the continent. A demand from Manitoba on Parliament for the lands within its borders, would show a desire to become possessed of the property of othersof the whole people Similar desires find expression, in different ways, every day ; but society defends the rights of property, and when those rights are invaded, repels the invaders. Parliament is not going to give up the rights of the collective body of the citizens to any marauding demand of this kind; and the sooner the people in Manitoba, be they few or numerous, who prefer the claim, understand this, the better for themselves.

These grievance: hatchers have in contemplation another raid on the resources of the Dominion. They have discovered that it is the duty of Parliament to assist to build another gigantic railway-a railway to connect the prairies with Hudson's Bay. Parliament may not, all at once, by mere force of assertion on the part of a few interested persons. see that it has any such duty. To begin with, there is not the least present necessi y for such a railway; and the Dominion has no money to squander on unnecessary ob jects. There is no proof that would satisfy any rational man that the navigation of Hudson's Bay and Strait would ever, much less at the present time, justify the construction of a railway over a difficult granitic region, with no agricultural capabilities, for the purpose of reaching an iceencumbered sea. Canada is not going to rush into a folly of this kind, for the more purpose of enriching railway promoters, or for any other purpose which now lies within view. If it be a grievance to the Manitoba agitators for Canada to refuse to ruin herself for a folly of this kind, then they must learn to bear, with such composure as they may, a grievance of this kind.

old States, who voluntarily conceded these lands to the Union, might here be placed in strong contrast with that want of feeling in the citizens of the new States, which could seriously demand from the Union the surrender of all this invaluable property to them alone. But if any States have, in way Company. These agitators would do well to temper their demands with reason and justice; and if they do so, they may expect all the success the case admits of. But if they intend to make demands unbacked by reason and contrary to justice, they are predoomed to failure.

The claim of authority over railways which comes from Manitoba is greater than the authority possessed by any State of the neighboring Republic, according to the most recent decision. Iowa passed a law fixing a maximum rate of freight for railways, within the limits of the State. The Central Railway Company treating the local law as unconstitutional, charged a higher rate to parties living in Iowa. Shippers brought suit, in the State courts, against the Railway Company and got a decision in their favor. An appeal was taken to the U. S. Circuit court, and Judge McCreary, himself a citizen of Iowa, has just reversed the decision of the State courts. "If," he says, "the Act of the Iowa Legislature of 1874 applied to through shipments, it trenched on a subject which is national and not State ; if the power to pass such a law were conceded. it would necessarily include the power to discriminate against the commerce of other States, for which reason it would be in violation of the Federal constitution." And he added : "It is not within the power of one State, upon an inter-State line of railway, to fix the charges to be paid for transportation wi hin its territory, for that would, in effect, give the State power to exact more than its reasonable share for the whole distance." The demand from Manitoba goes much beyond the power denied by the United States court to the State of Iowa. That claim is to charter railways to run to a foreign frontier. affecting not merely domestic but fore gn traffic ; a claim made in direct opposition to an undisputed provision of the federal constitution of Canada. It is the obvious duty of the Canadian government to disallow such charters, when granted by the incompetent authority of a Province; and whenever granted, the government has not shrunk from the performance of that necessary but unpleasant duty.

It is something even more than childish in Manitoba to go on assuming to re-enact charters which are altogether beyond its legal and constitutional competence; it is a mischievous example of defiance of constitutional limitations. Pretence of right to exercise such authority there is none. The great difference between the people of the United States and those of the Spanish American republics, is that the former are ready to yield obedience to constitutional requirements, while the latter very often disregard their constitutional obligations. The United government is stamped with success ; those of several of South America are in a condition of permanent revolution. We cannot with impunity take the governments of South America for models to be followed; and it is impossible to walk in their footsteps without peril. What may now seem to the merry actors in the game of nullifying the constitution as a joke may, if persisted in, prove to be a serious affair.

THE London City Council has authorized the issued of \$50,000 in debentures to cover the bonus granted the London Junction Railway.

AMERICAN CURRENCY.

Comptroller Knox, of the United States Treasury, expresses the fear that the country may drift into the adoption of the silver standard. We have before pointed out that the tendency is in that direction. Under the operation of existing laws, \$60,000,000 of National Bank notes are liable to be withdrawn, by the Government calling in the bonds on the security of which they are issued. If the bonds payable at the option of the Government were called for payment, within the next three years, in the same ratio as they have paid off within the last year, this event would happen. The Comptroller is, no doubt, rightly of opinion that it would be dangerous to allow the currency to contract at this rate; and he discusses the alternatives that would present themselves, were contraction really to proceed so fast. He thinks the vacuum caused in the currency by this means could not be supplied by gold; an opinion which would What the be certain to prove correct. national banks would get in the payment of the bonds would enable them to buy an amount of gold even larger than the notes withdrawn ; but there would be no profit on the purchase to induce them to make it. For gold, unlike bonds, would bear no interest except that which could be obtained by loaning it.

The issue of Treasury notes and silver certificates would be the resources open to the Government for filling up the gap in the currency. But a large additional issue of Treasury notes, the Comptroller believes, would cause an extraordinary demand for gold, which the Government would be unable to meet. This would bring the nation to the silver standard. Silver would take the place of gold in the payment of Customs duties; and the gold coin would be driven out of circulation. If enough Treasury notes were issued to create a want of confidence on the part of the public, and if the Government were to pay in silver, this re sult would in all probability happen.

But there can be no good reason why a country with the resources of the United States, should, in a mere matter of currency, get into any difficulty. At least there could be no reason apart from the possible perverseness of the legislature. The danger which the Comptroller points out is contingent, and may never present itself. It might be averted by legislation. The difficulty is to substitute for the national bonds, being called from time to time for redemption, some other security for the note issue of the national banks. The best of the national banks do not desire to see the absolute security that is now taken for the note issue withdrawn. They want to save the nation from the possible consequences of the unsecured issues by some of the State banks; for issues of many state banks are very well Down to 1840 the nation had secured. lost by the failure of banks, an amount nearly equal to the whole currency, in its various forms now in existence, \$350,000,000. Of this amount, \$215,000,-000, according to a report of a Congressional committee, was direct; the balance was indirect, and consisted in large part of the discount in one part of the country on Justice Burton.

notes issued in another part of the country. The loss on the national bank notes, so far, has been scarcely anything. The amount of the notes of national banks which failed previous to 1870, was \$1,554,400 ; and in Nov., 1883, there remained unredeemed only a little more than one-half of one per cent. (.60). These notes had been in circulation only from five to six years; if they had been in circulation twenty years, the loss from destruction would have been, Mr. Knox thinks, about 11 per cent. It is probable, therefore, that every note which could be found was paid. Of the eight national banks which failed, previous to the present year, all the notes except 1.46 have already been redeemed. The seventeen national banks which failed prior to 1876, had an aggregate circulation of \$3,219,241. These notes had been in circulation from four to eleven years, and the amount outstanding is 2.91. This is the highest amount for any period, and may be caused by some exceptional degree of destruction.

To the notes of the State banks of New York, under the safety fund or free banking system, the objection of insecurity can scarcely be made in candor. On a circulation of \$50,754,514 there was, at the date of the last return, only 2.63 unredeemed. In Wisconsin, under similar securities, there were of issues to the amount of \$7,565,409, only 1.78 unredeemed; in New England, out of an issue of \$39,245,380, 2.02 remained unredeemed. In all these cases, the destruction and the holding back of notes must be taken into account

This would seem to show that if the national banks had to fall back on other forms of security, the danger would be less perilous than the danger of driving the gold out of the country and having to fall back on a silver standard, through the process which Comptroller Knox points out. But gold is in danger of being driven out by the overvaluation of silver as compared with gold. The history of their own currency but too plainly tells Americans to what this overvaluation, when the quantity of silver becomes abnormally large, must lead. In the early history of the Republic, Congress put a higher value on silver than nearly every other nation; with the result, which was sure to come, that the gold was nearly all driven out of the country. Silver being allowed to pass for more than it was worth, gold was sure to go abroad to purchase silver; and go it did. In the face of this experience, which seems in truth to have been almost forgotten, Congress repeats the blunder in an aggravated form. All that is wanted to drive out the gold is enough chead silver dollars. Silver dollars are being coined at a rapid rate, when they are not wanted for change; and if the process be continued, it is only a question of time when the Americans will drive out the gold currency and take refuge in a silver standard.

But surely the intelligence of the nation will assert itself before this calamity can be brought about.

THE case of McLaren vs. the Canada Central Railway, involving \$100,000, is to be appealed by defendants to the Privy Council. A bond given for security for costs was allowed by Justice Burton.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

The work assigned to the sub-committee, appointed some three weeks ago by the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, is understood to be approaching completion, and the result will soon be submitted to the Government for action thereon. The measure will apply to traders only, and will provide for ratable distribution of their assets among all creditors. No discharge clauses are included, although the Boards of Trade are supposed not to have committed themselves to opposing such clauses if the Government prefers their insertion.

The proposed Bill, as now settled, is probably an assimilation of the measure prepared under the instructions of the Montreal Board of Trade and submitted to Parliament at its last session by Mr. Curran, and the bill drafted about the same time by the commi tee appointed by the Toronto and Hamilton Boards. The proposal made in the latter for the appointment of a Registrar in Bankruptcy, is abandoned, because it was thought desirable to ask as little that was novel as possible. for fear of causing side issues which might defeat the bill. The same course has been adopted on several other points of a similar nature. In taking this line these representatives of the commercial community have acted wisely. It is imp rtant that the question whether there is to be a Dominion law for equitable distribution of the assets of insolvent debtors instead of the present chaos, should be presented as squarely as possible to the Government and the House.

It is proposed that estates subjected to liquidation shall in all cases pass, in the first instance, into the hands of an official guardian who shall be ineligible for appointment as trustee and who shall merely hold the assets until a meeting of creditors can be held. This guardian is to be, in all counties and districts not containing cities, the sheriff of such county or district. In the case of cities, power is to be given to the Board of Trade to appoint a guardian; but until such guardian is appointed and has perfected security to the satisfaction of the Department of the Secretary of State to the amount of four thousand dollars, the sheriff is to act as guardian.

As to trustees a new feature is suggested, namely, that no person shall be eligible for the position of trustee to any estate until he shall have first perfected security to the satisfaction of the Department of the Secretary of State to the amount of ten thousand dollars for the due performance of his duties as trustee of all estates to which he shall be appointed. This, it is contended, will secure the services of substantial men for this work The creditors are to be free to appoint whom they choose of those who have thus qualified but are to have no power to divert the estate into any other hands. There is much to be said in favor of this suggestion. It would certainly tend to put the liquidation of estates into the hands of men having something at stake and making liquidation their business. Still there are objections to the plan, which the promoters of the bill have no doubt fully considered but which will have to be met in the House if the measure is to pass.

