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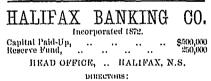
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-THE Canadian Pacific Navigation Company are interested in the establishment of the new direct steamship line between Vanconver and Mexico. Their SS. "Danube" will be the pioneer vessel.

-THE postoflice department has issued a notice that postcards of private make, provided they do not exceed or fall below the present authorized sizes, may be sent through the post with ordinary postage stamps attached. This new regulation took effect with 1895.

-SPEAKING generally, a bank which pays out funds on a forged check and is reimbursed by mistake of the bank upon which the instrument is drawn, can retain the money so received if it has fulfilled all those requirements in dealing with strangers which caution and custom require.

-IION. A. R. ANGERS, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, is confident that the Belgian Government made a mistake in scheduling Canadian cattle on the supposition that they were suffering from pleuro-pneumonia. The lungs of the slaughtered animals have been forwarded to the French expert Vacard for examination.

-A BILL has been introduced into Congress providing for the insurance of postal matter during transit. It provides that any letter or parcel may be insured up to one hundred dollars. The statement of the sender as to the value of the letter or package or its contents is to be conclusive. The insured article must be treated as lost, and the Government must pay the insurance, unless the letter or parcel is delivered or returned within sixty days from the time it was sent.

-AN English cablegram says the London and Westminster Bank has set aside £56,620 to meet losses that may possibly be incurred through the Newfoundland crisis. The bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., against $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the preceding six months. This makes a total yearly dividend of 10 per cent., which is the lowest the bank has paid for a generation.



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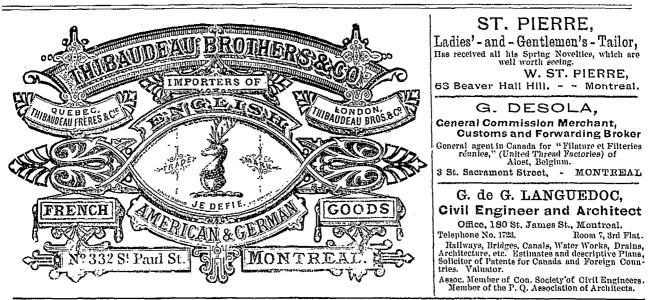
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-BUSINESS difficulties in the Maritime Provinces during the past week include: Geo. Eaton, general store, Canning, N.S., who has assigned. He was originally of Eaton & Newcomb, who were burned out in '69, and subsequently got into financial difficulties. Later he was of G. E. Eaton & Son, who dissolved 9 years ago, when he recommenced alone. His trade was only of a limited nature.-MacDonald Bros. & Co., general dealers, Mon-



tague Bridge, P.E.I., are again in difficulties and has given the assignce possession. The firm, which has been established many years, obtained an extension some 7 years ago, subsequently getting a reduction of 25 per cent. from the creditors. A large business has been done but credits mingled too freely into the transactions.—The assignment is reported of Mary A. Ross, grozeries, Baddick, N.S. This is one of the numerous cases cited of a previous failure on the husband's part, only to be followed by his reinstatement as manager, his past business career apparently playing no part in the possibilities in store for the future.

-A RECENT loss by fire has caused the assignment of G. F. Lawrence, general dealer, Buckingham, Que. He began about 10 months ago with favorable prospects. Creditors will likely get a fair share of their claims,-Liabilities of \$6,400 are shown against the estate of Simeon Beauchamp, crockery, etc., this city, whose failure was referred to a week ago. Among the creditors' claims are : Messrs. J. L. Cassidy & Co., \$1,151 ; J. M. Young & Co., New York, \$600 ; Canada Crockery Co., \$600 : Gowans, Kent & Co., Toronto, \$537 ; G. A. Mason & Co., \$400; Philomen Pelland, \$1,400; F. Lawton & Co., \$200; W. D. Stroud & Sons, \$223, and others .- W. H. Deposeas, crockery, also of this city, has assigned after a business career of less than 2 years. He owes \$2,500. The started in Mar. '93 with slender means .- Another crockery dealer, in a small way, Mrs. L. Vervais, of this city, has given the assignce possession. She owes \$900. Began in the spring of '92 with little means .-- John Ivall, blacksmith, Morin, Flats, Que., is offering 18 cents in the dollar payable in a few months. He began 15 years ago. A recent loss by fire is responsible for his present trouble.

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-THE coal and wood business of John Ferguson, Toronto, conducted on a small scale, has fallen into the possession of the assignce. It was started by Ferguson & Moorcroft in Dec. '93. They dissolved in July '94 since which time the former has had pessession .- 35 cents in the dollar has been submitted to the creditors of A. B. Terry, confectioner, Lindsay, Ont. He began 11 years ago with little capital .-- Wm. Sloan, jeweller, Milton, Ont., who has been conducting a small business for some years, has assigned .-- F. E. Johnston, restaurant, St. Thomas, Ont., has gone under after an experience of a few months. A small affair,-An offer of 50 cents in the dollar has been made to the creditors of E. [Mrs. F. C.] Rogers, general store, Brussels, Ont. The liabilities are about \$7,500. The husband failed in '90 subsequently assuming the management and proving himself equal to his former achievement .- The assignment is reported of Fitzpatrick & Phillips, tailors, Gananoque, Ont. The business was started early in '89. The former partner died about 2 years ago, Phillips continuing alone. Liabilities will be light .-- R. Graham, Aldboro, Ont., has assigned.

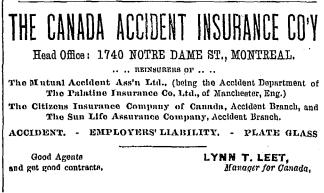
-A COMPROMISE at 50 cents in the dollar, spread over 12 months, unscenared, has been effected by McCrae & Watson, plumbers, this city. The business has been running for about 7 years during which time many losses have been shown as well as profits. A heavy one was in connection with the Queen's Hotel. -S. R. Page, general dealer, St. Ephrem De Tring, recently noted, has assigned with liabilities of \$4,300.-A. T.Lafreniere, grocer, Louisville, Que., a ready noted, is now offering 25 cents in the dollar.-Liabilities of \$3,400 are shown against the estate of Cyprien Dumouchel, hotel, this city. He has been in business,

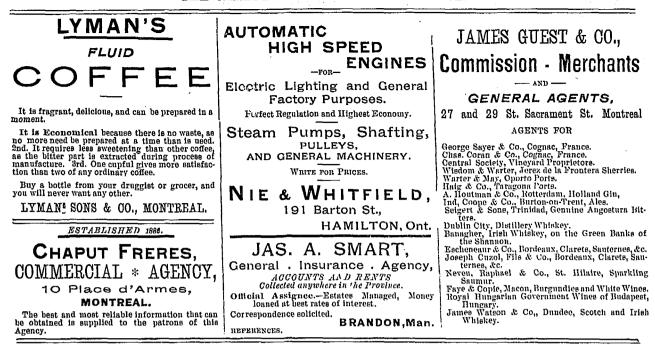


in a small way, for some years.—D. & S. Arel, butchers, Quebec, previously referred to, have assigned.—Mrs. P. Therien, (Jr-) who has been conducting a general store at St. Antoine Abbe, Que. since last summer, under the style of P. Therien (Jr.) & Co., ha assigned, owing \$1,000. Her husband failed in June '93, his estate being purchased by his father, who subsequently sold as above. The husband's death some months ago caused the business to be neglected resulting in sacrifices of goods to realize for pressing needs.

-A SETTLEMENT at 60 cents in the dollar cash, and 10 cents more in six months, secured, is being effected by L. Taillefer, drygoods, Ottawa, Ont. The liabilities are estimated at about \$10,000; assets about \$8,400. The business was started 4 years ago on moderate capital. A rather severe loss by fire last month is responsible for the present difficulty.--Crozier & Fleming, general dealers, Orangeville, Ont., already referred to, are now seeking a compromise.--A settlement at 65 cents in the dollar, spread over 15 months, has been secured by MacEwan & Co., general dealers, Sudbury, Ont., previously referred to.--D. Barber, photos, Listowel, Ont., is endeavoring to persuade his creditors to deduct 75 per cent of their claims in order that he may continue. He has been in business 15 years but has not succeeded beyond immediate requirements.

-AN offer of 20 cents in the dollar, cash, has been made by O. T. Poitras, wholesale flour merchant, Quebec. The liabilities direct and indirect amount to \$23,000. The business was conducted by Drolet & Poitras, prior to Aug. '93, when the death of the former caused it to assume its present ownership.





-AFTER a business career extending over 35 years, Job Dufour one of the pioneer merchants of Chicoutimi, Que., has been forced to assign. He interested himself somewhat extensively in farm. ing, at which he lost money. The estate is expected to show a surplus .- A. Belanger, biscuit and soda-water mfr., Hull, Que., is anxious to settle with his creditors on a discount basis. He moved from Ottawa last spring, subsequently adding the manufacture of soda water to his biscuit business. His liabilities will be light .-- D. & S. Arel, butchers, Quebec, are offering 30 cents in the dollar on liabilities of \$4,000. They have been in business about 11 years succeeding their father.

-THE wholesale leather and shoe-findings firm of Hector Lamontagne & Co. in this city, have been making new arrangements lately in connection with their Closed Uppers and Over-Gaiters Department, which will enable them to fill all orders with greater facility than heretofore. The best qualities of leather are used. The trade should address them on the subject.

-An offer of 331/2 cents in the dollar is being made by Job Bros. general merchants, St. Johns, Nild., whose difficulties have been already referred to. The terms are 1/3 cash and balance before the end of the year, secured .-- H. N. Arnold, Sussex, N.B., has assigned .- Thos. H. Hall, stationer, St. Johns, N.B., whose failure was recently referred to, is now offering 20 in the dollar, cash, or 25 cents spread over 12 months, unsecured. He owes \$24,000.

-THE United States Mutual Accident Company of New York has decided to reorganize as a stock company with a paid up cash capital and surplus of \$300,000 of which amount \$100,-

000 will be deposited with the Insurance Department of the State of New York. The entire amount is raised and contributed by those concerned in the management of the association without any call on the policy holders. Under this plan all policies will be not only definite sums but for definite periods, and at fixed premiums. The assessment element will be entirely done away with.

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-A MAN who could conduct business in the multitude of lines in which A. P. Le Baron, North Hatley, Que., has been simultancously engaged, should certainly be able to steer clear of the assignee, either by land or water. He was originally a blacksmith, to which he added hotel keeping 2 years ago. He next added a livery, and then a steamboat. He now owes about \$4,500 and shows assets of a similar amount. He offers to settle up by paying 35 cents in the dollar, cas h.

-SEVENTY-FIVE cents in the dollar is all that the managers of the Suffolk Mutual Fire, of Boston, are offering as return premiums on policies returned for cancellation. At first nothing was deducted. Early in the month the managers then asked for a ten per cent. discount which was finally raised to twenty-five per cent.

-SENATOR BURNS and Messrs. W. H. Thorne and R. Turner have been appointed liquidators of the St. Lawrence Lumber Co., Ltd., and Mr. John McAllister of St. John, N.B., has been named auditor of the company.

-THE assignce has sold the entire stock of W. Mayhew, general merchant, of Huntsville, who assigned some time ago, at 73 cents in the dollar, cash.

This is not Moonshine.



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THERE ARE STARS over all and there are "STAR" OVER-ALLS. The former are out of your reach but every merchant who knows a good thing gells "STAR" OVER-ALLS. SHIRTS, COATS, AND THOUSERS. My cutter has had over thirty years experience in the largest and best factories in the United States. All garments stamped with my name and "STAR BRAND" are made in my factory by competent opera-tives using the most modern machinery.



