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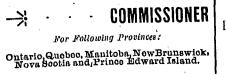
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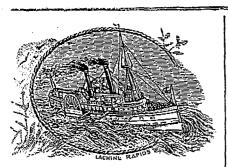
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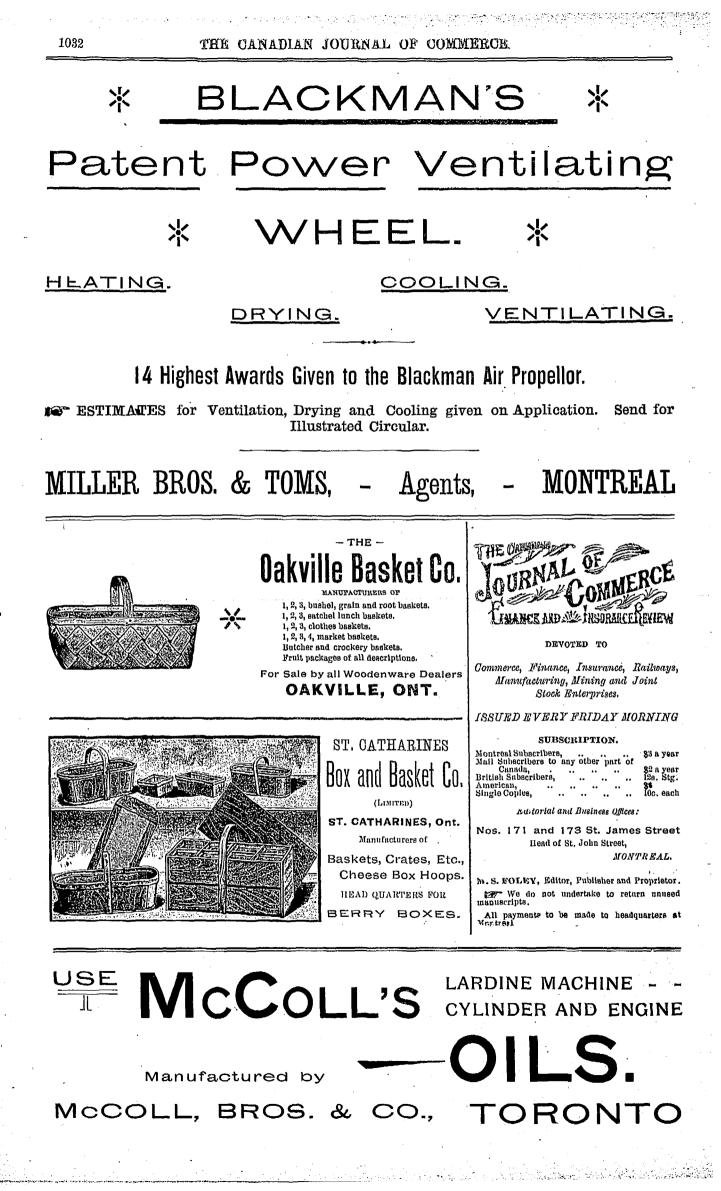
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-THE "lock, stock and barrel" of the scap business conducted by Messrs. Whitney, Price & Co., was purchased at auction a few days ago by Mr. Price for about \$8,500. There should be money in the business-properly managed.

-A NUMBER of our enterprising business mon who feel the need of a down town club since the closing of the City Club lately are organizing anew, but determined to avoid the complications which from an early day threatened the existence of the defunct institution.

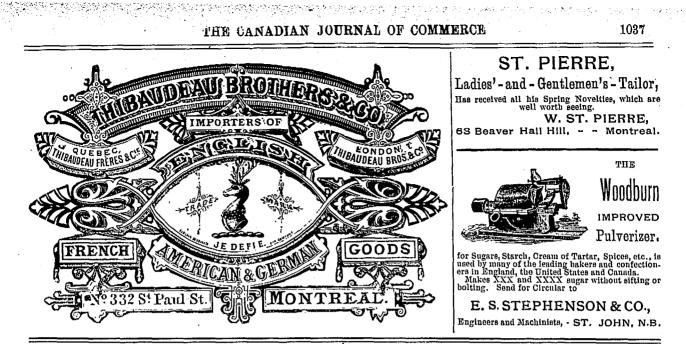
PEDESTRIANS along St. James street have doubtless noticed that some dust is being raised within our doors. It is due to alterations long contemplated in the front building, 30 x 40 feet, 1st, 2nd and 3rd storeys, and we may claim that it is the dust of a good part of the century.

-THE evidences of taste in design in the new stately building of the Canada Life Assurance Co. are highly gratifying to our citizens. The structure, which is overtop the palatial Temple Building, is now at its third stage. The incoming tenants are probably the most anxious witnesses of its progress.

--THE maccaroni, noted some time ago as seized by the government in this city, has been sold--the seven tons--for \$807. That the department was not far wrong was shown by the offer of one of the largest houses in the city which was within half a cent per pound of the figure realized.

-EVIDENCES of some improvement in trade continue to arrive. These are all the more assuring as coming from lines usually regarded as luxuries. Among them is the jewellery trade, and in this line we are informed by a city representative house on St. James street which also maintains a branch on Notre Dame street, that of Mr. R. Homsley, that in the former warehouse and factory the business for some months past shows an advance of





about ten per cent. over that of the same period in 1894, and in the Notre Dame street store, which had felt the depression more than the other, sales show an increase latterly of 25 per cent.

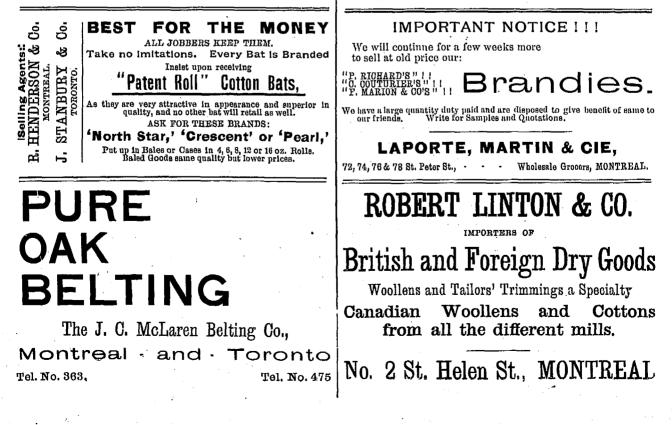
-THE anthracite coal trade has not improved during the past week. The several large mining and carrying companies having filled the Eastern markets with coal at low prices are now engaged in stocking the West with coal at figures which, it is stated, barely pays the cost of production, plus the freight to destination. The Eastern dealers who were induced to fill their docks and yards with stocks of coal at low prices for future needs, now find that on this occasion their usual keen Yankee business sagacity has not served them well, because they can buy coal at least 25c per ton less than they have paid for it recently.

-MESSRS. BOUTLIER & Co., of New Westminster, B.C., have started a new cannery within the city limits, not a large one, but likely to pay, as the members of the firm are experienced canners.—A dairy likely soon to be established in New Westminster should-prove a great boon, as heretofore most of the butter and cheese for local use were brought from a distance.—"The farmers in the district are desirous of having cheese factorics started, and ere long," says our correspondent, "this will doubtless prove quite an industry."

-JOSEPH ROCHON, a train despatcher on the Canadian Pacific, bought out the hotel of S. G. Meek, at Schrieber, Ont., in November, 1891. He had but little capital and the hotel has not prospered in his hands-C. N. Johnson, who bought out the Bodega in Toronto from G. D. Dawson & Co., has called a meeting of creditors. His own means were small at the outset and his affairs seem to have become complicated—G. H. Hill, who has run a small butcher's shop in Hamilton for some years past, has assigned. He owes about \$500.

-FROM New Westminster, B.C., we have advice of mortgage sale of the stock, &c., of Charles McDonough, engaged in business there for many years. He was till lately looked on as in comfortable circumstances. He carried on a wholesale as well as a retail trade in groceries. The mortgage, under which sale is to take place, he gave to the Bank of British Columbia to secure an overdraft of some \$18,000. He has been struggling hard to reduce this, but the times were against him. There is some rumor that his wholesale creditors may purchase the stock to secure themselves, in which event Mr. McDonough may remain as manager being well-known and attentive to business. His failure may be attributed largely to the amount of credit he gave.

-THE Fulton Jewel Manufacturing Company of Toronto, limited, has been organized with a capital stock of \$3,000 in \$50 shares. The company will manufacture and deal in silverware and general jewellery. The Petrolea Bicycle Track Company, limited, has been organized with a capital stock of \$2,009 in \$10 shares. The Church of England Publishing Company of Toronto starts with a capital stock of \$50,000 in \$50 shares. The Niagara Falls Athletic Ground Association, limited, has a capital stock of \$2,000 in \$10 shares. The Hamilton Change Maker Company, limited, has organized with a capital stock of \$20,000 in \$50 shares. The Heoson Rocking Grate Bar Company of Toronto, limited, has organized with a capital stock of \$100,000





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its position. Advices from Holland state that the syndicate has recently made large purchases of Dutch seed. Prices of canary seed in Smyrna have declined from 14s 9d to 11s 3d and the trade is looking for the collapse of the syndicate.

-CONSIDERING the state of the caffeine market, owing to the growing scarcity of the raw material, it is interesting to record that this alkaloid has been made synthetically in Germany, but whether it will be available commercially cannot be definitely stated until the details of the process are made public.

-AT the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Bankers Association, Mr. Angus Kirkland, manager of the Bank of Montreal, was elected chairman, and Mr. F. H. Mathewson, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was re-elected secretary, Messrs. Wickson, Patton, Monk, Phepoe and Mathewson were elected as the board of management of the clearing house for the ensuing year.

--NEARLY all the British Columbia sealing fleet have returned to port and will remain there until the end of the month when they will again sail for Behring Sea, to commence operations there as soon as the close season ends on August 1st. The "coast catch" has on the average been very poor this year and sealers are therefore anxious as to the result in the Behring Sea fishery, as if that should also be bad, the year's operations will turn out disastrously. -The outlook for the Dominion finances is perceptibly brighter. During May the increase in receipts and decrease in expenditure make together a gain of 676,900. Twothirds of a million is a great gain for one month, and if it fairly represents the improved situation the government will come out in a much better financial position by this time next year.

-COMPLETE agricultural returns for 1894 in the United Kingdom show a trifling increase in the acreage of wheat, as compared with 1893, with an increase of nearly ten million bushels in the crop. The yield increased from a fraction over 26 bushels to 30.7 bushels per acre. The increase in barley was about thirteen million bushels; in oats twenty-two million bushels. -The Manchester Canal still presents serious problems of finance, but it is performing one of the most important functions of a waterway. The Mersey Dock Board has agreed to reduce port charges on a number of staple articles of merchandise to an aggregate amount of \$110,000 a year, and to reduce tonnage and wharf rates nearly \$150,000. In this way it has certainly done good.

-IT does not do to interfere with traffic. The U.S. Customs officer who took it upon himself to stop desirable omigrants from entering the United States at Vanceboro, has been recalled, owing to the many protests from the railway companies, whose traffic receipts were being cut down.





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markets. The first fine spinning-mill was opened near Osaka about eight weeks ago, It is a joint stock company with a capital of \$2,000,000. As an evidence of the magnitude of the property, it is said that a special light railway runs round the premises for the moving of goods and material from one department to another. On another hand, China has begun to manufacture pianos. A factory has been established at Shanghai, and they claim to be able to produce good pianos at 25 per cent. less than in England. The iron frame, the keys and other portions are imported from London, as many of our own manufacturers import from the United States.

A reputable Hungarian economist shows that the achievements of Bismarck have cost within the last twenty years about 25 thousand millions of dollars, all expended in war or in preparations therefor. He says that during the period each man killed cost about \$30,-000, and goes on to say that if only two-thirds of this great expenditure on armaments had been used to increase the general welfare and to improve the condition of the people, the social question which has been agitating Europe for some time past would not have arisen. An English economist contravenes this, saying that it is directly contradicted by common experience. "Double man's wealth to-morrow" says he, "or multiply it tenfold as it has been in this century the scientific conquest of natural forces, by and you would but increase the population enormously. You would add to the number of the very rich and to their fortunes, but you would not better the condition of the workers, save perhaps in a country like France, where the increase of population is kept. within narrow limits by a widespread love of comfort and the dread of poverty."

The cheap watch manufacture in London, England, was lost, like shipbuilding, in the same neighborhood, through the obstinate stupidity of trades-union workmen. A work recently issued says, "The Swiss maker contrived the horizontalescapement, but London makers would not budge, and, later, held out also against the Lancashire lever escapement. Nor would they hear of machine work. A company for the use of machinery was projected, but opposed by Clerkenwell influence, it failed to obtain the charter then necessary, was transferred to the United States, and has been the pioneer of the modern factory system. Thus, the opening being given, other countries and places stepped in, and London lost the lead, never probably to be recovered."

WEST INDIA SUGARS.

The wave of depression which arose nearly two years ago in the United States, passed over Canada last year and produced the financial crisis in Newfoundland only a few months ago, would seem now to be centred over the West India Islands. From all the group of the Greater and Lesser Antilles the reports of short crops, stagnation in trade, scarcity of labor, and general depression in business are now coming. In St. Lucia and Trinidad a number of sugar plantations have already been abandoned, and similar reports are heard from Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts and St. Vincent. In several of these islands public meetings have been held and resolutions addressed to the Colonial Secretary,

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calling attention to the gradual destruction of the sugar industry in the British West Indies and asking for the intervention of the British government to avert the impending ruin of the staple industry of the West Indies, by either imposing a duty on sugars entering Great Britain from bounty-giving countries, or by inducing France and Germany to modify their present system of bounties to beet sugar producers.

But it is from Barbados-the most energetic and business-like of all the tropical isles-that the worst reports come. This island has always been over-populated, and hence has been more dependent upon commercial pursuits than any of the others, and consequently it feels the period of depression far more severely. The number of the unemployed is growing alarmingly great. Agricultural laborers can be engaged at 20 cents per day for men, and 12 cents for women, and at even these wages there are thousands who cannot obtain work. In fact so serious has the situation become that the government is endeavoring to formulate some scheme by which the surplus population may be deported, by means of assisted emigration, to more prosperous colonies. The trouble, of course, arises primarily in consequence of the short crop of cane and the poor quality of the sugar it yielded. At the best the island only yields a very ordinary grade of muscovado and this has been worse in quality than usual this year. In fact prices have ruled at \$1.50 for hogsheads, and \$1.60 for bags, and at these prices all that was required was a short crop to seriously hamper all the interests based on sugar. Few of the estates, this year, have obtained a yield of two hogsheads to the acre, which practically means less than working expenses, and as the majority of the planters obtained cash advances early in the season against a crop which never materialized, a large number of the estates are already in the hands of the official assignee in Chancery and the list is being daily increased.

Unfortunately there are few signs of relief ahead. To expect either France or Germany to modify their MUTUAL PRINCIPLE

present system of bounties on beet sugars-much less to abolish them-in the interest of the West India Islands, is palpably absurd. And to ask England to depart from her present policy of a free breakfast table and tax foreign sugars on their behalf, is equally impossible. In the sugar trade, as in every other, the only possible solution is the survival of the fittest, and as the skill and mechanical efficiency of the European more than offsets the cheaper labor of the tropics, the market is gradually passing into the hands of the beet sugar makers who practically fix the course of prices to-day. No scheme of government assistance could possibly stop, or even retard, this movement. The current runs too strongly in the channels of trade to be deflected by any but economic conditions, and no matter how willing the British government might be to come to the assistance of the West Indian planters, it is manifest that they could not hope to uphold them against the inexorable operation of the laws of supply and demand.

THE MERCHANTS BANK.

We venture to say that no event in the banking world excites more general interest than the annual address of the General Manager of the Merchants Bank. For many years he has contributed exceedingly valuable material for a history of banking and trade in Canada, with comments on the principles and practices of banking and bankers, of commerce, and merchants of all classes, and the economy of trade and of business life in every sphere, which have rendered inestimable service to this country. Mr. Hague combines in a remarkable degree the widest, most exact knowledge, of the whole range of finance, in its historic and practical aspects, with a power of lucid exposition which shows exceptionally high literary gifts. These addresses will, we trust, be made by him the basis of a work in Canadian banking, as their value is too great to be lost, or their influence confined to the period in which they were delivered. The one made at the meeting on the 19th inst. we regard as the ablest he has yet written, it is really a most valuable treatise, and in style, as in matter, reaches the high standard of an article in a leading Review. Before giving a brief synopsis of his remarks we will make a short allusion to some of the salient features in the Statement. The net profits of the year were \$551,849. This provides for two halfyearly dividends of 4 per cent. each, leaving \$20,000 to add to Contingent Fund, and \$51,749 to carry to the credit of Profit and Loss. The Merchants-like the Bank of Montreal, and Commerce-in comparison with several younger banks is overweighted with Capital in proportion to its active business, owing to the necessity for this when founded, as at that time deposits now over plentiful, were very small. But while this compels large earnings to be made to provide even a fair dividend on so large a sum, it is a protection to depositors, as the total Capital] of 6 millions, and a sum of equal amount, and the Rest of 3 millions, are pledged to the creditors of the Bank, so these Assets are equal in the Merchants Bank to the whole amount of the deposits. Since 1885 these funds have increased from \$8,122,968 to \$10,364,304, and the discounts from \$14,200,814 to \$16,643,000, so in this respect the increased resources have been utilized. Mr. Hague opened his address by expressing great regret at the enor-

mous volume of business now being done by bankers for so small a reward. They are earning really only "bare legal interest" on Capital and Rest, so that it is clear these is a vast mass of work, very serious risks, and grave anxiety involved in modern banking for "a miserable modicum of profit." He blamed much of this upon competition, which leads many banks to even "do business which costs money, for nothing." The idea which once prevailed that, the value of a customer's credit balance was a compensation for the trouble of keeping his account is now known to be an error. This was shown to be so in this Journal some years ago, but, it is yet the basis on which the vast mass of the business of our banks is conducted, and there are thousands of accounts open which are kept so at a dead loss to bankers. The question is one for the Bankers' Association to deal with. The Merchants had 65 customers who failed last year, out of these 42 inflicted no loss, and the rest, "less than the average." The Head Office was especially fortunate in this feature. As some 90 millions of loans and discounts passed through the books last year, the loss record must be regarded as remarkably favorable for such a year of depression. We would call attention to the analysis of the causes of mercantile failures given by Mr. Hague, which younger merchants especially might get by heart, and take to heart. With his sledge hammer directness of speech, he said that "The talk about old conditions of trade having passed away and new ones coming to the front is trash," as now, as ever, failures are avoidable by "prudence, industry and intelligence." The General Manager pointed out that Newfoundland would have been saved its bank crisis and losses had the Canadian system been in force. One bank there only paid 20 cents in the dollar and the other 70 cents on its note issues, which in Canada are beyond risk. He regards the union with Newfoundland as one promising a large balance of advantage to the Island. In this connection Mr. Hague incidently said : "The Dominion of Canada is the best governed portion of the American continent," having the best laws, the most rational liberty and most solid prosperity. We note that he regards "the export of saw logs as an unwise business," and asks, why with our unrivalled facilities for manufacturing wood work, should we not do all the work at home?" Manufactures in Canada he stated had been as profitable here as in England and the States. In dealing with dairy interests he was severe upon our farmers for not making butter equal to the Danish quality, as by that means alone can a large trade be built up. "As to bi-metallism-it is a delusion," says Mr. Hague, who is one of the oldest and wisest financiers on this continent. In throwing out some forecasts as to the probable future he stated that when he first entered a bank in Canada, in 1856, the total deposits in the country were \$15,000,000, they now are 270 millions, which he submitted as being a demonstration of the progress of Canada. We commend this address to the careful study of our readers, its value is permanent, it will be read with deep interest, and be appreciated for its wisdom and counsel in years to come. The report in full is given elsewhere.

We much regret Mr. Hague being so unwell; it was a great effort for him to attend the meeting at all, but his characteristic determination carried through the task. We trust he will return from a vacation trip thoroughly restored to health.

THE BANK OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Commerce was made especially interesting by addresses from President Cox, and General Manager Walker. Unfortunately their remarks were largely apologetic, and explanatory of the year's business having been disappointing. Although the cause of this can be stated in a word or two, as depression, or bad trade, the special directions in which the banks were affected, the phenomena created by adverse financial conditions will bear considerable comment, and the points of most interest were put by Mr. Walker with his well-known clearness and force. The bank has little to complain of, as enough net profits were made to pay the usual dividend, to carry \$10,000 to the Pension Fund, to write off \$7,500 from Premises and Furniture Account, and enlarge the Profit and Loss balance by \$3,500. Merchants who did as well as that last year regarded themselves as very fortunate. The following table showing the principal items in the business of the bank in 1885, 1892; 1893, 1894 and 1895 will throw some light on the changed conditions since the earlier year.

•	Deposits. S	Loans. S	Circulation \$
1.885	10,300,000	14,167,000	2,484,000
1892		16,785,000	2,623,000
1893	17,965,000	19,382,000	2,708,000
1894		18,275,000	2,370,000
1895	17,636,000	16,317,000	2,280,000

The expansion of deposits by 7 millions when loans increased only 2 millions is of itself an ample explanation of diminished profits, for, as Mr. Cox said, the interest on the former is most difficult to bring down to a figure proportionate to their value. From 1893 to 1895 the discounts declined 3 millions, leaving the bank with large funds for which no profitable use could be found. Mr. Walker pointed out that, while the ratio of profits on products does not always decline equally with prices, the profits on banking are to a large extent proportionate to the amount of business done, and as this is regulated by the returns for goods sold, any serious fall in prices directly effects a lowering in the volume of business done, and so reduces banking profits proportionately. He went on to denounce "the mad current of discussion aboutsilver" by which the finances of the States had been thrown in chaos, and credit so widely disturbed. Difficulty had been found in using money in the States owing to the objection to guarantee repayment of loans in gold, a condition very properly insisted upon by all Canadian bankers, which has had a wholesome effect on those of New York and Chicago, who have learnt much of late from the practices and teachings of those in this country. Mr. Walker is hopeful, but not fully satisfied that trade is improving as much as represented. He regards the advantage to traders of low freight rates as largely offset by the ruinous effect on the national credit of such inadequate earnings by the railways as throws them into insolvency. The panic of 1893 was intensified by the withdrawal of confidence in American railway securities owing to their earnings being so decreased by cheap rates, the truth in this matter, as in others being that, it is not to the permanent advantage of any class in the community to thrive temporarily by the sacrifice of The clearing house returns having increased others.