The acts which it is proposed shall sub-

ject the estate of a debtor to proceedings for liquidation are practically the same as in the act of 1875. The same courts as under the former act are, in the different provinces, to have jurisdiction over insolvency matters. Instead of the concurrent writs which under the old law needed to be issued where the debtor has property in different counties. it is proposed that the guardian to whom the writ issues shall by a form appended to the act constitute the guardian of any other county in which assets are situate, his deputy to attach the same. The power to appoint inspectors is continued but restricted to one or three in number, and in case of three being appointed the voice of the majority is to govern.

As to leases and landlords' claims, the proposal of the Toronto Board, to which we have several times referred, is in a modified form, adopted by the sub-committee. This restricts the preferential claim of landlords to three months' arrears of rent, and forbids the making of distriss after the date of insolvency or its continuance if made before. It allows the trustee to keep possession of premises for two months after the insolvency, and to elect to retain them for the balance of the term if creditors so direct. In the latter case the rent is to be secured to the satisfaction of the landlord or the judge. Provision is also made for securing to the estate the benefit of improvements made by the tenant under a pending lease. As to the sale of real estate, the former law is closely followed as far as all provinces, except Quebec, are concerned ; and in that province further provisions for meeting the difficulties arising out of the peculiar requirements of the civil code are proposed.

As to the valuation of securities, greater strictness is suggested, and the provision inserted in the Act of 1875, for the special protection of banks, allowing proof with valuation upon endorsements of overdue customers' paper, is omitted. The suggestion of the Toronto Board as to the mode of voting is adopted. That is, that creditors' having proved claims of from \$100 to \$200 shall have each one vote; from \$200 to \$500 two votes : from \$500 \$1000 three votes, and for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof, one additional vote. Chairman to have casting vote in case of a tie. This, it will be observed, is a compromise between allowing numbers and allowing amounts to govern, and it possesses the advantage over the former law, of securing in all cases a decision by the vote itself without reference to the courts or a judge.

In other respects the bill follows in the main those parts of the Act of 1875, which applied to liquidation. It possesses the merit of brevity as compared with the different other bills on the subject, which have been submitted to the consideration of the House since the repeal of the old Act.

FLUCTUATIONS IN THE PRICE OF STOCKS.

The course of prices on the Stock Exchange, whether upward or downward, is not ways regulated by supply and demand. Nor is it always obedient to reason. Prices are sometimes forced up to a figure which dividends do not justify; and when this happens

they are sure to fall, sooner or later, as much below the normal line as they had risen above it. An undue rise in the price, by an inexorable law of reaction, bring about a corresponding decline. The exceptional cases where manipulation can prevent this law taking effect are few. If every one were willing to buy stocks only when he had money to invest in them, and bought for the sake of the divident he would get, there would be less feverish excitement in connection with the Stock Exchange. But the gambler's hope of gain is too strong for a very large part of mankind to resist. Kinglake, explaining the pleasurable excitement of the battle field, says English soldiers enjoy s game in which life is the forfeit. The excitement of the Stock Exchange has its perilous attractions too ; but here the possible forfeit is not thought of; it is the hope of gain that f rms the motive.

In these days, indulgence in stock gambling has been made easy. A small stake put up, under the name of margin, seems to the adventurer to secure a large amount of stock. But the operator's interest is confined to the margin he puts up. When that is gone, or when a small portion of it is gone, the lender may sell the stock to save himself. In a declining market, these sales accelerate the fall of prices. There are more sellers than buyers and the buyers have the advantage. As prices fall, under increasing sales. more margins fall out and more stock is thrown on the market. With speculators, even when they are able to do so, it is always a question whether it is wise for them to put up an additional margin, in hope of a recovery of price. Some do so to their loss others, if the tide turns, recover themselves. But a decline once begun, may acquire great momentum from the mere fact of its existence; for the tendency of a decline is always to make sellers more numerous than buyers. Prices, in this way, are liable to reach a point where it parts company with value as measured by average dividend and reasonable prospects. A decline tendency in this direction commenced some weeks ago, and it does not yet seem to have stopped.

Almost everybody concerned is paying the penalty of dealing in or encouraging speculation on margins. The operators themselves, by a just law, are the first to pay the penalty : next the turn of the brokers comes, and at last the lenders on the forfeited stocks become uneasy if they be not seriously hurt. A whole race of speculators on margins has been pretty well wiped out. The majority of brokers burnt their own fingers when they had to handle the chestnuts ; and now lenders on margin not unfrequently have to carry the stocks themselves. The amount on which the holders would like to realize must be very large. Every lot thrown on the markets tends either to send down prices still lower or to prevent their rising. That part of the public that is safe out, does not care to step in. It is not guided by either the price or the value of the stocks. When stocks are very high, people go on buying them-on margin-though they know full well that the dividend will not amount to a fair rate of interest, compared with what can be made in other directions. When the price of stocks is low compared with divifrom a vague fear, to which they could not give shape or express in words. That oppressive atmosphere may be felt even now.

No rule, however absolute, controls, at all times, the action of dealers in stocks. It should not require a very large amount of common sense to convince any one that operations on margin, in which a higher rate is paid for money than the dividends produce. must be a losing game. It is like playing in a gambling house, against the bank ; the odds are against the outside players. The game hardly ever assumes any other aspect. And yet players are periodically numerous. They disappear, from time to time, when they have lost their money. And, then, stocks are liable to go down in price below their value. Some of them seem to have reached that point already; and who can say that the lowest point has been reached ?

THE VIENNA ELECTRICAL EXPOSI-TION.

One of the great events of the year in scientific and mechanical circles is the Exhibition at Vienna of electrical machinery and plant for electric lighting. The rapid strides which lighting by electricity has made within the short space of seven years have been truly marvellous. When in 1877 tentative and spasmodic efforts were made to exhibit machines and lamps for lighting, at prices, we may remark, which left no room whatever for profit, many people wondered and some laughed at the folly of the presumption that the possible product of such apparatus should be taken as a substitute for gas. We are not yet wholly lighted by electricity, it is true, and gas stockholders still sleep in peace. The new light has not slumbered. however, but made a progress both rapid and permanent.

At the great Exposition of Paris in 1878 were seen many promising illustrations of the potency of the new system. Time has rolled on, and week after week has witnessed fresh additions of strength to the claims of the new mode of lighting our streets and public buildings, our factories and homes. First came the single-light machine of Gramme, and the Serrin lamp, or the Jablochkoff candles; the Siemens machine and lamp, and other systems which promised only one light from each machine. Next came twos and threes, and then the ten-arc-light machines of the various makers; while to-day, dynamo machines are made to carry forty arc-lights of 500 candle power each on a single circuit. There were also circuits of eighty-arc supplied from two forty-arc light machines coupled together.

In 1881 Paris organized a Congress of Electricians, and an exposition of machinery and lamps, with the ordinary lighting plant. In 1882 London followed with an Exhibition of Electrical machinery and lighting apparatus at the Crystal Palace. Besides these evidences of international interest came a great many of lesser importance in many towns and cities of European countries. In the present year we have seen, in addition to the very complete display of lighting apparatus at the Fisheries Exposition, London, L'Exposition Universelle of Vienna. Here was to be seen arrayed in rivalry every well-known machine and lamp in the

The Gramme, Siemens, Edison, world. Brush, Wallace, Farmer, Weston, Maxim, and other machines of established merit. Then came the great arc-lamps, each of which has its special claims, the Siemens, Brush, Wallace-Farmer, Weston and Thompson & Huston. The Incandescent system of lighting and the Storage Battery or Accumulator are also there in great force, the first displaying extreme beauty and perfect steadiness of action, while the second illustrates what may be done for the lighting of street and railway cars, where it is not convenient to have the Dynamo erected and supplied with steady power. In the early days of Electric lighting, men thought themselves fortunate to get one arc light from one horsepower. Now, there are many machines exhibited which give the same volume of light for an expend ture of '9, '8, and even '6 or about one half a horse-power.

In his presidential address to the British Association, Dr. C. W. Siemens suggested the adoption of a method of calculating electrical horse-power by multiplying the quantity of current by its strength, in terms of "Amperes" and "Volts." Thus, the current is multiplied by the electromotive force and the product gives the horse-power consumed in the lamps on the circuit. The unit of horse-power, Siemens has calle i "Watt" in honor of James Watt, the inventor of the steam engine. To illustrate, for the benefit of business men, we submit the following. Suppose a ten-arc-light plant t, be in use in a saw mill or a skating rink, each lamp giving about five hundred candle pow.r; the dynamo machine giving a current of 15 Amperes, and the consumption of Electromoti e force per lamp being thirty-eight volts then

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$$15 \times 38 \times 10 = 5700 = 7.788$$

horse power, 746 of these volts are equal to one horse power.

In these exhibitions the business man has to determine for himself which is the most economical system to adopt from among the many which solicit his vote and patronage. The judges at these exhibitions have to decide not merely the steady quality of light but the cost of producing it. Besides this useful method of calculating power consumed in the circuit, there is another consumption of energy not yet noticed. Machines con sume mechanical force before electrical energy is given out in the circuit, and this has to be reckoned and added to the electrical horse power consumed in terms of "Watt" A machine may consume, according to its size and lighting capacity, from '5 to '6 horse-power. Some machines consume much more than one-horse power per lamp for arc lighting currents running from 15 to 30 Amperes and from 35 to 45 Volts of Electromotive force.

The jurors will also determine the efficiency of arc lamps. Among the points to be considered in an arc lamp are: the simplicity of its mechanism, its efficiency as an electrical machine and the strength and steadiness of its light by photometric tests. When lamps are not steady their resistances vary, and as a consequence the consumption of the electromotive force will vary also. Resistance of lamps will vary within the

electrician is to work out the most efficient lamp he knows how to produce. There are many lamps of good make, but comparatively few of them are economical in their working results. Some of thes, even have the misfortune to be associated with a dynamo machine which is not economical; and thus it happens that many well-known systems of electric lighting before the public are about equally balanced in their commercial results.

We have no means of knowing on what basis the jurors will make their awards, but it seems just that the consideration of public safety ought to have some weight with them. It is but fair to state that where conductors are carried through the streets there should be some limit to the number of lamps on one circuit. From a machine giving a continuous current, the danger from a forty light circuit is not large; but with intermittent, and especially with alternating currents, the case is different. It is an important matter for cities to decide how electric light conducting wires shall be carried through the streets with due regard to public safety. We may expect that the Vienna Exposition jurors will aid in solving this question.