They are DOUBLE STITCHED with RIVETED POCKETS and WORKED BUTTON HOLES, and every article is carefully inspected before being placed in stock. One trial will convince you that the "STARS" fit better and wear longer than any other overalls in he market. Give them that trial.

J. B. GOODHUE, Rock Island, P.Q.

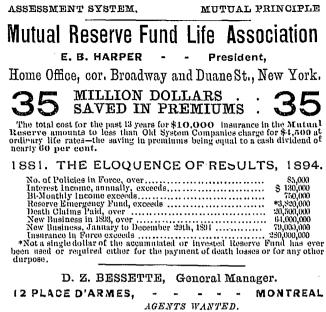


with the average of the decades from 1867-77 and from 1878-89. Only thus can the steady decrease in values in progress over the whole of the commercial world be properly appreciated, for in no other country is the current of prices so little interfered with by artificial stimuli, or deterrents, as in Great Britain.

There are two reasons why the prices quoted in British markets are the most valuable for the purpose. The first is because Great Britain comes into closer contact with the producing centres of the world than any other country, and the second because under her policy of free trade, any interference with the current of prices by alterations in the customs tariff is out of the question. This, coupled with the world-wide reach of her merchants, renders the prices ruling in her markets a faithful reflection of the true values of the world, aud hence the ones most fitted for com parison. Taking, then, the figures compiled by Professor Sauerbeck for the two preceding decades, and comparing them with the prices quoted in the market columns of the London Times of the 31st December last, we find the following results :---

Silver, per oz $581/_{4}d$ Wheat, (red winter), qr 548 6d Flour, (American patent) $46s$ Beef, (prime) per stone $4s$ 11d do., (middling), do $4s$ 2d Mutton, (prime), do $5s$ 8d do., (middling), do $4s$ 2d Pork (average), do $4s$ 4d Bacon, (Waterford) per cwt. $74s$ Butter (Danish) do $212s$ Sugar (Beet 88 p.c.) do $24s$ Barley (Russian) per qr $39s$ Oats (Russian) do $25s$ Corn (American mixed) do $25s$ Corn (American mixed) do $25s$ Corn (American mixed) do $25s$ Corn (Scotch) per ton $64s$ $-16s$ -Pig-iron (Scotch) per ton $64s$ -105 Lead (English pig) do $4204s$ Cotton (Middling Upland) per lb $9d$ Jute (good medium) per ton $£19$ Hemp (Manila) per ton $£43$ Linseed oil, per cwt $30s$ Petroleum per gal	$\begin{array}{c} 50d\\ 40s\\ 34\ 6d\\ 4s\ 7\frac{1}{2}d\\ 3s\ 10d\\ 5s\ 4\frac{1}{2}d\\ 4s\ 5d\\ 4s\ 1d\\ 71s\\ 116s\\ 18s\\ 31s\ 6d\\ 21s\\ 25s\\ 52s\\ 46s\\ £55\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 52s\\ 5$	$\begin{array}{c} 4s \\ 3s \\ 4s \ 4s \ 4d \\ 3s \\ 2s \ 8d \ to \ 4s \\ 45s \\ 108s \\ 9s \\ 13s \\ 11s \ 4\frac{1}{2} \\ 19s \ 9d \\ 61s \\ 41s \ 7d \\ \frac{441}{261\frac{1}{5}} \\ \frac{405}{5} \\ 8.1^{-1}6d \\ \frac{410\frac{1}{2}}{4} \\ \frac{417.18s}{20s} \\ 20s \\ 4\frac{1}{2}d \end{array}$
		4¼d
Wool (Kent fleece) per lb 19%	$11\frac{3}{4}$	8 <u>1/4</u> d

The unbroken descent of prices thus shown is very suggestive, although it must be remembered that the average price of the decade from 1867 to 1877 was increased by the rally in prices caused by the war of 1870 which withdrew two of the largest producing countries in Europe temporarily from the market. But, even making allowance for this, the decline is a marvellous one; and since 1873 it has been so steady and persistent as to preclude any return to the old standard of prices. There was a slight rally in 1880, and from then until 1884 the decline was slow. But the panic of that year again accelerated the downward movement and the prices ruling on the 31st of last December were close to the lowest points ever touched. These figures need no comment. They indicate clearly enough the increasing cheapness of the ordinary staples in spite of the growth in population, and they emphasize the fact that the world is readjusting itself to a lower basis of values. Naturally this readjustment is attended by depression and enforced economy. But commerce will soon adapt itself to its changed conditions, and then we may safely look forward to a renewed period of prosperity.



THE HARBOR REPORT.

That the revenue of the port of Montreal during the year just past should fall under that of its predecessor is only what was to be expected. The season of 1893 was one of the prosperous ones in the history of the harbor, and exceeded the returns of 1891 and 1892 by just as much as it did those of 1894. Indeed the fact that the receipts of 1894 were only about 14 per cent. less than those of so exceptional a year as 1893 was of the nature of an agreeable surprise to the Commissioners. inasmuch as a much larger deficit had been looked for. From the opening of navigation to its close freight has been scarce and rates unusually low. Not one of the many regular lines of steamships running to this port is credited with making any money, and many have to record a loss on every trip. Only on the homeward voyage could anything like cargoes be counted upon, and even then, owing to the severity of competition, rates were never more than barely remunerative. On the outward trip freight was difficult to secure. The cautious policy pursued by all the large importing houses rendered the demand for cargo space far less than the average, and, as a result, steamers were unable to secure more than half cargoes at the best, and in many instances were forced to come out in ballast.

This naturally reduced the income of the Harbor Commission, and as a consequence the receipts from customs dues show a decline of \$50,126 (or nearly 18 per cent.) from those of 1893, made up as follows :--

		1894	1893
Customs,	inwards	\$128,200	159,211
do.	outwards	102,854	121,969

Of course the falling off is largest in the case of freight from Great Britain, where it reaches \$31,011; but the fact that there is also a decline of \$19,115 in the receipts from fees on outward freight, shows how unsatisfactory the export trade of 1894 was in comparison with that of its predecessor.

In local traffic the very converse appears. The revenue from this source shows an increase of nearly 17 per cent., composed of \$1,280 on inland navigation, and \$4,734 in the rental derived from railroads. This, less the refund of wharfages, brings the total deficit of the year down to \$44,492—a much better showing than was anticipated. The Harbor-master's report shows a decrease in the volume of both sea-going and lake navigation. During the season 734 occan-going vessels of a tonnage of 1,096,009 tons and 4,666 lake vessels of 979,809 tonnage arrived in this port. This means a decrease of 54,868 tons in the case of ocean carriers, and of 578 vessels and 83,701 tons in the case of lake-carriers. The increases and decreases in the movement of freight outwards is best explained in the following table :--

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Article	Quantity	Increase	Decrease
Lumber	187,871,425 It.	49,158,629 ft.	
Grain	8,746,485 bus.		12,977,909 bus.
Flour	896,536 bris.	361,664 brls.	
Cheese	1,695,293 boxes	59,484 boxes	
Butter	36,650 pkges.		34,083 pkges
A pples	278,496 bris	211,570 brls.	
Cattle	87,604	4,600	
Sheep	130,603	127,014	
Horses	5,579	3,927	
Пау	22,212 tons	·	45,653 tons.
Phosphate.	1,034 tons		3,093 tons.
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These figures show that our exports of grain fell off over 148 per cent during 1894, which accounts easily enough for the extremely low level of freights ruling. The exports of hay also fell off nearly 206 per cent., and those of phosphate 299 per cent. from the figures of 1893. On the other hand there was a gain of 361,663 barrels in the exports of flour, of 59,484 boxes in those of cheese, and 211,570 barrels in those of apples, and the cattle trade was unusually good. The export of sheep rose to 130,603 head and both cattle and horses showed a moderate advance in the total of shipments. Indeed the cattle trade formed one of the bright spots in the export traffic of 1894 and, but for its aid, many of t he steamers visiting this port would have found their trips still more unremunerative than they have proved.

The record of the coal traffic shows conclusively the progress of the Maritime Provinces in securing the home market for coal. In spite of the exceptionally low rates ruling for freight the imports of coal from Great Britain fell off 9,740 tons, and those from the United States 18,097 tons. On the other hand the imports from the Maritime Provinces grew to 733,338 tons, or an increase of 46,338 tons during the year, showing the steady increase in the use of Nova Scotia coal in this country, and the gradual breaking down of the prejudice which has hitherto been held against it by the users of foreign steam coals.

THE QUEBEC LIBEL ACT.

The summary killing of Hon. Mr. Casgrain's Libel Act by the Legislative Council was the natural sequence of its emasculation in the House. As soon as the bill passed its second reading it was apparent what its ultimate fate was to be, and no one who followed its passage through its various stages entertained any hope of its becoming law, save in so mutilated a condition as to be but little improvement upon existing legislation.

The most important clause in the Act—that which empowered the newspapers to demand security for costs from persons bringing actions for libel—did not survive its second reading. Yet the security demanded was certainly not excessive. The judge was only authorized to fix it at a sum not to exceed \$50, and even this was not exigible if the libel complained of involved a criminal charge. To a person honestly injured or aggrieved such a pledge would be a mere bagatelle; but it would have been of great benefit in reducing the number of petty and vexatious suits brought against newspapers for the sole purpose of extorting a compromise or creating law costs.

However, the opposition of the legal element, with which the Legislature is perhaps over-abundantly supplied, was at once aroused. They saw in this demand for security for costs a factor that would materially decrease the number of petty, but most profitable, suits of this character, and would thus curtail their professional profits, Werea client to be compelled to furnish even this modicum of testimony that his belief in the justice of his suit was genuine, and that he was not urged to take action under a champertous agreement that it should cost him nothing, it would tend to render him less susceptible to the arguments of his legal advisor, and the latter would lose the opportunity of a certainty of costs with the chance of a profitable compromise in addition. Anything that discourages the public from venturing into the quicksands of the law must naturally reduce the prospects of profit for the lawyers. Hence their opposition to any legislation calculated to relieve the disabilities under which the press now suffers, and hence their desire to uphold the present distinction between law and justice.

From their standpoint, then, the striking out of the clause is quite justifiable, but the question at once arises as to whether the legislation of the Province of Quebec shall be framed in the interests of one particular class of professional men or of the publicat large. No doubt the legal profession is an important and an honorable one, as the number of them in places of political preferment proves; but too selfish a desire to further its ends and add to its prosperity must naturally work injury to the remainder of the community. The Libel Act is a case in point. In their desire to do nothing prejudicial to the profits of the gentleman of the long robe, our legislators have deliberately killed an act framed in the interests of liberality and justice, and one which represented at best only a very moderate advance in the direction of the freedom of the press. In doing so they have worked a distinct injury to the public interests and have placed themselves in the invidious position of being pointed at as the advocates of the present mediceval legislation on this subject, and as the opponents of even the slightest measure of reform.

THE FATE OF THE CIVIC BILL.