10 per cent in May Mr. Walker regards as satisfactory, but hardly conclusive proof that more commodities are being moved. In regard to wheat he thinks the new crop will bring remunerative prices, but clearly doubts \$1 a bushel being kept up. The trade in horses and cattle he considers to be improving now that better animals are raised, a point which cannot be too strongly insisted upon as necessary to keep the British market. Mr. Walker in sketching the situation as to dairy interests was not very sanguine as to continued increase in cheese production at good prices, as the English market is overstocked, and we shall have to meet with competition from New Zealand. He took a more cheerful view of affairs in Manitoba and the Northwest, "whose prospects were never better than at present." The "drastic policy" of economy had weeded out weak traders, reduced credits, and made stocks light, so that while business had decreased, the liabilities of insolvents last year were much lower than in 1893. The crop of 32 million bushels of grain last year shows energy on the part of Northwest farmers which had a very poor reward owing to low prices. Having in a very able address commented upon the leading industries of the country, their experiences in the past year, and prospects being treated in a most interesting and instructive manner, Mr. Walker concluded by expressing his extreme regret that, "we are doing nothing to retain the carriage control of our own Northwest products." Canada has a waterway from the ocean to the head of Lake Superior of 2,384 miles, yet in 1894, only 31 per cent. of the freight was carried in Canadian vessels. The allusion to this was timely, and will we trust bear fruit, as the words of the General Manager of the Bank of Commerce have become of great weight, and are studied, not only here but in the States, with much respect, interest, and profit in financial circles. The report of the annual meeting, reproduced elsewhere will repay perusal.

THE BANK OF TORONTO.

The Bank of Toronto succeeded in making net profits which provided for its usual 10 per cent. dividend, with a surplus of \$4,325 to add to balance of Profit and Loss, which amounts to \$75,492. Like most other banks the Toronto has to be content this year with clearing a customary dividend, instead of having a surplus to carry to Reserve Fund. But since its dividend became fixed at 10 per cent. the chance, and doubtless the necessity of enlarging the Rest has been diminished. We believe the goal aimed at some years ago was to make the Reserve Fund equal to the Capital, like the Dominion Bank. It new stands at \$1,800,000, so that the achievement of that result is postponed for some years. As a Rest of 90 per cent. is more than ample for all its purposes, under ordinary circumstances, we see no reason why the shareholders of the day should not have the full benefit of a good year, as they would certainly have to bear the brunt of a less profitable one. The great decrease in banking profits the last year or two is shown by those of the Toronto having been cut down from \$250,483 in 1885 to \$204,325 in 1895. This is the more striking from the facts that, in the former year the Bank enjoyed only the use of \$1,150,000 of Rest, which in 10 years has been enlarged by \$650,000, and the "loans and bills discounted" have increased from \$7,611,813 to \$12,171,050. This increase of \$5,440,763

tallies closely with the increase in its deposits, which were enlarged by \$5,308,716. As then the volume of business in 1895 was 71.00 per cent. greater than in 1885, while the net profits made in the latter year were 18 per cent. less than in the former, it is only too clear that there has been an enormous increase in the work of the institution without anything like the rewards reaped ten years ago. The Bank of Toronto is an especially conservative institution. It maintains a very high percentage of reserves all the time, its stock of gold and Dominion notes being much larger than the average. The best reserve of a bank is however the soundness of its loans, and in this feature the Toronto has a very high reputation, the management having been conducted in the strictest lines of prudence from its commencement, and the traditionary policy being skilfully maintained by General Manager Coulson. The report of the annual meeting will be found on another page.

BANQUE D'HOCHELAGA.

The above Bank on reaching its 21st year seems likely to stand at the head of its local neighbors in regard to the item of net profits. So far it stands second for the whole country, being only distanced by the Dominion Bank. The net earnings of the past year were \$88,851, which, on the average amount of Capital paid up last year was within a fraction of 11.50 per cent. The Capital at the close of last year was \$710,100, in August there was an issue of new stock for \$89,900, raising it to \$800,000. On these shares a premium was realized from which the sum of \$17,980 was taken to Profit and Loss account, enabling \$50,000 to be added to the Reserve Fund which now stands at \$320,000, or 40 per cent. of the paid up Capital. The larger portion of this Rest has accumulated in the last five years during which period the Bank has made very rapid, and substantial progress. The Bank of Hochelaga is finding the advantage of having a business based upon a small paid up Capital, for the profits of banking are made more out of the use of its credit cash possessions. than of its own The circulation stands exceptionally high in relation to its legal limit of \$800,000, being \$612,436, or 76.55 per cent. of the maximum allowed. In deposits it is also much favored having \$669,456 on demand, and \$2,688,-936 payable after notice. These funds supply enough for its trade discounts, which amount to four times the capital, a proportion which indicates high earning powers, if these resources are judiciously utilized. Although a small Capital, and a proportionately large business based on deposits is a very profitable combination, we are disposed to regard it as calling for more than ordinary skill and caution in the management. The general manager, Mr. Prendergast, drew attention to this in regard to traders "doing an exaggerated volume of business compared with their capital," so, doubtless he agrees with us, that bankers need a caution on the same lines. Indeed the strength of his immediately available assets indicates that he is alive to the responsibilities of a business like that of the bank in his care, which has prospered so much under his direction. The report of the annual meeting will be found elsewhere.

THE TRADERS' BANK.

Like so many others, the Traders' Bank just made enough last year for its dividend, with a small surplus. The policy of a sharp restriction of trade loans was followed, the business conditions calling for more than ordinary caution. This, of course, is an unprofitable course, as it leaves large funds in the Treasury earning nothing, or in securities bearing low interest, but "going slow," where the channel is uncertain pays better than-getting aground by taking risks. The Traders' ought to make good profits for its circulation is exceptionally high, and its deposits exceed the trade discounts, so is has ample funds for doing a much larger business, which when trade revives will doubtless be acquired. Mr. Bell, the president, is a very able, enterprising man. He has made his mark as a manufacturer of organs' and pianos which have a high reputation both in Canada, Great Britain and the colonies. Mr. Strathy also is a very capable banker of much exgerience, between them, with the resources at their command, they have excellent opportunities for making the Traders' a profitable and strong institution. The statement and report will be found on another page.

THE VILLE MARIE BANK.

When the big trees are bending under the storm, no wonder the smaller ones are feeling its force. The Ville Marie however has really done well in the past year, and is showing signs of increasing vitality and strength. The net profits were more than equal to meeting the dividend, and left a surplus which, with a small appropriation from Profit and Loss, enabled \$10,-000 to be laid aside as the nestegg of a Reserve Fund. We trust this will be gradually increased as upon/building up a Rest depends so much the extension and the maintenance of public confidence. The bank has been pushing out branches at several points, the business of which, we are glad to note, has been satisfactory. The veteran president, Mr. William Weir, is a hard worker, and we see by his movements that he keeps a close watch upon his branches, as well as being de facto, the manager at the head office. We need not tell him what the bank stands in need of to put it on a footing we should like it to occupy, but we trust he will make strenuous efforts to give it a better position on the stock list. There is money going abegging almost to get 4 per cent., and 5 is rarely secured. Surely, then a stock that is steadily paying 6 per cent. ought to be, or be made sufficiently attractive to invite subscribers, and investors. The statement and report appear elsewhere.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON.

The above Bank followed suit with other banks in clearing net profits to pay its usual S per cent. dividend, with \$5,000 left to write off premises account, and \$5,110 to carry to credit of Profit and Loss, being close upon 9 per cent. on the Capital. We consider this as a very satisfactory result during a year when business was cut down, money so cheap and the openings for its profitable use so restricted. Mr. Turnbull, the General Manager (who keeps up the old title of "Cashier")—is a particularly cautious officer, one of a class who when times are unfavorable, take a conservative line regardless of profits being small. 'The Bank holds a large amount of deposits \$5,477,492, which amount to close upon $4\frac{1}{2}$ times the Capital. These were abundant last year as they exceeded the total amount of the discounts. The Hamilton Bank maintains its immediately available assets at a higher point than the average, being over 60 per cent. of total deposits. The Reserve Fund stands at \$675,000, equal to about 55 per cent. of the Capital. Except as a source of profits, we regard this percentage as ample for all the practical purposes of a Rest. The extension of new lines of railway to Hamilton ought to improve the business of that city, and the new iron works will also help. These will make money more active, and doubtless the Hamilton Bank will enjoy a good share of the greater prosperity which is anticipated in that district. The proceedings at the annual meeting are detailed elsewhere.

THE UNION BANK.

The Union Bank did so well in 1893, when its profits were \$102,053, which exceeded the figures for 1892, that its experience last year is very disappointing. But, it has so large a number of neighbors in the same trouble, it can take some consolation in having company. Having cleared enough to pay the usual dividends, with a surplus of \$7,486, it cannot be said to have had a worse record than many others, indeed all things considered it may consider itself well off to have made as much as \$79,486 in net profits in one of the worst years it has experienced. Its circulation has kept up to close upon 70 per cent. of the limit, and its deposits stand at \$4,904,100, so that with ordinary conditions of trade it is in a good position to make a good average of profits, as from these resources and its Reserve Fund of \$280,000 it is able to provide for its range of discounts. As the tide of a business revival seems now to have set in Mr. Webb, the General Manager, may look with confidence to having a much better record in the coming year. He has an able, and popular representative in Mr. Balfour, the manager of the office in this city. The detailed statement and proceedings at the annual meeting appear on another page.

LA BANQUE JACQUES CARTIER.

The report read at the annual meeting of the Banque Jacques Cartier shows that the year under review marked a further extension of the bank's operations. The net earnings of the year amounted to a fraction over nine per cent., and would have been still larger had it not been for the heavy increase in the volume of deposits repayable after notice which, while affording a gratifying testimony to the confidence of investors in the bank, necessarily involved a considerable addition to the interest payments and thus had a tendency to absorb the profits. Out of these earnings of 9 per cent., dividends to the extent of 7 per cent. were paid to the shareholders and a further sum of \$10,000 carried to the reserve, which now amounts to \$235,000, or 47 per cent. of the paid-up capital. For the first time since the bank came into existence the bank has established an agency beyond the limits of this province, and the experiment of establishing a branch at Edmonton, N.W.T., will be watched with interest by the shareholders. Up to the present the branch has done exceedingly well, and, though only opened last fall, it has already paid the expense of its installation and contributed a satisfactory proportion to the profits of the year. The president and officers of the bank are to be

congratulated upon the showing they have made, considering the unfavorable position of business generally during the past year, and in view of the improved tone now visible in nearly every branch of commerce it is safe to predict that they will make an even better showing than the present in June 1896. The report of the annual meeting will be found in another portion of this issue.

THE CROP SITUATION.

The U. S. Government estimate for winter wheat is higher than most in the trade expected, due to the favorable position on the Pacific Coast, but the average condition is a low one, 71.1 per cent. and not likely to prove much, if any, better than this in the ultimate reckoning. The spring wheat condition is high, averaging 97.8. The official figures suggest a promise of 245,000,000 bushels for the winter grain, and 175,000,000 for spring, or a total of about 420,000,000 bushels. The week has been seasonable in a general way, and the crop although delayed somewhat by previous adverse conditions is how generally in a good or encouraging position. There is, however, more or less urgent need of moisture in many sections, notably in the central regions, representing Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, etc.

The spring wheat situation is maintained favorably, and the possibilities of this portion of the crop are more assuring than previously; if maintained, the result will undoubtedly exceed the yield of last year. The current returns from the winter wheat portion of the crop continue variable, and largely discouraging in a striking degree; so far as can be judged from their general tenor they are not essentially more assuring than previously. In many instances the wheat is heading with unusual shortness of stalk and ear; in some cases the later indications are somewhat better than was previously counted on. A portion of the oat crop area gives promise of good yield, but as a whole this crop will be deficient. The hay crop will be decidedly short. The interior offerings of grain are small, and the stocks in prominent markets are working down, as also of flour, so the new season will begin on a basis quite in contrast with conditions in recent years. The Manitoba and the Northwest are going to have a magnificent wheat crop this year, bigger than ever before in its history, all operators agree. Those competent to judge say that wheat prices will start off at about 70c, almost double last year's prices.

ARGENTINE CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

Our Canadian cattle shippers need have no apprehension as to the competition of cattle shipped from Argentina to British ports. Letters from the other side speak of South American cattle as "coarse, rough, unfinished and very wild." Their weight is from eleven to twelve hundred pounds and they cost in Argentina from \$25 to \$35 per head. Ocean charges increase this cost as follows : Freight, \$22.50; feed and attendance, \$15 per head, and the price realized in Great Britain is only from \$70 to \$80 per head. The voyage lasts about thirty days, Butchers report the meat as flabby and hard to "set" after slaughter, and unsatisfactory as to color not being as bright as that of Canadian cattle.

THE CUSTOMS, CORDAGE AND BAG CASE.

The case of the Customs against the Consumers' Cordage Co. was not withdrawn quite in the manner to be inferred from the despatch lately sent from Ottawa. The facts are that the Jute-Cloth business of the Cordage Co. had been transferred to the Dominion Bag Co. in time luckily to avoid responsibility under the application of the tariff ruling. The case against the Cordage Co. was accordingly removed from the fyle in court, and the responsibility shouldered upon the Bag Co. in addition to the case specially against itself. The Bag Co has applied for a postponement till September, paying all costs in the case meantime.

A MYSTERIOUS STEAMER.

On the 25th of March a Greek steamer left Smyrna for London having on board what was ostensibly 500 cases of opium, heavily insured. Shortly afterwards a report spread that she was lost, and the underwriters whose suspicions had become aroused, proceeded to investigate. Shortly afterwards she arrived in London and sailed immediately for Malta, her London agents buying from the consignees all their interest in the alleged opium at what was then the highest market value. She only touched at Malta and promptly returned to Smyrna again without landing any of the opium she was supposed to carry. The underwriters are congratulating themselves over their escape from a heavy loss, as it is now believed that she did not carry any opium and that the gum is still in Smyrna. It is reported that she really carried a sham cargo, and that it was the intention to wreck her and claim the £68,000 for which she was insured, but the design was abandoned when it was learned that the underwriters threatened to cancel the policy.

AN EXTRAORDINARY JUDGMENT.

The Guarantee Company of North America will appeal against the decision given by Mr. Justice Clark in the case brought against thom by the Mechanics Savings Bank of Nashville, Tenn., to recover \$30,000 the amount of the company's bond on their defaulting cashier and teller John Schardt. The Guarantee Co. alleged that the examinations of Schardt's accounts were altogether insufficient, and that he was engaged in outside speculations with the knowledge of the officers of the bank, in contravention of the express torms of his bond, which relieved them of all responsibility. Judge Clarke admitted both pleas were correct, and that the examination of Schardt's accounts was negligent; but held that if the directors and shareholders were satisfied with it, the company should not complain. As to the speculation, it was not habitual, and therefore, the bank's officers although aware of it, were not called upon to give notice of its existonce to the Guarantee Co. It is needless to say that these decisions are hardly likely to stand in a higher court.

-J. E. SPANKIE, drugs, Kingston, has assigned. He started two years ago with but little means and his prospects were always dubious in face of the severe competition he had to face-The estate of the late Mrs. Marjorie Rioux, general storekeeper of Bic, is offering 50 conts in the dollar, half cash. The business was established by her husband a number of years ago. After his death in the fall of 1893, she continued the business; but it fell off in her hands and when she, too, joined the great majority, her estate was found to be insolvent-The Tiger Tea Company, of this city, find themselves unable to carry out the terms of the extonsion granted them and are now effecting a compromise at 45 conts in the dollar on liabilities of \$5,500-D. C. Wallace, lumber, etc., of Brantford, ascribes his present assignment to his complaisance in going security for the composition paper of an insolvent firm. Most of his capital went to take this up, and some losses on contracts in addition, brought him to the wall.

-Tus property of the Iroquois House Hotel Co., including the hotel, the furniture, and some sixty acres of land, was sold by the Sheriff at St. Hilaire on Monday last for the sum of \$10,500. The purchasers were the directors who, some two years ago, borrowed some \$20,000 on the property for the purpose of adding a large new extension to the hotel and furnishing the same, and for which they made themselves responsible for interest to the lenders till discharged. The other shareholders it is needless to say, get nothing. This is a much better figure than was brought at the sale of the St Lawrence Hall of Cacouna and the Inch-Arran House of Dalhousie, Bay des Chaleurs.

REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS.

According to the *Real Estate Record* there were 118 real estate transfers in the city wards and town of Westmount recorded at the registry offices, during the month of May, amounting to \$466,822. During the corresponding month of last year 120 transfers were recorded amounting to \$588,361. The real estate mortgage loans recorded during the month of May in registration division of Montreal West amount to \$284,032. Of this amount \$9,007 was placed at $4\frac{1}{2}$ p.c., \$158,250 at 5 p.c., \$37,500 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ p. c., \$38,800 at \$10,150 at 7 p.c., \$4,700 at 8 p.c., and \$26,626 at a nominal rate. In Montreal East the loans recorded amount to \$301,456. Of this amount \$115,241 was placed at 5 p.c., \$96,800 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ p. c., \$77,525 at 6 p. c., \$5,236 at 7 p.c., \$2,904 at 8 p.c., and \$4.250 at a nominal rate.

"HONORABLY ACQUITTED."

"Honorably acquitted" was the judgment tendered in the charge of obtaining a valuable security by false representations brought by the Quebec Bank against Mr. James O'Brien, Jr., of the late firm of Meredith & O'Brien, stockbrokers of this city. The judge held in effect that, while the bank had no course open to it save to take the action it did, the evidence given by the witnesses for the defence entirely destroyed the prima facie case and thus that Mr. O'Brien must be acquitted of the charge. Thus ends a case which it is to be regretted was ever necessary to be brought, and which it was confidently anticipated would have been settled out of court. . The loss was of course an unpleasant one to the general manager at the beginning of his term, and the arrest was most harmful to the young broker on the threshold of his husiness career; but it was unavoidable. There are two sides to every question and while Mr. O'Brien's friends are congratulating him on the verdict, we must not forget that most business men will hold that Mr. McDougall was acting in the best interests of the shareholders in making the arrest. The incident is now fortunately closed; but it was one that was most painful to all concerned while the decision was still in abeyance.

-G. W. HOLDENBY, general storekeeper, Islington, Ont., has assigned. He had a few hundred dollars capital when he started but appears to have absorbed it gradually in losses---L. McKinnon. groceries and drugs, of St. Williams, Ont., has assigned. He has been close pressed for some time past --- Lambert Bros., shoes, Windsor, started in the fall of 1893. Both were practical shoemakers, but had no experience in storekeeping. Last fall they obtained an extension of time and showed a surplus of \$5,000 nominally. This appears to be locked up for they have just assigned --- G. M. Marcoux, grocer of Chicoutini, is offering 40 cents in the dollar. His trade is a limited one and he has always found it difficult to make both ends meet ... J. H. Slack, picture framer of Ottawa, has assigned. He has a good practical knowledge of the trade, and worked hard; yet he has not been able to make a success of it-Investing too heavily in real estate and endorsing for a brother are the causes given for the failure of Joseph White & Co., liquor dealers of Windsor, who have just assigned with liabilities of \$15,000. An offer of 50 cents in the dollar has been made and refused---Jeremie Morand was doing well as a baker at Charlesbourg until he added a flour and gro-cery store to his first venture. Then he began to get cramped for means, and now he is asking his creditors to grant him an extension-Alfred Pepin, started a small shoe store in Quebee about a year ago. His success was doubted from the start and no one is surprised to hear of his assignment with liabilities of \$2,500-...J. H. Cavanagh, general storekeeper of Calgary, N.W.T., is asking an extension of time.

---AN informal meeting of the directors and principal shareholders of the Dominion Rubber Reclaiming Co. was held to consider the announcement that application would be made to place the company in liquidation. After considerable discussion it was resolved to adjourn the meeting until Monday next.

---Owing to pressure during the last fortnight, the alterations in the date on address-label have not all been made. Those who have favored us with remittances will kindly note them later on.