TRADESMENS' VIEWS OF LABOR.

The Trades and Labor Council of Toronto objects to some features in the emigration policy of the government, and to some things which that policy d es not contain. Against pauper immigration a protest is uttered. Paupers are not invited by any body, if by that phrase is meant persons unable to make a living by their labor. But idleness is sometimes involuntary, and many a man who has received parish relief in the old country, would have maintained himself, even there, if he could have got work, and would have no difficulty in doing so here. The term "pauper" as applied to immigrants, needs to be used with precision. There must be in Canada and the United States a great many well-to-do people, who received parish relief on the other side of the water. Helpless poverty and vicious idleness should be kept where they are bred, not sent here; but paupers able and willing to earn their own living, if they get a chance, are not to be shunned as lepers.

If, as the Council states, there are at present more mechanics in the country than can make living wages, it would be folly to invite more. If other countries are willing to pay for sending away surplus labor, it would be folly in us to pay anything to entice here labor for which we have no present need. But what the Trades and Labor Council gives out as facts, where the interests of its clients are concerned, should not be accepted without scrutiny. The Council desires to lessen competition among mechanics. The North-West will be ab'e to absorb a large number of agricultural laborers. But there is a limit, fixed by the capital available for their employment. They must either fi d some one to employ them or have the means to start on a free homestead on their own ac ount. In either case, it is a question of capital, more or less. The tendency of wages is said to be downwards ; and this, we think is true. It would be a good thing

with a bit of land around them ; but we can hardly say we have any well-f unded hope that they will, in this particular, take the advice of the Council. It is a pity that they have done so without outside solicitation.

AN ARBITRARY OFFICIAL.

The action of the Massachusetts Insurance Department in the case of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine, has called forth a burst of indignant comment from many respectable journals in all parts of the Eastern States and New York. The present occupant of that office in the Commonwealth, Mr. Tarbox, was appointed recently by Governor Butler, and at once proceeded to "magnify his office" by mak. ing it warm for outsiders doing business in Massachusetts. Among the outsiders which he examined were the City of London Fire, a French Insurance Company, a Pennsylvania Plate Glass Co., and so on. But the latest outsider to come under his eagle eve was the Union Mutual, which he has refused to allow to do business in the Bay State. The circumstances are thus described by the Boston Advertiser:

"The solvency of the company, or its ability to satisfy the Massachusetts law, is not now the question. The whole matter lies in a single brief sentence. Mr. Tarbox ordered the company to turn over its books and papers to Mr. Plympton, when these books and papers w re undergoing examina-tion by the Maine Commissioner; the Company could not comply, but did not refuse, and Mr. Tarbox cut off the company from Massachusetts business. Our officious Commissioner proceeded from the very beginning as though he meant to have trouble. His original orders implied suspicion of the company's real estate investments. His dealings with the Maine Commissioner were discourteous, and inevitably created ill-feeling. His final order to Mr. Plympton to proceed with the examination was an insult both to the Commissioner and to the company. The law of Maine requiring an an examination is as binding and as much entitled to respect as is the law of Massachusetts.

Although such precipitate and arbitrary action by a State officer is well calculated to arouse distrust of the company in the minds of those who learn only the bare fact of the revocation of its license, there is abundant evidence that the Union Mutual is in every way sound. But the mixing up of politics in such functions as those of the supervision of insurance is likely to lead, as in this case it has led, to grave injustice. We learn that President DoWitt of the Union Mutual L fe, has requested Insurance Commissioner Smith to invite the Commissioners of such other States as he may see fit, to join with him in the examination into the affairs of the company now in progress.

THE STANDARD FIRE WINDS UP.

Since our last issue, it has been decided at a meeting of Directors of the Standard Fire Insurance Company, to withdraw from business, and to wind up the affairs of that company. The competition of larger companies, and the expense of procuring business, are among the causes w ich have led to the step on the part of the Standard. The sudden departure of its late president, too, length of the arc ; and the business of the if farmers would build laborers' co!tages, was of evil moment to the company, even

more so than any financial loss sustained through him, because it shock the faith of country agents in the company.

This company was organized in 1877, with a cash capital of \$10,000, (ten per cent. on \$100,000) which sum was deposited with the Ontario Government at the start. Thus the comp ny had to depend up on its premium income to pay losses From that time forward it appeared to make progress. The paid capital was increased, and a further sum of \$10,000 was placed in the custody of the Government. After its amalgamation with the Alliance, an additional deposit of \$5,350 was put up, making the sum of \$25,350 in the hands of the Government as security for policy holders. But unfortunately the company never fully en. joyed the confidence of the public. This was not so much in consequence of any inherent weakness as by reason of the character of those w o manipulated it. In the language of the new president, "the company appears to have been organized, like too many others, for the sole benefit of the principal;" (he should have added, the man who was at one time inspector, and who is now the liquidator,) "who unsparingly plundered those unlucky enough to be cajoled into investing their capital therein, or insuring their property therein whenever losses occur ed."

In 1881 this Company suffered heavy losses, a call of five per cent was made and a further sum borrowed by the former and now-missing president, Mr. D. B. Chisholm. Since then the Company has been heavily weighted with interest, and at present the Exchange and Federal banks are pressing their claims against it. The subscribed capital of the Company is \$375,000, but probably not more than one third of this is good. The late president had \$33,000 in his Other shareholders are J. Baird, name. St. Thomas, R. Duncan, Hamilton, \$10,000, Col. Land, Hamilton, \$10,000 ; and Thomas Blanchard, Nelson, \$5,000.

We understand that, upon application made to the High Court of Justice, the company was allowed to liquidate under the Dominion Act; and we also learn, not without surprise, that Mr. T. C. Livingston has been appointed liquidator. Why a company which works under an Ontario charter, and deposits with the Ontario Treasurer, should not also wind up under Provincial authority, one does not readily see. But one thing is significant, i.e., that by the Act of the Provincial Legislature, recently passed, supervision is maintained over liquidators of insurance companies, and they have to report progress from time to time. It can be imagined that the liquidator of the Standard does not relish supervision, and does not approve of reporting progress. We trust the loss of the shareholders will be light, but they will not grow the lighter by prolonging the winding up, which is sure to be done. Indeed, under his management, we shall not expect a final report inside of five years, if then.

ASSESSMENT.

Mr. W. W. Turnbull recently read a paper, before the Board of Trade of St. John, N.B., on the Assessment law of that province. He objects to the law on the ground that it is not based on any intelligent principle. His chief argument is that property which yields no income should pay no taxes. If the soundness of this principle, on which Sismondi more than any other economist insisted, be admitted, it would still be necessary to come to an understanding as to what is unproductive property, whether all property which does not produce an annual income, is unproductive. Mr. Turnbull contends :

"That real and personal estate, which yield no income, cannot pay taxes, certainly not for any length of time, except by what would be tantamount to the utter and total destruction of the property, and when that occurs their power to pay is at the end. "The general impression is that real and per-

"The general impression is that real and personal state which yielded no income, have paid taxes in the past, but the actual fact is, they have never paid a dollar, they could not pay, for they had nothing to pay with. The taxes levied on them have been been paid by their owners out of the income of their owners, derived from other sources. This gives us some light on the subject. If real and personal estate, which yield no income, cannot pay taxes, it follows that they should not be taxed."

The taxation of property which yields neither income nor profit means confiscation within a time which admits of easy calculation. It is not so certain that land which yields no income never did or could pay taxes. Until the land realizes a profit, say by the sale, it must borrow the taxes the proprietor must advance them out of other resources. But if the land sells at a profit, it repays the taxes advanced. There is of course the if; but in a progressive country, the increase in the value of land, in a given series of years, is, on the whole certain. The exceptions prove nothing. If the price of land remained stationary or even declined, for a long series of years, and the taxes were more than the rent, partial or complete confiscation would result.

Mr. Turnbull's paper is refreshing from his insisting so strongly on having the assessment based on principle. Indeed he goes, in this particular, beyond the practic-In insisting on income being the able. criterion of taxation, he is on strong ground theoretically; but practically, as Mill remarks, this most perfect tax in theory becomes one of the most objectionable in practice, so difficult is it to get at the amount of income. But Mr. Turnbull's paper is well intended ; and it is desirable that the question should be often discussed in the spirit in which he approaches it.

-Bradstreet's puts altogether too deep a shading in its description of the present condition of Canada. "Canada," its ays, "is in a sea of political and financial troubles, and the discontent is great." The political discontent is represented as sectional: "political grievances having led Manitoba to threats of secession." Manitoba has made no such threats; and the agitation there, which forms the groundwork of the statement, is very far from being general. The guarantee of the Pacific Railway stock is mentioned in a way that leads to the infer-

ence that the government undertakes this guarantee without indemnity. The words used are : " The guarantee of dividends on the Pacific road, when the government is unable to borrow at four per cent., provokes angry criticism." A correct statement would have shown that the capital necessary to secure the guarantee is put up by the company. It is true that one of the protected interests is suffering ; and protection, for its own sake, is not a defensible policy : as incident to a necessary revenue tariff, a fostering care may be extended to manufactures, not only without injury but with benefit to the country. The duty on wheat and coal certainly ought to be abolished. Bradstreet's would do well to preserve accuracy of statement in describing the commercial condition of Canada.

-In the pr. sent very quiet condition of the lumber trade, it becomes a question of interest what quantity is being cut this year. It would appear from the following estimate, made by an Ottawa journal, that the cut will be as great as that of last year, which was placed at eight hundred million feet. An estimate of the year's cut by the principal sawmills in the vicinity of Ottawa is as follows :

| E. B. Eddy, Hull | 80,000,000 | feet |
|--------------------------------|------------|------|
| Bronson & Weston, Ottawa | 60,000,000 | " |
| J. R. Booth | 55,000,000 | ** |
| Perle & Pattee | 40,000,000 | " |
| Sherman, Lord & Hurdman | 35,000,000 | " |
| Capt. Young | 20,000,000 | |
| J. Rochester | 10,000,000 | ** |
| McLaren's, New Edinburgh | 20,000,000 | |
| McClymont, New Edinburgh | | •• |
| Gilmour & Co., Hull. | 25,000,000 | |
| Conroy Bros., North Shore | 45,000,000 | |
| Allan Grant, South Shore | 35,000,000 | •• |
| Mal oran, Conlatan Dia | 15,000,000 | "" |
| McLaren, Carleton Place | 30,000,000 | " |
| McLaughlin Bros., Arnprior | 80,000,000 | ** |
| Gillies Bros., Braeside | 3.000,000 | 66 |
| Pembroke Mills | 28,000,000 | ** |
| W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland. | 50,000,000 | " |
| McLaren & Co. | 65,000,000 | 66 |
| Gilmour's Gatineau Mill | 25,000,000 | ** |
| Hillman's, Rockliffe | 4,000,000 | ** |
| | ±,000,000 | |
| m | | |

"There are a number of other mills whose cut could not assuredly be estimated. As none of the mills have stopped running yet, the quanti y at the close of the season may be even larger, as the mills cut 30,000,000 feet per week." The amount of lumber to be cut this season upon the Aroostook and Upper St: John, we learn from a St. John paper, is estimated at 225,000,000 feet, divided as follows : Upon the Upper St John, 15,000,000 ; Aroostook, 4,000,000 ; St. Croix, 15,000,000 . Last season the total output on these fields was 358,000,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK LUMBER NOTES.

