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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th of June to the 1st of July, both days inclusive.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The chair will be taken at twelve o'clock noon. By order of the Board.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 30th JUNE, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

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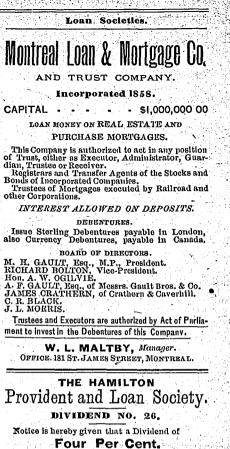
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upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Society has been declared for the half-year ending June 30, 1884, and that the same will be payable at the Society's Banking House, Hamilton, Ontario, on and after

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Hamilton, 6th Jane, 1884. Treasurer

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It is estimated that the orchards of the Delaware peninsular will yield at least 7,000,000 baskets of peaches this year, and the railroads are preparing to move that immense crop.

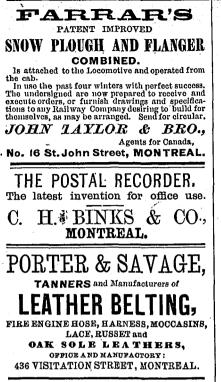
The quantity of cigars consumed in Germany during the past year amounted to the enormous total of 75,130,000 pounds in weight, while that of tobacco in addition reached a weight of 73,130,000 pounds.

THE imports of woollen carpets into Francehave increased considerably during the past few years. Pure woollen fabrics which entered into the amount imported in 1883, were valued at 33,000,000 francs, against 10,000,000 francs in 1880.

CHEAP American clocks are being sold largely to English dealers. The average price of the 27,000 odd sold in April is given at \$1.07. —The Ontario Investment Association has declared a dividend of four per cent for the half year, payable on and after 2nd July.

MR. ALF. H. ELLIS, general agent for this Province of the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Co., this city, has been appointed general Special Agent for the Equitable Life, with head quarters in New York, entering upon his new duties about 1st July.

JAMES SCOTT, general trader, Walfaceburg. Ont., has assigned, with liabilities of about \$20,000. His assets are placed nominally at \$23,000, being evenly divided between stock in trade and book debts. It is thought the estate will turn out fairly.



KEMP reports the number of failures in England and Wales gazetted, during the week ending May 31, 59, against 209 for the corresponding week in 1883, making a net decrease in 1884 to date of 2,460. The numbers of bills of sale published in England and Wales for the week was 238, showing a decrease of 5 and a net decrease date of 308.

IN England, glass is beginning to supersede iron and wood in the construction of bridges, being cheaper and more adaptable for that purpose. It is made into blocks and hardened by a special process, in which shape it is perfectly rigid and well fitted i for its new sphere of usefulness. As it is non-corrosive and free from injury by insects it will likely become a popular material.

EXCHANGES are recording the doings of the Russians in promoting the extensive production of a plant known as epilobium, which yields a pod somewaat resembling cotton, and possesses some of the fibrons qualities of that plant. Experiments have already been made and with claimed success in ginning, spinning and weaving it on a small scale. The central power has been petitioned to appropriate certain government lands for the purpose.

THE assignment 15 announced of Abraham Goodwin, grocer, Strathroy, Ont., to his landlord, A. Meckinson. His liabilities are placed at \$7,500, to meet which he shows assets of only \$2,000. His principal creditors are E. Adams & Co., London, Ont., who have accepted 25c. on the dollar upon their claim of \$7,000, and it is believed the other creditors will do the same. Mr. Goodwin is an old resident of Strathroy, having been in business there some twenty years, and, owing to his misfortunes, arising from circumstances over which he had no control, much sympathy is felt for him.



THERTY-SIX failures are reported in Canada during last week, against 33 in the preceding week, and 23, 16 and 6 respectively in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882, and 1881. In the United States there were 184 failures last week, as compared with 165, 104, and 60 in the corresponding weeks of 1883, 1882 and 1881. The percentage of small traders with capital under \$5,000 was 27.

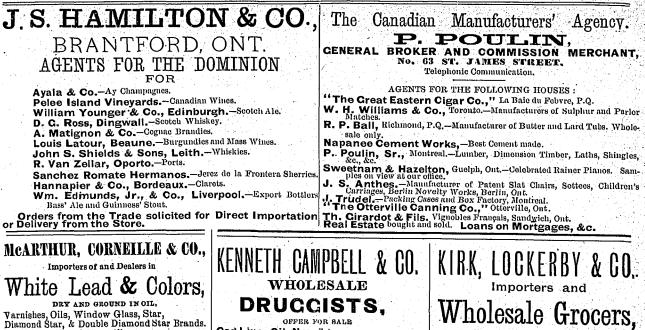
The wool market in Boston last week was very dull, the sales aggregating 1,692,300 lbs, which fell below the average requirements of the market by 700,000 lbs. Holders are anxious to close out their stocks before the new wools come to any extent in, and prices continue to rule in buyer's favor. New wools are commencing to arrive more freely, and heavy arrivals are expected from Texas next week. In Ohiopprices of the new clip range from 28c to 30c.

H. W. GODDARD, dry goods, St. Stephen, N.B., was recently arrested on a capias for about \$40,000 at the instance of Daniel & Boyd, St. John, N.B. He gave bail, and it is understood that the affair has been arranged by his handing over to Daniel & Boyd his stock in store and book debts, also the store, which is mortgaged for pretty well its full value. Goddard retains his private house, which is worth about \$1000. Daniel & Boyd intend having a cheap sale of the stock this week.

THE London Labor News of May 31 has the following: "In the labor market there are not many changes to note. The trouble in the iron and coal trade, as last mentioned, continues. The ship-joiners on the Olyde have not yet made their point in limiting the proposed reduction to one farthing per hour. The Bradford dyers have struck—4000 of them—for a 10 per cent advance. There is a strike of bakers at Glasgow. Arbitration between the East End (London) shoemakers and their employers has been resorted to. Emigration brisk. NOTICE.—Remittances on account of subscription are credited in the following issue by a change in the date of the address-label on the paper of the person remitting, showing the time to which the subscription has been paid. Should the remittance arrive on or immediately before the day of publication, the change may not appear before the following week. It is to be hoped our subscribers will accept this as a receipt, as the trouble and expense of acknowledging by an ordinary receipt would form no inconsiderable percentage on the low annual price of the paper.

DIAMENT & Dwyer, Lindsay, Ont., who commenced business about two years ago as grocers, have compromised at 75c on the dollar, on liabilities of \$4,000, by giving their promissory notes at one, two, three and four months date, secured by endorsation. Their assets were estimated at \$5,000 nominally, and consisted of stock in trade, book debts and shop fitures. They appear, however, to have had enough of the grocery business, and are preparing to sell their effects by tender, in order to close up the concern at once. Diament had \$3,000 at the start in town property, and is believed to be in solvent circumstances.

THE liabilities of C. Auctil, leather merchant Levis, P.Q., are \$1,200, and assets, \$500, consisting of stock, \$400, and book debts, \$100. His difficulties are attributed to inattentive habits. He failed before in 1876.—M. Slattery, Louisburg, N.S., general storekeeper, who assigned in March last, shows liabilities of \$6,000, to meet which he has real estate and stock in trade valued at about \$4,000. His difficulties have arisen through the general depression in business, and the carrying of some outside liabilities, incurred some time ago. His real estate is mortgaged to the extent of \$1,500.



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A SHIPMENT of eight cars of butter is now en. route from Dubuque, In., to New Orleans, the heaviest shipment of Iowa butter on record, amounting to 172,930 lbs.

THE assignce in the insolvent estate of Hearn & McNab, London, Ont., has declared a dividend of ten cents on the dollar, upon claims aggregating \$19,823, most of which belong to European firms.

ALBERT Tremblay, general storekeeper, Hebertville, Que., is compounding liabilities of about \$5,300 at fifty cents in the dollar, somewhat over one-third cash and the balance in five and twelve months. The assets show a nominal deficiency of about \$600.

P. H. DUFRESSE, general storekeeper, St. Barthelemy, Que., has assigned in trust to Messrs. P. P. Martin and J. C. Marchand of this city. He owns some real estate valued at \$1,500 and his stock in trade would probably foot up as much more. Liabilities small.