---THE assignment is announced of Mrs. S. Z. Lebeuf, doing business under her husband's name, in a grocery in this city. Her liabilities are \$5,300 and she is endeavoring to effect a settlement at 25 cents in the dollar, cash. in the intervention of the

MEETINGS, REPORTS &C.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was held in the Banking House, Tuesday 18th inst., at 12 o'clock

at 12 o'clock. Among those present were — Messirs. George A. Cox, John I. Davidson, W. B. Hamilton, John Hoskin, Q.C., LL.D., Matthew Leggat (Hamilton), Robert Kilgour, James Crathern (Montreal), W. R. Macdonald, (Hamilton), R. Wilson Smith, (Montreal), II. A. Massey, Frederick Wyld, Henry Beatty, J. K. Osborne, Rev. E. B. Lawler, Hugh Ryan, John Scott, A. V. Delaporte, James Neilson, George Robinson, Philip Browne, N. B. Gash, Aemilius Jarvis, R. H. Temple, Samuel D. Mills, Robert Somer-ville, Alexander McGee and others. On motion, the President. Mr. George A. Cox was requested to

On motion, the President, Mr. George A. Cox was requested to take the chair, and Mr. J. H. Plummer, the Assistant General Manager, was appointed to act as Secretary.
It was moved by Mr. W. B. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. R. Kilgour, that Messrs. Philip Browne, Aemilius Jarvis and R. H. Temple act as scrutineers. Carried.
The Desident called upon the Secretary to read the Annual

The President called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report of the Directors as follows:

REPORT

The Directors beg to present to the Shareholders the twenty. eight Annual Report, covering the year ending 31st May, 1895, togethor with the usual statement of assets and liabilities : Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought

\$ 19,157.02

441,028.50

\$460,185.52

Which has been appropriated as follows :	φ,
Dividends Nos. 55 and 56, at seven per cent. per au-	
num	\$420,

num Transferred to Pension Fund Written off Bank premises and Furniture Balance carried forward	10,000.00 7,500.00

\$460,185.52

Your Director regret that the results here shown are less Your Director regret that the results here shown are less favorable than those of recent years, but this is mainly due to the vory great decline in the profits of banking which has been universal during the past year. There is now a reasonable prospect of a return to normal earnings, but it is only during the last month that this improvement has been perceptible. The usual careful revaluation of the entire assets of the Bank has been made, and all bad and doubtful debts have been amply

has been made, and all bad and doubtur decis have been amply provided for. The various branches, agencies and departments of the Bank have been inspected during the year. Two years ago the shareholders authorized the creation of a Pension Fund and the payment by the Bank annually of \$10,000 as its share towards the fund. Last year the Directors reported that the labor incident to establishing the Fund had been con-cluded, but not in time to actually open the account before the closing of the books. The Directors have now to report that the Fund is in overation, and the first payment by the Bank appears Fund is in operation, and the first payment by the Bank appears in the accounts of this year. The Fund assumes all pensions previously granted by the Bank.

The Directors have again pleasure in recording their appreciation of the efficiency and zeal with which their respective duties have been performed by the officers of the Bank.

GEO. A. COX. President.

GENERAL STATEMENT. 31st May, 1895.

Notes of the Bank in circulation \$ 2,280,880.00 Deposits not bearing interest..... Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date...... \$ 2,869,280.02

14,767,209.08

	17,636,489,10
Balances due to other banks in Canada	2,119,20
Balances due to Agents in Great Britain	1,054,729,41
Dividends unpaid	1,034,725,41
Dividend No. 56 payable 1st June	210,000.00
Capital paid up	210,000.00
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Rest	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	
carried forward 22,685.52	

	7,222,685.52
ASSETS. Specie	\$28,408,274.55
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note circulation Notes of and Cheques on other Banks Balances due by other Banks in Canada Balances due by Agents of the Bank in the United	1,445,105.47 151,000.00 829,260.10 81,739.36
States	2,590,027.02 30,576.54 2,643,193.45 2,088,496.44

\$9,860,298,33

Time Loans on Stock and Bonds	980,617.92
Other current Loans and Discounts	16,317,833.33
Overdue Debts (loss fully provided for)	249,041.23
Real Estate (other than Bank premises)	38,647.72
Mortgages	132,074.65
Bank Fremises and Furniture	738,057.01
Bank Premises and Furniture	735,057.01
Other Assets	91,704.31

828.408.274.55

B. E. WALKER, General Manager. The report having been read, the President said :--

As the report, the adoption of which I am about to move, is of a less favorable character than those of recent years, a few ex-planatory words in addition to the report itself may be expected, although the brief statements therein made clearly cover the situation.

At the beginning of the year the rates paid for deposits were much too high, and the difficulty in changing the rate in Can-ada is so great that the year was half spent before we succeeded in getting our interest-bearing deposits down to a basis of 3 per cent. While this rate was justified by the rates obtainable for mercantile loans, the rates for money loaned on stocks, bonds and such securities did not justify the payment of any interest whatever on deposits. We did not feel, however, that it was in the ultimate interest of the Bank to risk the loss by a further reduction of the rate of any portion of that volume of steady de-posits on which the business of the bank is so largely based, but this policy entailed very large loss for the moment, becauso while the tendency of deposits was to steadily increase, the volume of mercantile loans diminished, in consequence of the condition of business, with extraordinary rapidity, quite in ex-cess of any former experience. Ordinarily we look to the United States for the employment of that portion of our loanable capital which we feel should not be lent in Canada, indeed should be regarded as a reserve to protect our mercantile interests in Canada, and for any further

protect our mercantile interests in Canada, and for any further protect our mercantile interests in Canada, and for any further capital we are unable at the moment to loan here, either to mer-cantile customers or on stocks and other collaterals. During 1898, in order to take care of our customers in Canada, a large part of our funds then invested at high rates in the United States was withdrawn and lent out here. During 1894 the liqu-idation in Canada in consequence of the general contraction in business, to which I have already referred, caused not only the excessive advances of 1898 to be repaid, but an exceptionally large reduction of all mercantile advances from the normal volume, and when we sought to lend this surplus in the United States we were met with two difficulties. First, rates for even time money were unprecedentedly low, and second the usual con-States we were met with two difficulties. First, rates for even time money were unprecedentedly low, and second the usual con-tract given by borrowers in the United States to a foreign bank to repay in gold was unobtainable, because there were plenty of banks there ready to lend all the money required without such a contract. There have been times when we should have lent our money without insisting on this feature, but it seemed un-wise to do so when Congress was actually discussing what should be done; and showing so little disposition to do anything effect-ive, and when rates obtainable for time money were so low. It would have been taking the risk at the most critical moment, and for a very small return in interest. In consequence, we had at times several millions of money absolutely idle, and while in richer countries this is not such an uncommon thing, in this country it was in our particular experience unprecedented, and completely upset all ordinary calculations as to profits.

country it was in our particular experience unprecedented, and completely upset all ordinary calculations as to profits. In looking over the balance sheet, you will notice no striking changes in the liability side, but the changes on the asset side indicate the difficulties of the past year, although during the past month or two great improvement has been effected. The changes may be summed up in a fow words. The cash assets and those immediately convertible in cash amount to 48 per cent. of our liabilities to the public, and are two million dollars larger than last year, while our mercan-tile loans are two millions less; this exhibits a very strong posi-tion for our depositors, but is not so profitable for the share-holders as we could wish, and we must hope that the returning activity in general business will enable us to improve the earn-

holders as we could wish, and we must hope that the returning activity in general business will enable us to improve the earn-ing power of our investments. We have, I think, good reason to expect that result. There are certainly indications of im-proved confidence and returning prosperity, but I shall not anti-cipate what the General Manager may have to say upon that subject by any further reference to it. The business of the year has required more than ordinary watchfulness and care upon the part of the Executive officers and the entire staff, and it affords me pleasure to say that it has had their unceasing attention. Looking to the unfavorable circumstances to which I have alluded, the diminished profits of the past year are regarded by the directors, and will be, I am sure, by the shareholders, as even more satisfactory than the larger profits of more prosperous years.

larger profits of more prosperous years. I now beg to move the adoption of the report, to be seconded by the Vice-President, and the General Manager will then address you.

After the Vice-President had briefly seconded the resolution. the General Manager spoke as follows :

In addressing the shareholders last year we had as you will remember, little to say which indicated the hope that we could look forward to a satisfactory year of business. We were able to take comfort in the fact that in Canada the contraction of business was not relatively so severe as in the United States, and the idle establishments and men out of employment not so many pro-portionately; but the enormous fall in the prices of almost all commodities had to be borne here as well as elsewhere. If credit is not only restricted by the wholesale seller through caution, but by the retail buyer because of fulling prices and small sales, and the public is submitting to rigid economy either of necessity or choice, we have that kind of hand-to-mouth trade which renders profit impossible, and contracts the volume of all transactions, legitimate or speculative, to narrow limits.

STATE OF TRADE.

We had such a year all over North America, but to an extent we quite failed to foresee, and looking back it seems scarcely less a subject for wonder than congratulation that the business community, including the banks, has been able to maintain its position successfully and without any serious proportion of failares

ttres. If the improvement which has taken place during the past six weeks or so is permanent, we have passed through the period of depression sconer than we expected, but it is almost certain that the margin of profit which had almost disappeared in so many lines of business, and the volume which had shrunk so seriously, with only he restored very credually, and while we may congratwill only be restored very gradually, and while we may congrat-ulate ourselves on a much improved outlook, we had better be prepared for moderate results for some time to come. As far as our own business of banking is concerned, the President has in-dicated some of our difficulties. In addition to the heavy loss in interact a which he accorded interest to which he referred, we suffered proportionately even more from the loss of profits from foreign and inland exchange operations, due wholly to the contracted volume of business and operations, due wholly to the contracted volume of business and the excessive competition for what business there was. When the price of a manufactured article falls it does not always fol-low that the percentage of profit to the manufacturer falls pro-portionately. When the price of a raw product falls the railroad freight does not always fall proportionately, but in banking the principle works with painful certainty, as we are dealing with the money which represents the cost and not with the article itself. If a bushel of wheat is worth fifty cents, the interest, inland ex-change and foreign exchange carned by the bank during the transit of the wheat from the farmer's hands to the point of contransit of the wheat from the farmer's hands to the point of con-sumption in Europe, is just one-half of what it would be if the wheat was worth a dollar a bushel. This is a matter of little mowhat was worsh a donar a bisnel, this is a matter of infine ment if there are commodities enough being manufactured or moved to employ our money. but if a tremendous fall in prices come in one year the quantity of all commodities to be dealt in for that season is already fixed, or nearly so, the money repre-sented by the fall in the prices of all commodities is suddenly not required, and the result in bank profits must be fell at once, this not strange therefore, then in a war when wheat exited It is not strange, therefore, that in a year when wheat, cotton, and other great staples touched the lowest recorded prices, the rate of interest also made its lowest record.

In bearing, as we have been obliged to in America, our share of the burden arising from that series of financial events begin-ning with the Baring panic in 1890, and culminating, let us hope, with the low prices just referred to our load has not been made lighter by the tariff changes in the United States and Canada, because whether the changes he good or not in their altimate re-sult, the immediate effect was to add still further to the losses already arising out of the general fall in prices, at least as far as holders of some classes of imported goods were concerned. In Canada we are fortunately out of the mad current of dis-

In Canada we are fortunately out of the mad current of dis-cussion about silver, but the Canadian banker who deals as we do largely in the United States, has not only been since 1878 an anxious observer of the great questions of bi-metallism and free coinage, but he has been peculiarly perplexed during the past year as to the problem of keeping the funds of his institution in-vested in that country on a gold basis. If, during the panic of 1893, we treasured one hope of good to come out of that great time of trouble, it was that the folly of the free coinage of silver in the United States was forever ended; but we counted al-together too readily on the good sense of the people in those sections of the United States where unsound views have been held. Unfortunately increased difficulties in trade between En-rope and the East, arising from the closing of the Indian mint. heid. Unfortunately increased difficulties in trade between En-rope and the East, arising from the closing of the Indian mint, the general depression, and the great industrial growth in the East, have brought up for discussion again the subject of inter-national bi-metallism. Perhaps, however, even this excuse was not needed to stay the hand of Congress from doing anything to promote banking reform, and remedy the chaotic condition of currency in the United States, and to remove the constant meaned to trade and the national credit involved in the weakness of the dreamer. of the treasury. In any event Congress did nothing, and having of the treasury. In any event Congress did nothing, and having done nothing, a pamphlet or two, devoid of serious argument, but cleverly adapted to the ignorance of those who would pro-bably read them; famed as it werein an instant the flame of free values in the accurate the test on our construct the is in the sector. coimage into as great a heat as over. Perhaps all this is only a species of national education, and it is pleasant to see that busi-ness men and bankers are organizing with a determination to re-move this national disgrace, and thus enable the United States to take the full advantage of the rising tide of prosperity in trade. It is strange that with the fact before them of Chili returning to work heats after structure in a strange for the advantage of the structure for a gold basis after struggling with a depreciated currency for seventeen years (just about the length of time of suspension of gold payments in the United States) public men can be found in the west and south willing to see their nation fail to the finan-cial length of Africa

the west and south willing to see their nation fail to the infan-cial level of Asia. The activity of the last month or two would seem to indicate that the tide of trade is already rising, but we want many evi-dences, still lacking, before we are quite convinced of this. One of the most hopeful and significant of the changes between April and June is in the employment of labor. We learn from Brad-street's that in the United States 227 establishments, closed dur-ior the decreasion one of un for work that 53,400 wage-carners ing the depression, opened up for work that 53,400 wage-carners obtained work who were before idle, and that the wages of 175,000

employees were advanced. During this period about 36,000 employees joined various strikes and of these about 25,000 demanded higher wages, but on the whole there has not been serious trouble from that source. The next most significant change has been the improvement in both gross and net railroad earnings. This has already been experienced to a satisfactory degree, but if the tide has really turned a much greater increase will develop during the ensuing year. Excessive competition by railroads may be a very good thing for trade, but the other result in the shape of inadequate earnings is ruinous to the financial credit of all North America, and indirectly does far more harm than the benefit by competition to trade. There is some ground for hope that the era of free railroad building in the United States, that is, building under a general railroad act and without reference to public requirements, may be gradually checked. An act passed in 1892 in New York State, intended to prevent the paralleling of lines or the building of railroads in localities where they are not required in the public interest, has been in one case actually put into force.

actually put into force. Of less importance, because a less reliable index of the growth Of less importance, because a less reliable index of the growth of actual trade in commodities, is the increase in clearing house exchanges. The activity of the last month or two is, of course largely speculative, and speculative transaction where no commodities change hands of ten swell the clearings, so that real movements in commodi-ties cannot be traced accurately. But bearing this in mind the improvement in the Umited States for the month of May, amounting to nearly 27 per cent. of an increase over the same month in 1894, the figures being only seven per cent. less than in 1893, is very gratifying. The increase for the same month in the five Canadian cities possessing clearing houses amounts to a little over ten per cent. a ver satisfactory showing, as the per-centage of loss from the high figures of 1893 was much less than in the United States. When we turn to the prominent staples we cannot but be

When we turn to the prominent staples we cannot but be much encouraged. Wheat, which within a year touched the lowest recorded price in 250 years, is again comforting the farmer with the old charm of a dollar a bushel, an advance almost unprecedented for rapidity. Doubtless the pace has been too rapid, but there seems little reason to doubt that the new crop will be marketed at remunerative prices. Iron of all kinds had fallen a few months ago to an average of 54 per cent, of the prices of October, 1890, and had risen at the close of May to 59 per cent. It is still, however, so low, and the power of product-ion so great, that the profit of the miners and iron manufacturers of the United States must be trifling in relation to the enormous investment of capital. Petroleum has settled back somewhat after its great advance, but the present price is stimulating pro-duction all over the world. Hides, leather, boots and shoes, and beef have all gone up together, and doubtless to some extent from the same cause. While the leather industries of all kinds from the same cause. While the leather industries of some extent from the same cause. While the leather industries of all kinds sadly needed the aid of better prices, perhaps no advance is of so much importance to our own province as that in the price, of cattle. The past few years, what with British restrictions and low prices, have been hard on the Canadian grazier, and now that there has been a substantial recovery it is to be hoped that for the future we will have steadler and more adequate results. At the moment, however, prices have again receded somewhat. Still it is fair to presume that as horses have also lately shown a decided change for the better, and attempts are being made at raising better animals, we can count on profitable returns from pigs, sheep, and horses, which means a great deal for cattle, Ontario

While the advance has not been universal, many other leading staples such as cotton, wool, etc., have participated in the change and there can be little doubt, even if present values are not quite maintained, that the turn has come.

LUMBER.

LUMBER. Turning to industries in which we are more largely concerned, we have little to report of **§** interest in connection with lumber. Those who understand the business thoroughly and have suffi-cient capital are thriving about as usual. In the Ottawa and other eastern districts large sales of deals have been made at good prices, and the trade in thin lumber for the same market continues to grow rapidly. At the moment the mar-ket in England is not very satisfactory to the middle-men, but on the whole that branch of our lumber trade is fairly prosperious. The trade with the United States is not so satisfactory, for while many dealers have made large sales at average prices, there is undoubtedly some holding back by buy-ers until prosperity is more generally assured. Meantime our manufacturers are unwilling to make concessions in price, and stocks will doubtless move off a little slowly. Lumber in these districts has been produced at about the same cost as in recent stocks will doubtless move off a little slowly. Lumber in these districts has been produced at about the same cost as in recent years. There has been trouble again with low water, and est-imates as high as 15 per cent. of the whole output have been made of the logs which will not come down this season. The quantity required for sawing will be readily supplied, however. It is thought that the Ottawa and Nipissing cut will be about 600 million foot heard measure 660 million feet board measure.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

I am sorry that for the first time we cannot speak with positive encouragement of the dairy interests of Canada. We have had rapid growth in volume and satisfactory prices for cheese for many years, but it looks as if we are to have something in the nature of a check. Owing to the severe drought of last summer the shipments, which for the first half were much larger than for the former year, fell of in the last half so that we only scored a total of 147,039,000 lbs., against 146,595,000, with a value

of \$14,683,000 against \$14,647,000 a very trifling increase. In the United States a slight increase, the first in some years, is shown, but they evidently still eat nearly all the cheese they make, as the total value of their export was only \$6,609,000. Our success has caused the building of many new cheese factories during the unst year and the increase has caused the building of many new cheese factories during the state and the s has caused the building of many new cheese factories during the past year, and in several districts where cheese was not made heretofore. This will ensure a large product, but it will be very disappointing if in these new districts lower prices should bring about discouragement. The farmer did well enough last year as to price, but the English buyers lost heavily, and still have large stocks of old cheese on hand. We are also destined to meet serious competition from New Zealand. At the moment quotations have recovered somewhat, and the dry weather in England and here may improve the price at the cost of the quantity manufactured. In cheese and pork farmers must have prospered last year. In almost all other products the experience prospered last year. In almost all other products the experience was very disappointing, but the changes of the last month or two have caused a feeling of great cheerfulness throughout our farming community, notwithstanding the damages by frost and dry weather. In the fruit districts the frost has certainly done very serious damage, but as far as we can learn there is likely to be no such general failure in yield as was at one time feared. Our people, however, are apt to overlook the great money value of the fruit crops in this Province as a whole, and the extent to which it exceeds all other agricultural interests in the district specially adapted to fruit-growing. The outlook in this Province is not uniformly good, even apart from fruit, frost having done damage to fall wheat and some other crops, but it is too early to form a definite opinion as to the general results of farming in Ontario. At the moment the prospect for hay is not good in many parts, and hay and grass are perhaps our most valuable crops. In Quebec and in the parts of our Province which were not advanced to supply the the cash, many monther, the whole not advanced too much by the early warm weather, the whole

not advanced too minor by the early warm worknow, the united outlook is excellent. In Manitoba and Northwest we are experiencing one of those rapid, favorable changes which should make us less ready to grow despondent about that great country, when the changes happen to be of an unfavorable character. It is un-fortunate that our feelings about this part of Canada are apt to be either unduk eleted or unduk depressed. It may take more fortunate that our feelings about this part of Canada are apt to be either unduly clated or unduly depressed. It may take more than one good crop to make the farmers easy as to delt, but one can hardly resist the conviction and their prospects were never better than at the moment. The enforced economy of the last few years has of course, had a most damaging effect on trade for the time being, the sales by Winnipeg jobbers being 25 per cent less than for the previous year. No money was made and many lost money, as a natural result, but the benefits arising from the drastic policy which has been applied are that credits have been very much shortend as to time, and restricted as to have been very much shortend as to time, and restricted as to amount, that weak traders have been diligently weeded out, and stocks of goods, both in first and second hands, are very light. All this has been accomplished without serious failures, the total

All this has been accomplished without serious failures, the total liabilities of insolvents between Port Arthur and the Rocky Mountains, being \$604,984, less by \$155,668 than in 1893. During the discussions of the proposed insolvency bill the merchants of Ontario and Quebec sought to introduce a section in order to prevent the sale of the stock of a failed retail shop-keeper, en bloc, but such things cannot easily be accomplished by legislation, 1t is cheerful to notice that the Winnipeg mer-chants have dealt with the matter in a practical manner by re-fusing to compromise and by reshipping such stocks to Winnipeg. fusing to compromise and by reshipping such stocks to Winnipeg, where they are resold in a warehouse established for the purpose. The honest trader cannot therefore, complain of his next-door neighbor being his competitor on the unfair basis of one paying 100 cents in the dollar, and the other, perhaps only 50 cents.

While the merhants of Manitoba, are learning how to manage the problem before them, it is not to be supposed that the farmers fail to do likewise. They harvested altogether about thirty-two million bushels of wheat, oats and barley, and for about 22,000 farmers this evidences enough on the score of energy. But the prices were so low that but for their exercise of economy they would be little better off than a year ago. The manner in which they are doing their share in managing the problems before them is in diversifying farming as rapidly as possible. We had occasion last year to notice the first large shipments of eattle and the feature this was sure to make in the Supplients of each e and the feature first was sure to make in the future. In 1894, in addition to about fifteen million bushels of wheat, about four million bushels of which took the form of flour, there were shipped east 26,826 cattle, 9,739 hogs and 3,286 sheep. Thus far 1895 largely exceeds 1894, and the trade is already become so important that efforts are being made to establish a cattle market in Winnipeg where animals can be properly graded, and fair prices and ready sale assured. Four years ago Manitoba imported pork largely. Now cattle, sheep and hogs are increasing very rapidly, and as they have had a favorable winter, we need no longer think of that part of Canada as merely a wheat country. The area of flax has trebled this year, and with the help of the unusually early spring the aereage of nearly all grain has been largely increased. In Manitoba the added acres in wheat amount to 205,380 making a total in wheat of 1,140,376 acres. Butter and cheese factories are growing in number and the check in the price of dairy products, is the only unhappy feature in the situation this season. The great milling companies are increasing the number of their country elevators, while a large elevator is being creeted in Winnipeg. What with one of the most favor-able seasons, thus far, on record, larger acreage, great increase in cattle, and better prices, Manitoba is likely to prosper again, and wants population more than anything else. Last year we took occasion to refer to the question of canals future. In 1894, in addition to about fifteen million bushels of

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and cheaper transportation from the Northwest to the seaboard. We are sorry to learn that by far the largest proportion of the wheat shipped from Manitoba went abroad by way of Buffalo wheat shipped from Manifood went abroad by way of bunalo during 1894. We have finished at great expense our canal at Sault Sto Marie, and according to a recent article in an American newspaper, while we have 2,384 miles of continuous waterway from the head of Lake Superior to the ocean, less than 3½ per cent. of the freight which, in 1894, passed the Sault was carried by Canadian vessels. The extent to which this statement may be retain the carriage control of our own Northwest products. The motion for the adoption of the report was then put and

carried.

past year."