The port of Bathurst, N. B. has made shipments of lumber and timber during the season of 1883, in fifty three vessels of 27,483 tons, whose cargoes were nearly equally divided between R. A. & J. Stewart and K. F. Burns & Co. as shippers. In addition to 120 tons of W. P. timber and a few cedar poles, the contents of the 53 vessels loaded were as under:

| Deals, &c. | superf. | feet | 23,415,607 |
|------------|---------|------|------------|
| Boards, | 64 | ** | |
| alings, | pieces | | 640,145 |
| aths | | | 12,000 |
| taves | " | | 217,625 |
| R Sleepers | ** | | 6.907 |
| oantling | Superf. | feet | 203,060 |

⁻The Winnipeg Sun is encouraged to learn from Canada Pacific Railway reports that 59 per cent. of the land taken up throughout the Province is plowed and backset; only 29 per cent. was in that shape last year at this time.

Shipments of deals from Newcastle, N. B. for the season now closed, were somewhat larger than in the previous season, while those of timber and of palings were not so large. The following is a comparison :

1883. 1882. Battens pcs 55,000 pcs 2,558,000 2.570.000 Palings The principal shippers were R. & J. Ritchie & Co., Geo. McLeod, and G. Burchill & Sons. 151 vessels of 93,369 rons were laden this year, compared with 138 vessels of 77,442 tons in season 1882; and amongst their cargo was 706 tons pine timber and 63 tons birch timber. The shipments were mainly to the United Kingdom, 129 vessels, 81,268 tons, having sailed thereto, the remainder being distributed as follows :- 8 to France, 7 to Africa, 4 to Spain, 3, to United

The export of deals and other descriptions of sawed wood from Miramichi has this year been been some 28 per cent. greater than in the shipping season of 18⁵2. The total shipments amount to 148 million feet against 117 million. There were 278 vessels of 172,022 tons loaded wood at Mircmichi this season. The shippers were :

| | Vessels. | Sup. feet. | |
|----------------------|----------|------------|----|
| R. A & J. Stewart | 64 | 35,920,000 | |
| Guy Bevan & Co | | 35 363,881 | Ľ |
| Geo. McLeod | 60 | 30,917,090 | ŀ |
| J. B. Snowball | 69 | 28,124,506 | ŀ |
| D. & J. Ritchie & Co | 17 | 7,873,000 | [] |
| Alex. Mo. rison | 15 | 7,506,000 | Ľ |
| Geo. Burchill | 6 | 2,586,000 | ľ |
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Between January 1st and November 16th, this year, 390 vessels arrived at Parrsboro, N. S.; 158 of them from foreign ports and 232 from domestic. During that time, 106 vessels cleared with cargces for foreign ports and 272 for domestic ports. Fifteen million feet of deals have been exported to Great Britain from Parrsboro; 443,000 cubic feet logs and 2,700,000 sup. feet laths, and 2,855 tons scal to the United States. The value of exports from the port during that period was \$189,475 and of imports \$87,655.

MR. PATTERSON'S LECTURE.

The lecture delivered, last week, in Montreal by Mr. W. J. Patterson, Secretary of the Board of Trade, on the commercial progress of the city, was, as such an address from that gentleman may be expected to be, an interesting *melange* of facts, figures and reminiscences. The worthy Secretary is so well-known an authority on the commerce of Canada that he is at home on such a subject. His conclusion, as he looks backward on what has been and forward to the future, is touching. It is the sage counsel of experience to the young and sanguine merchant. With the reflectiveness of advancing years, he seeks to emphasize the dignity of honest work and the certainty of its reward:

"It would be a serious omission on an occasion of this kind not to make reference to what, commercially speaking, is truly a congener of the railway—I mean the electric telegraph, which, as far as British North America is concerned, had its inception in Montreal in 1846. I can truly say of it, that, while the railway has abolished distance, the telegraph wires have overcome the lapse of time. More than a mere incidental allusion ought also to be made to the growth and changes that have occurred in the shipping interests of the River St. Lawrence, to the great increase in our steam tonnage, and to the immense development of our export and

import trade. I would say to our young men, that fortunes have been made aforetime in Montreal, and will be again, though perhaps not so easily as before-but the race to be rich and fashionable is a dangerous and engrossing one. Let us all strive to be useful and contented and the honest reward will come, whatever may be our station in life. I am not a prophet-past progress is foreshadowing the future, and the experience of all reflecting men is affording a bright presage,-I am only, so to speak, the servant sent out from the cave on the top of Carmel to look out upon the sea for the expected blessing, and I see the little cloud expanding hither and thither and spreading upward to the zenith, ready to yield enriching showers. Let us all, young and old, perform our part faithfully; let the carpenter drive an honest nail, let the blacksmith give hearty ringing blows on his anvil; let the ploughman cut a deep straight furrow; let the commercial traveller be thoroughly impressed with the important interests entrusted to him; let our merchants becarnest, energetic and unselfish in moving the wheels of commerce-and with God's blessing, Canada will become a happy country, and Montreal a great and prosperous city.

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

"The effect produced on the match trade," says the N. Y. Shipping List, "by the abolition of the tax to which matches were formerly subject presents, a marked illustration of the commercial rule that a decrease of price is naturally and in nearly every case accompanied by an increase of consumption."

The Trade Schools of New York have re-or sned for their third session. The fact that 200 students have entered their names for this seascn's work shows that their advantages are well appreciated. Instruction is given in bricklaying, plumbing, fresco-painting, stone-cutting, plastering, pattern-making, for moulders and machinists, tuning, and wood carving. A class in turned wood-carving and scroll sawing has been formed for young men between the ages of 16 and 25. The classes are taught by practical workmen.

In the first stages of the manufacture of wood pulp for paper, poplar was pre-eminently adapted for the purpose, and for a good while it was thought that only this wood, basswood and a few other kinds could be ground into a suitable pulp. Now, however, machines are made which turn out pulp with equal facility from all kinds of wood. The longest fibre is made from willow, basswood and poplar ranking next respectively. Cedar, fir and hemlock are said to work about alike; maple has a fibre shorter than that of either spiace or pine, and is quite hard to grind; birch is very hard and grinds quite short. Poplay and buckeye pulps remain white for a considerable time, other woods changing color; birch becomes pink, maple turns purple, and basswood takes on a reddish hue.

The St. John *Telegraph* of the 16th inst, says that the nail factories of E. R. Moore & Co., and S. R. Foste: & Son in that eity are working many hours over time to meet unusually large and pressing orders. At the Rankin mill about 100,000 laths, for which there is an urgent demand in the United States, are manufactured daily. "Though the mills in and about St. John are producing double the quantity of shingles that was ever before manufactured here," says the same journal, the demand for export and local consumption is quite equal to the capacity of the mills.

the great increase in our steam tonnage, and to The West Farnham Beet Sugar factory is this are employed on the immense development of our export and year being conducted upon a policy of economy; Atlantic service.

having improved machinery the works are being run with thirty men less than in former years, and the working expenses reduced by \$300 per week. This year's crop of beets has already been converted into syrup and sugar, and the refinery is about to begin operations. The farmers near by are well satisfied with the returns made, Mrs. Dufresne, of St. Pre, having realized as much as \$64.17 from half an acre of beets; Amadee Rsinville, St. Marie, \$325 from six acres; and Joseph Hughes \$55 from half-an-acre.

A new patent for carriage lamps invented by Holmes & Burke for electric lighting, has been experimented on by the Great Northern Railway of England. The merits claimed are less internal resistance of the battery, the facility with which it can be charged, and its freedom from noxious formes.

Messrs. Goudron Freres, a firm of French machinists, are about to establish a bolt and nut factory at Berthier *en haut* Que., the municipality having voted them a bonus of \$4,500, and freedom from taxes for ten years. They have heretofore carried on business in Montrea!.

We learn that the print works now in course of erection at Magog, P. Q., are to have 5,000 looms, capable of turning out 300,000 pieces of print per annum. The imports from abroad at present are estimated to amount, with duty, to close on \$5,000,000. The product of the Magog mills will amount from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. The Hochelaga. St. Croix and other mills have received extensive orders for printing cloths.

-A list is given this week by the Spectator, of factories in Hamilton which are either new or have improvements or additions to their premises or machinery in progress or in contemplation. In foundries the following are the novelties :- A new foundry at the corner of King and Tisdale streets. Another on the corner of York and Queen streets, of which the roof is on. A large foundry now in operation will double its capacity. Tenders for the new buildings have been asked for. A new foundry has just been started on Barton street. Dann's spice mills will be doubled in capacity. A new merchant roller flour mill on York street will soon be in operation. A new building on York Street, to constitute part of Messrs. Tuckett & Son's tobacco works, is building. An addition to Messrs. Morgan Brothers' flour mill and whip factory will double the capacity of each. The Edison Electric Light Company has taken a five years' lease of the ; remises now occupied. A new engine and boiler and machinery, will be put in. A new biscuit factory on Cannon street is nearly finished. The machinery is now in, and the factory will probably be in operation this week. A new saw factory in building on Mary street. A new mineral water factory will be started on Jackson street. An immense addition will be begun in the spring to Wanzer's new screw factory and wood-working establishment. The roof of the Erie Cotton mill. James Street, is on, and the machinery is in the city. So great an addition, the Spebtator adds, was never before made to the industrial resources of Hamilton in a single year.