The citizens of Emerson, Man., confessed that John Woodley made good beer, but want of sufficient capital interfered with his success. He began a year or two since with about \$1,500, said to have been earned in government service. The landlord, who was to get \$800 a year, is in possession. Landlords in the North West are occasionally slow to recognize the logic of events, and reduce rents to a "live and let live" basis.—Noble & Hagenois, saloonkeepers, Winnipeg, are reported missing,

WHOLESALE DRUCCISTS, OFFER FOR BALB Cod Liver Oil, New Id., Cod Liver Oil, Norweglan, Coriander Seeds, Cream of Tartar, 603 CRAIG STREET, MONTREAL.

The average price charged by Montreal retail grocers for granulated sugar during May was 10 cents a pound; choice creamery butter 30 cents a pound. Our family grocers do not believe any longer in the exploded notion of selling sugar at cost or anything near it, an example worthy of general imitation.

CAMERON & Larkin, lumber merchants Brandon, Man., who assigned in trust on May 21st, show liabilities of \$4,821, with nominal assets of \$7,195, consisting of real estate, stock in trade, and book debts. Their difficulties are attributed to injudicious speculations outside of their business. They claim, however, that, with a reasonable extension, they will be enabled to pay in full.

A CITY subscriber directs attention to what he calls the "wanton destruction" of young trees annually, for the purposes of decorative lining along the streets, during festivals and popular holidays, especially in Montreal; and suggests that the trees had better be planted and made to grow, thus affording not only the usual requisites of processional routes, but healthful shade during summer, and shelter in the winter.

At a meeting of the creditors of P. C. Dumais, trader, Chicoutimi, Que., held in Quebec early this month, he showed a statement, giving his liabilities at between \$8,000 and \$9,-900, and assets between \$5,000 and \$6,000, on the basis of which he offered to compromise at fifty cents in the dollar, spread over a year. The proposition is being favorably entertained. Mr. Dumais began his present venture in 1880, having been burnt.94t in the year preceding. MRS. HELENE NUGENT SUCCEEDED her son in a small general store business at Chicoutimi in 1874, he having proved unsuccessful. She is now compromising at twenty cents in the dollar.

St. Peter and St. Sacrament Streets.

MONTREAL.

The remarkably low price at which Messrs. Henry Chapman & Co. offer the new arrivals of clarets, ex-ship *Lea*, cannot fail to meet the requirements of the trade for a cheap, sound article in this class of summer wines.—It will be seen that Messrs. Lyman, Sons & Co., of this city, offer for sale a superior article of Lime Fruit Juice, known as the "Dominica," which is of remarkable strength and purity. As a summer beverage the Dominica should not fail to become popular.

MR. J. A. ANDERSON has not met with a modicum of success as publisher and proprietor of the Chatham, Ont., Tribune. Mr. Anderson hails from Forest, where he published the Free, Press. Early in 1883 he purchased the Tribune, with plant, etc., from Mr. W. R. Dobbyn, for \$6,500, paying \$2,500 in cash, and giving a chattel mortgage for the balance, a price which he now probably believes was quite as much as the property was worth. We hope the difficulties may be only of a temporary nature. THOS. Robinson, saw mill owner and general storekeeper, Newbury, Ont., has been known for some time past to be carrying a heavy load. but it was hoped that the large quantity of logs he got out last winter, worth in sawn lumber some \$10,000, would enable him to pull through. He owns farm lands of about 500 acres, which he estimates worth \$12,000. Interest on mortgages of about \$5,000 was rather a heavy item in his business. Mr. Robinson has suffered chiefly through inadequate capital,



agents in the United States that he may expect shipment of new flour by the 20th of next month, which will be by far the earliest date that flour ground from new wheat was ever offered on this market. It is rarely that new flour has sarrived here before the middle of September in former years, but of course American brands had not the run of this mar-ket then as now. Samples of new wheat have alrendy been sold in Texas at \$1 per bushel.

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THE retail confectioners on St. Catherine street, this city, are making nearly as large profits as the neighboring saloon-keepers, and they take at least equally as good care of them. One of the most imposing business structures in the city is being erected by a firm who began in a small way in that line, in a favorable stand, on that street a very few years ago. It is of course a mere truism to say that the candy business, like all others, requires some capital and a great deal of judicious personal attention to make it pay,

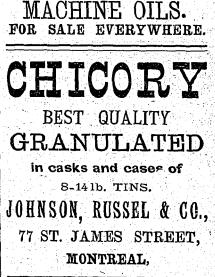
latterly sued by a leading wholesale millinery firm, but managed to pay up. Affairs have not mended meantime, and a few days ago an assignment was made to Mr. Motley, of Jas. Donnelly & Son. Liabilities about \$6,000; assets nominally equivalent.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE .- We learn that negotiations are pending between the Governments of the Dominion and Newfoundland, regarding the final settlement of the vexed fish inspection question. Mr. James Lord, of the firm of Lord, Munn & Co., of this city, has just returned from Ottawa, having had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Bowell and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue relative to the subject in dispute, and every assurance has been given on the part of the authorities at Ottawa that the matter will have their prompt attention and that there is nothing in the nature of the dispute that cannot he speedily and amicably ad. the front. The removal of Messrs. Belding, Paul & Co. (Belding Bros. & Co., New York, Chicago, &c.) to their new factory on Seigneurs street; has been already noticed. The firm have also opened an office and sample warehouse at 296 St. James street, near Victoria square, for the greater convenience of their customers. The other industry, referred to is that of the Goodyear Rubber Co., who, finding their warehouse on Notre Dame street becoming more and more inadequate to the growth of their wholesale and retail business,-in addition to that of the Granby Rubber Co., manufacturers of circular rubber cloaks, &c., of which Mr. J. V. R. Brown is also manager,-have leased the commodious double warehouses, 221 and 223 St James street, lately occupied by Messrs. Alex. McGibbon & Co., and made alterations and improvements, rendering this one of the most elegant establishments on the street,



but much of it not realizable within a year, The firm is carrying on business as usual.

promising points during the recent boom. He has assigned to E, R: O, Clarkson, Toronto,



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THE NEW LOAN.-The new loan has been taken at a mere fraction over the minimum rate, a result which, taken in connection with. former transactions of the same kind, confirms our belief that the wisest course would be to place it at a fixed price, instead of investing tenders with a publicly declared minimum rate. We have no doubt that the loan has been placed satisfactorily, and, as a rule, it is more advantageous to place loans at a rate of interest that will not command par in the market. The discount on 3 per cent, would, however, have been too great. There is a large amount of bonds about to mature, and it will therefore be necessary to negotiate a further loan, probably to about the same amount, in the yourse of the next few months,

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notes out, with less than two millions of gold. A most extraordinary item appears in the statement. The Government being required by law to keep on hand 15 per cent in gold, and being short, by their own admission, put \$486,666 (£100,000) as " in transit" from England. There is no indication of an intention to realize the guaranteed debentures, which it is to be presumed are in the hands of the fiscal agents in London. It was always imagined that in case of emergency those debentures would be sold and bills drawn against them, which could be readily cashed in New York, and American gold procured in 24 hours time. The sovereigns are not wanted, and if intended to prevent the banks drawing gold, will fail in effecting that object. The consequence will be an advanced rate of exchange on New York, which will have to be borne by the customers of the banks. It cannot be too strongly pressed on public attention that the supply of gold is wholly inadequate, and that the true remedy is to act on the principle of the old law, which was perfectly safe.

RECIPROCITY.

Nothing can be more unfair than the course taken by the Opposition press on the question of reciprocity. That course is clearly inimical to Canadian interests, and is obviously taken to subserve the interests of the political party opposed to the Government. There is, we believe, no question on which greater unanimity of opinion prevails throughout the Dominion than that generally termed reciprocity, although we readily admit that there are considerable differences of opinion as to the concessions that it would be expedient to make in order to procure an extension of commercial intercourse between Canada and the United States. In view of the recent demand for commercial union, which had been previously chiefly advocated by avowed supporters of the independence of Canada, and also of the allegations that the Prime Minister of the Dominion is hostile to reciprocity, we have thought it worth while to invite attention to the utterances of some leading politicians in the year 1870.