In moving the adoption of this resolution, Mr. Massey said that he did so with more than usual pleasure. Considering the con-ditions under which the board has had to act during the past year the satisfactory report they were able to present showed that they had given the conduct of the bank's affairs more than

that they had given the conduct of the bank's affairs more than ordinary care and attention, and he was sure the shareholders appreciated their services. He had listened with much pleasure to the address of the General manager, which set forth the con-dition of the business of the country with great clearness. Mr. Frederick Wyld seconded the resolution. He was glad that Mr. Massey had urged that it should not be regarded as a stereotyped vote of thanks, or as an empty act of courtesy merely, but as a vote which the shareholders felt they truly owed to the board of management. The position of a director in a bank of this magnitude is not a bed of roses, and had the board not dealt with the affairs of the bank courageously, and at the

bank of this magnitude is not a bed of roses, and had the board not dealt with the affairs of the bank courageously, and at the same time cautiously, the shareholders would not have been pre-sented with so satisfactory a report. Mr. Cox thanked the meeting for the resolution and expressed his obligation for the kind and cordial manner in which it had been moved and seconded. The directors, he was sure, appreci-ated it, but he thought many of the remarks made by the mover and seconder were due to the general management and the staff rather than to the hoard.

and seconder were due to the general management and the state rather than to the board. Moved by Mr. R. Wilson Smith :— "That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the general manager, assistant general manager and other officers of the bank for the satisfactory dis-charge of their respective duties during the past year."

In moving the resolution Mr. Smith said that, as in the case of the preceding resolution, this vote of thanks should not be re-garded as a matter of form. The past year has been a time of great depression, and was a severe test to the skill with which the affairs depression, and was a severe test to the skill with which the analys of the bank were managed, concerning which there could be only one opinion. He regrotted the keen competition which now pre-vailed in banking, and which had kept the rate of interest on deposits at a higher point than it should have been. In the mat-ter of the fidelity of bank employees, he drew a contrast with the United States, where every day witnessed defalcations of bank officials, while in Canada it was an almost an unheard of thing. If a thought we had reason to be proud of our record in He thought we had reason to be proud of our record in thing. this respect

Mr. Hugh Ryan, in seconding the resolution, remarked that among the many things of which Toronto has to be proud were the men at the head of its banks.

Mr. Walker acknowledged the resolution. He thought that the remarks of the president, repeated year after year regarding the share of the general management in the conduct of the bank were altogether too flattering, since without the counsel, assist-ance and encouragement of the board it went without saying that no such results could be produced. There were difficulties enough to employ the minds and energies of all the members of the board, as well as the chief executive officers. In a year like the past the staff had to work harder than ever, with less pecu-iave reward then usual and with less presence of advance many reward than usual, and with less prospect of advance-ment. He had pleasure in reporting, as he hoped he always would be able to report, that there was among the members of the staff a most satisfactory spirit, as well as a high regard for the bank and a high ideal of the business of banking. Referring to a remark made concerning the lidelity of bank men, he thought the shareholders would be interested in certain facts respecting the bank's Guarantee Fund, which has been in operation for for some seventeen years. It was based upon a payment of onehalf of the customary charge made by guarantee companies, and that for only five years instead of indefinitely, and yet the fund had grown to an extent which permitted of \$100,000 being taken from it a year ago for the establishment of the Pension Fund of the bank

Moved by Dr. Hoskin, seconded by Mr. James Crathern, and carried: That the meeting do now proceed to elect directors for the coming year, and that for this purpose the ballot box be opened and remain open until three o'clock this day, the poll to be closed, however, whenever five minutes shall have elapsed with-out a vote being tendered; the result of the election to be reported by the scrutineers to the General Manager.

The meeting then adjourned.

The scrutineers subsequently reported the following gentlemen to be elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs, George A. Cox, James Crathern, John I. Davidson, William B. Hamilton, John Hoskin, Q.C., L.L.D., Robert Kilgour and Matthew

Leggat. At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors held sub-sequently, George A. Cox, Esq., was re-elected president, and John I. Davidson, Esq., vice-president.

2.--'To the Stockholders.

MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held in the Board Room of that institution on Wednesday 19th inst. at noon, when there were Institution on Weansday 19th Inst. at hoon, when there were present Mr. Andrew Allan, Sir Joseph Hickson, Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Hector Mackenzie, T. H. Dunn (Quebec), J. P. Dawes, John Cassils, John Crawford, John Morrison, J. H. R. Molson, T. D. Hood, Captain W. H. Benyon, James Williamson, M. S. Foley, James O'Brien, F. S. Lyman, William Francis, M. Burke, James Gardner, Captain Ritchie, John McConnell, and J. S. Murany. Murray.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. Andrew Allan, president, taking the chair, and requesting Mr. John Gault to act as secretary.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The President then submitted the following report of the Directors

The directors, in meeting the stockholders of the bank on this occasion, beg to present the following report : The results of the business of the year have not been so large

as those of last year.

as those of last year. But the stockholders will, no doubt, understand that the year which has just closed was one of exceptional dullness in trade, and of a low range of profits generally, not only in banking, but in nearly every line of business carried on in the country.

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Making a total of \$557,277.79 This has been disposed of as follows :--

Dividend No. 52, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum...... \$240,000.00

Dividend No.	3, at same	rate	240,000.00

----- \$480,000.00

Added to Contingent Account .. 20,000.00 Leaving, a balance at the credit of Surplus Profits Ac-57,277.79

\$557,277.79

The stockholders will note that the profits made this year am-

ounted to nearly nine and a quarter per cent. on the capital. Although the business of the country generally was dull, the business of the bank has been well maintained in every depart-ment, excepting circulation. This important item has shown a smaller average of figures than for many years back, largely ow-ing to the low prices prevalent for nearly all agricultural pro-ducts

The bank this year has suffored no large loss. But a consider-able number of small failures have taken place in the circle of its customers. From a number of these failures no loss resulted to the bank; but it is impossible to bring out this result in every

to the bank; but it is impossible to bring out this result in every case. The total amount of loss, however, for the year, was smaller than the average. But in view of possible depreciation in certain assets, it has been thought desirable, instead of carrying the whole of the profils forward, to add \$20,000 to Contingent Fund. Amongst the losses of the year was one of a very exceptional character, viz., that incurred by the failure of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland. The amount, however, was only emell

Small. The board have decided to open a new branch at Hespeler, Ontario, the bank having a considerable connection there, which

All the branches of the bank have been inspected during the year, and its various officers have discharged their duties offi-ciently and with fidelity, and to the satisfaction of the board. The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ANDREW ALLEN,

President.

Montreal, June 11th, 1895.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AT 31ST MAY, 1895. LIABILITIES.

1.—To the Public. Notes in circulation		\$ 2,852,684.00	Last Year. \$ 2,259,012.00
	2,135,188.40		2,388,260.32
	8,157,448.09		7,362,937.42
Interest due theron to date	71,668.29	10,364,304.78	68,728.88
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Daily Exchanges		S16.87	*********
Balances due to Agent Britain	is in Great	182,107.47	666,769.44
Dividend No. 53		240,000.00	240,000.00
Dividends unclaimed		2,015.00	1,683.50
	•.	\$13,796,755.52	\$13,543,664.60

Contingent Account	\$9,057,287.79 74,215.00	\$6,000,000.00 3,000,000.00 5,428,28 56,480.00 \$22,605,572.88
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ASSETS.	•	
Gold and Silver Coin on hand Dominion Notes on hand	\$ 389,759.28 897,093.00	\$ 388,406.20 1,000,942.80
Notes and Cheques of other Cana- dian Banks Balances due by other Canadian	649,901.20	575,217.37
Bankes in Account and daily ex- changes Balances due by Banks and Agents	98,336.92	72,674.71
in the United States	846,308.06	206,247.02
Dominion Government Bonds	1,089,820.15	1,078,132.45
Provincial Government Bonds		59,812.49
Railway and Municipal Debentures	821,510.85	264,199.28
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks	1,125,446.85	912,918.85
Total available assets	\$ 4,918,176.31	\$ 4,558,050.44
Time Loans on bonds and Stocks Other Loans and Dis- counts	\$ 194,528.63	231,286.00
	\$16,643,438.8 1	16,084,590.62
Loans and discounts overdue (loss pro- vided for) Deposit with Dominion Govern-	142,875.04	
ment for security of Note circu- lation Mortgages, Bonds and other Secur-	159,312,70	159,812.70
Real Estate Other Assets	263,675.02	44,902.92 537,283.20
	\$22,928,248.31	\$22,605,572.88

(Signed)

GEORGE HAGUE General Manager.

The President then moved, seconded by Mr. Hector Mackenzie : "That the report of the Directors as submitted be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the Stockholders." The President called upon the General Manager, Mr. George Hague, for a few remarks on the financial outlook.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS. To judge by what we hear, Mr. President, the report just pre-sented will be regarded as fairly satisfactory, considering the times. But I must confess to disappointment that we have realized so little out of so largo a business as we have done. For though we have made over nine per cent, on the capital, we have only realized a little over six per cent on our total surplus of Capital and Rest. We have earned only little more than *bare legal interest*, yet in this we have done about as well as our neighbors, for all show about the same rate of profit on capital and surplus funds. But to say that they have made bare legal interest shows that the banks have made a mere nothing out of their banking business proper. For myself, I feel sometimes vexed that the enormous amount of transactions, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars a year, in which we ourselves serve the public, and pass money over our counters, yields us such a miserable modicum of profit. profit.

I shall not waste time in lamenting what may be inevitable (if it is inevitable), but it is only fair to banking interests in general to point it out. Competition between banks has been carried to such lengths of late years that an enormous amount of business, which actually costs the banks money, is done by them for

which actually costs the banks money, is done by them for nothing. It has been said that Banking in Canada has now come to be somewhat of a monopoly. If that can be called a monopoly, in which thirty-eight institutions are competing against one another, to earn 6 per cent for their stockholders, the word monopoly must have changed its meaning of late. Banking in England and Scotland, and Ireland too, is a remunerative business. It is certainly not in Canada, as I was once told by an eminent London Banker, in looking over the low range of our profits. We have been fortunate this year, as the Report informs you, in escaping any large loss, and the total we have had to provide for has not been large. But it is impossible to go through such a year as the last, without being affected by some of the numer-ous failures that have taken place. During last year 65 of the customers of the Bank failed or got into difficulties. The amount they owed us was \$504,000. In 42 of these cases our securities bring us out without loss. By the balance we shall lose a certain amount of money, which, as the report tells you, is less than the average.

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I don't think this an unsatisfactory record, considering that the total amount of loans and discounts passed through our books during the year, footed up to over ninety millions. It is always of interest to us to note the causes of mercantile

embarrassment, and it may be well for me to point out the causes of last year's failures, so as to plant a few buoys, or beacons, for the guidance of those who are navigating the sea of trade at present

Branching out into lines of business other than a man's own, was one cause.

Attempting a wholesale business on a retailer's capital, was another.

Attempting to make money out of buying property and build-

Ing instead of sticking to a man's own trade was another. Pushing and driving, in a reckless style, of a business which a man did understand was another. Engaging in the Export trade across the Atlantic without practical knowledge and experience was another.

(A very favorite notion of people up in the interior, is that there is a mine of wealth in the export trade. People in Montreal know better.)

New bouter, in thoughtless giving of credit was another. Neglecting business in order to attend to politics was another. At last, but by no means least, was too great facility of borrow-

ing money, and borrowing from more than one bank. Last year's experience only confirms that of thirty years back, that mercantile failures in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred are avoidable by prudence, common sense, industry and in-telligence.

The old maxims of trade are just as true to day as ever they were. The talk we sometimes hear about old conditions having passed away and new ones coming to the front is trash. One might as well talk about these modern times having upset the law of gravitation.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

During the past year we have had no bank crisis in Canada, nor have we had any failure of a joint stock bank. But our sister colony of Newfoundland has been convulsed, and its business brought almost to a total stand, by the failure of the only two banks doing business on the island. Respecting these, it is to be remarked that had Newfoundland

Respecting these, it is to be remarked that had Rewloundhand been included in the Canadian Confederation, its banks would have come under the operation of a banking law and system, which is admitted to be the best on this Continent. The effect of this could hardly have failed to be conservative and preventive. Its influence would have been far-reaching, not only on banking methods, but on the commercial interests of the island. And the influence would have been of such a charthe island. And the influence would have been of such a char-acter as, in my judgment, to have developed the resources of the colony to the best advantage, promoting sound commercial enter-prise, introducing and keeping alive sound business methods, and rendering it all but impossible that such a calamity as has Intely happened could have transpired. I am aware that there have been failures amongst the Banks

in Canada, and that no law can prevent bad management and its results. But banking failures in Canada have been few and far between in proportion to the whole, while the notes in circulation have been rendered so safe that no one has lost by them, even in the worst cases of failure, for many years back. With regard to other aspects of union between Newfoundland

and Canada; though the matter may verge upon the domain of politics, I must take the liberty of saying that though the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation would no doubt have been of advantage to Canada, the balance of advantage (in every respect) would have been immensely in favor of Newfoundland. With all the defects of our Government, and our institutions,

With all the defects of our Government, and our institutions, there cannot be a question in the minds of any who nave impar-tially considered the subject, that the Dominion of Canada is the best governed portion of the American Continent, having the best Constitution, the most equitable Laws, the best Judicial system, the most solid prosperity, and the most rational liberty. One of the Banks of Newfoundland—the Commercial—had kept its account with us for a number of years, and in a perfectly satisfactory manner. By its sudden stoppage, without the slightest premonitory symptom, we shall make, I am sorry to say, a small loss.

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ASPECTS OF BUSINESS GENERALLY.

The report of the Directors has touched upon a well known fact, that last year was a year of great duliness in business, and of exceptionally low profits, or no profits at all, in most branches of trade. It is to the credit of our mercantile and banking system that we passed through such a year with as few failures as transpired.

I am inclined to think that the banks as a whole are exercising The mean mean of a conserving influence over their customers, thus, developing thabits of prudent forethought, discouraging rash speculation, bringing about a better system of giving credit, and generally promoting a more solid, reliable, and lasting pros-perity. I am sure they ought to do this, and generally I think they are.

they are. Banks cannot control prices, nor provent losses by the continu-ous fall in commodities. But they can, when asked to furnish means for carrying on mercantile operations, so regulate the amount of money borrowed, that losses, if suffered by their cus-tomers, shall bear a reasonable proportion to the means of the borrower, and not involve him in ruin. Of course, I can only wheth in general terms, and of a general conserving influence speak in general terms, and of a general conserving influence

continuously operating. Instances of individual rashness will take place, in spite of all the efforts made by a bank to prevent them. And, like other men, bankers sometimes fail to carry out their own rules.

As to the various lines of business in the country, it is satis-As to the various lines of business in the country, it is satis-factory to see that our Exports are constantly increasing. The leading staples in exports last year realized very good prices. It is quite possible, however, for producers to receive good prices and merchants and exporters to lose money. On the whole, how-ever, these latter have not had much to complain of, although the vexations and unreasonable restrictions upon our *Live Cattle* trade made it very unprolitable. In fact for the last year or two, it has hear a losing business though the proparets are somewhat bet has been a losing business, though the prospects are somewhat bet-ter at present. But this whole business of exporting live animals is little better than a lottery in its result to the shipper, under the present conditions of the trade in Great Britain.

LUMBER AND OTHER MANUFACTURES.

With regard to the product of our Forests, it should be an aim With regard to the product of our Forests, it should be an aim constantly to have them sent out with as much of our own manu-facture put upon them as possible. The exporting of saw logs, is an unwise business, and I am not sure but we have sent out a. vast deal to much of Square Timber in an unmanufactured state. It is certain that our logs and timber go through various pro-cesses of manufacture before they reach their ultimate desti-nation. Why, then, with our unrivalled facilities for manufactur-ing woodenwork, should we not do all this at home?

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MANUFACTURES

in Canada have been as profitable as they have been either in England or the United States. Our manufacturers generally are getting to have a command of their business and a thorough understanding of its wants and conditions.

But it is perfectly true here, as it is of manufacturers every-where else, that unless a manufacturer can make a Specialty or Specialties of some kind, and conduct his business with extreme attention to detail, he can scarcely hope to make a reasonable profit.

This applies, to some extent, even to such a business as

IMPORTING

which for the last year or two, has fallen into a condition of un-profitableness.

believe radical changes in the methods of carrying on the leading branch of this business, are necessary to a return of prosperity.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

In Dairy products we have thoroughly established ourselves as producers of good Cheese; but nothing except constant atton-tion to quality will enable us to hold that position against competition.

Competition now is not only between merchant and merchant,

Competition now is not only between merchant and merchant, farmer and farmer, but between country and country. In respect of quality, we might do even more in our manu-facture of checse for the English market. Nothing pays like good quality. Nothing is so ruinous as bad quality in exports. And a point not to be over-looked is that it is not only good quality, but good make-up, that tells in the English market. The time has gone by when we could send anything whatever out of this country to the English market, whether it be fruit, cheese, butter, flour, or any other commodity, in a haphäzard and careless style, trusting to luck for it to bring a good return. This is especially the case with regard to Butter. It is simply discreditable to us as a country that we cannot make butter of such a quality as to command a large sale in England. Denmark does it but then Denmark goes about it in a thoroughly business-

such a quality as to command a large sale in England. Denmark does it but then Denmark goes about it in a thoroughly business-like and scientific style, manufacturing highclass butter, as men manufacture highclass cottons and woollens. Denmark has a well organized system of Inspection of Herds, constantly kept up; the best machinery is employed in manufac-turing, the utmost care is constantly taken to cleanliness, tem-perature, ventilation, and handling of the article; making it up, packing and shipping; the result being that the article, on the whole, brings double the price that would be obtained by hap-hazard methods.

hazard methods. What farmers in Denmark can do our farmers can do undoubt-

What farmers in Dominant edly, if they set about it. The Government of this Province sent over a Commission last The Government to investigate the matter. The report he made, year to Denmark to investigate the matter. The report he made, or extracts from it, ought to be in the hands of every farmer, not of this Province, also, but of the whole Dominion. This leads me to say just one word about

FARMING.

Farming in these times requires to be carried on with as much intelligence, practical knowledge, capital, industry and assiduity as any other branch of business.

This is becoming increasingly appreciated, and the appreciation is leading to the best practical results, especially in our own Province. A quiet revolution has been going on for some time, and is in progress still, amongst the cultivators of the province of Quebec, and its fruits are seen in the generally sound con-dition of burgings in Lowr Canada dition of business in Lower Canada.

INSOLVENCY.

It is yet uncertain whether a general Insolvency bill can be passed during this session, although 'it is desirable to have a law which would prevent the grave abuses which exists in some prov-.nces,

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This in'reality, is the principal reason why a general Insolvency law would do good. An act is *not* urgently required for the re-lief of insolvent debtors. That was the old style of insolvency laws, but the circumstances of Canada call for no such legislation. All that is required is that when a man does honestly become in-solvent, his creditors shall be fairly treated, and his estate equitably divided.

The technical provisions of the Act, lately before the Senate, The technical provisions of the Act, lately before the Senate, would be found generally most wise and well considered, pro-vided the right of ranking be properly adjusted. But any Act of Parliament which will give a man his discharge on paying fifty cents on the dollar, will operate as an incouragement to insol-vency. You may guard it as you will, but it will have this effect. Experience shows it to be the case wherever it has been tried. Every insolvency law in England has had this effect, though some of the very ablest men in Parliament endeavored to guard against it. That has been our own experience too. Canada does against it. That has been our own experience, too, Canada does not want an act to promote insolvency; nor an act to enable con-tracts to be broken; nor an act to compel creditors to act towards their debtors in a manner contrary to their own judgment. Any honest and competent but, unfortunate debtor has no difficulty in settling with his creditors without an act of Parliament. What What an act of Parliament is really wanted for is to make void impro-per preferences, and also to make the procedure in case of in-solvency uniform all over the Dominion. Divers acts in different provinces are not desirable.

PROSPECTS OF BUSINESS.

There is a general air of hopefulness abroad as to this, and I think it is justifiable. The rise in the value of some great staples is undoubtedly having this effect. Increased railway earnings, clearing house returns, and high values of stocks are all signi-ficant. But do not let us expect too much. Business in the United States is not on a settled basis yet by licant.

any means. Notwithstanding the fact that all the bankers and capitalists of the Eastern and Middle States, together with a good proportion of those in the South and West, and the Pacific slope, are a unit in favor of the gold standard, and have pro-sented hitherto a solid front (highly to their credit) against the plausible clap-trap of the silver party. This party is undoub-tedly strong and determined, and if the question can be made one on which political lines will be followed, very serious mischlef may ensue.

The whole financial and commercial business of the United States will be thrown into chaos if the silver advocates have their way. As to bimetallism, or a double standard of value, it is simply a delusion. I venture to think that no man who has the practical handling of money, and the actual dealing with monetary affairs, can possibly imagine that there can be two standards. You might as well have two yard measures, one twelve inches long, the other fifteen; or two bushel measures, one of four pecks, the other five; to be used at buyers' option. A haw that wheat shall always be dealt in at a dollar a bushel, no more, no less, under all the changing conditions of harvests, would be as rational as a law that there shall always be the same ratio between gold and silver. If there is only one standard it should unquestionably be gold. England has always stood upon this. So have we in Canada,

England has always stood upon this. So have we in Canada, and so has the Government in the United States so far, and so we trust it ever will, to our mutual advantage.