-The "war of rates" in matters of carriage, has extended beyond the bounds of the American continent and rages upon the ocean. It will be startling to many to learn that owing to over-competition between Liverpool and New York, the Anchor Line Steamship Company has withdrawn its vessels from that route, but it is understood that the service will be resumed in the spring. The company owns a fleet of forty-five steamers which are employed on the different routes in the trans-

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A special meeting of shareholders in the Royal Canadian Fire Insurance Company, called by Mr. F. E. Gilman, a Montreal lawyer and others, was held in that city on Wednesday last, the president, Mr. Andrew Robertson, in the chair. A resolution requiring the directors to retire annually, and providing that the sorutineers should be chosen by the shareholders, was carried. Another resolution designed to reduce the number of directors to five, passed with the consent of the present Board. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Gilman fell foul of Mr. Duncan McIntyre, calling forth from that gentleman a retort which was calculated to astonish the former speaker by its fiery force. There is reason in the contention of Hon. Peter Mitchell, that the moving spirits in the present management had saved the company in its darkest days, and have therefore a better claim to its confidence than the few who seek to obtain control. Their diligence in its service, no one possessing intimate knowled je can fairly question. The printed reply of the president to various charges of improper administration made in Mr. Gilman's circular, apparently commended itself to the sense of fairness of the stockholders.

-A new act, which has recently been adopted by the Scandinavian States is called the Commercial Bills Act and closely resembles the German code of exchange. Thus, drafts on Denmark, on Sweden, and on Norway coming to maturity either on a Sunday or a holiday are payable the next day and not the day previous, as heretofore. Days of grace are abolished. The protest for non-payment must be taken up at latest the second day, providing it is not a holiday, after the expiration. The presentation for acceptance is not compulsory, except for a sight bill. If, in the latter case, no delay is stipulated on the bill itself, the delay is of six weeks for Europe and of one year for the drafts drawn on countries beyond the seas. The bills must be accepted at latest within four-and-twenty hours. The bills payable at the "beginning," in the "middle," and at the "end" of the month must be paid on the 1st, 15th, and last day of the month. The day of presentation or acceptance must not be reckoned for the bills drawn at so many days' sight.

-At the end of the present year, Mr. Andrew Drummond, so well known as the Manager of the Bank of Montreal at Ottawa, will retire from the service of the bank. Mr. Drummond has given thirty-six years of service in the institution as manager, first at Ottawa, at that time known as Bytown, then at Kingston, subsequently at London, and again for the last seventeen years at Ottawa. Before entering the service of the the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Drummond was for some ten years on the staff or the Commercial Bank. We understand that the directors of the Bank of Montreal have recognized, in a substantial way, the lengthened and successful endeavors of so old a servant, whose increasing years entitle him to rest. Mr. Gandry, his successor, has held veryresponsible positions in the service of the bank in New York, London and Halifax.

-The country is too big, it would seem, to be at peace all over at one time, either politically in the Dominion, or commercially in the States. Here, says a New York contemporary, is something from the Chicago Tribune that has the scent of a prospective declaration of war: "Western railroad officers are indignant over the high-handed action of the Eastern roads in trying to hamper passenger traffic in the West by refusing to sell people tickets or check bagby refusing to sell people tickets or check bag. gage west of Chicago. It is quite doubtful that the East can afford to bulldoze the West in any tion would be a far less serious matter than it is

such manner. Had the Western roads not some very serious row of their own to settle just now, it is not unlikely some of the conceit would be taken out of the New Yorkers in short order."

-Quebec shows a much larger fleet of arrivals, steam or sail, this year than last. There were thirty-four more sailing vessels and forw-nine more steamers arrived, and their aggregate tonnage was 150,000 tons greater. Below we give a statement of the arrivals and tonnage at port, from sea, in 1882 and 1883, up to 22nd November. inclusive :---

1882-593 vessels.... 449,782 tons. **

.... 504,496 1883-627

Number of Ocean Steamers which arrived at Quebec up to date, and to corresponding date last year !---

1882-220 steamers.... 356.254 tons. 1883-269 ** 451.509

From the Lower Provinces up to date, and to corresponding date last year :--

1882-335 steam and mail. 128,177 tons. 1883-355 .. 144,623 Showing that there were 20 vessels more this year and 16 346 tons.

-Bids were made for a larger amount of first mortgage bonds of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway than were offered-how much larger is not stated-the directors have offered to the applicants another security, five per cent. consolidated bonds of the Midland Railway Company. These bonds are of £100 each, and are redeemable at par on the 1st, Jan. 1912; they bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, from the 1st January, 1884, payable in London half yearly, on the 1st January and 1st July. The first payment of interest will be made on the 1st July, 1884.

-The Hamilton members of the Commercial Travellers' Association met on Saturday night last, the first vice-President, Mr. Adam Brown, in the chair. There was a large gathering of members present, and the following gentlemen were nominated for election from Hamilton, the names to be forwarded to Toronto for the annual meeting: 1st Vice President, Mr. Adam Brown; 2nd Vice President, Mr. E. A. Dalley; Directors, Messrs. George Hamilton, J. D. Stewart, W. G. Reid, M. Macfarlane, J. H. Stone, John Orr. The annual dinner is to be held in Hamilton on Friday evening, 28th December.

PROTECTION UNDER A NEW PHASE.-The N. Y. Commercial Bulletin of last Friday has the following :-

The manufacturers see that the articficial stimulus supplied by high duties has created a territorial expansion of manufactures which is creating serious sectional competitions and producing an embarrassing over-production; and this they begin to regard as defeating the sup-posed advantages of protective duties. The posed advantages of protective duties. The producers of New England and the Middle States have no longer a monopoly of the home There are manufactures spreading market. rapidly over the entire West and at important points in the South; and the possibility of the national production far exceeding the limits of the home consumption stares them in the face. Under these conditions, the protective policy presents itself to them under a new and very embarrassing phase. They must acknowledge that protection has at last produced difficulties which it is impotent to allay. While not yet ready to embrace free-trade principles in all their breadth, many are at least willing to consider far more candidly than ever before whether, in order to meet the serious difficulty of a con-tinuous over-production, it may not be necessary to adopt a more liberal trade policy so as to get across to the foreign markets; and it begins to dawn on their perception that, --with raw materials, labor the advantages of cheaper

now. This much, our more intelligent manufacturers are unquestionably beginning to learn; and when a fair propertion of them have reached this point of conviction, the mission of the reformers will be accomplished; for the manu-facturers will then take up the movement and carry it to a successful issue. The time is thus fully ripe for the apostles of commercial freedom to carry their gospel into such cities as Boston, Lowell, Providence, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, and there propound it as men of business to men of business; and we predict that, when they do this, they will be surprised to find how much the experience of manufacturers has prepared them for listening with candor.

Correspondence.

ENGLISH LOAN COMPANY.

LONDON, Nov. 26, 1883.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIB,—Judging from your remarks some time ago on the position of the English Loan Com-pany, you did not appear to see the real causelof trouble in that concern, which arose in the first place from the iniquitous powers contained in that company's special act of Parliament, which gave to shareholders the power to vote on shares in arrears of calls. By the unscrupulous use of this power the company sustained such grievous losses ; and the shareholders who had the most money in the company had no practical voice in its control, which I will illustrate by two examples taken from the share list.

I observe five holders of stock with \$210.79, have been exercising a voting power of 2770 votes. I also observe that three shareholders having \$26,000.00 paid on their stock have only 2610 \$26,000.00 part on their store have only 2010 votes Or, looking at it in another way \$26,-400.00 of paid up capital has 130 votes less than \$210.79 paid up capital. If you look at the company's affairs from this +tandpoint you will see the reason why the money of heavy investors has been controlled so long by irresponsible shareholders, causing the continued sgita-tion that resulted in last Friday's special general meeting which resulted in a compromise.

This compromise is severe on the men who have paid the most money into the concern. Their only consolation for their sacrifice is that the vicious voting power of the past is forever broken, and the fature will give them some control of their money, under better regulations with an early prospect of dividends on their remaining capital. Yours truly.

A SHABEHOLDER.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY OF THE WORLD.

Among the modern industries there is probably not one that compares in rapidity of progress with the cotton industry, nor one in which the culture of the raw material has kept so equal a pace. The import of cotton to all British ports was from 1771-1775 about 12,000 bales; from 1769-1800 already 94,000 bales; while now the imports to Liverpool alone frequently exceed 100,000 bales per week.

At the beginning of this century, America's participation in the cotton industry was very insignificant. To verify this we need only to mention the fact that when in 1784 eight bales of cotton arrived from America, they were confiscated under the plea that it was impossible that America and the produced so prodigious a quantity. In 1800 the American import to England was already 45,000 bales (at 400 lb.). The American production increased so rapidly after the civil war that an over production WAS dreaded. This fear, however, proved groundless, for the cotton industry rose with equal rapidity, so that the number of spindles in Europe amounting in 1832 to 11,800,000, had increased sed in 1881 to 61,345,000, or over sixty one millions !

The world's production of cotton for the year 1881 has been calculated to have been year 1051 has been calculated to have been 1,806,000,000 kilogramm's, which at $2\frac{1}{3}$ pounds per kilo. equals 4,214,000,000 pounds, viz :---America 1,389,000,000 kilos, East Indies 254,000,-000, Egypt 163,000,000. The increase of the 000, Egypt 163,000,000. The increase of the Cotton industry in the various countries can be best elucidated by the following statement giving the number of spindles :--

| France | 5,000,000 |
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| Germany | 4,815,000 |
| Russia | 3,640,000 |
| Switzerland | 1,850,000 |

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| Spain 1,835,000 |
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| Spain 1,000,000 |
| Austria 1,865.000 |
| Italy |
| Belgium |
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| Sweden and Norway |
| Holland 245,000 |
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| Total European Continent |
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The above table of statistics shows how powerful England yet is in this industry; as she employs nearly double the number of spindles of all the rest of Europe together. Next to England is given the United States, whose powerful competition in the markets of the world is hereby most strikingly shown — Industrial News.

BRITISH IRON EXPORTS.