During the 3rd session of the first Parliament of the Dominion Mr. Huntington, who was an avowed advocate of independence, proposed a series of resolutions on which he proposed to found an address to the Governor-General, with a view to procure the establishment of what he termed a Customs' Union, which he held "would tend to expand

" our commerce, develop its resources, " and multiply our productions." It was not positively declared that this Customs' Union was to be exclusively with the. United States, but the system was avowedly intended "to place in a posi-"tion of commercial equality and reci-' procity, all the countries becoming " parties thereto." The next resolutions were as follows: "That a great ad-" vantage would result from placing the "Government of this Dominion in direct " communication with the several states " which might be willing to negotiate for " such commercial arrangements." "That "it is expedient to obtain from the " Imperial Government all necessary " powers to enable the Government of the " Dominion to enter into direct communi-" cation with such foreign States as might " be disposed, upon terms advantageous " to Canada, to negotiate such commercial "regulations." "That in all cases the " treaties creating such proposed com-" mercial arrangements shall be subject " to the approval of Her Majesty." Before commenting on the foregoing resolutions we shall give the amendments proposed, respectively, by Sir Alexander T. Galt, and Sir John A. Macdonald. The gentleman first named proposed the following resolution:

"That great advantage would result " from placing the Government of the " Dominion in direct communication with " all British possessions and foreign States " which might be willing to negotiate for " commercial arrangements tending to " this result." " That it is expedient to " obtain from the Imperial Government " all necessary powers to enable the "Government of the Dominion to enter "into direct communication for such " purpose with each British possession "and foreign state." "That in all such proposed commercial " cases " arrangements should be subject to "the " approval of Her Majesty." Sir John A. Macdonald proposed an amendment to the amendment, which was as follows: " That this House, while desirous of " obtaining for the Dominion the freest "access to the markets of the world, " and thus augmenting and extending "its' prosperity, is satisfied, that this "object can be best obtained by the " concurrent action of the Imperial and " Canadian Governments, and that any "attempt to enter into a treaty with a "foreign power without the strong and " direct support of the Mother Country, " as the principal party, must fail, and that " a Customs' Union with the United "States, now so heavily taxed, would be " unfair to the Empire and injurious to " the Dominion, and weaken the ties now " so happily subsisting between them."

Sir John Macdonald's amendment was carried on a division of 100 to 58. There are no means of judging how many of the 58 would have supported Mr. Huntington, but as the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Mackenzie, spoke decidedly against the original resolution, and in favor of Sir A. T. Galt's amendment, it is probable that Mr. Huntington would not have had a large following. The apparent object of Sir Alexander Galt was to remove the difficulty presented by the obvious intention of Mr. Huntington's resolution to establish a zollverein with the United States, "which could not meet with the " approval of the House because it neces-" sarily involved a discrimination against "British goods." We must acknowledge that, in our humble judgment, there is little difference between the Huntington, and Galt resolutions, considering that both recognized the controlling power of the Imperial Government, and both demanded the right of originating and conducting negotiations. Sir Alexander Galt added, "the British possessions" to " foreign countries," but under his scheme Canada might have negotiated for a Customs Union with the United States. It is interesting to record Mr. Mackenzie's view. He avowed himself to be "wholly opposed" to Mr. Huntington's resolutions, and he would regret doing anything " to weaken the ties that I trust will be perpetual."

Our chief object in noticing this subject has been to call attention to the utterances of Sir John Macdonald, who is said to be the enemy of raciprocity. As to the substantial power of Canada, Sir John cited the instructions given to Sir Frederick Bruce, "to negotiate for a revival of the treaty and to act in concert. with the Government of Canada." He asked the question: "Ilas not the Hon." " gentleman already shown that, whenever " he asked England to concur and concert " with us, in helping our trade relations " with Brazil or any other country in the "world, that she at once did so, and " procured us all we desired." Sir John also said "with regard to the desirability " of reciprocal trade between this " country and the United States there " can be no difference of opinion between " the honorable member for Sherbrooke. " (Sir A. Galt) and the other members of " this House." "Well, sir, we got the " opinion of the people of Canada that "while they desire to have reciprocity "of trade, and while they desire the "extension of free trade, and the freest " interchange socially, commercially, and 866

"in every way but politically, we ought "to do no more. We would listen "respectfully to the language of the "American Government. We would be "ready at any time to send our agents "to negotiate the terms of a new "treaty, through the British Ambassador "at Washington, but we would be dis-"posed to go no further."

We believe that the utterances which we have given from Sir John Macdonald's speech in 1870. convey a correct idea of his views to-day. He believes now, as he did then, that commercial Union is another term for annexation; and, although repeated attempts have been made to get its advocates to point out how they propose that the common tariff which would necessarily have to be established should be arranged, we have never yet seen an attempt to do 80. Our remarks have been chiefly directed against the course of those journals which are the exponents of the views of Mr. Mackenzie, which we have no reason to suppose he holds less sincerely now than he did in 1870. We know that he is a steadfast believer in the expediency of allowing Canada to negotiate her own treaties, and this, practically, has been conceded. Both Mr. Huntington and Sir Alexander Galt, admitted that "the approval of Her Majesty" must be obtained for all treaties or arrangements; and surely if this be admitted it is infinitely better to have the powerful aid of Great Britain in our negotiations, and to be assured beforehand of the approval of the crown.

We had written the foregoing before reading an article in the *Globe* of the 17th. We admit that the *Globe* does not go the length of the customary Union, but it has imputed to Sir John Macdonald hostility to reciprocity, because he considers it inexpedient, after the treatment we have received from the United States, to undergo further humiliations.

THE MERCHANTS BANK MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Merchants Bank, which took place on Wednesday, was looked for with unusual interest, as it was believed that its experienced General Manager, Mr. George Hague, would avail himself of the opportunity to review the mercantile history of the year. Those who read Mr. Hague's exhaustive speech will not be disappointed. He seems to have considered it a duty to speak at greater length, owing to Mr. Smithers having been unfortunately prevented by illness from addressing the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal at

their recent meeting. Mr. Hague's speech was naturally divided into two branches, that having reference to the transaction of the Merchants Bank, and that relating to the general business of the country. It was of course already well known that the business of the year recently closed was far from being an average one, and it must be considered satisfactory that the average amount transferred to the Rest for the two years was \$250,000, that for last year having been \$100,000. It was also tolerably well known that the losses in the North-West had been unusually severe.

Mr. Hague dwelt at some length on the consequences of the exaggerated expectation held out as to the demand for cotton goods by those who were considered experts and who had impressed their views on a gentleman occupying a high official position in the country. It is well known that the production of these goods was stimulated by abnormal means, but it may be hoped that in future the business will be more prudently conducted. The severe depression in the lumber trade was duly noticed, and some encouragement given as to the future. The bad harvest of last year was perhaps the principal cause of the depression, and it is satisfactory to find that there is a general concurrence of opinions as to the crop of the present vear.

At a time when so much interest is taken in the Dominion Note question it is satisfactory to find that the Merchants Bank held more gold than Dominion notes, exhibiting a marked contrast to some other banks, whose statements are before the public and whose proportion is nearer to 75 per cent. All the trouble has been caused by the banks which have held excessive reserve of Dominion notes.

BEET ROOT vs. CANE SUGAR.

There is probably no subject that has thrust itself more prominently upon the consideration of the mercantile world, and. at the same time commanded such universal attention, as that of the influence which the production of beet root is having upon the sugar markets of both hemispheres. The effect, in sooth, which it is producing upon the cultivation of cane sugar is of such a character as to force a square issue between the rival products. The Glasgow Herald some time since stated that it was believed by well-informed men in the trade that the German crop of 1884-85 would not be as large as that of 1883-84, but advices have just