What is the use of getting from a foundation of rock to a bed of quicksand ?

But as to business prospects. It should be remembered that individuals may suffer disaster and banks heavy losses, even when times are generally good. In fact, it is always the case that the seeds of losses are sown in times of prosperity. But, I repeat, that banks can exercise--and are exercising-a modera-ting and conserving influence, by judiciously using that enormous power of dispensing credit which is put into their hands.

When 1 tell you that the banks as a whole are dispensing credit to the people of Canada at this moment to the amount of over two hundred millions, you may form an idea of the impor-tance of this great function.

In respect of progress, there is one department in which the country is steadily gaining ground, and I think nothing demonstrates, more plainly how steadily this country is improving---and with the Banks and the Government. When 1 first outered a bank in Canada in 1856 the whole

deposits of the country

were about\$	15,000,000
In 1878 these had increased to	\$9,000,000
1890	210 000 000
1\$91	230,000,000
1992 and 1893	254,000,000
1894	230,000,000 254,000,000 270,000,000

These figures include, of course, the deposits in Loan Companies and Savings Banks, both Government and Incorporated. The Mercantile loans and discounts, of the Banks have grown during the same period from about \$35,000,000 to \$203,000,000 and demonstrate that the increase of deposits has not been the con-sequence of stagnation and want of enterprise, but has been accompanied by an equal mercantile development. And further, this steady and extraordinary rise in deposits and discounts, has been accompanied by just as steady a develop-ment in the way of opening up of lands, improvement of farms, construction of railroads, public works, development of shipping and navigation, improvement of harbors and lighting of our

coast, the growth of settlements into villages, and of villages into towns, and of town into cities; all of which many of us here present have seen with our own eyes. If this statement is not enough to convince the most obstinute pessimist amongst us that the country steadily progressess, in spite of all drawbacks, he must be hard to convince. As to foregine detractors we can generally afford to treat them

As to foreign detractors, we can generally afford to treat them ith the contempt they deserve. Their ignorance is generally with the contempt they deserve. Yet may 1 be pardoned for a word of caution. Canada needs

to be careful of maintaining her high standard of credit at all times. The Dominion cannot afford to trifle with it by allowing its great name to be used in connection with dubious enterprises.

This, I think, is enough for the General Manager to say, but if any stockholders desire to ask questions, he will be glad to answer them so far as he may be able.

THE DISCUSSION.

The President having invited remarks from the shareholders, Mr. John Morrison spoke at some length. Mr. John Crawford, while admitting that in most banks throughout the Dominion, with probably the exception of the Dominion Bank, which paid quarterly dividends, business had not been so good as could be desired, was disappointed that the Marchanic bunk, which had made your method previous during Merchants bank, which had made very marked progress during the past few years, had not earned more than $9\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. He then went on to speak in favor of banks declaring to the share-holders the amount of the gross losses, and said that the best banks in London, Eng., did this, being compelled to do so by Rocal charter Royal charter.

The General Manager--Oh, no.

The General Manager-Nearly all the Joint Stock Banks of England are organized under a deed of settlement. Whenever a bank is to be organized it deposits certain deeds showing who are the shareholders, how much capital it is proposed to subscribe, and so on.

Mr. Crawford-It is practically the same; they are bound to

The General Manager—No; they give it voluntarily. Mr. Crawford was pleased to hear that the managers of London banks, had so much discretion as not to leave anything to be banks, had so much discretion as not to leave anything to be banks, had so much discretion as not to leave anything to be desired by the shareholders; the information was given volun-tarily. He contended that it would be well if the directors, in tarily. The contended that it would be well if the directors, in tarily. The contended that it would be well if the directors, in view of the fact, that times had not been so good during the last few years as previously, were not quite so generous to the the officers as they had been in the past. He advocated the placing of parallel columns on the financial statement, showing the last few years as previously were not quite so generous to the the business of one year as compared with that of the preceding one. It would enable the shareholders, without nuch inconveni-ence or exertion, to see at a glance whether the institution had progressed or retrograded. He also consider d that it would be well if the shareholders were made acquainted with the amount of interact due on interact density.

well if the shareholders were made acquainted with the amount of interest due on interest deposits. In reply to Mr. Crawford the General Manager said the bank received from 3½ to 4 per cent, for the Dominion Government bonds; it gave more than par for them. Mr. T. D. Hood disagreed with Mr. Crawford as to the advis-ableness of reducing salaries; it was the worst thing that could be done, as it disheartened the men and made them lose interest in their work. "Pay them," he said, "what is just and right, and look to them for the work, and you can be sure you will get it." The General Manager—It has been the practice of this and other banks when there has been a really good year, and profits have been good, to let the employes participate in them by giving them a bonus. You may have noticed it over and over again in our reports, for, fortunately, we have had a number of fairly good years, International control of the problem they got no bonus.

Mr. John Morrison having expressed himself as being opposed. to the giving of bonuses, the General Manager, to some remarks by Mr. John Crawford, said: "We have a fund as a guarantee against any losses we might suffer through our officers by fraud, Against any losses we might state through our oncers by fraud, &c. It amounts to about \$40,000 which we consider is about sufficient. In addition, we insure our officers in the Guarantee Company for less than would be necessary if we had no guaran-tee fund of our own. Again, there is a Pension fund accumu-lating year by year, and which now amounts to about, \$20,000. We hope that by and by it will grow, and be a respectable Pension fund? Pension fund."

The motion for the adoption of the report was then carried unanimously.

moved by Mr. John Crawford, seconded by Mr. It was mov James O'Brien:-

"That Messrs. F. S. Lyman and James Williamson be appointed scrutineers of the election of Directors, about to take place; that they proceed to take the votes immediately; that the ballo

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shall close at three o'clock p.m., but if an interval of ten minutes

shall close at three o'clock p.m., but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered, the ballot shall thereupon be closed immediately." This was concurred in, after which J. H. R. Molson moved:--"That the thanks of the Stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for the manner in which they have conducted the institution during the past year, and to the General Manager for his efficient management during the vear." In making the motion Mr. Molson said that, though such a resolution was annually passed, this year he did not consider that

resolution was annually passed, this year he did not consider that it was a mere matter of form. Since the bank was reorganized many years ago, it had been steadily progressing. It had a a good Board of Directors, and the shareholders knew how efficient the General Manager had been as well. He thought it a good black of Diectors, and the sintendates and now now now efficient the General Manager had been as well. He thought it might be said with truth that they had done their duty very well. The earnings of all banks had during the past year been very much interfered with, owing to the plenitude of money. He was surprised that Mr. Crawford, who might know better, because he knew what was going on in the world, was disappointed at the earnings of the Merchants Bank being only a trifle over 9 per cent. It was better than he (Mr. Molson) had expected. A short time ago he was reading an extract from a banking paper which gave a statement of the average earnings of the banks in the United States for the past 25 years. Beginning 1840 the average carnings that year were 8 8-10 per cent., showing that all over the world there was a superabundance of money, and that banks had a difficulty in earning their dividends. He considered that the Merchants' Bank had done exceedingly well, and the Directors and the General Manager were entitled to the thanks of the Shareholders.

Mr. T. D. Hood seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

moved by Mr. John Morrison seconded by Mr. M. It was

Burke— "That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby ten-dered to the chairman for his efficient conduct of the business of the meeting

The motion was carried with cheers, and shortly afterwards the The motion was carried with cheers, and shortly afterwards the Scrutineers reported that the following gentlemen had been duly elected as Directors:—Andrew Allan, Robert Anderson, Hector Mackenzie, Jonathan Hodgson, John Cassils, H. Montagu Allan, James P. Dawes, J. H. Dunn, and Sir Joseph Hickson. The meeting then adjourned, The new Board of Directors met in the afternoon, when Mr. Andrew Allan was re-elected President, and Mr. Hector Mackenzie was elected Vice-President, in place of Mr. Robert Anderson.

Anderson.

BANK OF HAMILTON.

The 23rd annual general meeting of shareholders was held in Hamilton on Monday, the 17th. There was a good attendance. The president, Mr. John Stuart occupied the chair.

The following report and statement were submitted to and adopted by the shareholders :--

The balance at credit of profit and loss account, 31st May, 1894, was. The profits for the year ended 31st May, 1895, after deducting charges of management and making provision for bad and doubtful debts are :..... 5,109,79

110,709.59 \$115,819.38 From which have been declared :

Dividend 4 per cent., paid 1st December,

1894\$50,000 Dividend 4 per cont., payable 1st June.

1895	50.000	
Written off bank premises account	5,000	
	<u> </u>	105,000.00
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Balance of profit and loss, carried forward. \$ 10,819,38 The reduced earnings are fully accounted for by the prevailing dullness of trade and consequent inactive demand for money, the effects of which have been universally felt.

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	JOUN STA	RT.
		President.
Hamilton, June 8, 1895.		L LOSICICIAN
GENERAL STATE	MENT.	
LIABILITIESTo th	ie Public.	
Notes of the bank in circulation Deposits bearing interest Deposits not bearing interest Amount reserved for interest due	\$4,031,234.02 1,392,905.71	\$ 822,253.00
depositors	53,351.92	
Balances due to agents of the bank		5,477,492.55
in Great Britain Dividend No. 45, payable 1st June,	· .	884,215.74
1895 Former dividends unpaid	\$ 50,000.00 354.96	· · ·
-	***********	50,854.96
	taan 1000 ah	\$6,684,316.25

LiabilitiesTo the S	Shareholders.
Capital stock paid up Reserve fund	
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est on current bills discounted	30,000.00 10.819.38	
annee of prontecution for white	. 10,010,00	\$1,965,819.38

		\$8,650,135.63
ASSETS.	•	· · · · ·
Gold and silver coin Dominion Government notes Deposit with the Dominion Govern- ment as security for note circu-	436,68	
lation	60,00	0.00
Notes of and cheques on other banks Balances due from other banks in	181,97	15.97
Canada and the United States Canadian and British Government	209,48	56.49
and other public debentures Loans at call, or short call, on nego-	956,29	08.08
tiable securities	988,50	02.83 \$3,030,723.02
Notes discounted and advances curr	ent	

Notes discounted, etc., overdue (estimated loss provided for). Bank promises, office furnituro, safes, otc...... Real Estate (other than bank premises),mortgages,

etc...

17,178.95 40,290.34 Other assets not included under foregoing heads.

\$8,650,135.63

49,008.40

302,622.99

J. TURNBULL, Cashier.

Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton, May 31, 1895.

The customary votes of thanks to the directors and officers were unanimously passed. The board was re-elected as follows :--Messrs. John Stuart, A. G. Ramsay, John Proctor, George Roach, A. T. Wood, A. B. Lee (Toronto), and Wm. Gibson, M.P. At a subsequent meeting of the directory Mr. Let Stuarts and elected receiver and of the directors Mr. John Stuart was re-elected president and Mr. A. G. Ramsay vice-president.

THE TRADERS' BANK.

The tenth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Traders Bank was held at its Banking House in Toronto, on Tuesday, the 18th of June, 1895.

The president having been requested to take the chair, Messrs. Stuart Strathy and J. A. M. Alley were appointed scrutineors, and Mr. Strathy secretary, when the following statement was read :-

After making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, crediting interest to date on all interest bearing accounts, and re-serving accrued interest on outstanding deposit receipts, the net profits for the year amounted to \$37,418.56. To this is added a balance at credit of 'profit and loss last year, \$6,558.03, making in all, \$43,976.59.

Appropriated as follows :

Dividend No. 18, 3 per cent., payable Dec. 1st, 1894..... Dividend No. 19, 3 per cent., payable \$18,225.70

	June 1	st, 1895.	 	 18,252.00	
~~			· · ·	 	\$36,477.70

Balance at credit of profit and loss carried forward.....

7,498.89 \$43,976.59 The depression in trade-now happily passing away---which has been so general during the past two years, has made caution in granting credits more than usually necessary, resulting in a large portion of the bank's funds being lont upon bonds and stocks at comparatively low rates of interest. The large amount of funds available at short notice which the

The large amount of funds available at short notice which the bank now has will enable it to take advantage of returning pro-sperity, and employ its funds more profitably. As compared with the figures of a year ago, the deposits show an increase of over \$300,000. The directors recommend the purchase of the premises now occupied by the Bank in Toronto at a price representing the original cost, the rentals on which yield a moderate return, and will improve as the demand for offices increases. All the branches of the bank including the head office, have

All the branches of the bank, including the head office, have received the usual thorough inspections. The officers of the bank have performed their respective duties

to the satisfaction of the board.

WM. BELL

President. The election of directors resulted in the re-election of the old

board. Statement of the result of the business of the bank for the year ending May 31, 1895 :---

THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

After making full provision for all bad an debts, crediting interest to date on al bearing accounts, and reserving accru on outstanding deposit receipts, the n for the year amounted to	I interest- ed interest t profits t and loss	\$37,418.56 6,558.03
Making in all		\$43,976.59
Appropriated as follows, viz.: Dividend No. 18, 3 per cent., payable Dec. 1, 1894 Dividend No. 10, 3 per cent., payable June 1, 1895 Balance at credit of profit and loss carrie	\$18,225.70 18,252.00	·
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	31, 1895. 08,400.00 85,000.00	\$43,976.59
	18,252.00 146.10 8,333.43 7,498.89	\$ 727,630.48
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date 3,2	00,300.00 70,821.65 10,322.10	
	81,443.75 87,628.65	4,869,072.40
		\$5,596.702.88
Dominion Government demand notes 2 Notes and checks of other banks Balances due from other banks Balance due from New York agents 5 Dominion and Provincial Government debentures	11,002.68 11,711.00 91,527.58 80,578.10 16,225.30 51,731.06 18,108.38 85,712.31 21,540.71 30,553.30 820.50	\$1,980,974.10
mises) Bank promises (including safes, of-	19,070.37 58,031.50	8,615,728.78 \$5,596,702.88
HS	STRATUS	40,000,100,00

Toronto, May 31, 1895.

UNION BANK OF CANADA.

H. S. STRATHY,

General Manager.

The thirtieth annual general meeting of shareholders of this institution was held at the Banking House, in Quebec, on Saturday, June 15th, 1895.

There were present :- A. Thomson, Esq., Hon. E. J. Price, D. C. Thomson, Esq., Edmond Giroux, Esq., James King, Esq., C. Homson, Baq., Echnold Guoda, Esq., James King, Esq., M.P.P., John Broakoy, Esq., E. J. Hale, Esq. W. H. Carter, Esq., Hon. John Sharples, John Shaw, Esq., T. H. Dunn, Esq., C. P. Champion, Esq., Arthur R. Honry, Esq., J. H. Simmons, Esq., Gaspard Lemoine, Esq. The President, A. Thomson, Esq., took the chair, and requested Mr. J. G. Billett to act as scoretary, and Messrs. C. P. Champion and John Shaw as scrutineers, which was agreed to. The chairmain read the report of the directors, which was agreed to.

The chairman read the report of the directors, which was as follows

The directors beg to submit a statement of the liabilities and assets of the bank at the close of the financial year, ending 31st May last—also the following statement of the result of the business for the past year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, MAY 81st, 1895. Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account on June

30th, 1894. The Net Profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management, reserving for interest and ex-change, and making appropriations for bad and \$ 1,196.67

doubtful debts, have amounted to

\$80.683.58

79,486.91

Which has been appropriated as follows :-Dividend No. 56. Three per cent..... Dividend No. 57. "" \$36,000.00 Balance carried forward 8,683.58 \$80,683.58

Owing to the depressed condition of trade, the profits of the past year show a considerable decrease from those obtained in the previous year.

Branches have been established at Verdun. Manitoba, and at Norwood and Shelburne, Ontario, from which satisfactory results have been obtained. The usual inspection of the head office and branches of the

bank has been made during the year.

A. THOMSON President.

Quebec, June 15th, 1895.

GENERAL STATEMENT. LIABILITIES

DIADIN III	
Capital Stock	\$1,200,000.00
forward	•
Reserved for Rebate of Interest on Bills Discounted 25,857.05	346,463.77
Notes of the Bank in circulation \$ 818,782.00 Deposits not bearing Interest 791,918.33	
Deposits bearing Interest	
ain	
	6,255,635.49

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+				•	
\$	7.8	02	.0	99.	26

ASSET'S.		
Specie	\$ 35,428,55	
Dominion Government Notes	361,453.00	
Deposit with Dominion Government	,	
for security of note circulation	53,500.00	
Notes of and Cheques on other	,	
Banks	248,207.25	
Balances due by other Banks in		
Canada	36,851.22	1
Balances due by Agents in the		
United States	22,078.11	
Call loans on Bonds and Stocks	458,600.00	
		\$1,216,118.13
Other Loans and Bills Discounted		• • •
Current	6,132,495.78	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss nil).	173,209,20	
Real Estate other than Bank Pre-		
mises	72,607.97	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the		
Bank	3,733.91	
Bank Premises and Furniture	200,200.00	
Other Assets	3,784.27	
		6,585,981.13

\$7,802,099.26

E. E. WEBB, General Manager.

Quebec, May 31st, 1895.

It was then moved by A. Thomson, Esq., seconded by Hon. E. J. Price,—" That the report submitted to this meeting be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders."

J. Fride,..... That the report submitted to this meeting be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders." Carried. Moved by W. H. Carter, Esq., seconded by T. H. Dunn, Esq., "That the thanks of the shareholders be given to the president and directors for their valuable services during the year.". Carried.

Carried. Moved by J. H. Simmons, Esq., seconded by John Shaw, Esq., —"That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby ten-dered to the general manager, managers and other officers of the bank, for their careful attention to its affairs."—Carried. Moved by Hon. John Sharples, seconded by Gaspard Lemoine, Esq.,—"That the meeting now proceed to the election of direc-tors for the ensuing year, and that the ballot-box for the receipt of votes be kept open until one o'clock, or until five minutes have elapsed without a vote being offered, during which time proceedings be suspended."—Carried. The scrutineers appointed at the meeting reported that the following gentiemen were elected directors of the bank for the onsuing year :—Messrs. John Broakey, E. Giroux, E. J. Hale, James King. M.P. P., Hon. E. J. Price, A. Thomson, and D. C. Thomson.

Thomson.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the scrutineers, terminated the proceedings. J. G. BILLETT,

Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting of the new board of directors, Thomson, Esq., was re-elected president, and Hon. E. J. Price, vice-president.

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THE BANK OF TORONTO.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Toronto was held on the 19th inst.

On motion George Gooderham Esq., was called to the chair, and Mr. Coulson was requested to act as secretary. Messrs. Walter S. Lee and Thomas G. Blackstock were ap-

- By request of the chairman the secretary read the following

REPORT.

The directors of the Bank of Toronto beg to present to the stockholders the thirty-ninth annual report, accompanied by a statement of the affairs of the bank.

The depression in trade referred to in the last report continued throughout the year, and, combined with a steady shrinkage in the value of commodities, caused a large falling off in the volume of business. The demand for money was lessened, and the re-sources of the bank could not be employed to advantage. In consequence of this the statement shows a decrease in the earn-

ings for the year. The following is a summary of the result of the year's business :

The Net Profits for the year, after making full pro-vision for all losses and deducting expenses, in-terest accrued on deposits and rebate on current

discounts	, amounted to the sum of	\$204,525.04
Add balance	from last year	71,166.76
ILUIG SUITUILOU		,

\$275,492.30

This sum has been appropriated as follows ;

Carried forward to next year.....

\$200,000.00 75,492.30

\$275,492.30

The general manager and other officers of the bank have per-formed their duties to the satisfaction of the board. The whole respectfully submitted.

GEORGE GOODERHAM (Signed)

President. GENERAL STATEMENT 31ST MAY, 1895.

LIABILITIES.

LIABILITIE	·D•	
Notes in circulation Deposits bearing interest Deposits not bearing interest	\$7,880,607.05	\$ 1,242,786.00
Balances due to other banks Balances due to Agents of the Bar	nk in Great	9,720,716.80 • 106,397.72
Britain Unclaimed Dividends Half-yearly Dividend, payable 1st	1,015.00	16,891.83
June, 1895	100,000.00	101,015.00
Total liabilities to the Public Capital paid up Rest Interest accrued on Deposit Re-	\$2,000,000.00	\$11,187,807.35
Rebate on Notes Discounted Balance of Profit and Loss Account	51,932.00 93,178.00	
carried forward	75,492.30	4,020,602.30
ASSETS.		\$15,208,409.65
Gold and Silver coin on hand Dominion notes on hand Notes and checks of other banks Balances due from other banks in	\$ 624,861.00 1,165,672.00 261,505.59	
Canada Balances due from agents of the		
bank in the United States Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation.	443,110.06 76,046.81	
Municipal and other debentures	229,310.98	\$ 2,830,232,80
Loans and bills discounted Overdue debts (estimated loss pro- vided for)	12,171,050.37 6,894.57	

Real estate other than Bank pre-231.91mises 12,178,176,85 200,000.00 Bank premises.....

(Signed)

\$15,208,409.65 D. COULSON, General Manager.

The report was adopted and the thanks of the stockholders were

The report was adopted and the thanks of the stockholders were tendered to the president, vice-president and directors for their careful attention to the interests of the bank during the year. The following named gentlemen were elected directors :----George Gooderham, Henry Cawthra, Robert Reford, Wm. H. Beatty, Wm. Geo. Gooderham, George J. Cook, Charles Stuart. At a meeting of the new board George Gooderham, Esq., was unanimously re-elected president, and Wm. H. Beatty, Esq., vice-president. vice-president.

THE ONTARIO BANK.

The annual general meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Bank was held at the banking house, Toronto, on Tuesday the 18th day of June, 1895.