The Board of Trade Returns for October are not very encouraging in so far as they relate to the exports of iron or steel. The total quantity shipped last month was 356,487 tons valued at £2,477,544. When compared with the returns for September the figures show a falling off last month of 10,874 tons, but there is some consolation in the fact that the value of last month's iron and steel export was £11,701 greater than for September. The most noteworthy improvement last month was under the head of hoops, sheets, and plates, of which we exported 34,356 tons, an increase of 5,003 tons on the September The export of manufactures of cast shipment. wrought iron (not otherwis classified) shows and an increase of 5,214 tons, and the other increases are in tin plates 261 tons, and in unwrought steel On the other hand, the shipments of 865 tons. pig iron declined 8,551 tons last month, bar, rod, bolt, and angle iron 2,711 tons, railroad iron and steel 5,525 tons, wire 117 tons, old iron for re-manufacture 3,762 tons, combined manufac-tures of iron and steel 782 tons. A comparison of the figures which we publish in this issue with those for September shows that the shipments to Germany last month increased 3,867 tons, Holland 2,469 tons, United States 5,482 tons Italy 1,341 tons India 7,389 tons, Egypt 732 tons Mexico 2,925 tons, aud South Africa, 5772 tons. The principal decline last month was in the Russian trade, 13,234 tons. Canadian ship-ments fell off to the extent of 11,188 tons, the other reductions being Belgium 2,269 tons, France 3,598 tons, Tarkey 1,241 tons, Australia 4,897 tons, Sweden and Norway 914 tons, Spain 349 tons, Brazil 245 tons, Peru 347 tons, Chili 314, tons, and "other countries" 1,386 From these figures it will be seen that tons. the general tendency in the exports of iron and last month was towards lighter shipments. steel No doubt some unfavorable changes in the export trade are but the natural order of things as port stade are but the natural order of things as winter approaches, yet the fact remains that the total quantity of iron shipped last month was 57,000 tons less than in October, 1882, and 30,000 tons less than in October, 1881,—Iron Trades Exchange.

THE MANUFACTURE OF NAILS.

As was stated in a recent issue, until ninety years ago all nails were hand made, whereas they are now all, or nearly all, made by machinery and the business has grown to enormous propor tions. Thus, according to statistics prepared for the American Iron and Steel Association, there are seventy-four complete Nail mills in America, containing 5008 Nail machines. Five new Nail works are being built and will be ready for operation about the beginning of January At that time there will be a total of 5995 Nail machines, being an increase of 432 machines in about eighteen months. The manufacture of Steel Nails has commenced, there being six works engaged in making Nails of Steel or Steel and Iron combined. The annual capacity of the completed Nails mills of the country, supposing them to be steadily employed, is 11,376, 000 kegs of Cut Nails or Spikes, an increase of 25 per cent., since August, 1882. This capacity will be increased about 1,000,000 kegs when the new works now being built are completed. In 1882 the product was 6,147,097 kegs of 100 pounds, and that product has never been exceeded. There are sixteen States in which Nails are manufactured, but the great bulk of the trade

is confined in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and West Virginia. Out of the 5008 machines in use, Pennsylvania, has 1425; Ohio, 559; Massachusetts, 616; ard West Virginia, 689. The capacity of the Pennsylvania mills is 3,264,000 kegs; Ohio, 2,290,000 kegs; and W. Virginia, 1,688,-000 kegs. No other State reaches one million kegs. Of the new machines being added, 74 are in Pennsylvauia, 83 in West Virginia, 40 in Alabama, where there are only 60 now, and 100 in Wisconsin, where there are none now. The question has often been asked, "What becomes of all the pins?" The same interrogatory might be put with respect to Nails.—Commercial List.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.-Galt, Nov. 16.-John Babcock's house and contents, seventh con. Beverly were burned yesterday morning; loss \$600, insurance \$200.----Brantford, Nov. 16th.-The corn canning factory of M. D. Baldwin took fire, and with the barn adjoining, was consumed. In the fac-tory was canned corn and valuable machinery all destroyed. The barn contained a quantity of hay, oats and barley, which is also a total loss. The fire is the work of an incendiary. Mr. Baldwin's loss is about \$10,000; insured in the Northern for \$4,500. Lancashire \$3:00, Mercantile \$1,500, and Waterloo Mutual \$8:00. barn barned with contents, loss \$2.000.--Delaware, 18th.—Geo. Wilkin's barn burned, loss \$600.—Cornwall, 18th.—Jas. Robertson's saw and planing mills, three miles west of here, were \$1,000.-St. Thomas mill WAS totally destroyed by fire at Springfield on Saturday morning. Loss about \$2 00); no insurance cause unknown.---Forest, Ont, 19th.-Finlay Wilkinson's barns and contents, near Aberarder, township of Plympton, burned with 900 bushels of grain. Insured in the Ontario Mutusl, Lon-don, for \$1,000.—Lucan 2nd.—D. McDonnell's don, for \$1,000.—Lucan 2nd.—D. McDonnell's house burned by explosion of lamp.—Picton 21st.—A large two storey brick house, burned. The house was occupied by C. E. Fraser as a residence, and was owned by Rev. Mr. Stratton, of Stirling. Loss on farniture from \$1,200 to \$1,500 ; insured for \$600 in the Norwich Union. The house is reported to be insured for \$1.200. Total 1:ss about \$3,000. --- Toronto 20th.-- A fire broke out in the woodworking establishment of Messrs. C. T. Brandon & Co. at the Central Prison. They have \$6,100 insurance: \$2,100 in London Assarance, \$2,000 in National and \$2,000 in Hand in-Hand. --Picton, 20th.-J. McCloud's hog pen burned, loss \$300.- Guelph, Spence's flouring mill, formerly –David David Allan's took fire in the night and was entirely gutted, except the office and vault. Loss \$55,000 including 15,000 bushels wheat probably and 500 bbls, flour or middlings : insurance \$42,000, thus :--On the building and machin-the new portion destroyed, the old mostly saved. McNeil owned the building loss \$12,000. Shops on the ground floor were occupied by Shops on the ground moor were occupied by Geo. Maby, boots and shoes, billiard-room, barber-shop, provision store, kept by Peter Hicks, who loses \$1,000 and post office. The fire originated in the provision shop. Insurances are :--On building. \$4,500, Soottish Imepial; \$3,000, Northern; \$3,000, Imperial; \$4,000, Lancashire. On contents of hotel, \$1,000, Lancashire. On contents of notel, \$1,000, North British and Mercantile \$4,000, Fire Association; \$750, City of London, on Hick's stock; \$2,500, Phœnix, on Maby's stock.— Brougham, 24th.—Fire broke out in W. Mathews' implement shop and spread to houses of Dr. Freel and W. Fuller also Grangers Hall. R. Vernon loses \$500 on houses, covered in Waterloo Mutual, Mathews has \$500 in Royal, but los s \$700 on machinery and stoves. Fulle not insured. loss \$600.---Port Perry, 25th.-Fuller Fire broke out at midnight in Ruddy's hotel and made a clean sweep of Queen Street, north side. Loss placed at \$120.000, in part as follow:-J. Ruddy, hotel, \$5,000, insurance \$3,500; Bucid Ruddy, hotel, \$5,000, insurance \$3,500; Bucid & Parsons, Observer, loss \$2,000, insurance \$1,500; G iffith, tinsmith loss \$1,000, partially insured; C. F. Charles, groceries, loss \$1,000; Hiscox, loss \$3,000, insurace \$1,000; McGaw, Walker House, loss \$12,000, insurance \$3,500;

McClinton, druggist, loss \$3,000, partly insured; Miss McKenzie, millinery, loss \$400; Mrs. Diesfield, jeweller, loss \$3,000, insurance \$2,000; Laing & Meharty, hardware, loss \$15,000 insurance \$7,500; J. C. Davis, druggist and agent G. N. W. T. Co., loss \$2,500, partly insured; J. Blong, Hotel Brunswick, loss \$30,000, insurance \$10,000; Curts & Henderson, produce, loss \$1,200, insurance \$1,000; J. V. Thompson, loss \$10,000, partly insured; T. McClean, dwelling, loss \$10,000.—Ridg: way, 24th.—A. Herschey's machine shop and sawmill destroyed. Loss as follows:—A. Herschey, building and machinery, \$6,000; P. W. Anthony, tools and stock, \$600; Sylvanus Teal, portable engine and boiler, \$700; total, \$7,300. No insurance.—Omemee, 26th. —A fire broke out in the frame house owned and occupied by Thos. Rowan, loss \$800—Shedden, 20th.—Temperance Hall burned, loss \$400, insured \$300 Southwold Mutual.—Toronto, 24th.—Fire broke out in the cellar of Elliott & Co's., drug warehouse, and crept in to the floor above, filling the building with smoke, which with water, did much damage probably \$15,000. Merchandise insured for \$77,000; shop furniture, \$4,060; building, \$8,000, divided amongst eighteen companies. Three more fires, referred to incendaries, took place the same day elsewhere in the city, loss in sll \$500.

OTHER PROVINCES — River John N. S. 18.— The barn of Robt. Carruthers, was urned to day with all his grain, hay and farming implements. Loss \$1500, children Woodstock N. B. 16.—Uraig & Hales steam saw mill at Woodstock destroyed. Insured for \$5,000 in the Queen, \$3,000 in the Western, and \$3,000 in Lancashire — Rockburn, Que. 12— James Stoughton's outbuildings were struck by -Rockburn, Que. 12-Gas Company took fire from an explosion of gas by which the windows were blown out, and the 23rd.—Geo. Walton's sawmill at Wolf Creek, has been destroyed by fire. It was under mort-gage to Messrs. MacLellan & Co., and insured for \$6,000 in the City of London, Royal Canadian, and Standard of Hamilton-\$2,000 in each company.----Woodstock, N. B, 23rd.--William company.-P. Craig's sawmill destroyed by fire, a gang, rotary saw, clapboard and lath machine over \$15,000, insured Western, \$3,000; Lan-cashire, \$3,000; and Queen, \$5,000,—And-over, N. B., 20th.—Kenney Bros'., tannery burned, loss \$2,000.—Sherbrooke, Que., 20th. —John Green's two barns destroyed, Mrs Green having taken a lamp into a barn and set fire to straw by accident. Loss \$1,000, covered in S. & S. Mutual—Moneton, 22nd.—Angus Wilbur's house burned house burned, loss \$2,000 no insurance.

ENGLISH LOAN COMPANY.

At the special general meeting of this company held in London, Ont., on Friday afternoon November 23rd, there was a large and influential representation present to consider the resolutions stated in the circular convening the meeting to provide for the losses sustained by the company and to consider the assimilation of the various issues of stock.

A very decided feeling prevailed in favor of writing off the losses. This was shown by the fact that the chairman cast, by request of the meeting, a united ballot for the following resolution:

"Whereas the capital of the English Loan Company has become impaired by reason of cortain losses; resolved, that application be made to the Legislature of Ontario for an Act authorizing the writing off of \$70,000 of the paid up capital of the company (a sum sufficient to cover such losses) in the following manner, viz : 1, \$3 off each share; 2, the balance necessary to make up the said sum of \$70,000 to be written off in the proportion of so much per cent. on the amount paid upon stock by each shareholder respectively; and in such calculation, every share on which less than 10 per cent. has been paid, shall bear its proportion as though such 10 per cent. had been paid. No share, however, on which 10 per cent. has been paid, to be liable to any further call by reason only of such reduction."