The action of the Legislative Council in summarily eliminating the clause extending the borrowing powers of the city in the civic bill is one of the most cogent arguments in favor of the retention of the second Chamber as part of the provincial political system. Had Quebcc possessed only a single chamber the city would have stood committed to a policy of bad faith that could not have failed to seriously injure our credit in the financial world. It would have stood in the position of a deliberate violater of its pledges to its older creditors and, as such, could not have commanded the confidence of its projected new ones. The House ratified in their entirety, despite the appeals of our leading financial men, the powers asked for by the aldermanic clique interested in forcing the bill through, and, had there been no higher body to appeal to, would have fixed the stigma of bad faith upon our civic financial administration for all time to come. Fortunately the Council remained to be appealed to. A deputation of bank managers and

other public-spirited citizens was present to urge upon them the necessity of maintaining the present safeguards against extravagant civic expenditure and to strip the glittering generalities from the specious arguments of the promoters of the bill. Their efforts were successful. The Council struck out the clauses by a majority sufficiently large to show that they fully comprehended the gravity of the situation, and as the bill, thus emasculated, was no longer of any importance to its supporters, it was quietly killed for the present.

It is of course to be regretted that the city will be deprived of the advantages of some valuable amendments to the civic charter embodied in the bill; but it is better to lose these than to have it become law in the form in which it passed the House. The policy of honesty and economy has triumphed, thanks to the action of the Council, and the energetic representations of our financial and commercial men. The civic credit is untouched, and the policy of extravagance has received a check the more severe because it was unexpected. All far-seeing business men will rejoice at the result.

TORONTO'S SECOND CONFLAGRATION, 1895.

The inadequacy of Toronto's existing appliances to cope with any serious conflagration had already been proved abundantly by the fire which swept away the *Globe* building and the surrounding premises and inflicted a loss of \$393,470 upon the insurance companies, but were any further corroboration necessary, it would certainly be afforded by the second conflagration—even more disastrous than the first—which destroyed the warehouses and stock of ten large wholesale firms and added \$438,885 to the insurance losses of 1895 on Friday last.

The extent of the damage done by this fire-like that of its predecessor—was almost wholly due to the want of proper appliances to extinguish it, or to protect the goods imperilled. Toronto has no salvage corps to spread covers or remove goods. There is not in the Queen City a single steam fire engine to supplement the miserably weak pressure from the hydrants, nor is there a water-tower to dominate the lofty buildings. The consequence is that a fire like that in the Osgoodby building, which caught in the fifth story, renders the fire brigade utterly helpless and can burn unchecked, scattering burning embers far and wide, until it reaches the third story before even the weakest stream from a hose can be brought to bear upon it. Under these circumstances it is little wonder that over a half million dollars worth of damage was done before the brigade was able to gain control of the flames. Had it not been for the deep snow which quenched the burning brands the loss might be double what it actually was, and this simply because of the mis-directed economy of Toronto's civic fathers.

To show how far behind Montreal the fire equipment of Toronto is, it is only necessary to compare the appliances of the brigades of the two cities. At the present moment this is the showing :--

Appliances	Montreal	Toronto
Steam fire engines	9	0
Chemical engines		2
Hook and ladder trucks	8	4
Aerial trucks	4	1
Hose reels	21	15
Water towers	1 ·	0
Salvage waggons	2	0

And yet the cost of Toronto's fire brigade is given as S0c per capita, while that of Montreal is only 75 cents.

The remedy now lies in the hands of the insurance companies. The two fires following in quick succession have roused the merchants of the Queen City from their abathy and the rush for insurance is described as unparalleled. Now is the time to insist upon the fire appliances being brought up approximately to the standard of Montreal. The offer of the Fire Committee to purchase two steam engines and a water-tower and truck should be rejected as inadequate. The example of Winnipeg shows that even the possession of three steamers may leave a fire brigade helpless if two serious fires break out simultaneously. How then can Toronto pretend to protect itself with two only ? A trivial accident might render one temporarily useless, and then a repetition of the two Winnipeg fires, when one was permitted to burn itself out simply because there were no appliances to send to check it, would be inevitable. The companies should insist on at least four steamers being purchased and a salvage waggon being established. This is less than one-half the establishment of this city and surely the property at risk in Toronto is worth half the protection of that in Montreal.

There is another point that might be urged in favor of the purchase of an adequate number of steamers, and this is that fire appliances are often as valuable in keeping down the insurance rates as they are in checking the flames, and that unless expenditure be made in one direction it may have to be made in another. The list of losses, revised and checked by our own reporters, appended to this article, shows that nearly every company doing business in Canada was interested in the total of \$439,000 swept away on Friday last. All are consequently equally interested in seeing that either the protection afforded to them in future is adequate, or that they receive sufficient premium to warrant the extra hazard. It is not a case of the loss falling on a few isolated companies. Almost every one has suffered to a greater or less extent, and consequently the deputation of our leading managers which visited Toronto to place their views before the Board of Trade was able to speak for the whole insurance force of the Dominion. Let us hepe that their demands will be complied with in no niggardly or parsimonious manner, and that sufficient judicious expenditure will be at once resolved upon to put Toronto in her proper position as a fire risk.

The following are the individual losses of the companies in the second fire:—

Ætna	\$13,500
Agricultural	5,000
Alliance	10,500
Atlas	60
Ruitich Amoniou	
British America	21,000
Caledonian	2,250
Commercial Union	25,000
Eastern	5,000
Economical	2,000
Fire Exchange	10,500
Guardian	19,000
Gore Mutual	5.950
Hand-in-Hand	15,500
Hartford	10,250
Imperial	17,000
Lancashire	16,000
Liverpool & London & Globe	10,500
London & Lancashire	13,500
London Assurance	
Manahonton	22,000
Manchester	10,000
Mercantile	200
North British and Mercantile	20,000
Northern	3,000

Norwich Union	15,100
North America	250
Phenix of Brooklyn.	15,600
Phtenix of Hartford	12,500
Phoenix of London	1,000
Parth Matual	5,000
Perth Mutual	3,350
Quebec	5,000
Queen	19,000
Queen City	18,700
Royal Scottish Union & National	
	31,675
San	4,000
Union	22,500
United Fire	5,000
Western	20,000
Wellington Mutual	2,500

CANADIAN TRADE PROGRESS.

It is now five or six years since we began in these columns a review of business progress in certain fairly representative towns in Ontario and Quebec. The difficulty at the time in securing reliable data compelled us to abandon the idea. We, however, felt that it should not be wholly given up, and now that a better opportunity offers, we resume the work.

The object is to show what progress the different larger towns and villages have made during the ten years just expired and also during the period back to Confederation. For that purpose we shall endeavor to institute a series of comparisons compiled from reliable sources, giving the population, the number of persons engaged in trade and manufacture, the amount of capital invested, and the principal successful survivals during the decade, furnishing simply a picture of the condition of trade and traders in the years 1868, 1884 and 1894 respectively. The two early dates mark important epochs in the history of Canada, 1868 being the first year after Confederation, and 1884 the year when the first through trains began running on the Canadian Pacific Kailway.

Local influences, and the various causes that make or mar business prosperity, will be taken due account of. It will, of course, be borne in mind that in many cases there is less capital required to-day than in former times in beginning or conducting any business in which the stock is wholly or mainly imported. The same condition will apply, though in a less degree, to goods of domestic manufacture. Prices of most commodities have been greatly reduced during the periods under review, and the facility with which repeat orders can be filled calls for the employment of less capital in country stores ; but the different lines will be commented upon as the review progresses. It is hoped that our endeavors will not be in vain, and that the information supplied will be of some interest to our readers. Some half-a-dozen or so of towns or villages chosen at random throughout the Dominion, but beginning chiefly with those of Outario, will appear in each issue :---

ACTON, ONT.

	1868	1884	1894
Population	*********	1,100	1,700
Business houses		50	58
Capital invested	\$115,000	\$135,000	\$358,000

Among those who have prospered or maintained their own during the early period above mentioned, in Acton, are : C. T. Hill, grocer; Mr. Matthews, grocer, T. Ebbage, planing mill; and Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, glove mnf'rs.—In addition to these the following are among those who have been in business continuously since 1884 : G. Hinds, jeweller; James Brown, planing mills; Kenney Bros. boots and shoes; L. B. Nelson & Co. general merchants; J. B. Pearson, hardware, etc.: J. Speight & Son, waggon manuf'rs; Messrs. Storey, Christie & Co., and the Acton Tanning Company.

	BERLIN, ONT.		
	1868	1884	1894
Population		4,800	7,450
Business houses		127	201
Capital invested	\$270,000	\$1,095,000	\$1,992,000

Among the successful business houses of Berlin dating prior to 1868 are : Messrs, J. Y. Shantz & Son, button man'f'rs.; the L. Breithaupt Leather Co.; John Fennell & Son, hardware; H. Heller, jeweller: Henry Knell, jeweller: the Lang Tanning Co., W. Moore, boots and shoes, etc.; F. Snyder, stoves and tins; Wm. Spiers, grocer, and Wm. Stein & Sons, tailors. In addition to these, the following have been in business since 1884 : C. A. Ahrens & Co., man'frs shoes and slippers: The Anthes Manuf'g Co, furniture specialties ; Geo. Rumpel, Berlin Felt Shoe Co., Jos. Bingeman, man'f'r brushes, etc.; Boehmer & Co., drygoods, etc.; Bramm Bros., millers; Brown & Erb man'fr's gloves. etc.; Giller & Bowman, general merchants ; Misses M. & L. Glick millinery; M. Grebenstein, tailor; H. J. Hall, lumber; Hymmen & Russell, hardware, etc. ; J. Kaufman, planing mill, etc. ; J. F. Knell, knitted goods; Wm. Metcalf, grocer; C. E. Moyer, hardware; J. E. Neville, drugs; Pequegnat Bros., jewellers; J. Peters, gents' furnishings; Randall & Roos, grocers and liquors; Alex. Roy, grocer, etc. ; The Simpson Co. man'f'rs, furniture ; Simpson & Son, shoes; Smyth Bros., drygoods; Stuebing Bros. fancy goods and groceries, and Stuebing & Smith, wholesale fancy goods, etc. The figures given show a steady growth in population, business houses, and capital invested, from the time of Confederation to the present. None of the capital invested in the new Electric Railway is given in the above table.

ALMONTE, ONT.

	1868	1884	1894
P opulation		2,684	3,200
Business houses		107	100
Capital invested	\$198,000	\$606,000	\$761,000

Of the pioneer merchants of 1868 we notice the following still abreast of the commercial tide : J. Baird & Co., woollens etc.; John McKinnon, grocer; John O'Reilly, general merchant; Geo. Patterson, general merchant; M. Patterson, drugs; The Rosamond Woollen Company; J. H. Wylie & Co., flannel mills, (then in general merchandise.) The following have been in business since 1884 : The Almonte Knitting Co.; Wm. Burnett & Son, sish and blin 1 factory · H. H. Cole, general merchant; John Donaldson, furniture; P. C. Dowdall, drugs; James Forgie, fancy goods; D. Holliday, grocer; Wm. Hourigau, grocer; J. Lee, grocer, etc., John McDonald, grocer; Jas. McGill, shoes; A. Mc-Lean, confectioner; A. Miller, sho es; R. Needham, carriages; J. Robertson, general store an 1 grain; E. W. Smith, jeweller; Wm. Thoburn, woollen mill; J. H. Thrall, jeweller; P. Young, sash and door factory, and Young Bros. foundry.

ALLISTON, ONT.

1868 1884 18941,500 2,000 Population 9 85 82 Business houses..... Capital invested \$20,000 \$347,0000 \$395,000 Of the business houses conducted in 1868 none survive. These doing business since 1884 are : P. D. Kelly & Son, hardware; J. J. Armstrong, harness; J. J. Cain, tins; G. S. Edmunds, jeweller; Thos. Evans, jeweller ; W. J. Fletcher, mills (prior to 1868) ; G. W. Goddard, furniture; R. Henderson, grocer; Mrs. E. Hurst, general store; A. Kinsey, furniture; W. J. Norton, bricks; Scott & Scott, eggs; E. Simms, tannery; M. Thompson, tailor; and G. Upton woollens.