been received in this city direct from Magdeburg, one of the chief centres of the sugar trade in Germany, stating that the beet crop shows an increase of 10 per cent in acreage upon that of last year. and the vield promises an increase of 12 per cent. Should this estimate be realized it will bring up the German crop alone to 1,050,000 tons. The advices referred to also stated that 30 new factories in Germany and 80 in all Europe, have this season been added to the manufacturing capacity there, which tends to confirm the estimation of a large increase in the crop. This, in connection with the heavy stock carried over from last season, has by no means a strengthening effect upon the market, and, low as prices have already gone, it is apprehended that the turning point has not yet been reached. German manufacturers are offering the second product in this market by cable at 10s. 3d. to 10s. 5d. f.o.b. Hamburg, and the first product at 14s. 3d., which figures indicate a decline of nearly 25 per cent. since last February. A cargo of the second product was shipped from Hamburg some time since to a city refinery at 11s. 9d. delivered here. It has therefore been impossible for Canadian manufacturers of beet root sugar to compete with the Germans, and the industry in this Province hitherto has not fulfilled the expectations of the promoters. Nor has the attempt to manufacture the article in the United States met with much better success, the large importations of cheap German product having caused the closing down of about 13 or 14 factories there. It is claimed that, as we grow the sugar-beet. we should certainly be able to produce an article cheap enough to at least hold our ground with foreign manufacturers, who have to pay rail freight to their seaports, and ocean freight beside; and yet the fact remains that they can bring in their product and undersell us at the doors of our factories. Upon investigation into the causes of this apparent anomaly we find that labor enters very materially into the question, as skilled sugar boilers in this country get from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day whereas the same class in Germany only receive about 60c, and other laborers about 35c per day, a great many of the latter being female hands. This difference is quite sufficient to explain much of the advantage which enables the European manufacturer to handicap his rival on this continent, leaving aside the question of the larger amount of saccharine matter which the former manages to extract from his beet. The great interest, however, which has suffered most from the competition of European beet sugar is that of the cultivation of the cane product, the price of West India sugars having fallen so low that growers have been compelled to admit that bankruptcy stares them in the face, and latest advices from Cuba state that nothing short of a speedy change for the better can avert financial trouble among the planters of that island. Here another feature comes into prominence, namely, the inability of the colored labor of the West Indies to compete with the white labor of Europe. Certain it is that the sugar market is passing through an undreamed-of ordeal, and the outcome of the strange mutations which are now agitating it will be watched with keen interest by producers and by consumers also.

When it is considered that the use of beet root sugar has almost completely superseded that of the cane product in such important countries as France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Holland, etc., and that its consumption is largely increasing in the United Kingdom, to the exclusion of cane sugar, perhaps the greatest cause for surprise is that the strain upon the cane planters has not been still more severe. At Magdeburg, which is probably the greatest centre of the German sugar industry, there are now between 20 and 30 resident English buyers filling orders from their firms in Glasgow and other refining centres in Great Britain, although it is not many years since that English sugar buyers in Germany were unknown. Owing to heavy loss es sustained by producers in Cuba, Java, and Brazil, and their disinclination to sell at present low prices, it is thought that production will be henceforth curtailed in those quarters, sufficiently to create a healthier condition of the cane sugar market. In the meantime our refiners are getting their raw cane product astonishingly cheap, as we learn of an important sale of 2,000 tons from China at \$2.09 per 100 lbs., laid down here, amounting to about \$90,000, and we know that sales of Cuba 'centrifugal, polarizing 95 to 96 degrees, were made in New York last week at \$3.30 landed weights-a price unheard of in the previous history of the sugar trade. With the raw material so cheap, refiners ought not to complain of the prices they obtain for refined grades. Indeed, there is a growing feeling in the trade that the manufactured article is still too high in proportion to the cost of raw. Granulated in New York has been sold at 63c per lb., while here it is quoted at 7 to 7 to for round quantities.

THE NEW LOAN.

Since our last issue news has been received that the new loan of £5,000,000 sterling at 31 per cent has been placed on the London market, and that it is to be open to tender at the minimum price of 91. It may be assumed that a small amount will be tendered for at a little above the minimum and that the remainder will be placed at the rate stated. As we observed in our last issue the very mistaken policy of the leading supporters of the present Government in regard to Sir Richard Cartwright's loan at a fixed price has rendered it hardly possible for a Finance Minister of their party to take a similar course. As a matter of fact, a Canadian Finance Minister going to London to negotiate a loan is, to use a saying of Sir Richard Cartwright, "a fly upon a wheel." He is necessarily compelled to rely on the advice of the financial agents of the Dominion, and, fortunately, he could not be in better hands. There are obvious reasons why loan contractors prefer negotiating for a loan at a fixed price, and why they dislike the system which Sir Leonard Tilley has for the second time been compelled to adopt. The usual course followed, when tenders are called for, is for the applicant for the loan to invite tenders, placing in a sealed envelope, to be opened at same time as the tenders, the minimum rate that will be accepted. When the rate is announced at the same time as the offer, it rarely happens that any large amount will be tendered for above the minimum rate. On the last occasion of Sir Leonard Tilley applying for a loan-the whole amount was not tendered for, and was taken afterwards by the agents themselves and their friends.

Great loan contractors always expect, as it is natural they should, to make a profit on their purchase. Now it must be obvious that the plan adopted by Sir Leonard Tilley enables the customers of the contractors, who merely want a small portion of the loan, to tender for it slightly above the minimum rate. It is the almost universal rule in the London market that when a loan or a stock is taken by contractors the price almost immediately goes up, to a rate that leaves what is considered a fair margin of profit. We are therefore persuaded that capitalists much prefer a fixed rate, and that it must be the interest of borrowers to adopt that mode of placing their loans that is preferred by the lenders. It will of course be contended that no higher rate than 91 could have been obtained. This is just what no person can tell. Sir Leonard Tilley could not stultify himself by authorizing the financial agents to negotiate for a loan at a fixed price, and it seems at least probable that he had to fix a minimum rate below what might have been obtained from a Syndicate of capitalists. That the opinion of the financial agents is favorable to a fixed price is evident not only from the advice given to Sir Richard Cartwright, but from the practice generally followed by other borrowers, whether nations or colonies.

Of course the opponents of the Government will adopt the same policy in regard to this loan as was followed in the case of Sir Richard Cartwright's. It was announced beforehand that the recent demand by the banks for the redemption of Dominion notes was likely to have an unfavorable effect on the loan. Nothing is more improbable. The financial agents are perfectly aware that for any Dominion notes out the Government holds either gold or debentures convertible into gold in the London market at the shortest notice. We see no reason to doubt that, on the whole the late operation has been successful. The rate of interest, 31 per cent, was as low as it would have been prudent to have adopted. We have but one objection, which is that common-sense must dictate to every one who has the least experience in such matters that the loan can only be placed with the assistance of large capitalists, and that such capitalists would beyond a doubt give a higher price if they got the entire loan than they would offer if it were put up at a minimum price for competition, thus enabling those on whom they rely as purchasers to obtain what they want on about the same terms as themselves. When writing on this subject nearly six years ago we made a remark which is just as apposite to-day as it was then, and which we shall repeat : "It may be hoped " that our loan transactions will in future " be kept out of the political arena. In " all questions of an Imperial character "Canada should be a unit.

MONTREAL PORT CHARGES.

The persistent efforts made by several of our Western contemporaries to disparage the principal port of the Dominion have naturally led the chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners to take the opportunity presented by the monthly meeting of the Board to notice at some length the subject of the charges at the port. The report commences by noticing the recent reduction in the tonnage dues from $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 1 cent to the 1st September. It was deemed preferable to make a larger reduction for the three months than to take off half the tolls for the season. The chairman, Mr. Andrew Robertson, then proceeded to notice the statements made, that the charges on foreign shipping entering the port of Montreal amount to \$1.25 to \$1.50 per ton. He said that the total tonnage in 1883 was 664,266 tons, of which 91 per cent was steam and 9 per cent sail. Taking the whole as steam " the total charges " for pilotage from Rimouski to Montreal "and back to Rimouski, police, sick "mariners, tonnage, and port wardens' " dues on steamers, all of which are pay-" able by the ship, with the wharfage and " port wardens dues on goods, which are " payable by the owners, all combined, "will not exceed 25 cents per ton inward "and outward." Mr. Robertson could only account for the disparaging statements to which his attention had been called by the fact that in the year 1880 there had been a good deal of discussion on the tonnage question, and that probably some confusion had taken place. He also adverted to the pilotage, police and sick mariners dues as giving no revenue to Montreal. The Harbor Commissioners only receive a little over thirteen cents per ton on goods and vessels passing through or discharging in the Harbor to pay all the improvements of the deepened channel and Harbor works.