18th day of June, 1895.
Among those present were : Col. Sir C. S. Gzowski, A. D. C.
K.C. M.G., G.R.R. Cockburn, M.P., Hon. G. A. Drummond (Montreal), Donald McKay, D. Ullyot (Peterboro), W. R. Miller, (Montreal), G. M. Rose, A. S. Irving, R. D. Perry, A. Harvey, C.
S. Gzowski, jr., J. K. Macdonald, Thomas E. Fraser, F. B. Pol-son, H. B. Taylor, J. Richardson and others. On motion of Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn was called to the chair,

and Mr. Holland was requested to act as secretary

Messrs. J. K. Macdonald, W. R. Miller and C. S. Gzowski, jr., were appointed scrutineers.

At the request of the chairman the secretary read the following

REPORT

REPORT. The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the accom-panying statement of the accounts of the bank, made up to the Slat May, 1895, including the profit and loss account for the twelve months ending at that date : The net profits, after payment of all charges of management, interest due

Balance of Profit and Loss, May 31st, 1894	25,527.27
From which we have deducted : Dividend 3½ p.c., paid 1st Dec. 1894 \$ 52,500.00 Dividend 3 p.c., payable 1st June, 1895 45,000.00	
Written off Bank Premises 10,000.00	\$107,500.00
Transferred from Rest Account	\$ 15,843.32 305,000.00
From which the following appropriations have been For bad and doubtful debts	

In 1 of Real. 100.000.00 In reduction of other Securities & Assets 65'000.00

\$310.000.00

Leaving to be carried forward...... \$ 10,843.32 The year just closed has been one of exceptional difficulty for the profitable conduct of monetary institutions. Trade of all kinds, not only in Canada, but throughout the whole world, has been inactive and depressed, while the demand for money has been correspondingly limited, and its full employment was ob-tainable only with difficulty and at unremunerative rates.

tainable only with difficulty and at unremunerative rates. From these causes the bank, in common with other institutions has suffered a proportionate diminution of profits, necessitating a reduction of the dividend for the last half of the year to three per cent., but it had, in addition, to contend against a series of exaggerated and otherwise prejudicial rumors, which entailed, as a precautionary measure, a considerable contraction of the loans, and the holding of largely increased reserves. While these influences have not affected the stability of the bank or had any permanent influence upon its earning power, they have been prejudicial to its earnings, during the period under review, and have depressed the quotations of the stock to a figure much below its real value. In view of these circumstances, and the important changes

In view of these circumstances, and the important changes which have taken place in the board, your directors deemed it advisable to make a careful examination and revaluation of the advisable to make a careful examination and revaluation of the bank's entire assets, both at the head office and the branches, and after much earnest consideration they decided to take a more conservative view of a number of accounts in the bank's books, and to write off all ascertained losses (a portion of which it had been hoped, until within the present year, would not require appropriations) and to make due provision also for any debts deemed doubtful, as well as to provide liberally for any shrinkage in value or loss that might occur in disposing of the real estate and other securities. To accomplish this it was necessary, as will be seen by the

the real estate and other securities. To accomplish this it was necessary, as will be seen by the balance sheet appended, to appropriate a sufficient sum from the reserve, a step your directors regret exceedingly, but they deemed it, as well as the reduction of the dividend, to be the proper course to pursue under the circumstances. They are also of the opinion, that as there are indications of a gradual and general revival of business, the present time was an especially fitting opportunity for making this appropriation, and of thus placing the affairs of the bank upon a satisfactory basis.

basis

basis. The business of the bank is good, and its earning power sub-stantially unimpaired, and your directors believe it to be more to the true interest of the stockholders to show a smaller Reserve Fund and less unproductive assets. Your directors desire to place upon record their sense of the great loss sustained by the bank in the deaths of their esteemed colleagues, the late Mr. A. M. Smith and the Hon. C. F. Fraser, whose sound judgment and influence were at all times so freely given in the interest of the stockholders.

whose sound judgment and innuclea were at all times so freely given in the interest of the stockholders. The vacancies in the board caused by their deaths, and by the retirement of the late president, the Hon. Sir William Howland, have been filled by the election of Mr. A. S. Irving and Mr. R. D. Perry, both of Toronto, and Mr. D. Ullyott of Peterboro. Mr. Donald MacKay was elected to fill the vacant office of vice-pre-sident sident.

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The usual inspectiou of the head office and of the different branches of the bank have been continued throughout the year, and in order to famillarize himself with the position of the bank, the president has also visited the different offices, a policy which your directors recommend should be observed in the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE R. R. COCKBURN, President.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES	S.	
Capital stock paid up Rest Balance of profits carried forward	\$ 40,000.00 10,843.32	\$1,500,000.00
Dividends unclaimed Dividends payable 1st June, 1895	678.50 45,000.00	50,843.32
	***************	45,678.50
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$ 761,972.00 802,582.88	\$1,596,521.82
Deposits not bearing interest Deposits bearing interest, interest accrued to date added	3,744,868.87	
Balances due banks in Canada	22,297.48	5,331,721.23
		\$6,928,243.05
ASSETS.	* *** *** **	
Gold and silver coin Government demand Notes Deposits with Dominion Government	\$ 175,250.59 538,072.00	
for security of note circulation.	53,854.34	
Notes and cheques of other banks	236,767.65	
Due by other banks in Canada Due by other banks in United	104,282.57	
States.	134,289.49	
Due by other banks in Great Britain United States R.R. bonds, municipal	47,485.31	
and other debentures	218,815.04	
Loans at call on bonds and stocks	297,642.86	\$1,805,959.35
Bills discounted, current and loans Overdue debts, estimated loss pro-	\$4,808,647.77	412,000,000.00
vided for	25,627.63	
Real Estate	57,027.04	
Mortgages	26,650.00	
Bank premises, safes, furniture, etc.	172,527.96	~ 100 000 MA
Other assets not included above	31,803.30	5,122,283.70

\$6,928,243.05 C. HOLLAND, General Manager.

Ontario Bank, Toronto, 31st May, 1895.

After remarks on the business of the bank for the year, G. R. R. Cockburn moved, seconded by Donald McKay, that the report

R. Cockburn moved, seconded by Donald McKay, that the report be adopted, which was duly carried. The usual resolutions thanking the president and directors were then passed.
The scrutineers appointed at the meeting subsequently re-ported the following gentlemen duly elected as directors for the ensuing year, viz., G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Donald McKay, G. M. Röse, Hon. J. C. Alkens, A. S. Irving, R. D. Perry, D. Ullyot. The new board met the same afternoon, when G. R. P. Cock-burn, M. P., was elected president and Donald MacKay vice-president by unanimous votes.
C. HOLLAND.

C. HOLLAND, General Manager.

Toronto, 18th June, 1895.

HOCHELAGA BANK.

The twonty-lirst annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hochelaga Bank was held in the bank building, at Montreal, at noon on Saturday, 15th June, 1895. Mr. F. X. St. Charles was called to the chair. Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast was requested to act as secretary. The secretary read the advertisement in the *Canada Gazette* calling the meeting.

Messrs. E. Cunningham and F. Dubreuil were appointed scrutineers on the motion of Mr. F. X. St. Charles, seconded by Mr. Chas. Chaput.

The twenty-first annual report was then read as follows :

The twenty-first annual report was then read as follows: To the shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga. GENTLEMEN,—In submitting the result of the operations of the fiscal year, ending on the 31st May last, your directors are happy to congratulate you on the Bank of Hochelaga having at-tained its majority. If its infancy was a little stormy, its youth was more calm, and its the annual window of wown up are provided to an

with the experience and wisdom of years we are permitted to en-

with the experience and wisdom of years we are permitted to en-tertain modest hopes for its mature ago. In short, for about five years the bank hus been able, not only to continue to pay reasonable dividends, but it has been able gradually to extend its field of operations, carrying in all \$220,-000 to its reserve fund, which is now \$320,000, being 40 per cent. of its capital of \$\$00,000. In the same period it hus created a fund of \$20,000 for the guarantee of its officers and employees. Also, we may mention in passing, that the new stock, issued in August last, was promptly subscribed, all by our shareholders, and the premium realized on this stock has contributed to the re-

and the premium realized on this stock has contributed to the reserve fund.

This issue of stock was rendered necessary by the fact that for several years we were forced to periodically restrict the expan-sion of our circulation in order to keep within the limits pre-

sion of our circulation in sector scribed by the Banking Act. Last year we announced to you the opening of a new branch for Notre Dame street west. This branch has been in operation for Notre Dame street west. several months, and we have reason to believe that it will make satisfactory progress in the near future.

In order to meet a desire expressed in a petition signed by a number of the leading citizens of the St. Louis ward, we have de-cided to open, at an early date, another branch on St. Catherine street, near Saguinet street, making the total number of branches

street, near Sagunet street, making the contract ten. You will see by this that your bank, although it has barely at-tained its majority, has already established a sufficiently numer-ous family, of which the different branches do their best to con-solidate the bank's position, and extend its business. The accounts, as well as the securities of all sorts, not only at the head office, but also at the branches, have been verified in the course of the year. A glance at the profit and loss statement, as well as at the statement of affairs which we present, will advantageously prove the actual position of the bank.

the actual position of the bank. Statement of profit and loss for the twelve months, ending 31st

May, 1895 :

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	UNT.	
Credit.		
Balance at credit Profit and Loss, May 81st 1894	\$ 3,922.78	
Net profits for year ending May 31st 1895, after deducting expenses of manage- ment, interest accrued and deposits on		• •
bad and doubtful debts provided for.	88,851.34	•
Premium on new stock	17,980.00	
	<u> </u>	\$110,754.12
Debit.		
Dividend paid December 1st, 1894	26,001.65	
Dividend payable June 1st, 1895	28,000.00	
Carried to Employee's Guarantee Fund	3,062.73	
" to Reserve Fund	50,000,00	

Balance to credit Profit and Loss, May 31st, 1895..... 3.689.74

All of which is respectfully submitted, (Signed)

F. X. ST. CHARLES. President.

\$110,754.12

\$5,231,140.89

3,356,955.06 \$5,231,140.89

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS, 31ST MAY, 1895.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid up	1,171,977.64
Notes in circulation	1,111,011.04
Balance due to other Banks in Canada	
foreign countries	
Deposits payable on call	
Deposits bearing interest 2.688,986.34	
Outstanding drafts drawn by agen- cies on Head Office	4,059,163.25

ASSETS.		
Specie	77,176,90	
Dominion notes	295,077.00	
Deposit with Dominion Government		
for security of circulation	32,602,00	• • • •
Notes and cheques of other Banks,.	227,529,25	
Due by other Banks in Canada	4,436.86	
Due by Foreign Agents	150,641.51	
Provincial Government debentures.	96,312.77	
Other debentures	85.600.00	•
Call loans on bonds and stocks	519,356.66	
Other call loans	385,452,88	••
· · · · · ·		1,874,185.83
Notes under discount	3,164,075.91	· · · ·
Overane notes (losses provided for)	9,111.50	
Other debts guaranteed by mort-	•	
gages or other securities	44,555.24	
Mortgages	18,943,25	
Real Estate	48,751.75	
Bank premises	36,842,50	
Office fixtures and stationery	34,674.91	· ·

(Signed)

M. J. A. PRENDERGAST,

Secretary and General Manager.

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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

The General Manager said :-Gentlemen, the president having discussed about every question that has any bearing upon the official report of the bank, I will limit my remarks to a few ob-servations of equal interest on the state of affairs in general. servations of equal interest on the state of affairs in general. During the past two years we have passed through a crisis of extreme gravity; this is admitted by all. In time of commer-cial and and financial crisis as in times of war, each one gives the main cause, if not the one cause of his financial troubles, that which he feels most directly. It is needless to say there is a variety of causes given, but if this proves that in general the causes of the different crises are many we are not less in a posi-tion to realize that the immediate cause of the greater number of fallures in the Dominion of Canada is the want of sufficient capi-tal, viz., that a great number of persons engage imprudently in business without possessing the persense vanial for the operatai, viz., that a great number of persons engage imprudently in business without possessing the necessary capital for the opera-tions they are going to engage in. At the time of your general meeting in 1893 I submitted for your consideration the follow-ing reflection: "I will undertake the liberty of pointing out an abuse against which we should do all in our power to counteract. I refer to the abuse into which certain merchants and manufac-turers fell in which go on encounterated where of husturers fall in wishing to show an exaggerated volume of busi-ness compared with their capital, and which consists in obtaining several lines of credit at different banks, and thus making the latter furnish the capital they themselves do not possess. An eminent American banker compares the inevitable result of such a state of things as that which an attempt to construct an in-verted pyramid would obtain. It is quite evident that for stable

vertee by a for stable construction, a solid foundation is required, and for business as ufficient capital." Bradstreet's Commercial agency, in its remarkable work of compilation, establishes that during 1894, out of 1,400 failures that took place in Ontario, and Quebec, 1,141, that is seven-tenths, are the result of a want of sufficient capital.

Having the honor to speak before a body of men where capital and influence are very considerable, I have thought that it would not be out of place to call their attention once more to this point in order that they might use all their power to counteract an abuse the consequences of which are becoming more and more concourse. serious.

The statement of the bank shows once more that your direc-The statement of the bank shows once more that your direc-tion continues its policy of prudence in holding a strong reserve, not only in the treasury, but in assets that can be realized at will. Besides the want of confidence which we meet with in our local business, we still feel the effects of the American crisis, as in fact we expressed the fear of it at our meeting of 1893. It is true that certain authorities, perhaps optimistic, see in the recent rise in wheat, cattle, metals, etc., indications of a near return of <u>prosperity</u>. I must also admit that the amount exchanged be-tween the banks and the Montreal Clearing House from the 1st of January. 1895. to date is \$247,000.000 against \$232,000,000 for tween the banks and the Montreal Clearing House from the 1st of January, 1895, to date is \$247,000,000 against \$282,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1894, or an increase of \$15,000,000 in favor of 1895. Therefore, this gradual and constant expansion which appears in the United States, as well as in Canada, is gen-erally regarded as of good augury. Inasmuch as a like recovery of activity in industrial life is remarked. I would like to be able to say that I show this appedence activity but it is impossible to say that I share this confidence entirely, but it is impossible to ignore the fact that the rise in the price of articles of first necessity, instead of being caused by the firm demand of these articles, might only be the result of the manipulations of certain speculators, who, for a number of years, bring about a rise and fall according to the exigencies of the moment.

At all events let us gather from these crises that we pass through, lessons of prudence and above all of economy. Let us learn to regulate our expenses according to our means, and to proportion our business to our capital. Lastly, as a grain of con-solation, let us not forget that if we cannot avoid these periodical crises, caused altogether by the instability of human character, and of human affairs (for, as the American humorist expresses it, there is a good deal of human nature about man) these crises are and of human anars (for, as the American numorist expresses it, there is a good deal of human nature about man) these crises are always followed by a period of recuperation of greater or less length, which are followed by a period of prosperity. This march is constituted by means of statistics collected by careful observers. Have we passed through the first two periods, and are we on the eve of entering the third? Let us hope so.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Mr. F. X. St. Charles, seconded by Mr. R. Bickerdike, that the report just read be adopted. Carried.

Moved by R. Forget, seconded by Mr. James Price, that the thanks of the shareholders are due to the president, vice-presi-dent and directors for their excellent administration of the affairs of the bank during the financial period which has just terminated. Adopted.

Moved by Mr. A. David, seconded by Mr. E. Hurtubise, that a vote of thanks be also tendered to the general manager, the as-sistant manager and the other officers of the bank for the zeal which they have displayed in the accomplishment of their respective duties. Adopted.

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Lebel, seconded by Mr. J. L. Coutlee, that the meeting proceed to the election of directors for the bank. Carried.

After counting the ballots, the scrutineers reported as follows :-

We, the scrutineers duly named at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga, this day declare the fol-lowing gentlemen elected directors of this bank for the current

ycar, namely, Messrs. F. X. St. Charles, R. Bickerdike, Chas. Chaput, J. D. Rolland, J. A. Vaillancourt. Montreal, 15th June, 1895.

(Signed) E. CUNNINGHAM,

F. DUBREUTL,

Moved by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. F. Dubreuil, that the report of this meeting be printed and distributed to the shareholders for their information. Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

At a meeting of the directors held subsequently Mr. F. X. St. Charles was re-elected president, and Mr. R. Bickerdike was re-elected vice-president for the current year.

(Signed) M, J. A. PRENDERGAST,

Secretary and General Manager.

BANQUE JACQUES CARTIER.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Banque Jacques Cartier was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in the rooms of the bank, Place d'Armes square, there being present Hon. Al-phonse Desjardins, president; A. S. Hamelin, vice-president; Dumont Laviolette, A. L. de Martigny, A. Aumond, L. J. O. Beauchemin, J. E. Beaudry, G. N. Ducharme, Onesime Marti-neau, Thomas Gauthier and J. A. Labine. Hon, Mr. Desjardins being called to the chair and Mr. A. de Martigny being asked to act as secretary, the report of the last annual meeting was read and approved of. The president then read the following report, presented by the

and approved of. The president then read the following report, presented by the directors, of the business of the past year :--GENTLEMEN.—The board of directors has the honor to present to you the report of the operations of the bank for the year end-ing the 31st May, 1895 :--Balance to the credit of profit and loss the 21ct May, 1804

the 31st May, 1894..... \$ 8,284.69

The net profits for the past year, deduc-tions being made for the working expenses, interest on deposits, and also amounts deducted for losses ... \$45,823.84

To deduct-

Dividend 3½ per cent., Dec. 1st, 1894.. Dividend 3½ per cent., June 1st, 1895. Carried to reserve fund..... \$17,500.00 17,500.00 10,000.00

Balance of profits carried forward

\$8.608.53 The last, like former years, was noted for an increased exten-sion of the bank's operations. The proportion, however, of the increase of time deposits was nevertheless greater than the rest, Increase of time deposits was nevertheless greater than the rest, which had the effect of augmenting in a corresponding degree the interest paid and also to absorb the profits of the bank. How-ever the period of stagnation in business due to hesitation caused by the commercial crisis which has been so generally felt, has, since the opening of the season, given place to confidence and more general activity, and in consequence capital has been more readily solicited and has found more easily a surer and remunerative employment. If, as everything seems to indicate, the sym-ptoms of a complete return of business prosperity be verified we have every reason to look for excellent results during the year have every reason to look for excellent results during the year that has just begun, and superior to the two last years, satisfac-tory though they may have been. For the first time since its ex-istence the bank has gone beyond the limits of the province of Quebec to establish a branch, but although the distance may be great the new office is located in a centre where the French-Canadian element has its importance, and which, by its position, its climate and the varied products of the soil offers the best con-dition for the future. Edmonton is in fact the *chef lieu* of a very important district, the development of which has surpassed con-siderably during the last few years that of any other portion of the Northwest territories. Established since last fall only, the new branch has not only met all expenses necessary to its instalnew branch has not only met all expenses necessary to its instal-lation, but has contributed in a satisfactory proportion to the profits of the year. Against this we have decided to transfer to the St. Hyacinthe

office the business of the St. Simon agency. The head office, the different branches and agencies of the

bank have been regularly inspected, and your administrators are happy to bear testimony to the zeal and intelligence with which the managing director, the assistant manager, and the other officers of the bank have all fulfilled the duties of their respective charges. All of which is respectively submitted.

ALPH. DESJARDINS, President. The following general statement to 31st May, 1895, was also submitted by the general manager :--

LIABILITIES,	
Capital\$ 50	0.000.00
Reserve fund	5.000.00
Reserve fund for reduction of discount on bills com-	,
ing due	25,000.00
Profits and Losses balance on hand	8,608.53
Unclaimed dividends	1,013.66
Dividend No. 59, 3½ per cent., payable June 1,	•
1895 1	17,500.00
Total due shareholders \$ 78	37.122.19

\$53,608,53

\$45,000.00

Bank bills in circulation Deposits not bearing interest Deposits bearing interest Dominion Government deposits Provincial Government deposits Unpaid cheques of the branches in the Montreal agency Due to other Canadian banks. Due to the Bank's agents in foreign countries	884,840.85 2,380,790.19 19,964.67 50,000.00
Due to the Bank's agents in foreign countries	\$4,489,591.81

ASSETS.	
Gold and silver	\$ 35,600.83 131,473.00
Dominion notes	131,473.00
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of	,
note circulation	21,264.04
Notes and checks of other banks	145,589.60
Due by other Canadian banks	20,943.89
Due by other banks in foreign countries	40,824.77
Due by other banks in United Kingdom	64,459.50
Call loans on stocks and other public securities	77,425.02
Other call loans	512,746.83
Loans and discounts running, deduction made of	·
interest on notes coming due, \$25,000	3,081,786.76
Notes over uc, probable losses deducted	22,371.80
Secured debts	59,619.87
Debts in liquidation not specially guaranteed after	,
having provided for losses	64,581.71
Real estate	70,010.56
Bank buildings in Montreal and elsewhere,	109,073.40
Furniture and stationery	31,869.73

\$4,489,591.31

A. L. DEMARTIONY, Managing-Director.

shareholders

The president having asked Messrs. L. J. O. Beauchemin and Alphonse Aumond to act as scrutinners, the election of the board of directors was then proceeded with, resulting as follows :--Hon. Alphonse Desjardins, A. S. Hamelin, Dumont Laviolette, Joel Leduc and A. L. de Martigny. Proposed by Mr. Thomas Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Alf. Aumond, that the thanks of the shareholders be extended to the president size merident and directors for the convictor they have

President, vice-president and directors for the services they have rendered the bank during the past year. Proposed by Mr. 1. J. O. Beauchemin, seconded by Mr. J. E. Beaudry, that the thanks of the shareholders be extended to the managing director, the assistant manager, the inspector and other officers of the bank for the zeal displayed in the discharge of their several duties.

Proposed by Mr. A. S. Hamelin, seconded by Mr. Dumont Laviolette, that the thanks of the shareholders be extended to the scrutineers, after which the meeting was declared closed. (Signed), ALPH. DESLARDINS,

(Signed), President.