OAKVILLE, ONT.

	1868	1884	1894
Population		. 1,710	2,000
Business houses	39	63	78
Capital invested	\$220,000	\$260,000	\$434,00 ₀

Of the houses doing business in 1868 the following are still in existence : J. Barchay & Son, general merchants; E. H. Gulledge, saddler and shoes; J. Howse, grocer, etc.; II. Moore, stoves, etc.; Thos. Patterson, dry goods, etc.; John Urquhart, drugs, etc.; G. Ziller, cabinetware. In addition to these, the following have been in business during the past decade : R. C. Balmer, drugs; C. Belwood, shoes; W. Busby, jeweller; C. W. Coote, general merchant; R. Ferrah, confectioner; S. B. Ganton, grocer and -tationer; Wm. Joyce, general store; J. Kelley, hardware; Mrs. W. R. Lean, fancy goods; E. Smith, jeweller; H. Wilson, grocer, feed, etc.; and the Misses Wilson, milliners.

AILSA	CRA10,	ONT.

	1868	1584	1894
Population		900	785
Business houses	25	43	39
Capital invested	\$37,000	\$108,000	\$120,000

None of the business firms of Ailsa Craig in 1868 now exist. Of those who were doing business in '84 the following are still continuing : Alexander Bros. foundry ; James Allen, stoves, etc., Mr. Atkinson, cooper ; A. Brownley, jewellery; G. Gillies & Son, planing mill; Gunn & Co., flax mill; D. S. McDonald, shoes ; McDonald Bros. carriages; Mr. McKay, tailor; J. H. McKay, general store ; C. Melville, harness ; John Morgan, gro cer ; F. Rosser hardware; T. Sheppenson, cabinetware; and D. A. Stewart, drugs, etc.

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LEGAL UNCERTAINTIES.

The uncertainties attaching to proceedings in law have become proverbial the world over, but less so in the Province of Quebec which has suffered in the estimation of outsiders by exceptions *a la form* for which the procedure has been noted.

A Montrealer who has had wide business experience in the different provinces, coming more or less into contact with members of the legal profession, was in conversation a few days ago with one of the oldest and most respected members of the Bar of Ontario, on the subject of recovering for the creditors, wealth fraudulently vested in the wife of a debtor, when the following dialogue took place:

MONTREALER: "I do not see why you cannot recover; she is only a depositary."--ONTARIO LAWYER : "True, but you must remember the law is very much in favor of the debtor now."-MONTREALER : "I have not found it so ; I have found it uncertain ; Montrealers have found it so much so that they do not care to trust the Courts in some parts of Ontario to get justice; they prefer to lose rather than to incur a big bill of costs."-ONTARIO LAWYER : "I believe it, and the profession is now suffering for it."-MONTHEALER: "The laws of Quebec are more reliable than those of Ontario."--ONTARIO LAW-YER: "I have heard that said before, and believe there is reason in it."--MONTREALER : "We are annoyed with vexatious delays, but we more often get justice in Quebec than with your lip law."-ONTARIO LAWVER : "We have had a Law maker changing the precedure for 25 years until now if you go to three lawyers for an opinion on anything, no two of them will agree, and that is owing to the number of changes; there was a time when there was some satisfaction in the precedure but now it is uncertain that you may get one judgment in one Court and a different one in another, and it is all due to the changes that have been going on the past twenty-five years. MONTREALER : That reminds me-Mr. G. went once to the Hon. E. Blake for opinion on a very important matter; he paid a big fee for the opinion ; then to make sure, he went to Dalton McCarthy, to whom he paid also a big fee, and got an opinion exactly opposite; he went back to Mr. Blake and said, 'How is that two such eminent lawyers cannot agree upon a matter on which they should be agreed'? The answer he received was-'My dear Mr. G., how do you suppose lawyers would live if they agreed." -- ONTARIO LAWYER: "When Mr. G. called on Mr. McCarthy, the latter did not know he had been to see Mr. B., and the latter did not know when he gave his opinion that Mr. G. wasgoing to Mr. McCarthy, at least I imagine not, and therefore both opinions were honest ; the blame was therefore in the procedure."

Over legislature and litigation doubtless underlie most of the evils that oppress the people. Lawyers in Parliament make the laws, and lawyers practicing before the bar foster litigation with all the uncertainties that attach to the procedures of which they are the makers, and when traders do with crooked men, the cheapest way to get satisfaction is to consign the loss to the ——where many lawyers send every attribute of justice.—Communicated FROM TORONTO.

A WORD IN SEASON.

With the beginning of the new year we are in receipt of inquiries daily and oftener from readers at a distance who do not find what they want to buy advertised in our columns. Among those received the present week is one from a respectable firm in Yarmouth, N.S., who want to buy a certain make of clock which we believe is manufactured in this city. Another is from a reader in Trenton, Ont., who, on remitting wants to know where he can purchase a reliable business directory of the Dominion, also a business directory of Montreal separately. The addresses "of 2 or 3 of Montreal's largest exporters and dealers in dried fruits, evaporated and dried apples," are also inquired for. This man wishes to deal direct instead of through commission houses. We give his address elsewhere. We shall however be pleased to have the addresses and cards of houses who can supply any of the goods above mentioned.

There are hundreds of dealers all over the Dominion, and especially in Montreal, who fancy that their names and business are too well known to require advertising. We should be pleased to exhibit to such doubters some of the frequent letters received at this office. The man who does not advertise nowadays, and that judiciously and freely, is not so likely to be among the list of survivors 10 years hence, such as we are publishing examples of in an article elsewhere in this issue. The advice to business men should not be necessary-Keep your name and business before the public ; and do so in a paper which has a general circulation from ocean to ocean, rather than in mediums with a circumscribed and merely local circulation. The populous and business districts of the Dominion are so spread over the breadth of the whole continent-thousands of miles-that our business men really require more advertising than would be necessary in a country of only a few miles in extent, certainly to a greater degree than before Confederation united the whole country from ocean to ocean in business intercourse. It is not surprising that many firms lose all faith in advertising when they spend their money in it so injudiciously. "I tried advertising in" so and so "last year," remarked a wholesale grocer in this city, "and it did not do me a bit of good."-No wonder. The medium which he chose has a circulation the whole of which would not be a burden to a St. Lawrence Hall porter. Another house-wholesale hats, &c .- spent one year lately about \$1,200 in advertising, most of it, they say, absolutely thrown away. A discretion similar to that exercised in making purchases of goods should be exercised in buying advertising. Well begun is half done.

THE NAIL COMBINATION.

Trouble was not long in brewing for the new nail manufacturers association. As pointed out in our last issue there was always a weak spot in the combination so long as the Nova Scotia mills remained outside the breastworks, and this little "rift within the lute" became an open breach when the Harris mills refused point-blank to enter the association or beguided by its rules. Mr. Robertson sent a representative to this city to lay his views before the members and the association are now engaged in devising some method whereby he may be placated. The Nova Scotia mills seem to have a good deal of justice on their side. They argue that the base price fixed (\$2.10 per keg) is far too high. They say it is all very well for Montreal makers, who are protected from American competition by prohibitive freight rates, to fix such prices; but the freight on nails from Boston to Halifax is only 6 or 7 cents per keg, and American makers can easily afford to pay this, and the duty as well, and still undercut any such figure as \$2.10 per keg. Again, they want to be left alone in their territory. If the Montreal and Western makers will agree not to sell in the Lower Provinces, they will fix a lower price for their own customers and agree not to enter the syndicate's territory. But if our makers sell in the

Lower Provinces, and more especially if they sell there at lower prices than the one fixed for the upper provinces, the Nova Scotia mills will flood this market at once even if they have to abandon their own to do so. This is the ultimatum of the Lower Province nail men, and a τ eeting of the syndicate was at once called on Wednesday last to discuss it.

The meeting was a long one, and the members of the syndicate claim that most of the points at issue were satisfactorily smoothed over and that the co-operation of the Harris mills can be counted on within a week or so. But the fact remains that they are not yet in the combine, and, until they are, they hold the key of the situation.

A GOOD FUR SEASON.

According to the Edmonton, N.W.T., Bulletin this has been an exceptionally good season for fur owing to the abundance of rabbits which not only attract the foxes, lynx and coyotes in great numbers but enable the hunters to go greater distances and trap more steadily than if they were compelled to get supplies of food from traders. An additional inducement is the keen competition and cash prices offered by the Edmonton fur buyers-prices which it is said the state of the world's fur market scarcely justify. Fur has been coming in at a rate of \$500 to \$1,000 a week for the past few weeks, for which cash is paid and the money almost entirely spent in town. These furs come almost solely from points at no great distance from Edmonton. The most important and distant points have not yet been heard from. The foundation of all this trade is the rabbit, which has been on the increase for the past five years. The ravages of all the flesh eating wild animals upon them have not kept down their numbers. Last year they were in thousands. This winter they are in millions. The rabbit lives on the bark of the young poplar, and everything else lives on the rabbit. As the rabbits increase the animals that live on them increase also and it would indeed be a fine country for Indians and trappers if the increase continued indefinitely. But it does not. When the rabbits become so numerous as to exhaust the supply of food available the same thing occurs to them as does to the human race under like conditions. Hunger produces disease, and the disease accomplishes in one season what the combined efforts of man and all the flesh eating wild animals are unable to accomplish in a number of years. The rabblts die to such an extent that in localities where they are now numbered in millions, a rabbit becomes almost as rare as a musk ox. As the increase of the rabbits bring plenty, so their destruction brings starvation and hardship on animals and hunters alike, and where the woods are now full of furbearing animals, in a year or two scarcely any will be seen. It is likely that this is the last year of abundance of rabbits. Last year disease was reported amongst them in several places, but it did not spread. This year reports of disease are alroady heard. It is likely that if the weather becomes severe they will be practically all gone before spring. Then expect hardship amongst the Indians and a poor fur trade until the rabbits have again increased.

ABOUT EGGS.

A city subscriber desires to be enlightened regarding quotations of eggs in our market reports which read: "Held stock 10 to 13½c; strictly fresh 22 to 24e per doz." Among the names given the various grades—which, by the way, are only too various—by the commission merchants who are the principal dealers here, are: "Western" "Held Fresh," "Limed," "Refrigerator," and "Strictly Fresh Boiling Stock." The latter term is the most evasive. Such stock should be all that the name implies, or, if not, the name should be changed to accord with the age. This is too often neglected, as the breakfast table sometimes most disagreeably denotes. Eggs procured from farmers by country storekeepers and dealers are bought as "Strictly New-Laid;" doubtless a large proportion of them are. They are shipped when convenient, under the same grade term to the commission merchants, who accept

and dispose of them without, of apparent necessity, placing them under any more questionable title. Eggs may be freshgathered, and sold, shipped, and retailed as such within a few days, but what age some of them may have attained before they were innocently gathered only remains for the consumer —or the taster—to decide. Absolutely "New-Laid Eggs" are furnished, through a few industrious owners of henneries in this neighborhood, to a few leading retail grocers here, who buy at 50c and sell them readily at 60c per dozen. And it would even appear that these are not always wholly free from mixing with bad company. Many persons refrain from using eggs during the winter season, but as they are being continuously placarded by retailers as fresh laid, a suitable price being affixed to add confirmation to the statement, they are often given the benefit of a doubt.