Mr. Robertson then instituted a comparison between the Montreal charges and those at Glasgow, the improvements at which port are carried on by a trust very similar to that in Montreal. At this port the unenumerated list is 25 cents per ton, while the rates run down to 74 cents per ton; in Glasgow the unenumerated rate is 4S cents per ton, at which rate over 150 articles are charged, and there are over 100 more at rates averaging about 30 cents. The rate on grain is four times as much in Glasgow as in Montreal. Admitting the severe depression of the shipping interest at the present time Mr. Robertson held that it was by no means peculiar to Montreal and gave the following extract from a speech recently delivered in the House of Commons by the member for Morpeth having special reference to the shipping interest of the North of England. There "pro-" bably never has been a time in its his-"tory when the outlook for any improve-"ment was so indefinite and unsatisfac-" tory as it is at present while fleets of "large steamers are lying idle in the "Tyne and on the Wear. Ship building "in the old sense has almost ceased to " be an industry. Thousands of persons

"are unemployed. The labor organiza-" tions are wholly unable to answer the "call made on them for relief." Mr. Robertson thinks that when such is the state of the shipping trade in the North of England we ought to be thankful that things are no worse here, and look forward with hope for the better times which a good harvest would restore. It is satisfactory to find that the returns submitted for the month of May are far from discouraging. There has been an increase both in ocean and local traffic as compared with 1883, and the revenue was \$24,884 against \$21,864 in 1883. There is a considerable increase in the steam tonnage which was 61 vessels, 92,370 tons, against 54 vessels, 77,951 tons, in 1883. The aggregate tonnage in 1884 was 97,869 tons, the largest in four years commencing with 1881. The depth of water in the ship chanel on the 1st June was 30 feet 7 inches.

Mr. Robertson is entitled to the gratitude of the Montreal public forshaving grappled with the misrepresentations which are so frequently disseminated with the view of injuring the port of Montreal. Those who have had an opportunity of inspecting the magnificent steamers which have been recently in port will not readily believe the disparaging statements which would lead those unacquainted with the place to believe that it was retrograding as a shipping port, whereas the very reverse is the case. We hope most sincerely that the monthly report' recently laid before the Harbor Commissioners will be widely disseminated.

THE IRON MARKET.

In sympathy with the tone of foreign markets, the feeling here, in both crude and manufactured iron, continues to manifest depressed symptoms. Cautious buying is still practised by both Western and local buyers, and dealers unhesitatingly affirm that low prices are no inducement to lead to forward engagements to any extent. During the past few days warrants have moved up a few points in Glasgow, but private cables just received do not afford much ground of encouragement. Iron like most other staples has shared in the general shrinkage of values. Warrants last week touched 40s 10d per ton in Glasgow, against 43s in January last and 49s in January, 1882. In this market a decline has taken place in Scotch pig iron of \$2 to \$3 per ton during the past six months, and within the past two years it has gone down \$6 to \$7 per ton. Bar iron has receded 15c to 20c per

100 lbs. since last January, and 50c within the past two years. Perhaps the most unusual occurrence in the trade has been the bringing out of iron from England this spring, on ship's account, owing to the remarkable scarcity of freight, and these offerings of course unsettled things worse than ever, and resulted in sales at below regular values. The principal foundry works in the West appear to be pretty well stocked with the crude material, owing, it is alleged, to the falling off in demand for certain lines of manufactured goods. The value of pig iron imported during the month of May was only \$15,176 against \$34,438 for the corresponding month in 1883, and yet with smaller importations prices have declined, which indicates that full supplies were left over from last year. Dealers, however, take heart from the fact that prices have gone down to a point that must, of necessity, curtail production, as miners and makers cannot continue their operations at a loss. Nor can buyers expect to see prices much lower, and the least improvement in the demand would no doubt effect a change for the better in present abnormally low rates. Recent mail advices from England report very heavy sales of tin plates for American account, and some of the Welsh firms have booked orders ahead sufficient to last them three months. The more sanguine firms speak of the possibility of the demand coming up to production. This opinion, however, is not shared by conservative houses. At any rate a heavy business has been done in tin plates in the English market, and large shipments have been made to the United States.

THE TEA TRADE.

The disturbing influences of speculation have been seldom felt with greater energy than those which have to a great extent governed the tea market of late. It is only within a few months that the New York market became very strong and excited, and prices advanced there so rapidly that those who had short contracts to fill found it to their advantage to secure all the low grade Nagasaki teas they could in Montreal. Several thousand packages were accordingly purchased and shipped to New York, and there tendered to the parties to whom they had been previously sold, and who thought they had cornered the market for this class of teas. The purchasers of these goods in this market thus saved themselves from heavy losses, for had they been compelled to fill their contracts in New York they would have been subjected to an un-

merciful squeeze. Montrealers were also very thankful that an opportunity was afforded them of getting rid of a class of teas which had at times caused considerable trouble to holders here. Some of the goods sold to New York buyers at the beginning of last March at a good profit. had previously changed hands between houses here at most ruinous losses. In fact, were we to trace back their history since they first entered this port. we should have to recall some very unpleasant reminiscences, as there are few bankers in this city who have not had occasion to enquire into the nature of Nagasaki collateral. It seems that New York has had quite enough of them already, a portion having been offered back to parties here at 3c. to 4c. per lb. below what they were shipped at, and it is not at all impossible that they will find their way home again, as New York does not want them at any price. We have. seen a letter from a leading New York firm, stating that one lot was shipped to England, as that was the only market in which there was a chance of selling it. A great deal of the dullness now existing is no doubt due to the reaction following the late speculative advance in prices, which was manipulated through the medium of the New York Exchange, and dealers now find great difficulty in disposing of round lots. Since the opening of the new season for Japans, which occurred about six weeks ago, prices have fallen \$5 to \$7 per picul, recent prices Choice, \$26 per picul; finest, \$20.50 do, good medium, \$18.50 do, and medium \$16.50 do. Samples of first garden-picked Japans have been received in this market showing excellent quality; and although they were at first offered at \$31 to \$41 per picul they could now be bought at from \$26 to \$36 do. to arrive.

THE MARRIAGE AID SOCIETY.

About the time of writing the paragraph in our last issue concerning the Mutual Marriage Aid Association of Hamilton, John M. Webber, hardware dealer, that city, the president of the concern, with his son, Walter B. Webber, the secretary-treasurer, were being placed under arrest at the instance of some Belleville members, charged with having obtained money under false pretences. The idea of the Association is not by any means new ; similar ventures have been attempted in the United States, and had their brief existence like the Hamilton concern. The latter was incorporated some three, years ago under chap. 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario. The ostensible object was to provide for the payment of specified sums to members on the occasion of

their getting married, which sums were to be raised by assessments, somewhat after the manner of mutual fire companies; but, whether or not the promoters believed in the economy and permanency of the plan, certain it is that the mutuality, so far as the benefits were concerned, was largely confined to the three adults of the Webber family. It was acknowledged that the father lost \$1,000 by the concern, and his son, the secretary-treasurer, \$600. It appears, on the other hand, that the latter received \$3,000 when he got married and his wife \$5,-000. The salaries, expenses, rent, etc., were supposed to be paid out of initiation fees. The scheme was so sharply criticised by the press, in these columns among others, that the managers found it necessary to issue a small sheet themselves, in which the leading features of the system were brought out in the most attractive form. It purposed to banish poverty from the land, and claimed to do more service than the National Policy. The rates were shown to be low, but the Belleville and Napanee men who have had the temerity to publish how they had been duped, confess to the payment of assessments as high as \$900 in one year. Mr. J. S. Hulett, photographer, Napanee, and a druggist of the same town, had paid that amount. Solomon Vermilyea, corset maker, Belleville, says he paid over \$1,200 last year, and that the money was not paid to the parties for whom it was stated to be required. A Cobourg farmer, one A. P. Griffiths, paid \$600 in all, and says he lost his property trying to raise the amount. Modifications were made in the system from time to time. One of the recent conditions was that a person should be a member for one year that a person should be a memory for one year before marriage, and that the sums due were not payable for 90 days afterwards. The Webbers say the present troubles of the business are mainly due to the large number of marriages among members last Decem-ber and January, and the dropping out of others, thus rendering the assessments unusually large. They claim to have paid out last year over \$70,000. After being kept imprisoned a couple of days in Hamilton it was decided by the courts to allow of a delay of two weeks to examine the books of the concern. The prisoners were meantime admitted to bail. Jos. B. Webber, the travelling inspector, was in Montreal some two weeks ago, on his way to the Maritime Provinces where he looked for a large business for the concern. The Court of Chancery has appointed a Receiver. There is at present a balance of \$3,000 in bank to the credit of the affair. As regards creditors, it appears to be a question whether the holders of certificates of membership are not liable for all claims for benefits under the terms of their contracts. Of the members, perhaps two-thirds are under age, or otherwise in such a position that they could not be compelled to pay by suit, and the threat of foifeiture would have little influence with them now. The case of the prisoners comes up for hearing again on the 27th inst.