A. L. DEMARTIONY, Managing Director.

LA BANQUE VILLE MARIE.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of La Banque Ville Marie was hold at its office on Tuesday, the 18th inst., Mr. W. Weir, the president, in the chair, and Mr. F. X. Lomieux, chief accountant, acting as secretary. Among the shareholders Content accountance, again as secretary. Annoing the sufficiency present were Messrs. Robert Cowans, Wm. Strachan, W. Weir, U. Garand, E. Lichtenhein, J. A. Rolland, Arthur Dumas, D. McNaughton, F. W. Smith, P. A. A. Dorion and Godfrey Weir. The directors submitted the following report: To the Shareholders of La Banque Ville Marie. GENTLEMEN,—The directors have the honor to submit the following report, showing the result of the business of the year onding Right Marie.

onding 31st May, 1895.

The net profits, after deducting expenses of manage-ment interest on dense and the amount written

off to cover bad debts, were	

Making in all	\$48,328.21	
Appropriated as follows :		
Dividend of 3 per cent. 1st December, 1894,	\$14,385.00	
Dividend 3 per cent. 1st June 1895		
Carried to Rest Account	10,000.00	
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Ac-		
count	4.554.61	

\$43,328.21

The general statement herewith submitted shows the condition of the bank at the close of the year. During the year the bank has opened branches at Laprairie and St. Laurent, both of which give promise of satisfactory re-

sults. The branches have, as usual, been inspected from time to time, and the directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the faith

ful and intelligent manner in which the managers and assistants continue to discharge their respective duties. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. WEIR, President.

Montreal, 18th June, 1895.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.		
Specie	\$ 17,081.36	
Dominion notes	42,501.00	
Deposit with Dominion Gov't, to se-		
cure circulation	20,000.00	
Notes and Cheques of other Banks.	86,076.02	
Due by other banks in Canada	3,710.00	
Due by other banks in foreign coun-	•	
tries	10,196.88	
Due by other Banks in the United	•	
Kingdom	3,094,41	
Canadian Municipal securities	4,525.00	
Call loans on stocks and bonds	46,969.75	
Immediatly available		\$ 234,154.42
Current Loans and Discounts Loans and Discounts overdue not	\$1,029,481.91	
specially secured	50,842.37	#1 000 BB4 00
Doul Materia	A 01 100 00	\$1,080,324.28
Real Estate		
Bank Premises	22,000.00	
Mortgages an properties old, and	90.051.40	
others Office fixtures, safes, stationery, etc.	29,951.48	
	14,596.46	
Other assets including its own Stock	070 970 90	907 110 29
owned by the bank	279,372.33	367,116.53
		\$1,681,595,23
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LIABILITIES.

To the shareholders.				
Capital paid up	\$	479,620.00		<i>.</i>
Rest		10,000.00		
Profit and Loss		4,554.61		
Dividend due 1st June, 1895		14,388.60		
,	_	,	\$	508,563,21
To the Public.			•	· · · , · · · · ·
Notes in circulation	\$	254,055.00		
Deposits not bearing interest		171,986.96		
Deposits bearing interest		738,520.83		
Dominion Government deposit		6,804.76		
Othor liabilities		1,658.47		
-	-		1	,173,032.02
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F. LEMIEUX.

Montreal, May 31, 1895.

The President moved the adoption of the Report, and in doing so referred briefly to the increased earnings and improved posi-tion of the bank. He spoke hopefully of a revival in business, of which there were already indications both in England, Canada and the United States. The motion having been seconded by Mr. E. Lichtenhein, the vice-president, was unanimously adopted.

After the usual vote of thanks the meeting proceeded to the election of directors when the following gentlemen were unani-mously elected: W. Weir, E. Lichtenhein, A. S. C. Wurtele, F. W. Smith and Godfrey Weir. The meeting then adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Messrs. W. Weir and E. Lichtenhein were unanimously re-elected president and vice-president respectively.

president respectively.

LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended June 20th, 1895.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments rendered for sums of \$250 and upwards, and chatte Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$500 and upwards.

WRITS ISSUED, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

June 12th.

* •	 ***	Spooner,		

St Cunegonde-L. H. Henault vs. H. Charron	260
St. Hyacinthe-J. U. Lemieux vs. J. Mathieu	361
St. Zotique-F. Methol vs. T. McEnwiry	600
Sherbrooke-D. McManamy et al vs. A. W. Olivier	1,550
June 18t	-

Clarenceville-J. Ricard vs. T. R. Creller, \$690; J. Ricard vs. G A Creller, \$760.

Accountant.

\$1,681,595.23

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Brockville-Bank of Hamilton agt. Garson, Purser & Co. \$4,283 York Co-E. King agt. J. H. Lennox..... 1,176 1,176 JUDGMENTS RENDERED, MANITOBA.

June 12th.

Saltcoats-J. A. Wood agt. Mrs. J. S. Adams \$ 290 June 18th.

Winnipeg-Freehold L. & S. Co. agt. T. W. Craven 1,186 June 17th.

Regina-North Scotland Can. Mtge. Co. agt. Regina Dist. Elev. Co. Ltd., \$6,601.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

June 12th.

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June 12th.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

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Belleville-G. E. Hanwell to R. T. Hamilton
Gananoque-J. Donahue to W. H. Britton
Hamilton-T. Hood to C. M. Counsell
Howick TpR. Ferguson to W. Ferguson
Ottawa-W. M. G. Mortimer to Isabella Martin
Port Hope-F. E. Goudrie & wife to S. & J. Patterson 579
Stratford-W. M. O. Beirne et al to A. Buntin 2,000
Toronto-E. E. Hallamore to F. O. Martin, \$700; R. Lennox to
Toronto B. & M. Co. \$4,200; R. Lennox to L. Rein-
bardt \$2,000

hardt, \$2,000. Woodstock—J. Russon to H. J. Finkle..... 1.645June 18th.

Barrie-P. McAvoy to T. McAvoy, \$600; Mrs. Annie Sanders to

S. M. Thomson, \$1,394. Ottawa-A. Throop & wife to Theresa Reynolds, \$531; J. Watch-orn to R. Dale, \$1,082.

Toronto-Margt. L. Shephard to Z. Gallagher 795 June 14th.

4,742 2,000 Montreal-W. W. Craig, admr. to Dominion Bank..... St. Thomas-S. Shepard & wife to J. Rundle..... June 17th.

June 18th.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MANITOBA.

June 12th.

June 17th.

Banff-Janet K. Fulmer to Thompson, Codville & Co.... \$4,000 Edmonton-D. R. Fraser to Imperial Bank...... 6,000 Indian Head-W. R. Bell to Scottish Am. Inv. Co...... 26,469 CHATTEL MORTGAGES, B.C.

June 12th.

June 13th. 1,000

Vancouver-P. F. Emerson to C. P. Wolley June 14th.

New Westminster-R. F. Anderson to J. Cunningham. 25,000 Vancouver-Malcolm & Windsor, Ltd., to H. W. Peabody & Co., \$25,000.

BILLS OF SALE, PROVINCE OF ONTABIO.

June 12th.

Toronto-M. G. Cameron to M. C. Cameron, \$1,500; A. & Mary E. Macdonald to Ann Wilson, \$1,500; S. Rosenburg to Eliza A. Rosenburg, \$2,000.

June 13th.

T. J. Thompson to F. F. Telfer et al..... 800 Kagawong-T. J. Thompson to F. F. Telfer et al... Ottawa-H. Chatelaine to G. Philbert..... 800 June 18th.

Barrie-A. F. Hunter to H. D. McLaren \$2,387 . BILLS OF SALE, N.B.

June 18th. St. John-W. A. Stewart, tobacco & cigars, for ... \$1,000 & \$1,750

Compton-W. Mills vs. F. S. Wetherall

June 17h.

June 18th.

Montreal-B. Girash vs. T. Bastien et al...... \$1,000 WRITS ISSUED, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

June 12th.

June 13th.

June 14th.

Guelph-H. Toner vs. J. J. Daly..... Sudbury-Kirkwood & McKinnon vs. A. Gougeon..... Toronto-A. D. McRossie vs. R. H. Greene, assignee... 4,247 2,419 4,966 June 18th.

WRITS ISSUED, MANITOBA.

June 12th.

Brandon-Smith, Fischel & Co. vs. C. Newburn \$ 136 JUDGMENTS RENDERED, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

June 12th.

- June 13th. Montreal-C. Desmarteau agt. Ottawa & Gatineau Ry. Co. 672 June 17th.
- Montreal-G. Quintal-agt. Petites Soeurs des Pauvres. \$1,307 JUDGMENTS RENDERED, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

June 19th.

Mooretown-J. W. Steinhoff et al agt. Mooretown Salt Co. \$1,475;

J. Graham agt. Mooretown Salt Co., \$1,123. Ottawa—La Banque Nationale agt. Jas. Corry.....\$749 & \$508 June 13th.

June 17th. York Co.—H. G. Mackenzie agt. M. E. & E. Major..... \$1,585 Toronto—Brown & Love agt. Toronto Corpu. & E. J. Len-nox, \$7,484.

June 14th. 5,000



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cables, and 1-16 to 1-32 disct. for New York funds. Over the counter rates were 10 to 101% for sixties, 101/4 to 3% for demand, 101/2 for cables and 1/8 to 1/4 premium for New York funds.

On the Stock Exchange the bull element has full control, and prices of all the leading stocks have been forced up to a point which conservative brokers consider un. warranted. Why it is difficult to say; except that the speculative element seem to have plenty of money for margins, and are building on the fact that the business of the gas, street railway, and cable companics will increase with the general revival in trade. Street Railway which opened at 203, rose to 2111/2, and closed at 210. New Street opened at 2011/2, rose to 209, and closed at 20814. Gas opened at 204, rose to 209% and closed at 209%. Cable opened at 160%, rose to 165 and closed at 163. These four stocks represented 20,000 out of the totalof 27.000 shares dealt in, and . 5,800 of the balance were composed of Toronto Street and Richelieu also speculative stocks. The investment demand was confined to a few hundred shares in the banks and industrials.

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Commerce	62	130	1391/	1381/8
Hochelaga	9	$128\frac{1}{2}$		
Merchants	35	$167\frac{1}{2}$	$167\frac{1}{2}$	$161\frac{1}{4}$
Union	30	101	101	102
Peoples	114	1151/4	1131/2	••••
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Cable	4163		1601/	141
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Mont. Gas	5040	209%	203	169
R. & O	1531	104	$102\frac{1}{2}$	62 1/8
Bell Tel	65	160	159 1/2	1461/
Telegraph	84	163	162	150%
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Thursday Evg., Juno 20th, 1895. The improved tone noted in jour last is

grain in which prices have been reduced to meet the competition [of American produce. The markets may be summarized as follows :--- Chemicals active, considering the May rush is over. Live stock 1/2 higher in England. Rubber quiet. Salt moving steadily. Groceries fairly active. Sugars unchanged. Molasses strong. Teas brisk and improving. Hides scarce. Hay strong and higher in view of drought. Lemons dearer through short stock. A marked improvement in iron and hardware. Wool and petroleum unchanged. Leather quiet, but very firm. Butter weak owing to lack of export enquiry. Cheese unsettled and country prices 1/2c higher than those ruling here. Glass scarce, and stocks of linseed oil very low. Paris green strong. Dry goods men report both sorting and fall orders coming in well. Millinery houses say trade is 50 per cent. better than last year. There are few failures and remittances show considerable improvement.

BUTTER, CHEESE & EGGS .- There is but little change to note in the butter market There is an entire absence of export enquiry, and the trade are dependent wholly upon the local and jobbing demand. As a matter of course stocks are accumulating, and only strictly prime lots sell at our quotations. Finest creamery brings 15 to 151/2c in a jobbing way, Township Dairy, almost approaching creamery in quality, 14 to 15c, and Western dairy 11 to 12%c. But the latter is difficult of sale, and the market is entirely in buyer's hands. The cheese market is one that it is difficult to describe intelligibly. There is a stronger feeling across the line, which has helped us somewhat, and sales have been made of prime Quebec at 71/c and of Ontario at 71/3c in this market. The public cable quotes new cheese at 36s as against 52s 6d last year' or a decline of over 48 per cent. in values from the spring of 1894; and the outlook is certainly a mixed one. Apparently buyers are willing to pay more at the country cheese boards than they will the country choese boards than they will in town, and this also tends to unsettle the market. Eggs are a trifle higher as they all required to be "candled" now, owing to the number of bad ones in each consign-ment and we quote 10½ to 11 cents in a icobbing way. jobbing way.

CEMENT & FIRE BRICKS .- The cement market is quiet and no big orders have been placed recently. We advance prices of English to \$1.95 to \$2.05 in sympathy with the rise in England. Belgian is unchanged at \$1.80 to \$1.90 as to brand. Fire brick are in good demand and firm at \$15 to \$21 per M as to quality. The ar-rivals for the week were 5700 bris Belgian and 3000 brls. English cement. Of fire bricks the arrivals were 78,000.

DRY GOODS .- Orders are coming in fairly well both for sorting and fall goods, and there is a disposition noticeable among both city and country merchants to place larger orders than for some time past, as they feel that any change in prices must be upward. The millinery trade are doing unexpectedly well, and the larger houses report the volume of their over-turn to date as fifty per cent. more than that, of last year. Both city and suburban traders report an active demand for seasonable fabries due to the exercise the way how fabries due to the excessively hot weather, and failures are very few. Money receipts are improving and most large houses report payments satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- A vory fair The following are the transactions of the maintained in all lines except flour and trade is doing in both drugs and chemicals

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especially considering that this is the season when the May rush is over and when business in these lines is usually slack. Camphor is very strong and holders offer sparingly as supplies are moderate and the outlook for cheaper crude is not reassuring. spining 5 as supported is not reassuring. Gambier is very firm. Cutch is in moder-ate demand. Indigo is steady. The next London public sale will be held on July 8th. The offering will amount to 4,350 chests, including 2,250 Bengal and Oudes, 1,205 Kurpah, 320 Madras, 120 Binliptam and 365 Bombay. The London stock June 1st was 12,673 chests, against 17,700 chests a year ago. Quinine firm under a moder-ate demand with pill makers inclined to hold off for bargains. The stock in Lon-don on the 1st inst. was 2,332,160 ounces, against 3,134,720 ounces at corresponding date last year, a reduction of 802,560 ounces. Stocks on this side of the Atlan-tic, It is belioved, have decreased fully as as much during the same period. As far as a surplus stock is concerned the posi-tion is true better over them it unce as much during the same period. As far as a surplus stock is concorned the posi-tion is much better now than it was a year ago. Caffeine is strong and some European manufacturers are said to have sold their entire output for the balance of the year. Cocon butter is without further change. Sumac is selling fairly. Nitrate of soda and saltpetre are steady. Brim-

stone is slow and weak at the last decline. Colocynth has advanced 2s in London. In fact the acids and heavy chemicals seem to be holding their own in price and tar-taric acid and cream of tartar are notice-ably firm owing to the rise in argols. Advices from London say that 63s 6d has been accepted for cream of tartar. Gly-cerine is firm at 52s per owt. Some heavy orders have been placed for tartaric acid at 11½d. Caustic soda is firmer and an advance is looked for shortly. stone is slow and weak at the last decline. advance is looked for shortly.

FLOUR & GRAIN .- 'The appearance of American flour on this market and the announcement that 70 car loads of it had been placed in the Townships and the Maritime Provinces caused a break in values here at once. The flour is not anything like so good as onr own; but it answers the purposes of country stores equally as well, and sells here at about \$4.25 which is considerably under the figures charged by local millers, so that it is a sufficiently formidable competitor to bring prices down about 25 cents per brl. We now quote winter wheat patents \$5.50, spring wheats \$4.90, straight roller \$4.80 and strong bakers \$4.75, with every prospect of a further decline. Oatmeal is dull and unchanged on the bases of \$4 to Maritime Provinces caused a break in

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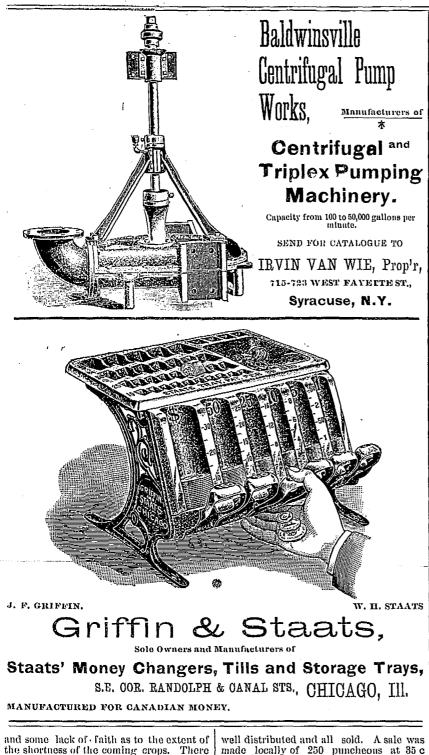
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\$4.10 for standard. Feed is fairly active \$4.10 for standard. Feed is fairly active at the recent decline. We quote bran \$14, shorts \$16 and mouillie \$22 to \$23. The wheat market is quiet and buyers show no disposition to operate. Offers of No. 1 Manitoba hard, afloat at Fort William, at 90c, found no takers and Ontario wheat is offering freely at 95c in the west. Millers are turning their attention more to Ameri-can wheat and lots of 20,000 bushels Chicago No. 2 red winter have been sold on this market on private terms and more are asked for. The belief that prices have reached their turning point is bringing out the invisible supply in farmers hands in unexpected quantities and all grains are dull in consequence. Peas are offered at 78c afloat here which is equal to 58c per 66 lbs. in the West and a further decline of ¼ to ½c per bushel has taken place in oats which now have difficulty in selling at 44¼c here. In fact it is a buyer's mar-ket and they are disposed to hold off and look to the South for their supplies. Cable advices to the Board of Trade are as follows: Cargoes off coast, wheat, steady; maize, quiet, to arrive, wheat steadier, maize quiet and steady, La Plata sailer ar-rived, 25s 6d; one cargo of wheat sold; American wheat, 3d per cental higher. English and French country markets quiet. Liverpool spot wheat and maize firm; demand poor. Minneapolis first bakers' flour, 21s. Livepool futures--wheat steady, 5s 9¼d June; 5s 8¼d June; 4s 4¾d July; 4s 5¼d August; 4s 94d Juny; 5s 9¼d August; 5s 9¼d Cetober. Wheat in Paris, 19.55 June, 19.85 July; do. flour, 42.25 June; 45.05 July. FRUIT.—Trade in oranges has been a disappointment this year to importers of at the recent decline. We quote bran \$14, shorts \$16 and mouillie \$22 to \$23. The

FRUIT .- Trade in oranges has been a disappointment this year to importers of Mediterranean fruit. Liberal orders were sent to Sicily when it became known that sent to Sicily when it became known that the Florida crop was a failure, but Cali-fornia oranges poured in to take their place and as the public seemed to like them better and the Sicilian fruit arrived largely in poor condition, their sale was slow and stocks have been difficult to work off. Oranges soll at \$1.25 to \$1.75 for half boxes and \$3 to \$4 for boxes. Lem-ons are scarce, owing to the shipment of 6000 boxes from this city to the Western States, and prices have moved up 50 cents per box to \$4.50 and \$6 per box; the hot boto boxes from this city to the western States, and prices have moved up 50 cents per box to \$4.50 and \$6 per box; the hot weather helping up values. From New York State reports are to the effect that the Bartlett pear crop is badly damaged but that the crop of raspberries and black-berries is unusually large and fine. The melon crop promises to be ahead of an average and Georgia aloue will send 6000 car-lots of melons up north this year. Strawberries are now coming in freely and sell at 6 to 8 cents for Western, 12c to 14c for American and 5 cents for Montreal berries; the reason being that local boxes contain $\frac{1}{3}$ rd less than Western and a $\frac{1}{2}$ less than American boxes. California fruit is coming in freely and sells at \$2 per box for peaches and \$1.25 to \$2 for apricots. Havana pine-apples are scarce and sell from 8 to 15 cents as to size.

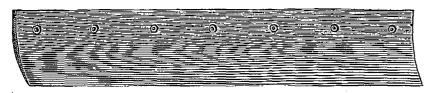
GROCERIES .- A fair jobbing trade can be reported in groceries, although complaints of drought in the section just east plaints of drought in the section just cast of Toronto have rendered storekeepers there more cautious buyers than they otherwise would have been. Sugars are quiet and unchanged. Outside lots are not yet exhausted and the refineries turn has not yet come. We quote 4M for gran-ulated and 3M for branded yellows. The European markets are depressed owing to the excess of stock pressing on the marthe excess of stock pressing on the mar-ket from the over-production of last year



and some lack of faith as to the extent of the shortness of the coming crops. There would seem to be very little doubt however about the beet crops falling some 700,000 tons under the last season, and there is very good basis for estimating the Cuba crop of next season at 200,000 to 300,000 tons under the present crop of 975,000 tons, with or without trouble from the insurrection in the island. Molasses is very strong. The S.S. 'Sicilia' has arrived with 2,500 puncheons of Barbadoes; but this will not affect the market as it is

well distributed and all sold. A sale was made locally of 250 puncheons at 35 c and the guild price is 36 to 37c. The molasses coming from the island, where the season is now closed, have been of excellent quality so far; but the later make, which is now arriving may be poorer. Teas are fairly active. We hear of sales of 500 boxes Pak-lings at 13 to 13½ cents. Blacks are moving in small lots among the trade at 12 to 14 cents and Japans at 10 to 13 cents. From Hankow it is learned that common teas are scarce and dear, being

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nearly $\frac{3}{2}$ d per pound higher than last year, and the Russian buyers have taken about 150,000 half-chests more. In Japan prices are going up and for similar choice new crop, equal to that in the first shipment to this port prices are already 4 to 5c higher. All the railways are occupied by the government in moving troops, and coolies are hard to get in consequence of the war. The settlements are 25,000 peculs short of those of last year and the market is very strong. Canned salmon show an advancing tendency under rumours of a reduction in the catch and a strong European demand. A sale of 3,000 cases has been made in this city at \$4.50, f.o.b. coast, but old pack is offering at from \$3.65 upwards as to brand, and as these, when properly packed, are just as good as new goods they tend to keep the market down. The catch of sardines has finally begun at Sables d'Olonne, but it is probable that it will not become general for three weeks yet, as the water is still very cold. For home consumption there has been a good inquiry and many orders must be filled before cheap export goods can be shipped. It is expected that prices will be reasonable in Septembor and October, provided there is a good catch. The quarterly sales of cinnamon have just taken place in London and as the supply is scarcely equal to the demand good prices were realized. Only 1,060 bales, besides odd parcels and boxes of Ceylon cinnamon, were put forward, and these being strongly competed for, were all sold at an advance of a halfpenny to a penny per pound on the February rates for most sorts of growth, viz: Very superior plantation at 1s 2d to 1s 4d, ordinary to fine at 8½ d to 1s 1d; second quality at 8d to 1s, with finest at 1s 2d; thirds at from 7½ to 11d, and extra fine at 1s 1d. fourths at 7d to 10d; unassorted at 61% d to 5% d, and broken at 7d to 8½ d per pound. French green peas are also very firm. Packers are quoting on a basis of 58 frances per case for extra fine, which buyers are hardly willing to pay as yet.