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS.

The *Real Estate Record* gives the following interesting statistics of the rise in the value of property in this city during the past three years :--

		I	1894
ST. ANN'S 11,654,700 ST. ANTOINE 45,750,375 ST. LAWRENCE 13,251,030 ST. LOUIS 9,566,930 ST. JAMES 12,220,820	5,526,400 7,489,600 10,529,300 12,672,630 60,982,425 15,461,270 11,075,930 14,881,400 5,282,440 5,282,440 5,426,850 3,330,720	16,101,410 11,256,280 15,405,700 12,289,865 5,363,550 5,920,630 3,623,155 2,207,125	301,500 873,380 16,620,750 2,704,800 1,561,970 3,683,900 2,484,150 800,500 748,800 479,925 106,525

These figures show that the value of Montreal's real estate has increased \$35,216,680 since 1892, and \$6,737,870 since 1893. It is less satisfactory to learn, however, that the property exempted from taxation, but which enjoys all the advantages of lighting, paving, drainage and police protection, as well as the steady increment in value from the improvements of surrounding properties, has now grown to \$34,867,600 or 20.3 per cent. of the total value. It seems unjust to the remainder of our citizens that one-fifth of the property in this city should remain exempt from the burdens which bear so heavily upon their neighbors while enjoying precisely the same advantages, and it is to be hoped that before long this question of exemptions may be taken up in the interest of the taxpayers.

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During the past month there were 125 transfers of real estate of an aggregate value of \$661,907, and \$292,719 was lent on mortgage loans, of which \$95,500 was at 5 per cent. \$56,750 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and \$85,550 at 6 per cent.

A NEW WOOL-SCOURING PROCESS.

It is said that the new Robbins method of sconring wool with a hydro-carbon solvent instead of the usual soap and alkalies has been tried at the Lewis wool-scouring plant in Lawrence, Mass., and proved a success. It is claimed that by this process all the grease contained in the wool, which experience has shown to be on the average over 20 per cent. of its entire gross weight, is saved. Considering the value of this grease in medicine and in the arts this saving is a matter of importance. The potash, of which wool contains on the average not far from 10 per cent. is also saved, and of still greater importance is the fact that wool treated by the Robbins process is claimed to have a better general appearance, is whiter and softer, works up more economically and satisfactorily dyes to better advantage, and preserves all the minute seratures of the wool which give to its nerve and which the soap and alkalies used in the old process tend to destroy.

THE UNITED FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The end of the United Fire Insurance Co., of Manchester, Eng., as a company doing business in Canada, came on the 15th inst., when all its outstanding liabilities and business were handed over to the Western. The Palatine, which took over the business of the United Fire in England some time ago, refused to deposit the amount of security required by the Dominion Government under its broad charter. It is said that the government demanded a deposit of \$300,-000 which, considering that the premium income of the company in Canada last year was only \$187,000, and the percentage of losses SS.3 per cent., the officials of the Palatine considered excessive. The fact is that the business of the United Fire since it started in this country in 1891 has never been profitable. In 1892 the rates of losses paid to premiums received was 88.8, in 1893 it was 88.3, and last year it is believed to have been equally heavy. Add an average of 30 per cent. for expenses to this, and the reason why the Palatine has decided to withdraw from this field is not difficult to see. It must be understood that this extinction of the United Fire in this country does not affect the Canada Accident Co., which, although practically owned by the Palatine works under a Canadian charter.

THE MANITOBA ACT.

As was foreshadowed in our article on the Manitoba Insurance Act the companies have resolved that the yearly tax of \$200 levied upon them by the Provincial Legislature shall be paid by the people of Manitoba and not by their shareholders. 'To this end the Manitoba Board of Fire Underwriters has passed the following resolution, and the companies have been notified to govern their business according to its requirements :

Resolved, That to meet the Provincial Government tax, the extra (5) cents per \$100 on annual risks or double for (3) years, and for broken term policies short rate of increased annual rate be enforced in accordance with the resolution of September 6, 1804, and that it be charged on all renewal and new business from this date : and that the following be stamped on each interim and renewal receipt and policy, "Provincial Government tax 5c per \$100 per annum extra." This resolution is to apply to business in Manitoba only.

The hayseed legislators who upheld the act on the ground that it would tax eastern capital, have now a good opportunity to reflect upon the result of their anticipations and to invont some good excuse to avert the wrath of their constituents at having their insurance premiums increased.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

The resignation of Casimir-Perier, President of the French Republic, sets an example which might considerately be followed by men on lesser planes all over the civilized world especially by certain aldermen in Montreal—who never would be missed. The resignation of the President of a nation looks like something new under the sun; other resignations wot of by our over-taxed citizens would be no less remarkable. Felix Faure was elected to the vacant presidency yesterday.

AMALGAMATION.

Two wholesale grocery firms of this city, one of whose term of partnership expired on the 1st instant and was renewed for thirty days, are reported as negotiating for amalgamation.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY. Return of traffic week ending Jan. 12th 1895 :

			_	1895.	1894.
Passenge	r Train 1	Earning	8	98,044	104,414
Freight	do.	do.		196,962	212,974
Total	do,	do,	•••••	\$295,006	\$817,391
	Decrea	se 1895	, \$22,385.		

HONOURS EASY ?

An invitation to sup with royalty evidently bears no command for the Lt.-Governors of Quebec—not even the semblance of a regret.

-Ar a meeting of creditors of J. C. Hart, general merchant, Alliston, Ont., on the 10th instant, the statement showed liabilities to the trade of \$34,138, besides \$26,000 to the Bank of Hamilton, which is secured by mortgage on real estate, customers' paper, book debts, and purchasers notes. The assets, aside from those, amount to \$6,300. Mr. Hart has been in business over 20 years and has enjoyed a good reputation. His failure is attributed in a large degree to losses in grain. He met with a loss by fire in '91, reported at \$20,000 on which there was but \$9,000 insurance. He holds considerable real estate, subject to mortgage. A secured offer of 25 cents in the dollar, spread over 2 years, has been made. The creditors were not altogether satisfied with the security offered, and Mr. Hart is now hoping for further discount to enable him to pay the above percentage in eash.

-IN this city the Gebhardt-Berthiaume Litho and Printing Co. have been granted an order to wind up and a meeting to choose a liquidator has been called for the 23rd inst. The company was in difficulties in 1S91 when it effected a settlement at 50 cents in the dollar spread over 2 years. Since then lack of harmony in the management has militated against its progress-Pauze and Lamonche, hardware dealers, are offering 50 cents in the dollar, unsecured, on liabilities of \$4,700, direct, and \$21,000, indirect. The creditors are holding off for security-Eliza Fortin, keeping a restaurant on St. Francois Xavier street under the title of "Compain's" has assigned, as has also J. F. Desjardins, fruit merchant of this city.

-THE efforts made by some of the more athletic pedestrians to jump the uninviting mixtures of loose snow, sand, and salt at many of our leading street crossings, are noticeably greater than those made by the Road Committee of our City Council to have them shoveled clear—the work of but 2 minutes in each case notwithstanding the forcible appeals from armies of destitute laborers who congregate occasionally at the City Hall,—but which, however, are shrewdly suspected to have been inspired by no great friends of the chief magistrate.

-Bowes & Co., dry goods, Kingston, have assigned. This was formerly Bowes & Bissonette, who dissolved in 1893. Bowes taking over the Kingston store & Marlbank branch. In July 1893 he assigned with liabilities of \$32.000. He started again in his wife's name and failed in the following December. He resumed last summer with the aid of a Montreal house, but succeeded no better than before.

-BAIRD BROS., general storekeepers of Pilot Mound, Man., have assigned. They show liabilities of \$24,000 and claim a surplus of \$7,000. Difficult collections are given as the cause-L. B. Donkin, tinware, Springhill, N.S., has assigned. He was only in a small way.

--THE Mowat Mfg. Co. (Ltd), agricultural implements, Whitby have assigned. They started in 1888, but lack of capital has always kept them hard-pushed.--G. E. Stacey has been running a small planing mill and taking contracts at Orillia for the past three years. He has not been able to make either pay and has assigned.

-D. LEROUX, WOOD, city, assigned. Liabilities direct \$13,000.-O. Delisle, general store, St. Casemir, Que., offering 50 cents on the dollar.-Jos. Lalonde, drygoods, Valleyfield, Que., assigned. Liabilities about \$17,000.-J. A. McHardy, lumber, Windsor Mills, Que., assigned. He failed at Drummondville some years ago.

—Photographics from the United States are travelling all over Canada, equipped with flash-light, snap-shot, kodak cameras, and doing an active trade in photographing the interiors and occupants of offices and warehouses at the rate of 50c each or \$2,50for h alf-a-dozen.

--No trace has yet been discovered of Mr. A. M. Dalton, junior partner in the banking firm of Harrison & Dalton of Neepawa, Man., who mysteriously disappeared from the Leland House, Winnipeg, on New Year's Day. He had a considerable sum of money on him at the time. --WORK will be begun in April on a new hotel to be called the "Grand Hotel" at St. Hyacinthe. A company with a capital of \$50,000 is now being formed for its erection.

-Among the failures in Ontario during the week are the following :- J. H. Cleaves, a dry goods clerk, started in business for himself in Brantford last summer. Small capital and fierce competition have already brought him to the wall .-- Bowman & Moore, hardware, Hamilton, have suspended. This is an old established firm, but dullness of trade and carrying too much stock have caused them to become embarrassed. They claim a surplus of \$30,000 in the business .- James Galloway, hats, Kingston, has assigned. The store was managed by his son who has not made a success of it.-Chaffey & Co., shoer, Ottawa, have assigned. T. L. Chalfey failed in the spring of 1892 and started again in his wife's name under the above style, only to fail again-Frank Johnstan gave up blacksmithing to start as a tailor in Uxbridge. It is hardly necessary to say that he has failed .-- John Owen, hotel-keeper, Port Hope, has assigned. He had but little experience and is said to have not always been as attentive as he might have been .-- B. F. Young, planing mill, Stratford, is asking an extension. He appears to have attempted too much of late .-Moses & Clapp, stoves, etc., Toronto, have assigned. They purchased the stock of T. Moses at sheriff's sale and were really his successors. A year has been sufficient to exhaust their means.

-The Victoria Hotel, Quebec, was damaged by fire to the extent of some \$25,000 on the morning of the 13th instant. The following insurance companies are interested: Western, Manchester, Hartford, British America, United Fire, and Scottish Union.-The Railway Hotel, Bracebridge, Ont., was destroyed on the same morning. Loss \$2,500, partially covered by insurance. -At Belleville, Ont., on the 12th inst., a lamp explosion caused a \$10,000 loss in the Smith Block, occupied by II. Powell, dealer in carriages, etc. Insurance \$2,500.-The Presbyterian Church, Madoc, Ont., burned on the 13th inst. Loss, \$10,000 ; insurance, \$6,000.-St. Catharines, Ont., suffered severely on the 14th inst.' by the total destruction of the Masonic Temple. It was one of the grandest of its kind in Canada. Following are the insurance losses : Commercial Union, \$5,000; Royal, \$2,500; London, \$2,500.