Meetings &c.

MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held in the Board Room of the institution on the 18th instant. There was a large attendance of stockholders, among those present being Messrs. Andrew Allan (president), Robert Anderson, Jonathan Hodgson, Hector Mac-kenzie, John Cassils, Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Adolphe Masson, William Darling and John

Duncan, directors ; John Orawford, J. P. Cleghorn Thomas Workman, D. R. Stodart T. D. Hood, G. M. Kinghorn, John Morrison, John H

R. Molson, Alex. McDougall, A. St. Denis, D.
 J. Rees, J. J. Arnton, A. C. Clark, etc., etc.
 The proceedings were opeued by Mr. John Grawford moving that the President, Mr. Andrew Allan, take the clair.

The president then asked Mr. J. H. Plummer, Assistant General Manager, to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The Secretary being called upon, read the advertisement calling the meeting.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the Directors, which had been in the hands of the stockholders for some time, was taken

as read. The report is as follows: The Board of Directors beg to present to the Stockholders, the following statement of the ear's operations :

The net profits of the year, after payment of interest on Deposits and all charges, have amounted

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Added to the "Rest"	100,000	00
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year	9,501	36

\$757,743 66

The bad harvest in Manitoba and in Western Interior with the depressed condition of various industries of the country, have led to a diminution of business and profits, as com-pared with last year; in addition to which the Board have found it necessary to make much larger appropriations for losses and doubtful debts than have been required for some time back.

The business of the Bank, however has been well maintained, as a whole, and your Board have had it in their power to keep the Bank in a strong position, and to alford every needful facility to customers carrying on a sound and healthy business.

The depressed condition of business in Manitoba, referred to in the last report, instead of passing away, became even more severe as the results of a bad harvest were realized. These results were both direct and remote.

The number of failures largely increased, and losses were madeby the Bank in unexpected quarters.

Matters have assumed a more settled position since the Spring set in, and with funch im-proved crop prospects and a larger area sown, together with an influx of desirable immi-grants, it is hoped that the depression may pass away.

Urop prospects generally throughout Canada are at present very good, but your Directors believe that a pelicy of retrenchment and caution is desirable until the circumstances of the country exhibit a decided turn for the heiter.

The Branch at Regina having proved unremunerative was closed during the year. The various offices of the Bank have been

duly inspected.

Appended hereto is the customary statement of the liabilities and assets of the institution. and the Directors commend it to the careful attention of stockholders.

The Officers of the Bank have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the Board. The whole respectfully submitted.

ANDREW ALLAN, President,

The President then moved,

That the report of the Directors, as submitted, be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the stockholders.

He said : Gentlemen, as the General Manager will address you at some length, it will not be necessary for me to say anything, and before asking any questions of the General Manager or of the Board, I would ask Mr. Hague to make his remarks now.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS.

The General Manager, Mr. Hague, said : I intend on the present occasion to make a few explanations with regard to the business of the bank itself, and then to add a word or two with respect to the position of matters in the country generally. You have had the report in your hands for some day, and no doubt have read it carefully. Perhaps you have compared it with the report of last year. I have compared it myself, as you may be sure. So have members of the board, and the comparison is not gratifying. The out-come of this year's business is disappointing. No member of the board expected to realize such profits this year as we did in 1883. That was an extraordinary year, as you know. When we could addito our rest as much as the whole dividend amounted to and make 14 per cent., after providing fully for bad and doubtful debts, we had good reasons for congratulation. But such a prosperous year as that could scarcely be expected to recur immediately. On the other, hand I must freely contess, we did not expect to suffer the large amount of losses which has to suffer the large amount of losses which has overtaken us this year. Still, putting the two together, last year and this, I do not think there can be much reason to complain. We added \$400,000 to the Rest last year; this year added \$400,000 to the Rest last year; this year we add \$100,000. We average \$250,000 per .annum for the two years, or going back a year further the average is \$240,000 of yearly addition. The Rest was only \$475,000 in 1880. It is now \$1,250,000, considerably more than double that amount, after paying dividends of six and seven per cent. In banking, as in other business it is the result of an average of the business, it is the result of an average of years that must be looked at. The year has been one of

DIMINISHED CIRCULATION,

in common with other banks, and a consequent decrease of earning power. Our spare funds employed in New York, too, have yielded throughout the year a very small return. Still we have earned a little over 13 per cent. But the bank could have borne a considerable shrinkage in profits, and still have carried a large sum to its Rest, had not the percentage of losses risen to a point much beyond our usual average. Respecting these losses, it is reasonable that some statement should be made. The year through which we have passed has witnessed great changes and reverses in the commercial world. There has scarcely a year been known in which so many old-established houses and firms of large reputed wealth have become insolvent.

THE TIMBER TRADE,

after enjoying two or three years of prosperity, fell again into a condition of great depression. We had a bad harvest in Western Ontario. But the principal centre of disturbance has been in the Northwest. Now, as stockholders are aware, the bank has always done a large business in the Northwest, and we have made considerable profit there. Since the setting in of the tide of inflation, which raised values of real estate to such fabilous figures, we have seen the necessity of exercising extreme care in that region. Rigid instructions were issued to avoid all transaction connected with real estate, either directly or indirectly. To a large extent these instructions were carried out, and, in my judgment, whatever losses we have suffered in that region these losses are moderate compared with what might have been the case had not the policy referred to been firmly insisted on. A year ago at this time the books of the bank were almost clear of such accounts as then appeared undesirable, and for doubtful riskwe had securities that looked more than suffis cient. But events proved that persons engaged in mercantile business had become so entangled in real estate matters that practically their position catirely depended thereon. With all our watchfulness it has transpired that a few of our own customers have fallen into this possition. A considerable part of the ultimate loss can finally be traced to the calamity which here the province in the shape of the frost that injured a considerable part of the wheat crop. Many millions of value were lost thereby to the Northwest and this bank, amongst others, had had to bear a share of the loss. I may say, in passing, that this is a calamity which can be guarded against this very year. The report of the directors states that remote as well as direct consequences followed from the deepening of the depression in Manitoba. None but those who have acquaintance with the subject could have an idea how farreaching the

SPECULATION IN THE NORTHWEST

was. It extended to every province in the Dominion, and drew within its influence numbers of persons engaged in mercantile business, who appeared most unlikely to be affected by it. Of the losses suffered by this bank in provinces other than Manitoba, fully two-thirds can be traced to the influence of the speculative era in that province. Monies were taken from active business to the detriment thereof, and time and thought were diverted therefrom to jury and ultimate insolvency of the party the Habits of extravagance contracted during the prevalence of the excitement in Maniloba re-mained to the injury of business when parties had returned to other parts of Canada. In addition to this, it needs to be said, that such a period of excitement often brings in its train, not only extravagance, but a break-ing down of that tone of honor and probity which is the foundation of all proper relations between a banker and his customer. It has been said before, both to yourselves and to the stockholders of other banks, that an absolute freedom from losses need not be looked for Men of infallible judgment are not to be found. But you may reasonably claim that in ordinary years when business is fairly prosperous, that losses shall not rise above a certain moderate average. This condition has been fulfilled since the favorable turn in business in 1880. In the three years ending with June, 1883, the losses of the bank on current business had been small. But this year, as you all know, has been a difficult one. You could not expect anything but a higher average of losses under the circumstances. At any rate, I know this, and say it freely, that losses might have been much larger had we not been unusually careful. I can recall no less than ten large accounts in which, during the last year or two, we saw elements of trouble, and either compelled them to be closed or rejected them when were The firms have all failed since then, offered. but the loss, whatever it is, have not fallen upon us. I do not, however, seek to belittle what has transpired. I feel these losses just as much sa if the capital of the bank belonged to myself. Losses are no light things, either to the directors or myself. They occasion much reflection and lead to the consideration as to what can be done to avoid them in future. That is the practical question at present. I may say, to begin with, that five-sixths of the losses of this year, were suffered in the first half of the year. These bases led to pretty sharp measures being taken to prevent a recurrence of them in future. If you want to know what these are, I may, say, without going into much detail, that we have taken