The second resolution caused a pointed discussion, as it did not sufficiently define the way in which the different issues of stock should be assimilated. The Chairman ruled that no amendment would be permitted, but that the points contended for could be embraced in a subsequent resolution. On this understanding the second resolution was passed without any further dissent as follows:

"That in the application to be made to the Legislature of Ontario as aforesaid, an amend-ment of the charter of the company and of the Act of 1880, 43 Vic. c. 76, initialed "An Act to limit the borrowing powers of the English Loan Company, and to amend the charter thereof," be sought to the effect that the second and third issues of stock in the company be placed on the same basis as the first issue."

After a full discussion, the third resolution was amended to read as follows

"That in accordance with the foregoing resolution the shares remain at \$100 each; that the capital paid on all issues be concentrated into paid up stock and one fractional share; the bal-ance of all issues to be cancelled, and that the voting power be placed at one vote per share." The President, after calling for any opposition

cast his ballot in favor of the resolution, and subsequently declared it carried.

CURRENT PRICES OF ENGLISH TIMBER.

There is very little alteration in the prices of the various kinds of timber since our last report in September; selected oak and ash command a firmer price, beech is rather scarce and dearer, in poplar very little has been doing, and fre-quently holders accept very low prices to clear, for some local reason or some particular circumstance; sycamore of large size and good quality is very scarce, and much enquired after, the price obtainable continues to improve.

The price list represents the average prices obtainable by proprietors for timber lying within a three or four miles' haulage to a station, with reasonable rates to the chief consuming centtres

| Good selected oak 1s. 9d. to 2s. p | . c. ft |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Second quality " 1s. to 1s. 5d. | 64 |
| Good quality ash1s. 6d. to 2s. | ** |
| Second quality " 1s. to 1s. 6d. | ** |
| Elm fair average 9d. to 1s. | 44 |
| Poplar "5d. to 8d. | f f |
| Willow "6d. to 10d. | ** |
| Larch large fair av'ge 1s. to 1s. 3d. | ** |
| " small " 9d. to 1s. | f f |
| Beech " 9d. to 11d. | " |
| Sycamore large1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. | |
| " small9d. to 1s. | " |
| Horse chestnut6d. to 9d. | ** |
| -Timber Trade Journal Nov. | Brd. |
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ALL THE DIFFERENCE -Lawyer: "I couldn't ALL THE DIFFERENCE —Lawyer: "I couldn't get the deeds ready, so, as Brown wanted the money, I advanced him five hundred pounds on his I. O. U. He''l execute assignments when ready. It will be all right." Northern Farmer : "All right! It's all wrong! I. O. U. nowght! It's E. O. I!"—Punc!

| STOCKS IN MONTREAL. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Montreal | | | | | | | | | | |
| " x.d. | 171 | 181 | 3404 | 172 | 178 | | | | | |
| Ontario x.d | 93 | 100 | 1035 | 93 <u>1</u> | 94 | 116 | | | | |
| People's | 60 | 62 | 357 | 58 | 61 | ···· | | | | |
| Molson's | 110 | | 235 | 119 | 113 | 124 | | | | |
| Toronto x.d | 159 | 1664 | 1035 | 160 | 160 | 170 | | | | |
| Jac. Cartier | | | ••••••• | | ••• ••••• | | | | | |
| Merchants x.d. | 103 | 110 | 4152 | 103 | 103 | | | | | |
| Commerce | 117 | 123 | 2455 | 1173 | 118 | 133 | | | | |
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| Exchange | | | | | | | | | | |
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| City Pass | 101 | 107 | 3(45 | 105 | 106 | 127 | | | | |
| Gas | 166 | 167 1 | 3200 | 1671 50 | 168 | 179 | | | | |
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Commercial.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

London, Nov. 28th, 1883.

Beerbohm's report is as follows: "Floating cargoes-Wheat quiet and steady ; maize, no offerings. Cargoes on passage-Wheat steady, maize firmer. Mark Lane-Wheat quiet ; maize strong. English country markets quiet ; French

a turn easier. Imports into the United Kingdom for the week :---Wheat, 190,000 to 195,000 qrs.; maize, 60,000 to 65,000 qrs.; flour, 80,000 to 85,000 brls. Liverpool--Spot wheat steadier; new spring, 8s. 5d.; maize strong, ½d. dearer. Paris--Flour and wheat steady."

LIVERPOOL, 28th.

Prices have not varied much on the week. Corn is up a penny compared with 23rd; wheat down a penny, and peas 2d.; pork is 1/- casier but lard 3/- higher. The highest quotations were as under, on different days :

| | Nov. | 22. | Nov. | 26. | Nov. | 28 |
|--------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| | 8. | D. | s. | D. | 8. | D. |
| Flour | 11 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 6 |
| Spring Wheat | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| Red Winter | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Corn | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Barley | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Peas | 6 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Pork | 65 | 0 | 64 | 6 | 64 | 0 |
| Lard | 40 | 3 | 41 | 0 | 43 | 6 |
| Bacon | 38 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| Tallow | 38 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 39 | 0 |
| Cheese : | 58 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
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Cotton is in good request, and 15,000 bales Cotton is in good request, and 15,000 bales have been sold as against 12,000 yesterday; prices are $\frac{1}{2}d$. better, being to-day 6d. for Uplands and $\frac{6}{2}d$. for Orleans. Futures which were firm yesterday are weak to day, ranging from 5 61-64d, Dec., to 6d. Jan. and Feb. with with 63-64 for March and April. Receipts, Nov. 27th, 38,000 bales, of which 27,050 were Ameri-can; to-day 23,500 bales, including 18,700 American American.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28th.

Cotton market firm and unchanged at 10 and Cotton market firm and unchanged at 10 and 9-16c. Flour rather stronger, sales 19,000 bbls. common $3^3.45$ to 34.10; double extra 36.80 to 7.00. Wheat a little stronger, sales 328,000bush. No. 2 red December at 31.12; to 31.12; and 748,000 bush. at $31,14\frac{7}{6}$; corn firm, sales at 57 to 63c.; Barley nominal, oats higher at 38 to 42c. for white. Pork firm at 313.50; Lard steady at 38.70; Cheese and butter firm; tallow firm at 74 to 74c. firm at 71 to 71c.

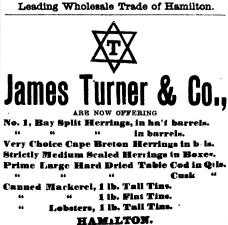
CHICAGO Nov. 28.

Provisions which earlier in the week were active at higher prices, partly because of the re-port that the French embargo on American pork that the French embargo on American pork had been removed, were to-day dull and weaker. Mess Pork, which touched \$14.00 yesterday for January and February opened to day at \$13.70 for Jan. and \$13.90 for Feb., closing 13.50 and \$13 70. December lard ranging from \$8 00 to \$8.40 yesterday, is to-day in domend at \$8.25 to 8.20 for each and Numer ranging from \$8 00 to \$8.40 yesterday, is to day in demand at \$8.25 to 8.30 for cash and Novem-ber Wheat was higher and very excited on Tuesday, with sales at 964 to 990. December to day it closed at 972c. December and \$1.06 to \$1.07c. for May delivery, with a tolerably regular demand. Barley and Oats higher. Corn active at 523 to 55c. December. Flour dull and washenged dull and unchanged.

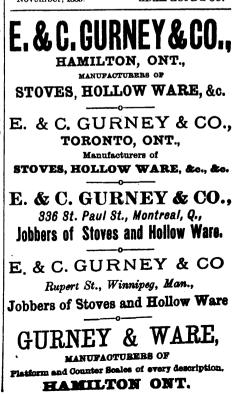
MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTBEAL, Nov., 28, 1883.

We have not been favored in respect of weather for the week, and business of all kinds has been quiet. Even the buoyant condition of the Chicago pork market did us no good here. In flour and grain, prices are steady; dairy pro-







duce is fairly active; fish plentiful and unchanged.

At the banks, a fair amount of business is being done. Good commercial paper is being discounted at 7 to 71 per cent. For loans on stocks. 5 and 51 per cent is paid. Sterling exchange 81 to 8% premium for sixty day bills between banks, and 81 for cash over counter; 87 to 9 for demand bills. Stocks are weak, bank stocks especially. Considerable sales have been made, it appears, of shares upon which the margin of "long" holders were exhausted and shares thrown over by despairing holders.

ASHES.—The market is quiet at \$4.70 to \$4.80 for Pots, as to tares. Pearls are worth about \$6.75, and a sale of a few barrels has been made at that price

FLOUR.-The market remains dull and with-FLOUR.—Ine market remains dull and with-out change. The following are the quotations for to-day:—Superior Extra \$5.45 to \$5.50; Extra Superfine, \$5.50; Fanoy, \$5.25: Spring Extra, \$5 25 to \$5.30; Superfine, \$4.75 to \$4,80; Strong Bakers, Can., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do. Amer., \$6.00 to \$6.75: Fine, \$3.85 to \$3.95; Middlings, \$7.55 to \$4.85; Dollarde \$3.50 to \$3.610, ontario \$6.00 to \$6.75: Fine, \$3.85 to \$3.95; Middlings, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Pollards, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario Bags, medium, bags included, \$2.55 to \$2.65; do. Spring Extra, \$2.50 to \$2.55 do. Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.35; City Bags, delivered \$3 to \$3.05. Cornmeal, \$3 20 to \$3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$5 00 to \$5.25; granulated, \$5.20 to \$5.50. FIRM.—Very little doing in this line, offerings not bace, but in excess of sequirements.

not large, but in excess of requirements. Port-land lobsters and fresh smelts from the lower ports were features of the Bonsecour market. Shell oysters were in fair request at \$3.50 to \$4.50, as to quality.

There have been heavy stocks of Labrador There have been heavy stocks of habrador herring in this city, with a weak market, mostly No. 2 quality. They opened at \$5.00 per bbl., prices gradually receding to \$4.25. On Monday Messrs. John Baird & Co. held an auction sale, when 2,000 barrels were offered. About 1,200 barrels being sold at prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$3,621 for No. 2, and at \$2.25 up to \$3.00 for No. 3, the balance being withdrawn. GRAIN.—There is no change to note in prices.

and transactions are not very considerable. We quote Canada Red Winter Wheat, \$1.22 to \$1.23; Canada White, \$1.10 to \$115; Canada Spring, \$1.18 to \$1.20; Corn, 631 in bond; Peas, 90c; Oats, 35c; Barley, 55 to 65c; Rye, Peas, 62c.