PATERT RECORD.—The following list of United States Patents has been granted to Canadian inventors, December 18th and 25th : Thomas Belair, Montreal, Canada, cultivator ; George E. Edwards, assignor of one-fourth to W. Hartwell, Brantford. Canada, danger signal and lock for switches ; William Morrisson, Toronto, Canada, water heater and cooler ; John F. Pharo, Danville, assignor to M. Boas, St. Hyacinthe, knitting-machine ; William T. Vale, Toronto, and G. A. Ohl, Newark, N.J., assignors to Vale Barrel Machine Co. Limited, Hamilton, Canada, barrel-making machine ; Andrew C. Davidson, St. Thomas, Canada, pneumatic tire for bicycles Francis Lousaw, and T. E. Clarke, Bothwell, Canada, insect-

powder dusting machine ; Stanley C. Peuchen, assignor of onehalf to P. Clarke, Toronto, Canada, apparatus for vaporizing petroleum or other liquids ; David G. Gross, assignor of one-half to J. B. Eden, Berlin, Canada, car-coupling.

-THE United States Courts have handed down a decision to the effect that although an accident insurance company may have underwaitten the risk of an employer, and by its policy undertaken to indemnify him against loss by means of negligent injuries to employees, this constitutes no contract between the employees and the insurance company ; that in case of the homicide of an employee his widow is entitled to recover therefor; that if the insurance company chooses to admit its liability to pay the employer the amount due on the policy in consequence of such homicide, the sum so paid constitutes in no sense assets of the estate of the deccased employee, and therefore an equitable petition filed by creditors of such deceased employee to enjoin the payment of such sum to his widow is not maintainable ; and that if at the death of an employee any sums were due to him by the employer, either for wages or otherwise, such debts are assets of the deceased, and may be reached in the ordinary course of administration.

CALENDARS, &c .-- Among others since our last issue, we are indebted for a most elaborate and handsome, large New Year's Calendar to the Standard Life Assurance Co., (funds forty millions),-for a neat and practical one to the Commercial Cable Co., a lovely photo-lithographic reproduction of garden flowers, &c., from Rhodes Curry & Co. of Amherst, N.S., and a plain legiblebusiness-like Calendar from the Alliance Fire Assurance Co., and a similar one from the Provident Savings Life, through Mr. R. H. Matson. Among the illustrated and statistical calendars for the year, that just issued by Alexander Bremner & Co. of this city, certainly "bears the bree" for general usefulness. The different articles dealt in by the firm, including contractors' supplies, drainpipes, chimney-tops, flower-vases, fire-bricks, fire-clays, sinks, wheelbarrows, cement, mortar-stains, etc., are appropriately illustrated and described on differently colored fine paper, while useful statistics, such as the carrying capacity of sewer-pipes, the strength of cements and how to mix and use them, and other information, are furnished between the colored leaves. The calendar pages, giving the days of each month, are legible across the distance of an ordinary sized office. This is probably one of the most practical calendars of the season. Last, though not least, comes a handsome photo-lithographic reproduction of the celebrated painting "Un Bol de the Delivieux," ("A nice cup of tea"), accompanying a calendar for 1895, sent us by courtesy of Messrs. Laporte, Martin & Cic., wholesale grocers of this city. We have no doubt that this beautifully executed and neatly mounted calendar will be in great demand, and given a conspicuous place in any office favored with a copy. We need hardly say that most of these could have been as economically furnished from the office of the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE.

A HOLIDAY GREETING.

The initials appended to the following stanza will doubtless be all that is necessary to many a High School boy of the seventics or eighties in order to identify the writer, a worthy member of a profession which on both sides of the ocean is but too scantily paid and appreciated. The verses are addressed from the writer s present residence in Birmingham to an old friend here one of Montreal's merchant princes, whose own literary tastes warrant the belief that the greeting was reciprocated :--

ONCE MORE.

Dear friend, think not that time or change Can dim the presence of the past,

Or that the heart by wider range its fondest memories outlast:

The kindness, friendship ever true,

That met me while I lingered there-

Where pulses beat, and skies are blue,

And merry sleigh-bells fill the air-

The life, the golden days of yore, With fuller meaning in me swell

As Christmas takes me back once more

To the Royal Mount I loved so well. 1894. R. W. B.

Financial.

Thursday, Jan'y 17th, 1895.

The U.S. gold reserve has dwindled steadily until on Wednesday last it was only \$76,081,799, and it is liable to fall still lower, for the Bank of England now pays 76s 4d for American gold coin and taking the weight of coin available for export at 5,370 dwts per bag of \$5,000, the specie point, including commissions and expenses is \$4.88, 84 for short bills. Taking the gold at 53671% dwts per bag the specie point is \$4.89; At these figures it is profitable to ship, and therefore we may expect to see the Treasury reserve still further depleted before long. Silver continues weak and has fallen 1/1d per oz. to 27. 3-16d. It is not believed that China is in earnest in negotiating for peace and, even if she is, it is doubtful if Japan will take much of the indemnity in silver since a commission has just been appointed by the Japanese government to consider ∩ur inducements.

A Good Article At a Fair Price OUR CELEBRATED BRANDS "Cable Extra," "Mungo," "El Padre," and "Varsity." Are as staple as floor, sell readily and always

in demand. Millions of each brand sold annually; sales constantly increasing.

S. DAVIS & SONS,

The Largest Cigar Manufacturers in the Dominion.

Spring Trade 1895. J. W. MACKEDIE & CO. Spring Trade 1895.

Dear Sirs,

Our representative will soon have the pleasure of calling on you with samples of spring and summer clothing for next season. As our old stock is well cleared out, almost everything he will have to show you will be new. All our lines have been very carefully selected with a view to meet the new and changed conditions of the trade, and prices of both Canadian and imported goods will be found lower than ever.

Our new Foreman-Designer has introduced several novelties you will appreciate, and you will find our reputation for turning out the best fitting, best finished and most stylish goods in the trade will be fully maintained.

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An inspection of our samples before placing your order is earnestly requested.

Montreal, Sept., 1894.

Yours faithfully,

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the desirability of adopting the gold standard. This means that there is no likelihood of any large increase in the demand for silver and hence the market for the white metal is weak and lower.

In this market money continues unchanged at 4 per cent on call and 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for discount. In New York call money runs from 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, with 1 per cent as the ruling rate. Time money is in small demand at from $2\frac{1}{2}$ for 60 days up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for six months on good mixed stock exchange collateral. The supply of mercantile paper is small, and discount runs from 3 to 6 per cent as to date and endorsation. In London call money is $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and the rate of discount in the open market $\frac{5}{6}$ per cent.

Sterling exchange closed firm in New York but only a moderate business was doing. Posted rates were 4.881/2 for sixties and 4.891/2 for demand. Actual rates were 4.87% to 4.88 for sixties, 4.88% for demand and 4.89 for cables. Commercial bills 4.871/2 and documentaries 4.871/4. In this market the rates between banks were 934 to 13-16 for sixties, 97% to 15-16 for demand, 10 for cables and 1-16 to 1-32 discount for New York funds. Over the counter rates were 97% to 10 for sixties, 101% to 1/4 for demand, 10% for cables and 1-16 to 1/8 premium for New York funds. Paris francs were 5.161/4 for long and 5.14% for short.

The week on the Stock Exchange was an active one and 26,500 shares changed hands. The "bull" movement culminated early in the week and at the close the market had flattened out very considerably although the closing prices are a point to two points higher than those of last Thursday. T really no solid cause for the advance beyond the fact that a number of our speculative fraternity transferred their attention from New York to this market, and it was felt that the boom would not be of long duration. Street Railway was, of course, the principal stock dealt in. In fact 15,300 out of the total of 26,500 shares sold were of this stock. It rose to 179% for old and 178 for new stock and then sagged sharply closing at 1771/2 for old and 1751/2 for new. Cable was also active, and 3,200 shares were sold at a range of from 14234 to 146, closing at 1441/4. Gas, of which 2981 shares were sold, rose to 195 and closed at 194. In fact the whole list of stocks closed weak and heavy. A feature of the week was the listing of Toronto Street Railway stock on this market. Sales were made at 741% to 75. The following are the transactions of the week as per Chas. Meredith & Co., stockbrokers.

BANKS.	Sharee	Ilighe	Lowes	Last Y
Montreal	50	221	2191/2	2211/4
Ontario	10	97	97	115
Peoples	17	11534	11534	
Molsons	24	169	168	
Merchants	62	165	164	1581%
Union	1	100	100	
Commerce	50	$136\frac{1}{2}$	136½	135%
Ville Marie	10	78	78	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Pacific	250	57	56	721/2
	236	146	142%	185
	479	159	1561	1441%
	715	96½	$92 \frac{5}{4}$	81
Street Railway 5	329	179%	1781	162
New " 10	001	178	1713/	
	125	75	741	
Gas 2	981	195	193	1781/2
Bell Tel	50	153	152	130
	112	120	118	
Colored " .	5	50	50	
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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS

Thursday evening, Jan. 17th. 1895.

The steady winter weather and good sleighing throughout the country have caused the retail trade to experience a comparatively lively trade following the holidays. In wholesale circles the return to active business for the new year has scarcely been felt as yet, the turn of the 20th bringing it about as a rule. In hardware the question of the permanency of nail prices, as given in last issue, is still under consideration. Tin continues to weaken both for block and strip. Dry goods' travelers show numerous orders received, but for smaller quantities. Groceries continue dull, and are not expected to revive for another week. Teas are claiming considerable attention, without, however, resulting in much direct business. Failures are numerous throughout the Dominion, but none are of sufficient dimensions to call for special comment.

ASHES.—Very little business has been done this week, owing to light receipts. We quote potash \$4.10 for first sort and \$3.75 for second sort, peerls \$6.40 for first sort. Market quiet. Receipts since 1st January 54 brls. pots, 2 brls. pearl. Delivered 30 brls. pots, no pearls. In store 16 January at 6 p.m. 98 brls. pots, 5 brls. pearls.

BUTTER.—In this article there has been little or no business passing during the week, the extreme dullness experienced for some weeks past still continuing. Holders don't know what to make of the situation, and see no immediate prospect of the demand picking up. Finest creamery and fresh-fiavored sweet dairy goods, which are in small supply, are held with a

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certain amount of firmness, and meet with a fair jobbing sale to the city local trade. But in under qualities, of all kinds, there is nothing whatever doing, and it is impossible to make any headway with sales as there are no buyers, or outlet. Western dairy, which comprises by far the larger portion of the held stock in this market, is being offered freely at from 10 to 12c without attracting much attention from buyers. We quote finest fresh creannery, 20 to 21c; held lots 15 to 18c; finest sweet dairy 17 to 19c; under grades 10 to 14c. Roll butter arrives freely and is quoted from 14 to 15 cents, but trade is much divided and prices rule altogether with buyers.

COAL AND WOOD.—Steady cold weather has assisted the demand, city dealers being kept fairly busy filling orders. There are no changes to note in prices. We quote, Stove per ton, \$6.00; Chestnut, \$6.00; Egg, \$5.75; Cape Breton, (ex.ship,) \$3.75; Pictou, do. \$4.25; Lower ports screen, (retail) \$5.00; Scotch, do. \$6.00; Dry maple wood per cord, \$6.50; beech, \$6.00; birch, \$6.00; mixed, \$5.00; tamarac, \$5.00; slabs, \$4.00.

DRESSED Hogs.—Larger arrivals and very mild weather give a much easier tendency to the market. Still there has been a fairly satisfactory business passing during the week just closed. Sales of car lots at from \$5.35 to \$5.50, and jobbing lots to suit buyers from \$5.60 to \$5.75.