A MORE INDEPENDENT STAND

than formerly with our customers as t security. The business of the bank some years ago had run down considerably. At that time unreasonable demands were submitted to sometimes rather than lose business; on a hint that another bank would be willing to make advances on these terms if we refused. Experience has shown that this fear is a fruitful source of loss. But we have now charged all that. For some time back we have insisted upon our managers taking a finm stand and not being frightened at hints of removal of accounts. We have laid down the principle that it is the lender's business, and not the borrower's, to judge of the quality of the security, and have concluded that if we cannot have accounts on our own terms we can partwith them without regret. We know by experience that our mode of doing business is as good for the borrowers as for ourselves. Many a man to-day has reason to be thankful for restraints imposed upon him at a critical time by this bank, and contrariwise, others have had reason to regret the time when they broke away from our restraints for the sake of getting what they called ' more liberal ' rentment. That liberal treatment was their ruin. We are constantly aiming to improve the bank as a whole. As a general rule

WE AVOID LARGE ADVANCES

at our branches. We seek more and more to divide our risks. Our business is well dis-tributed amongst all the leading branches of industry in the Dominion. But we have also come to the conclusion that it is better to have a large amount of the bank's resources employed in short loans, on good security, at a low rate of interest, rather than to keep our resources strained in carrying mercantile accounts. One good effect of this is, that we accounts that are offering. We are always able, in addition, to sustain any sound customers who may need temporary assistance. I think this may be said, that no solvent customer of the bank will ever be allowed to go down. But then he must really be our own customer; he must trust us as we have to trust him. If he only gives us a half or a third of his favors, I do not know that the bank has any particular obligation to assist him in a time of need. Before passing on to other matters let me add a word about New York. As you are aware the four Canadian banks having offices in New York, lend money on stocks, bonds and government securities. Our own business there has at times been very large. During the last year, when rates were very low, we called away a good deal of money from New York for more profitable employment in Canada. And the amount is low at present. Our loaning business there has been remarkably free from casualties. We take a considerable mar-gin of security, and in only one single in-stance, in the vast number of loans we have made during five years, has the security over depreciated below the amount of the loan. That is under adjustment at present. The bank also does a considerable business in buying and selling sterling exchange. This has been, on the whole, very satisfactory. The losses in connection therewith have been triffing. Let me further say that in Montreal our aim has been to build up a connection with sound and responsible houses-not an easy task, owing to the number of banks doing business here, and the keen competition consequent thereon. Our losses in Montreal, though considerable this year, bear a far smaller proportion to the aggregate business done, than those we have suffered from in other places. I may inform the stockholders that we are about to make considerable alterations in the Montreal office, with a view to a more economical distribution of the staff and greater convenience for-the customers.

Paising now to the important topic of the general business of the country, I need not inform you that matters are in a very different, position to what they were in twelve months ago. The country, it cannot be denied, hus passed through a trying experience. It has been demonstrated that, the calculations made in several branches of our textile manufactures as to the consuming power of the Domimion were not well founded. Grave mistakes, it is clear, have been made, I was informed myself about two years ago by a gentleman occupying a very high official position in the country, that, according to calculations made by experts,

THE PRODUCTION OF COTTON,

which even then had considerably increased might be still further enlarged, and yet fall far short of the requirements of the country. These views were disseminated with great industry, and led to an enormous expenditure of capital in the building of new mills and the enlargement of old ones. Events have proved these movements to have been unfortunate. Within less than a year from the time when production reached its maximum, a severe reverse ensued through the accumulation of unsold goods. This, I may say, is not an unprecedented occurrence. It has taken place in Lancashire and Yorkshire over and over again. When in England last year 1 found the manufacturing districts full of complaints of over-production, and I can remember a time—it was after the reverses of 1847-when nearly every mill in the north of England was in the hands of the banks. Yet, with time and patience, the clouds passed away, and immense wealth has since been accumulated. The same is true of the manufacturing districts of the United States. One of the most important features of the position in Canada has been the stoppage of an important channel through which numbers of manufacturers obtained supplies. The con-sequences, so far, from a financial point of view, have not been as serious as was feared. We have had no widespread stoppages and suspensions. The banks have been ready to sup-port their customers through a time of port their customers through a time indifficulty, and they are still doing so. But in difficulty, and they are still doing so. But in spite of a large retrenchment of production, the trade is still depressed. Consumption will doubtless overtake production in time. Possibly this may come sooner than has been expected. Diversified production will assist this. But

OWNERS OF MILLS

must be content to content to feel that the expenditure on new buildings during late years has so far been to very little purpose. Had the cotton and other mills of the country remained as they were three years ago, they could have produced nearly all that the country requires. The depression in fact has only been severe where there have been large additions to working capacity. Where moderate views prevailed and persons were using their own capital, many mills, especially in the woollen trade, have maintained a satisfactory business, and are in a good position to-day. A heavy drawback in the conduct of our manufacturing business is the length of credit exacted and consequent necessity of large capital to euroble it to be carried on. Of the

LEADING BRANCHES OF OUR IMPORT TRADE

but little need be said. The greater part of the houses engaged in it acted with commandable foresight and reduced their business within reasonable lines. The importations of the country, as a whole, you are well aware, have largely decreased. Few failures amongst wholesale houses have transpired. But failures amongst retailers have again assumed threatening proportions. Losses by wholesale houses have therefore been large. If these have, the effect of diminishing the injudicious lines of have been an unmixed one. This, after all, is the great bane of business in every department in Canada.

CREDIT IS STRETOHED

to unreasonable proportions. This excessive credit is as much an injary to the buyer as to the seller. It is with wholesale houses as with banks: too much credit only ruins the customer. I am not aware that it is any particular pleasure for a trader to fail in business or that traders as a rule keep failure before them as the ultimate goal of their ambition. It is generally understood that competence is the goal. But it cannot be denied that

insolvency is taken far too coolly in these days. Insolvency (or bankruptcy, this was the oldfashioned word) used to be dreaded. It was discreditable. In my humble judgment a return to that way of thinking would be desirable. And if we point out that one way of avoiding commercial shipwreck is neither to give nor take too much credit, all parties concerned should be glad of a timely hint. With this exception, viz.: the prevalence of unreasonable credit, the wholesale trade, in every part of the country, is generally in a fairly sound condition, and if the harvest turns out as good as it promises, and our export of sawn lumber is maintained, the trade may look forward to a prosperous year.

OF OUR STAPLE EXPORTS.

lumber and timber are still the most important. I have already referred to the depression in the timber trade. The market is very dull this year. Prices have fallen considerably, and show no sign of improvement. But manufacturers have had several prosperous years, and those who have managed well can bear a reverse. Merchants and exporters lost heavily last year, charts and exporters lost heavily last year, but their contracts are on a much lower, scale this season, and, with good manazement, they should do well. In our great staple export of sawed lumber to the United States there is a prospect of a fairly prosperous year. The demand continues good, and supplies are not excessive. But there is nothing to encourage the locking up of additional capital in the building of new mills, or in the purchase of additional limits or timbered lands. It is this locking up and fixing of borrowed capital which is invariably the source of disaster in this trade. I lay emphasis on the word "borrowed." When there is imprudence in this direction it is almost invariably with borrowed money. The lenders, of course, are the banks, and the ultimate loss falls on them. Those who employ their own money in extended operations generally do so with caution. But there seems to be a fascina tion about borrowed money which destroys-men's judgment. The banks, I presume, never lend money to be invested in fixed improvements if they know it; but it is only too true that money borrowed for mercantile purposes is sometimes diverted into this improper channel. And the more freely the bank lends the more extravagent the expenditure is. There is every reason, I think, for the banks, who control the supplies of money, to see that these supplies are devoted to the production of merchantable articles. The more stringently a bank's requirements are enforced in this direction the better it will be for the borrower. I have known numbers of failures in the lumber trade. I have known also of numbers of men who were kept in an embarrased position for years, even if they ultimately recovered. In a majority of instances the real cause was the

LOCKING UP OF BORROWED MONEY

in buildings and lands. This is no time for such follies. Such stocks of lumber as have been produced are likely to be sold at a moderate profit. It will be time enough next fall to discuss the scale on which next winter's operations shall be conducted. Our Grain track has been on a limited scale this year. It is doubtful if the trade, as a whole, have realized any profit on the year's operations. Our customers have operated very cautionsly, and the bank has seen the wisdom of confining credits within very moderate limits. We have lost nothing this year in this branch of business. I do not hesitate to say that the large losses suffered bythis and other banks in former years have arisen generally from granting too large credits.