GEOCERIES .- Prices are for the most part steady, and a moderate demand is passing. There is a firm market and fair enquiry for teas, especially for all good greens, the advacce on these in England, while not great is firmly held. Sugar is weak, though without any quotable decline. The refiners are not pressing sales and are showing samples at unaltered prices. Tob-accoss are still very firm, with an advance expected. McDonald, who is a very heavy holder, has not yet spoken, but may be expected to raise prices of his brands.

raise prices of his brands. PROVISIONS.—In sympathy with an advance in Chicago, our market for hog products is more firm. Very little doing in mess pork, which would cost to lay down, if bought in Chicago to-day, \$16 50. Lard quiet but firm. The small lots of dressed hogs offering are mostly poor and we quote \$6.25 to 7.00 as to quality. We quote : \$15 50 to \$16 00

| Mess pork per bbl\$15.50 | τo | \$16.00 |
|--------------------------------------|----|---------|
| Hams city cured per lb 0.13 | ** | 0.15 |
| Hams canvassed " 0.00 | " | 0.00 |
| Lard, Western, in pails per lb 0 102 | ł" | 0.11 |
| Lard, Canadian, in pails 0.10 | ŀ٩ | 0.10물 |
| Bacon, per lb 0.13 | •• | 0.14 |
| Tallow, refined, per lb 0.08 | ** | 0 081 |
| Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs 6.25 | " | 7 00 |

Butter, the market is inactive but firm for finest qualities. We quote ;-- Creamery 24 to 26c. ; Eastern Townships 19 to 214c., Morrisburg and Brockville 18 to 21c. Western summer makes 13 to 15 do. autumn makes 17 to 18c. Add to above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selec-tions for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quiet at 10 to 11c. for August, and 11 to $11\frac{3}{2}$ of Sept. and Oct. The public cable is still at 58c. Eggs continue firm at 25 to 26c. sales being made principally at the latter price.

TOBONTO MARKETS.

TOBONTO, NOV. 29, 1883.

Dry goods orders are of a small, sorting-up character. Hardware merchants report relatively greater stir; grocery houses have had a fair business at steady prices; grain and provisions move but slowly; boots and shoes are in moder. ate demand ; there is no special feature in drugs, paints or oils. But few complaints are heard of remittances : grocery and hardware houses generally report them satisfactory.

Stock brokers and holders of shares have the greatest reason to complain. The tendency of bank shares all week has been downward. In the New York stock market "apathy," "timidity," "irregularity," and at last "extreme duliness" are terms used on different recent days to describe the feeling. Montreal reports say that the tone on 'Change was weak on Monday, depressed on Tuesday, while yesterday "the bottom was knocked completely out by the Bears." Here, Bank of Montreal sold down to 172, Toronto at 160, Commerce at 118, Federal at 127, Ontario at 95. North-West Land shares sold at 63s., Western Assurance at 118, Building & Loan at 1001. The Exchanges in the United States will be closed to-morrow (Thanks-giving Day).

BOOTS AND S ICES. -Some of the factories are working full time, but more of them on reduced Now that the orders are more generally time. got through with, activity may fall off. Price continue tolerably steady, labor and material does not vary much in price compared with a year ago. The condition of the trade is tolerably satisfactory, and there is less complaint of outting prices. Eastern makers, however, sell at very close figures. Remittances vary in different districts.

FLOUR & MEAL -The market has been and is FLOUR & MEAL.—Ine market has been and is extremely quiet, the demand being altogether local, we can hear of no transactions, but Superior Extra is quoted \$5.10 to \$5.20; Extra \$4.95 to \$5.00; Spring Extra \$4.80 to \$4.90. Oatmeal is still quiet and weaker, car lots can be bought at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Bran is steady at \$12.00 to \$12.25 per ton in car lots.

FUEL.—Prices of coal and wood are firm, the latter scarce. We quote stove and chesnut coal delivered \$7.00; egg and grate \$6.75; soft cosl \$6.25 to \$6.50. Hard wood will hardly be cheaper unless we get sleighing, it sells as high as \$7. per cord, pine brings \$4.25 to \$4.50.

GROCERIES .--- Trade is reported quiet in this line to day, but there has been a fairly brisk demand for fruit and staples since we last wrote. Some cheaper fruit has made its appearance in the market, but for all choice goods quota-tions are unchanged. Tobaccos are very good value and according to advices from Montreal are going still higher. Liquors have been rather more enquired for during the fortnight, fine liquors for winter or holiday use mostly. Sugar is unchanged, but the feeling is not strong. Teas are firm, choice brands particu-larly. Remittances for November have been unusually good.

unusually good. The coffee speculation during the past week, says the N. Y. Bulletin. was, in trade parlance, somewhat "shaky." This appears to be due almost entirely to the gradually increasing stocks, the visible supply of Brazil for the United States now amounting to some \$15,000 bags, and still growing, with no fairly compen-sating demand, and the trade about entering upon one of the dullest months of the year. Of the receipts at this port since the 1st instant, 75,000 bags came from Europe and a corres. 75 000 bags came from Europe, and a corresponding quantity is expected by the end of December, unless a very decided shrinkage in valuation takes. This is a very solid endorsement of the suggestions made in these columns a short time ago regarding the availability of the world's supply through the extensive existing facilities for moving it, and the natural tendency of any commodity to seek the highest market. It is possible that some of the importations from Europe may not be satisfactory for contract deliveries, but they make weight, satisfy a great deal of the actual consumptive demand, and must have an influence in the long run.

GBAIN .- Markets in the Old Country are steady on wheat and firm on corn, by yesterday's The movement of merchandise this week is neither large nor very active; mild weather and poor country roads largely accounts for this.

with sales of No. 2 at \$1.10 and \$1.11 asked. Some dealers hold No. 1 spring as high as \$1.16 and we understand \$1.15 has been paid for that grade. Navigation being closed, freights will advance and the price of barley is affected. We grade. 73c. already note a decline and quote No. 1 say with 67c. for No. 2, 63c. for 3 extra and 50 to 53c. for No. 3. Oats are dull and weak at 84 to 55c. Peas are wanted at 76 for No. 1 and 75c. for No. 2. Rye has been selling within the week at 63c., but closed dull at 61 to 62c.

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| Flour. | brls | •• | | 250 | |
| | eat, bush | | 32,440 | 30,014 | 109,065 |
| | 66 68 | •• | 34,990 | 30,305 | 32,926 |
| Oats | ** | | 700 | | |
| Barley | 64 | | 172,329 | 276,410 | 176,898 |
| Peas | 44 | | 9.408 | 8,025 | 2,969 |
| Rye | ** | •• | | •••• | 4,119 |
| | | | | | |

Grain Total.. 249,769 354,754 325,472 HIDES AND SKINS.—The usual business of this period of the year is passing in hides, which are unchanged in price. There is little doing in unchanged in price. The skins, tallow unchanged.

PROVISIONS .- The week has been a dull one, PROVISIONS.—The week has been a dull one, in all branches of the trade. Owing to mild weather, the receipts of dressed hogs have almost ceased, and will be trifling until the weather becomes colder. The Chicago market has been in an excited state and prices have risen rapidly, pork about \$2 per barrel advance and lard nearly a cent per pound, cut meats in proportion. Whether the advance will be main-tained is doubtful. Butter in this market con-tinues in fair demand, fine sells at 18 to 19c. tinues in fair demand, fine sells at 18 to 19c. and large rolls 16 to 18c., eggs are scarce and wanted at 23 to 24c. No change in quotations of other items in our list. Hops are a little more enquired for, but buyers are not willing to pay more than 22 to 24c. for choice, while growers are holding at from 25 to 28c. There is a considerable difference in quality this year

WOOL.-Advices from England indicate lower prices, compared with some weeks ago, which assists to produce an easier feeling here. Not much extra is moving in this market at the moment; 28c has been paid for a fair-sized lot and holders are asking 29c; pulled super. sold 24c a week or two ago, no more can be obtained now, and for round lots less would have to be accepted, for pulled combing dealers are paying 18 to 20c. Ordinary fleece is bought from country dealers or farmers at 18 to 20c., rejects or "cots" say 16c.; Southdownfleece is scarce, 24 to 25c. would be paid for clothing.



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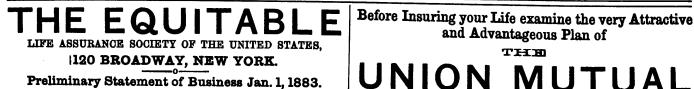
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The amount of new business transacted during the past year, \$62,250,000, ex-ceeds the largest business ever done by any other Company in one year. **THE SOCIETY** in 1878 wrote \$21,440,213 Insurance; in 1879, \$26,502,541; in 1880, \$35,170,805; in 1881, \$46,199,902; in **1883**, **\$63.350,000**.

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2d. The percentage of dividends earned for policy-holders, according to the same Reports, is now, and has been for the last five years, greater than in any other one of these companies.

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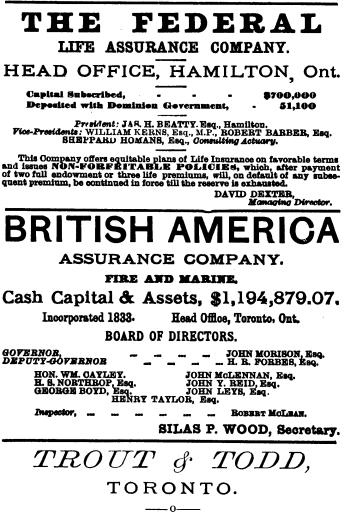
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| Government Deposit at Ottawa, | - \$130,000 00 | |
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This is the only Company that issues Policies giving the benefits of the Maine non-forfeiture law, and specifying in definite terms by its Policy Contract, that there can be no forfeiture of the insurance by non-Policy Contract, that there can be no forfeiture of the insurance by non-payment of premium after three annual premiums have been paid, until the value provided for is exhausted in extended insurance, and every policy issued, states in plain figures, the extended insurance and cash value as the case may be (after the third year), according to the number of tull annual premiums paid. NOT MERELY ESTIMATES BUT ACTUALLY GUARANTEED and after being in force THREE FULL YEARS the policy BECOMES INCONTESTABLE. Matured policies are payable at once without rebate of interest on receipt of satisfactory proofs of death, together with a valid discharge from proper parties in interest, the Company waving the usual delay of ninety days required by most Companies.

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