DRUGS, PAINTS AND OILS.—The return of trade following the holidays has begun to appear, and by another week it is expected trade will show a fair revival. Fish oils are scarce and consequently held firmer. American coal oil has advanced as will be seen by figures in prices current. A New York report says: Linseed oil has been somewhat unsettled, but has steadied up again as a result of information from the West. The cottonseed oil market has been about steady, but quict. The animal oils show no important changes. Among the fish oils cod is firmer. The mineral oils are unchanged, nothwithstanding the considerable advance in crude.

DRY GOODS.—Orders are coming in fairly for spring goods and travellers sales are numerous but very small. Everyone is buying cautiously, and trade can only be looked upon as fair. City trade is also a little dull, as it usually is after the holidays when people have spent all their money, and a number of houses are taking stock which tends to still further diminish sales. Still there are no complaints of cutting prices and most country merchants recognise that they have reached rock bottom and are more likely to go up than down. Money continues a little slow; but failures are few and far between, and [the _outlook generally is hopeful.

DRESSED POULTRY, HARES, ETC.With only a moderate supply arriving the market has a fairly firm tendency, and all good fat lots meet with ready sale, and at full prices. We quote: Turkeys 8½c to 9½c per lb.; geese 6 to 7c; ducks 7 to 9c; chickens 6 to 8c; fowls 5 to 6c per lb.





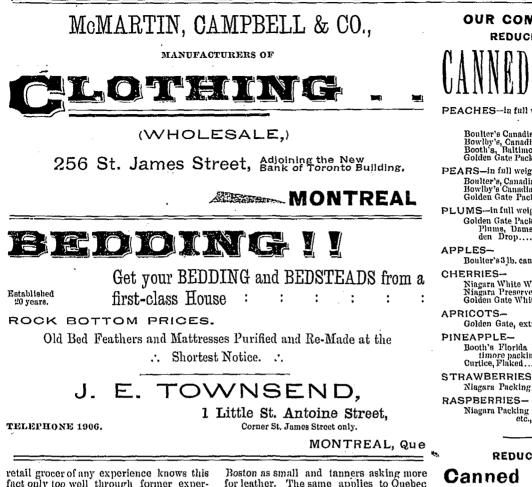
OUR TRAVELLERS WILL BE SHORTLY ON THE ROAD.

Partridges are plentiful, and not much in demand, offering at 35 to 40c per pair. *Hares.*—The market is over-stocked, and with the close of the season so near at hand, all receivers are trying to unload, and are forcing sales at from 5 to 10c per pair. Some lots coming in are being refused by the consignees, and are being sold by the carriers at whatever can be realized to cover freight charges, *Venison.*—Receipts small. There is but little offering in the market. We quote: carcasses 5 to 6c per lb.; saddles 8 to 10 cents.

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Ecos.—With a long spell of mild springlike weather, receivers seem to have lost all confidence in the future of the market, and are forcing sales on limed, and held fresh eggs at all kinds of prices from 9 to 12 cents. The result is a dull and very demoralized market. In conversation with one of the largest handlers of eggs on this market he expressed the opinion that the present break in prices was the best for the future of the market as it was forcing eggs much more largely into consumption, and in a short time the glut of stock would become worked off, and, with cold weather, prices would quickly advance. There is no question but what firmer markets and better prices will be seen before the middle of February. New fresh eggs are in light supply and quoted from 19 to 21 cents per dozen.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.-Enquiry from England for Manitoba patents continues but English offers are too far under millers' ideas for any business to result. The local demand is a fair one, but the market has a quiet tone. We quote winter wheat patents \$3.50 to \$3.75, strong bakers \$3.40 to \$3.75 and straight roller \$2.85 to \$3.00, Feed is more active. Bran sells at \$15.00 for Ontario and \$16 for Manitoba, shorts at \$17 and mouillie \$20 to \$22. Oatmeal shows no improvement and only small lots are moving on the basis of \$3.70for/standard. The local grain market shows little life. Very little is offering and business is confined to the coarse grains. Sales of oats have been made at 36½c for No. 2 in car lots and peas are being bought at 53c to 54c on the lines West for storage, as prices are still above the export basis. Cable advices to the Board of Trade are as follows:—London, January 16. Cargoes off coast, wheat dull; maize quiet. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat buyers hold off, hoping to obtain some concession; maize, Quiet and steady. Mark Lane maize. Danubian, cargo Turkish steamer on passage, 20s; spot Danubian, 21s 9d; markets, quiet and steady; French do., firm. Liverpool spot wheat and maize, quiet and steady; demand poor. Mixed maize, 4s 3d. Canadian peas, 4s 8½d. Minnesota first bakers' flour 10s. Liverpool futures: Wheat quiet, 4s 8½d January; 4s 9d Maach; 4s 10½d May. Maize quiet, 4s 2¾d January; 18 2¾d March; 4s 3đ May. Wheat in Paris, 19.30 January; 19.40 February. Flour in Paris, 44.00 January; 44.15 February. GROCERIES.—The revival of new business for the opening of the year is no^t generally looked for before the 20th instant, consequently the present year has been no exception to the general rule of slack orders prior to that date. In the comparative absence of business, therefore, it is not expected that any changes will present themselves. There is considerable skirmishing going on in the tea market, but few transactions are heard of as boing put through. The principal bidding comes from the U.S. where supplies are generally low, and while transactions at the moment are scarce, it must result in business in the near future. A number of tea agents are here at present and have been booking good orders for the new crop. Sugars are practically unchanged from the conditions ruling a week ago. One relinery here has placed a second grade granulated on the market at $3\frac{1}{2}$ to compare and compete with the German article, which, for those who prefer quantity to quality, has been receiving some attention in certain quarters. The idea expressed in a Toronto contemporary of recent date that the present "age of cheap commodities" applies with equal-force to sugars is slightly misleading from the fact, as most retail grocers will readily admit, that the public are, as a rule, extremely particular regarding the purchase of granulated sugar; often questioning with apparent fear lest they be given other thau the best article, the price, even though five pounds more to the dollar were offered, claiming secondary consideration. Hence it is that the leading refinery and wholesale grocers hesitate regarding the manufacture or sale of an inferior grade, knowing by experience that the German article will be reckoned on its morits by the trade in general rather, than accepted because of an attempt to place it at the disposal of dealers at a shade in price under that of the best quality. Every



retail grocer of any experience knows this fact only too well through former experience in selling the products of various Dominion refineries.

HIDES AND TALLOW. -The marked scarcity of stock contiues to form a feature of the market. One city dealer reports he could have sold ten more cars than he had stock to fill during the past week, but they were not obtainable, the whole of Canada, as he reports it, having been scoured over during the past six months by U. S. buyers, and as a consequence stock is not to be had. Quotations are changed on another page to accord with recent rise in prices. Light hides, 60 lbs and under are now selling at 6c per pound. The fight being over, dealers will now pay 5 cents per pound for light hides, and 5½c for stoers. Tallow is a shade casier, rough selling at \$1 to \$3 per 100 lbs. An authority on hides claims there were 100.000 taken out of Ontario during the past seven months, with none arriving except for harness and belting purposes, which shows that tanuers here have really neither hides nor leather to supply the demand should it arise.

IRON AND METALS.—The trouble in the new nail combine described in another column is the principal topic in hardware circles. Travellers are still nearly all at home but next week will see them on tho road. Locally there is very little doing. Pig iron is nominal at \$21 for Summerlee ex-store. The continues to drop. We quote block tin at 15½c to 16½c and strip at 16½c to 17c. Axes are quoted as low as \$6.50. Sheet iron is again cheaper. 16 guage sells at \$2.20, 17, 18 and 20 guage at \$1.90 and 22 and 24 guage at \$2.00. Tinned sheets are easy at 5½c to 6c. The remainder of the list is unchanged,

LEATHER AND SHOES.—The price of leather is becoming gradually firmer but has not yet reached the equivalent of hides at to-day's price, which it must do or tanners will not make it. English buyers in this market during the week report a rapidly increasing domand with stocks considerably reduced and prices firmer. They also report stocks in and around Boston as small and tanners asking more for leather. The same applies to Quebec and Montreal, stocks being extremely light. An Eastern Ontario tanner wrote a leading leather dealer here this week as follows: "What the deuce is the matter with the leather trade all at once? I've had more orders in one day this week than I had for six months before, for all kinds of grains." One city leather house has issued a circular making terms 4 months nett; 4 per cent off 60 days; 5 off 30 days; or 6 per cent discount for prompt cash This is looked on as a move in the right direction, as hitherto there were 'no stated terms, and the trade generally would be glad to adopt the new idea.

Woon.—A better feeling is shown in the market during the past week. A good many western and U.S. buyers were in the city, the latter purchasing quite freely, one firm reporting the sale of three cars. The expectations is that a good business will be done with U.S. buyers for some time. At the sale of slightly damaged Cape held here on the 11th instant, offerings were pleked up quite freely, the prices ranging from 9¼c to 12¼c. Some sound wool was also sold. The London sales, opened on the 15th instant a shade easier. The offerings on the 16th were of a better quality and there was a full attendance of buyers. Competition was at first brisk, but it was soon tamed down to conditions prevailing on the opening day. The low and faulty grades were especially dull. There was a large attendance of American buyers.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Toronto, Jan'y 17th, 1895

(Revised by Telegraph).

Business in wholesale circles is neither good nor bad. An improvement is noted in some instances, but there is no general movement that could be termed satisfactory. On the whole the outlook is fair. General stocks of merchandise in the country are not as large as usual at this season of the year. Prices generally are irregular, with payments rather slow.

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Money is easy on call at 4 per cent, and the discount rates for prime paper are 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

BUTTER, ETC.—Trade quiet with little change in prices. The best qualities of tub dairy job at 16 to 17c, large rolls at 14 to 16c, and inferior at 11 to 12c. Creamery, 20 to 23c. Eggs easier, with sales of fresh at 16 to 17c, limed at 11 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c, and new laid at 20 to 21c. Cheese steady at $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c in a jobbing way.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Trade in flour is dull and prices steady. Ontario straight rollers \$2.60 to \$2.70, according to quality, and Ontario patents, \$2.80 to \$2.90. Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90, and strong bakers \$3.65 to \$3.70. Wheat firm, with white selling at 5Sc north. and west and at 60c on Northern and Midland. Spring sold at 65c on the Midland. Manitoba hard is steady with sales at 7Sc west and 79c east.

GROCERIES.—A moderate trade is reported with prices generally unchauged. Sugar steady, granulated selling at 3¾ to 3‰c, and yellows at 3 to 3‰c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for cured is good at 5c. Dealers continue to pay 4c for No. 1 green and 8c for No. 2 Sheepskins firm at 70 to 75c and calfskins 6 to 7c. Tallow is quoted at 5¹/₂ to 6c.