HAY & STRAW.—The continued drought in the border counties of the United States has reduced the condition of the hay crop far below its normal average and greatly strengthened the market here. Sales of round lots of hay have been made on American account at country points at prices equal to \$6.75 to \$7 haid down here for ordinary export hay and alongside the ship \$7.121/2 has been paid. Holders are now asking \$7.25 for No. 2 export. Sales of No. 1 Timothy have been made at \$7.50 to \$8 at country points which is equal to \$8.50 to \$8.75 here, and the market is strong.

HIDES & SKINS.—Hides are strong and unchanged at 8½c, 7½c and 6½c, to butchers. Tanners pay 1 cent more for sorting and inspection. Very few sheepskins are coming in and prices run from 75 cents to \$1. Calfskins bring 8 cents per 1b but they are about out. Clips are 15 cents and lambskins 25 cents. Tallow is purely nominal and it is difficult to make sales even at our inside quotations.

LEATHER & SHOES.—Trade is quiet; but prices are very firm. In this city hides are still 9½, 8½ and 7½ c to tanners, and Chicago packers hides are now 18c, so it is evident that prices of leather will advance again when the fall cutting commences in earnest; although some of the larger houses have contracts out up to August delivery. Already American leather is coming in, and orders have been placed in Boston for medium boot splits at prices equal to 26 cents haid down here; while best Oshawa splits have sold in the West at 30 cents. The United States is still a couple of cents under our figures, although the market there is in a very strong position. Sole leather prices are 50 to 75 per cent higher than a year ago, and still are relatively below the parity of hides. Calfskins have advanced 30 per cent, and goal stock not much more than ten per cent. Supplies are kept closely sold down and here is no regerve to draw from. The in-

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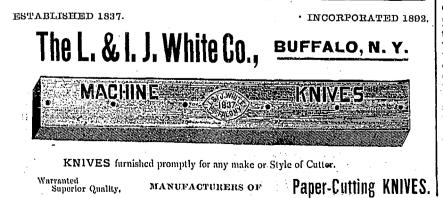
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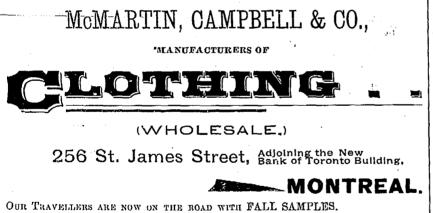
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dication point to tanners being able to maintain values to enable them to get out of their high cost hides. What the out-come of the hide situation will be no one can tell. There seems to be a shortage all over the world for tanners have drawn from our compression with the part of the second over the world for tanners have drawn from every quarter without being able to meets their wants. It will be some months yet before increased supplies can be avail-able and then they will come on to a bare market which insures a high price for some time. The advance is from 150 to 200 per cont. as compared with a year ago, but at that time prices were forced down but at that time prices were forced down to the lowest point in history. Calfskins which were not driven so low have risen fifty per cent.

IRON & HARDWARE .- There is a decidedly better tone to the metal market but purchasers have become so accustomed to these spurts in values dying away in a fow these spurts in values dying away in a fow weeks that they are loath to accept the ad-vance as permanent, and hence are holding off, and the inactivity in the building trade enables them to do so more easily. Still they are buying more freely and there is perceptibly less grumbling at the pricos asked. The fact that all quotations are withdrawn by English houses strengthens the situation and this, coupled with the in-creasing strength of the American market keeps prices firm at the recent advances. e of Cutter. Paper-Cutting KNIVES. to \$1.65. Tin plates are \$2.50 to \$2.85 for

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cokes and \$3.25 to \$3.75 for charcoals, terne plate \$5.50 to to \$5.75 and Canada plate \$2 to \$2.25. Galvanized iron 3% to 5% c as to quality and brand. In the United States both iron and steel show a decided advance. Pig iron has advanced from 10c to 75c a ton, according to grade. Pittsburg quotation having advanced 50c a ton, and is now quoted at \$12.50 to \$12.75, as compared with \$10 to \$10.25 the first week in March, while some sales were made as low as \$9.75, if not lower. This is an increase of at least \$2.50 a ton. Other material has advanced in proportion. Bessemer steel blooms and billets, that were, quoted at \$15.25 March 1st, are now \$16.50 to \$17.00; now we quote \$22. Wire rods have advanced from \$21 to \$21.50 to \$24.50 to \$25.50, and so it is with the entire line of iron and steel material.

LAVE STOCK.—The improvement of 1/2c per pound in the price of Canadian cattle in England has stiffened the cattle market here, and several loads have been taken by shippers at 43/4 to 5c. For butchers cattle

8¼ to 3¾ c was paid. Sheep are still scarce and 4 cents, live weight, is readily paid on export account. The last cable from London says that the firmer tone noted last week has continued and prices show a further advance of about ½ c per b. The supplies are moderate and the demand firm. Best States and Canadian steers are quoted at 12c to 12½ c at both London and Liverpool. American sheep are quoted at 14½ c and Canadians at 13c. A private cable from Liverpool quoted finest Canadian steers at 12c to 12½ c. The shipments of the week were 3,184 cattle and 3,009 sheep. The ocean freight market has ruled stronger, and rates have advanced 2s 6d all round, due to the demand for space. We quote Liverpool, 47s 6d; Glasgow, 45s; Bristol, 47s 6d, and London, 42s 6d insured.

PAINTS, OILS & GLASS.—Paints are fairly active and a brisk jobbing trade is reported. Stocks of glass are very low, and although two cargoes come in this week most houses have barely half the stock they usually carry. Linseed oil is also in

light supply and although prices are unchanged as yet-there is every prospect of a further rise before long. Turpentine is firmer in the United States, but unchanged here as yet. Some small lots of new Newfoundland scal oil have been placed here at 35 cents. In St. Johns the blubier of young harps, which gives the finest oil, was \$3.25 per cwt.; of old harps, \$2.45; of Bedlamers, \$2.85: of young hoods, \$2.85; of old hoods, \$2.45. The senson's catch was \$405,058, allowing for each seal the moderate average of a dollar and a half as the value of the skin and blubber. To this must be added the shore fishery which would bring the total take of seals up to 300,000. Some common Newfoundland oil has sold at 65c but the Norwegian process oil is firmly held at \$1 to \$1.25.

PARIS GREEN.—The market continues strong under the influence of the underground American demand. Prices are firm at 16 to 17 cents in bulk and 18 to 19c in pound packages.

PETROLEUM.—The demand is active and the market firm at unchanged prices. We quote Canadian at 14%c, American at $18\frac{1}{2}$ c, and waterwhite at 20c in car-load lots. For single barrels the prices are 16c, $19\frac{1}{2}$ c and 21c respectively. Benzine sells at $13\frac{3}{2}$ to 16c, as to size of lot, for Canadian, and 24 to 27c for American.

PROVISIONS.—Pork continues dull and unchanged at \$17 for Canadian short cut clear, and \$18 for mess. Smoked meats are fairly active at unchanged prices. We quote city cured hams 10 to 11c, hacon 10 $10\frac{1}{2}$ c, lard in pails 10 to 11c and common refined 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c. The Chicago hog market was active and steady and prices were 5c higher. The closing quotations were:-Light grades, \$4.40 @ \$4.70; mixed packing, \$4.45 @ \$4.75; heavy shipping, \$4.45 @ \$4.00; rough grades, \$4.45 @ \$4.60. In Liverpool bacon was weaker and de-

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clined 6d to 32s to 33s; pork closed at 60s, and lard at 33s.

RUBBER.-The market is quiet both here and in Para, but prices are steady. The receipts at Para this month have been 255 tons of which 75 tons are Caucho. The receipts at rara this month have been 255 tons of which 75 tons are Caucho. The English price for forward delivery is 374d for fine Para. Central American slightly lower and Africans are steady under a fair demand. Cash prices, f.o.b. in Boston are as follows : — Fine Para, new, 73 to 75c; old, 78 to 82c; coarse new, island 49c; up-river, 50c; Caucho, strip, 48c; sheet, 45; balls 53c; Nicaragua scrap, 514 to 54c; strip, 50c; sheet, 46c; Esmeralda, 52 to 54c; Guayaquil 36 to 42c; pressed, 40c; African small ball, 86c to —; do. soft ball, 29c; Congo ball, 48c; No. 2; 40c; thimbles 37c; flake, 18 to 25c; tongues, large, 38c; small, 37c; Assam, 30 to 60c; Madagascar pinky, 59c to 62c; black, 45 to 46c; niggers, 89 to 42c; Borneo, 30 to 45c; Mozambique orangeball, 55c; Sierra Leono, 25 to 40c; Benguela nigger, 48c; Liberian, 27c; old Calabar, 29c; Benin, 35c. Cameroons, 36 to 37c. Accra strip, 51 to 55c.

SALT.--The week's arrivals amounted to from 6,000 to 7,000 bags which have moved out steadily into distributors hands. There is a fair demand for Liverpool at 421/5 to 45c and for Rice's pure dairy at \$2.25 to \$2.50 in barrels and 45 to 50 cents in quarters and wholesalers report a fair average week's trade,

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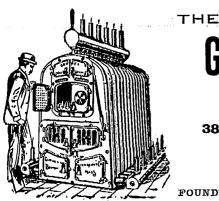
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Hardware-Continued. NEW CUT NAIL SONEDULE.	\$ c \$ c	Sharpand flat pressed nails 3 inchextra 2½ and 2½ " " " 2 and 2½ " "		IX Charcoal IXX " DC "	Usual Trade	No. I, ordinary eole No. 2 " " No. 8 " " Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 25 0 26 0 23 0 24 0 21 C 22
Base-50d and 60d, f.o.b., Cut Nails per keg Steel nails 4	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	3 Inchextra 2½ and 2½ " " 2½ and 2½ " " 1½ and 1½ " " 1½ and 1½ " " 1½ " 1½ " 1½ " 1½ " 1½ " 1½ " Horee Shoes	2 50 0 00 3 00 0 00 2 50 0 00 8 50 3 75 6 50 10 00	DXX " Terne Plate IC, 20x2S Russ. Sheet Iron	Extrae, 5 t0 5 75 0 0% 0 10 0 04 0 05	Buffalo Sole, No. 1 Zanzibar Slaughter. No. 1 No. 2	0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 00 0 27 0 29 25 0 27
Cut nails, fence and cut spikes.—Hot cut. 40d	0 05 0 00 0 10 0 00 0 15 0 00 0 20 0 00 0 25 0 00	"solid S Coil Chain	2 50 2 65 3 75 4 00 3 15 0 00	Anchore, per lb Lion & Crown tin'deh'te 22 and 24 guage 26 guage Lead. Pig, per 100 lbst Sheet, Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs Lead Pipe, per 100 lbs Zinc. Sheet	0.051.0.06	Upper, heavy. Upper, light. Grained Upper. Scotch Grain.	0 30 0 35 0 35 0 35 0 32 0 35 0 32 0 35 0 32 0 35
4d to 5d " 3d " 2d " 4d to 5d, cold cut mot pol. or bl'd. "	0 40 0 00 50 0 00 1 00 0 00 1 50 0 00 0 50 0 00	Galvanized Iron: Morewoods Lion, No. 23. Queen's Head, or equal Common	5 00 5 25 4 00 4 25 3 75 4 00	Zinc: Sheet. "Spolter Machinerv scrap Wrot iron. Powder ;Canada Bl'stng F F to F F F	0 00 15 00	English Canada Kip Hemiock Calf " Light. French Calf. Splits, light and medium. " heavy	0 28 0 28
ad fifth a start of the second	0 90 0 00 1 50 0 00 2 00 0 00	Pig Iron: Siemens No. 1 Summerlee Gartsherrie Carnbroe. C.I.F.T.Riv.Charcosliron No. 1 Ferrona	15 50 16 00 19 50 20 00 00 00 00 00 17 50 18 00 26 50 28 00 16 75 16 00	F to F F F WIRE: Bright No. 7, per 100 lbs Annealed No. 7 "olled"" Galvd. No 6, Trade discount on above	2 60 0 00 2 65 0 00 2 50 0 00 3 00 0 00	" small Leather Board, Canada Enameled Cow, per ft Pebble Grain B. Calf Brush (Cow) Kid	0 16 0 17
12d to 30d extra 10d	0 50 0 00 0 60 0 00 0 75 0 00 0 90 0 00 1 10 0 00 1 50 0 00	Bar Iron, per 100 lbs. Ord. Crown Best Refined Norway	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	224 per cent. Barbed Wire- 2 and 4 barbs Plain Twist 2 and 3 wrs. Ribbon Staples Wire Nails-75, 10	3000000 3000000	Buff Russetts, light "heavy "No. 2 "Saddlers' Imt. French Calf	0 13 0 14 0 25 0 40 0 26 0 30 0 20 0 21 0 20 0 21 0 20 0 21
Finishing nails— 3 inchextra 24 to 254 " " 4 to 254 " " 15 to 134 " " 15 " "	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	"" " 17,18,20 G "" " " 22, 24 " " " 25 G " " " 23 G " Boiler plates, iron, ½ in " " " " " "		P.C. OII HEL.		English Oak Rough Dongola, extra "No. 7 "ordinary Colored Pebbles "Calf	0 20 0 2 0 30 0 3 0 20 0 2 0 12 0 2 0 15 0 1
Slating naile— 5d extra	0 85 0 00	Band Imported	10 00 2 00	" No.1 per 100 lbs " No.2." " No.3	0 00 7 50	Oils	
4d	0 85 0 00 1 25 0 00 1 75 0 00	Good Brands. Wro't Iron pipe, ½ to 2 h 70 p.c., over 2 in 67½ pc. Imported iron pipe, ½ t ½ inch, 65 p.c. ½ to 2 in 76 pc.	a 0 00 0 00 a	Taners pay \$1 extra foi sorted, cured & inspect of Sheepskins, Clips Calfskins, uninspected Horse hides west, each the fits of the source of the s	1 0 75 1 00 0 00 0 15 0 25 0 00 0 08 0 00 0 00 1 50	Cod Oil, Newfoundland, "Gappe	. 0 40 0 4 . 0 31 0 3 . 0 65 1 2 n 1 85 2 1
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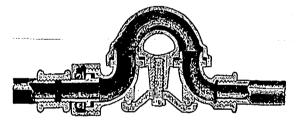
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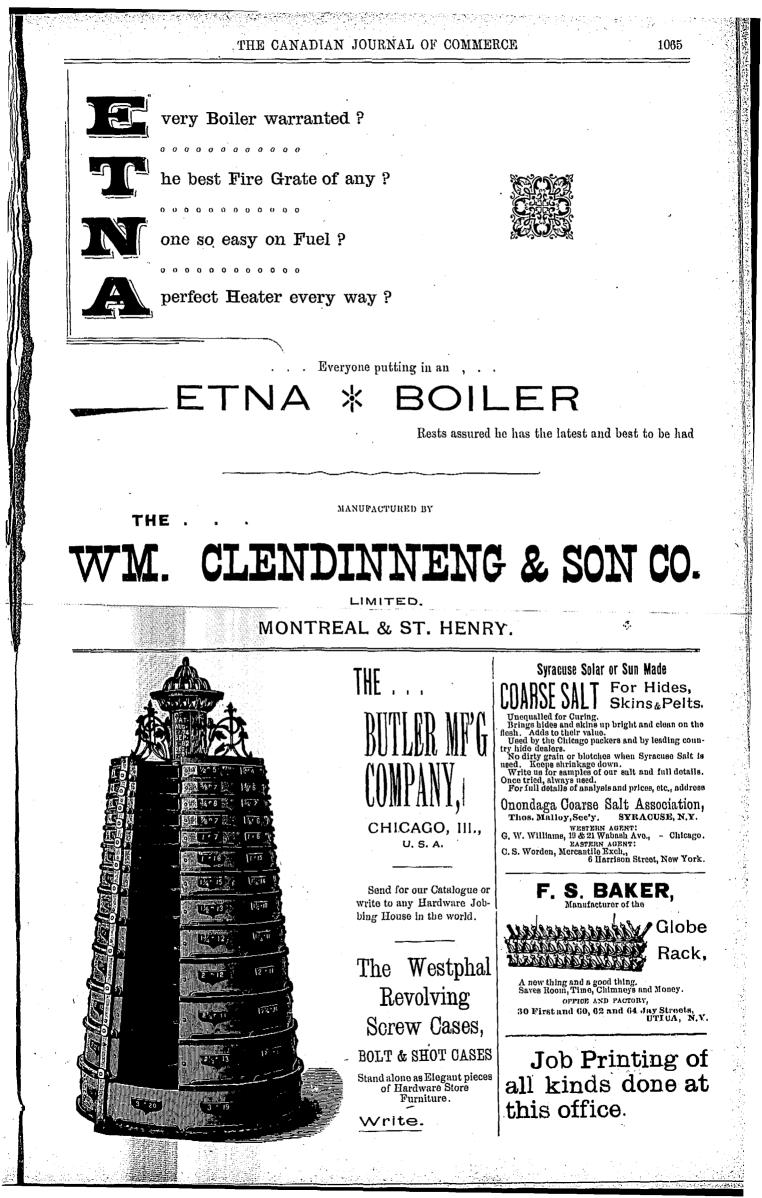
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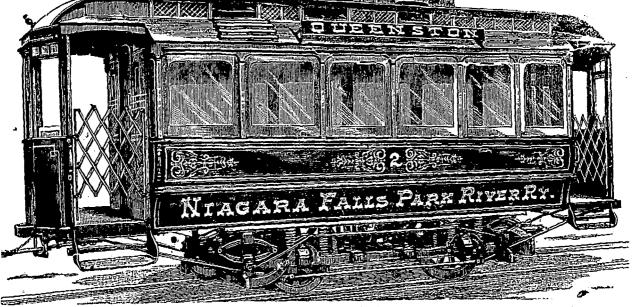


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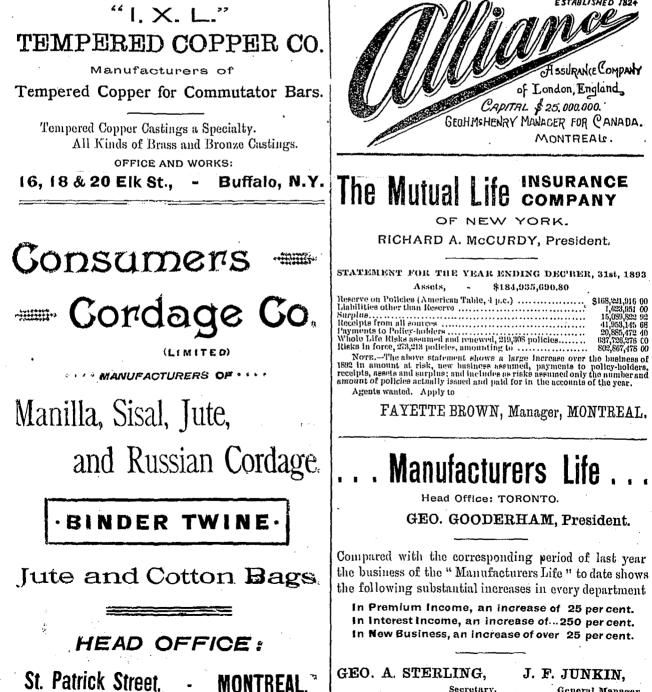
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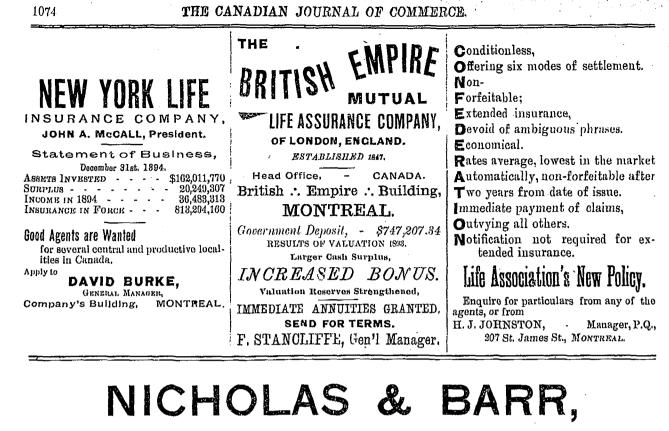
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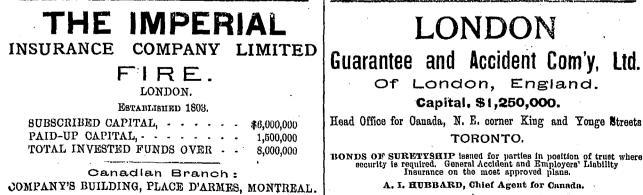
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