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Boots and Shoes. Brogans or Cobourgs Split Balmorals Buft " or Congress Calf " \$2.00 to \$3.50Boots Calf Congress	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Youthe. \$0 55 \$0 \$0 0 70 0 \$0 0 75 1 00 0 90 1 15 0 00 0 00	Roast Chicken 1-lb tins Roast Turkey, 1-lb tins Brooms.	S. c. S. c. 2 25 0 00 2 25 0 00	Soda Ash. Soda Bicarb Sal. Soda Goncentrated	2 30 2 50 0 75 0 85
Split Boots Kip " Grain " \$2,00 to \$3.00, Feit Sox Feit Boots, half fox\$1 60 2 1 Pegged. Split Batts or Bals	1 25 2 00 1 15 1 50 1 75 2 00 1 40 1 70 0 30 0 00 0 do full \$1 75, \$2 50 Womens, Mieses. 0 60 0 85 0 60 0 70	0 S5 1 10 1 00 1 00 Childs. 0 40 0 55	Rose 4 varn, hand heavy Pansy 4 " " medium Thistic 4 " " " Map Leaf A 4 stys. " B 4 " stained Shanrock A 4 " varn hand " B 4 " stained Dalsy A 3 strys " " " B 3 " stained " " B 3 " stained " " Ulip No. 1 3 strys " "	3 25 0 00 2 70 0 00 2 65 0 00 2 65 0 00	Dyestuffs. Archil. con. Cutch. Ex. Logwood. Chips. Indigo (Bengal). Indigo Madras. Gambler. Madder. Sumac.	
Kip Peibled or Buff Bals Pebbled Button, Machine Sewed Gazed Buff Button. " Gont " Polish Calf " French Kid " Mens Calf, Bals. Cong or Butt, Good Mens Calf, Bals. Cong or Butt, Good " Tan Russis Calf, Bals. Cong or " " Tan Russis Calf, Bals. Cong or " " French Pat. Calf or Enamel Le Ladies" Glaze Dong, Butt, and Bals., G "	1 25 2 00 1 00 1 75 1 25 2 00 1 00 1 75 1 25 3 50 1 90 2 50 yenr Welt	$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 35 \\ 1 & 40 & 1 & 75 \\ 2 & 35 & 3 & 50 \\ 2 & 00 & 2 & 50 \\ 3 & 50 & 4 & 50 \\ 2 & 00 & 3 & 00 \\ \end{array}$	Curling 4 " Drugs & Chemicals Acid Carbolic Cryst medi Aloes, Cape	2 65 3 50 0 20 0 35 0 13 0 15 1 75 2 50	Fish. Fish. Cape Brit. Herring, July. "" Aug Labrador Herringe Seu Trout No. 1split p.b	- 5 00 5 25 - 4 50 4 75 - 0 00 0 00
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Lobsters. Sc. Sc. Sardines, X. 500 (500) Mackerel 4 doz. case 000 4 00 Salmon 500 5 00 000 Clams, 1-1b tins, per doz. 2 00 0 00 Outcome """"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	" 4-105 " 6-1bs " 14-1bs Lunch Tngs 1-1b. per doz. " 2-1bs " Eng. Brawn 2-1bs	$ \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 32 & 0 & 00 \\ 5 & 32 & 0 & 00 \\ 8 & 25 & 0 & 00 \\ 19 & 00 & 0 & 00 \\ 100 & 3 & 25 \\ 150 & 5 & 75 \\ 2 & 00 & 2 & 25 \\ 0 & 00 & 1 & 70 \end{bmatrix} $	Gum Arabic per lb	$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 16 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 15 & 1 & 00 \\ 0 & 50 & 0 & 50 \\ 1 & 75 & 1 & 55 \\ 0 & 50 & 4 & 75 \\ 0 & 0^{*} & 0 & 12 \end{array}$	salmon No. 1 bris """"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	1. 4 50 4 75 . 0 00 12 00 . 0 00 11 00 . 19 00 21 00 . 10 25 10 50 . 5 00 5 50
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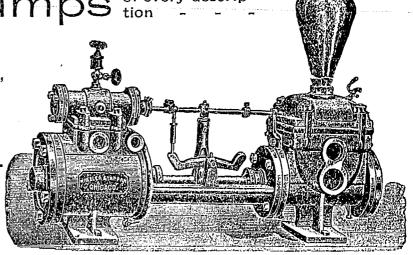
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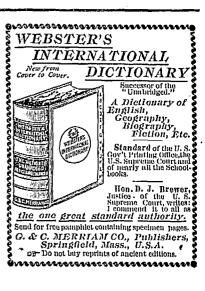
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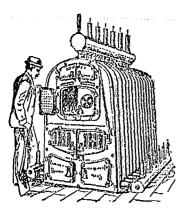
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Hardware-Continued.		Sharpand flat pressed nails 3 inchextra 21/2 and 23/2 " . "		IX Charcoal IXX " D C "	Ueual Trade	No. I, ordinary sole No. 2 " " Buffalo Sole, No. 1 " No. 2	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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Cut nails, fence and cut spikesHot cut.	4	1 4 50112 5	0 00 10 00 1	Anchors, per lb Lion & Crown tin'd sh'ts 22 and 24 guage	0 054 0 66	Unper, heavy	0 15 0 23
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Sd and 9d, " 6d and 7d " 4d to 5d " 8d	0 25 0 00 0 40 0 00 60 0 00 1 00 0 00	Galvanized Iron:	2 85 2 00	" Spelter	4 00 4 25	English Canada Kip Hemlock Calf '' Light	0 30 0 40
2d	1 50 0 00 0 50 0 00 0 90 0 00	Morewood & Heathfield. Queen's Head, or equal	0 05 0 00	Machinery scrap	10001600	French Calf. Splits, light and medium "heavy" " small	0 12 0 16
Fine blued nails- 3dextra 2d Casing and box, flooring shook, and tobacco box	1200 000	Calder	. 00 00 00 00 00 . 00 00 21 00 . 00 00 00 00 00 . 00 00 00 00	Bright No. 7, per 100 lb Annealed No. 7 "	B 2 60 0 00 2 65 0 60 2 70 0 60	Leather Board, Canada Enameled Cow, per ft Pebble Grain Glove Grain	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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1/2 to 1/4 " " 1/4 " " Slating nails—	1 75 0 00)	$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 30 & 2 & 10 \\ 2 & 00 & 0 & 00 \\ 2 & 10 & 2 & 20 \\ 2 & 20 & 2 & 30 \\ 2 & 20 & 2 & 30 \end{array}$	Hides and 7 allow Montreal Green Hides "No. 1 per 100 H	ue 0.00 5.00	Colored Peobles	. 0 1% 0 18
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Steel nails 10c extra. Clinch nails—		Steel, cast per lb "Spring, 100 lbs "Tire."	. 0 09 0 10 . 2 75 3 00 . 2 00 0 00	Tallow, refined	. 075 100 500 650	(Lard Oil, Extra	
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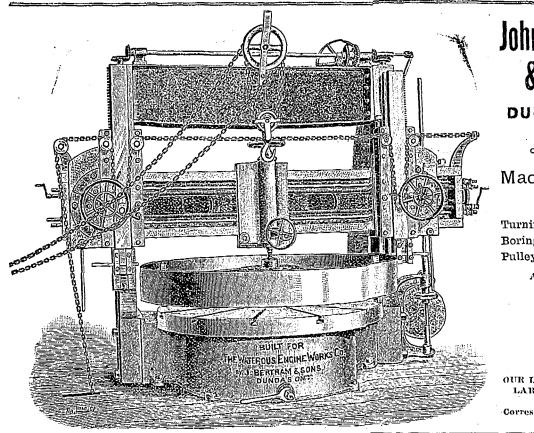
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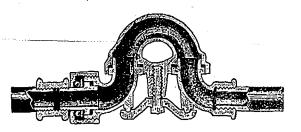
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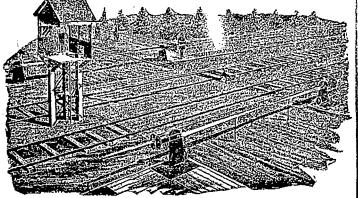
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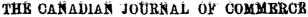
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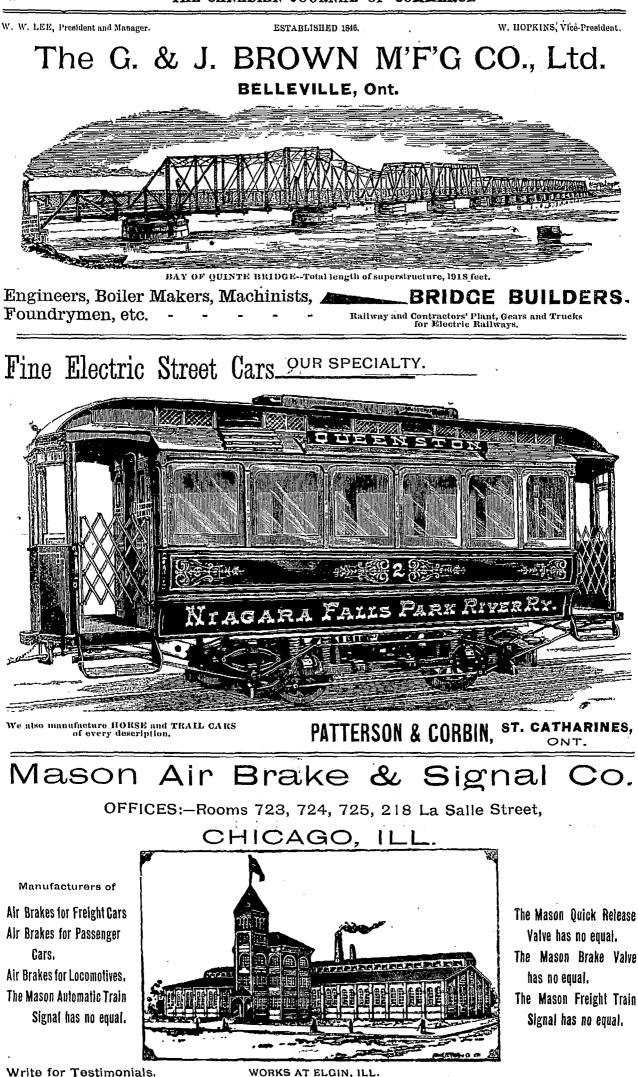


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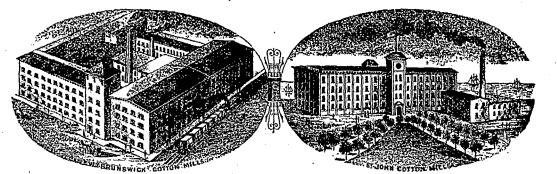




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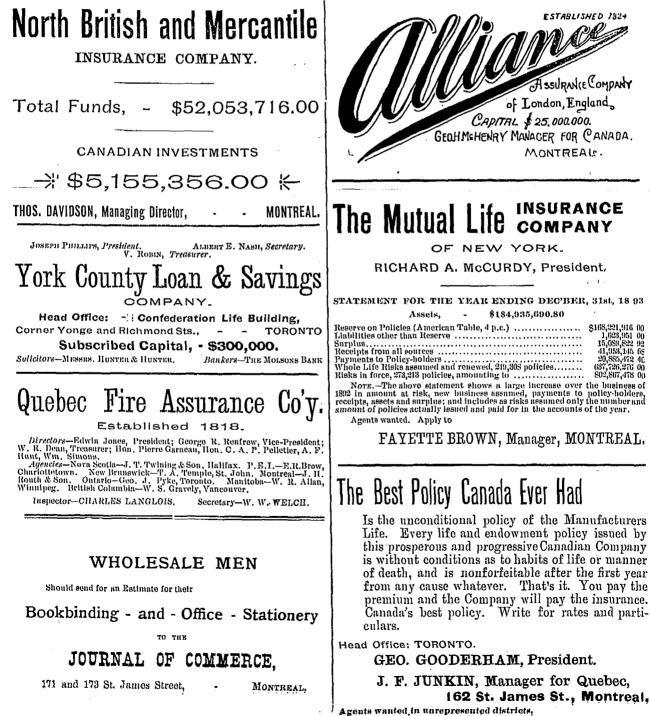
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