THE EXPORT CATTLE TRADE,

though constantly increasing in amount, is proving a very treacherous one to those who conduct it. It is subject to heavy fluctuations, and rapid alternations of gains and losses. But the country, is deriving immense henefit from the trade both directly and indirectly. The customers of this bank are none of them engaged in exporting. Their business is confined to the interior. This branch of business gives rise to small risks. Not only the export of animals, but their products in the shape of butter, cheese, &c., are constantly increasing in importance. In this trade, as in every other branch of our exports, everything depends (after paying reasonable prices) on shippers having proper relations with merchants on the other side of the Atlantic. The cable enables business now to be largolý conducted on the principle of bargain and sale. When we can conduct our export business so that everything we send across the water is sold before it leaves our shores, nine-tenths of the risks which beset exporters, and the losses of banks connected therewith, will be done away. The practice of consigning has ruined almost everybody that has carried it on in all 'departments of our trade.

THE BUSINESS OF THE NORTHWEST

is peculiar. There is a certain amount of lumbering in Manitoba, and much money has both been made and lost in this branch of enterprise But agriculture there is the mainstay. You have already heard what a bad crop will do in dragging the country down. It is to be hoped we shall see what a good crop will do in the way of lifting the country up. There is an immense increase of acreage sown—in some districls no less than fourfold—and a most desirable class of immigrants is going in, persons with both capital and experience. The depression in Manitoba is not without precedent in Canada; we have seen every feature of it before. There is nothing in the condition of Manitoba now which is not a repetition of the experience of Oatario after 1857. That province is rich and prosperous now, as you are aware. None, however, but those who passed through it can realize the depth of poverty into which it was plunged after the year named. But Ontario energed from her poverty in due time, and so, no doubt, will our Northwest.

BANK LOSSES.

I have detained you at great length already, but you will pardon my adding a word on the subject of losses suffered by the banks generally. I have already referred to those suffered by this bank during the present year. It is a subject that is sometimes misunderstood by bank stockholders, and I may be pardoned an allusion to it in closing. The profits of our banks do not differ so very largely from one another, and if their resources are well: employed at a good rate of interest with a reasonable allowance to depositors, they can be maintained with some steadiness. But losses are a different natter. No calculation as to future dividends, bonuses, &c., in any bank can be made without taking this element into account. Paradoxical as it may appear, it is the losses of banks that finally determine what their dividends and bonuses shall be. And the value of a large reserve former profits to fall back upon.

THE LOSSES OF BANKS HERE

generally are very much in excess of those suffered by banks in Great Britain. I know of banks there who have done a large mercantile business through a long succession of years in both good and bud times, whose losses would not average more, than one-fifth of those suffered generally by Canadian Banks. Why this is so is a very fair subject of enquiry. The heavy losses suffered by the Banks of Canada have often been a subject of serious reflection to me. I do not know that bankers here are much inferior to their brethren in England in ability. Nor do I think, taken as a class, they would be less cautious in the same circumstances. But undoubtedly there is a difference in the mercantile tone of their customers. There is a difference, too, in their mode of dealing with bankers. If a customer borrows money from X

a bank in England he expects to be called on to give good solid security for it. He never dreams of taking offence at this; he knows his bankers will not share his profits ; he does not therefore expect them to share his losses. There therefore expect them to share his losses. There is an immense difference, too, in the character of the " enstomers paper " or business bills offered to the Banks here and in Britain. Such bills there are invariably for goods sold and delivered. If a merchant should offer to his banker bills which, though looking like bills for goods sold, are really based on nothing, her would be branded as little better than a forger. That is the feeling about such matters in England. In consequence of this, losses by trade bills are reduced to a more fraction. In addibills are reduced to a more fraction. In auu-tion to this if the law is broken and fraud committed, the guilty party knows he may expect punishment. A former Liverpool mer-chant is in prison at this moment under a long sentence for violating the provisions of the law respecting ballee bonds. Now, it is not reasonable to push comparisons too far, and we cannot expect in a new country like this to have matters exactly as they are in England. But I must say it would be a great blessing to bank stockholders if the ratio of losses could be diminished somewhat, so as to approach more nearly to the English standard; and anything I say at present is simply with an endeavour to bring about this desirable end. In ascertaining the cause it is possible that the first step towards a remedy may be found. One cause of the heavier rates of losses in Canada is this: the great readiness of persons in this country to enter upon speculative enterprises on borrowed capital. There can be no doubt that one bad feature of our mercantile life is the recklessness with which men use borrowed money. There scems to be

A MISCHIEVOUS NOTION ABROAD,

also, that it is perfectly fair to put the loss of speculative enterprise upon the Bank lending the money. The bank is never offered a share of the profit, if profit is made; but if a loss is suffered, it is the Bank must bear the burden. And after paying interest to a Bank for yearssimple interest on money borrowed—a person will reason that, as the Bank has made a large amount of money out of him it ought to bear the burden of loss, if loss is suffered. A more dishonest mode of looking at things there cannot be. Yet we find it prevailing. It might be expected that men would be more careful about losing the money of other people than about losing their own; but the very contrary is the There is, too, an idea abroad that a Bank fact. There is, too, an idea abroad that a Bank is a rich corporation, and that for this reason it can better afford to bear a loss than its customer. The truth is that the Bank simply consists of a number of gentlemen like yourselves, along with not a few persons of small means and narrow income, including widows and the chil-dren of deceased stockholders. It is these that suffer the losses which are inflicted upon banks. Yet a borrower, who by his folly or extravagance, loses all a Bank lends him and extravagance, loses all a Bank lends him and more, will console himself by the idea that it is only a rich corporation that has suffered. The remedy is for Banks to be more chary of their money. Why should they furnish men with the means of ruining themselves? A Bank, we will say, may safely lend a certain firm the sum of \$10,000 or \$20,000, and got good security for it; but if, in an evil hour, they are tempted to lead \$80,000 or \$100,900, the borrower may very probably be ruined by it. He could find good security for the first sum. It is most likely impossible for him to find as sood security for impossible for him to find as sood security for the increased amount. And here comes in another evil clement, viz., the competition between Canadian Banks. A trader who has done well on moderate borrowings is seized done well on moderate borrowings is seized with some speculative mania and wants to double or quadruple his business. Of course he must borrow a large additional amount. If his own banker demurs, he goes to another. In the eager competition for accounts and business, applications for large loans are, as

a rule, readily listened to. If the application is entertained, the customer will probably inform his own banker, and the fear of losing business may probably move the banker to accept risks which he knows are dangerous. In the eyes of some persons, the bigger the amount borrowed the more desirable the account is for the Bank. The big loan means for a time, a big return of so-called profits. Managers of branches are specially liable to be misled by this. But

THE HEAVY LIABILITY TO LOSS

that accompanies it is forgotten. Persons of a sanguine turn of mind constantly make mistakes in this direction. They have realized, takes in this direction. They have realized, we will say, a certain profit ou a line of busi-ness well within their hand. They think, if they can double the business, they will make double the profit. They are then tempted to double the size of their mill or their store; to buy double the size orginal min or limits or lands; to double their stock in trade, and to double the amount borrowed from the Bauk. But it is forgotten that all this means a doubled burden of interest, twice as much debt, doubled risks on credit sales, and double competition. The result not untrequently is that, instead of doubling his profits, a trader makes no profit at all. In addition he often finds himself plunged into embarrassment in consequence of the load of debt he is carrying. One of the most prosperous of the rich men of this country told me he ascribed his prosperity mainly to this, viz., that he increased his business only as his capital increased. The cou-trary habit has to do with a large part of the failures of merchants and the losses that bofall our Banks. Merchants in Canada are far more prone to outside ventures and speculations than those in England. There are also few failures here with which this element has not to do. There are great facilities for such outside ventures here. But certain am I that on the whole no money is made by them, and much is lost. I have already referred to the widespread losses suffered by people who have dabbled in Manitoba lands. But this is the ordinary experience with such ven-tures. The man who

STICKS TO HIS BUSINESS

and looks to that, and that only—as a source of money-making—he is the man who comes out best in the long run. Of course when a trader has acquired a large capital, and, to employ or invest it, puts his money into an outside enterprise, he may risk the loss of it without detributes he may rak the loss of it with-out detributes in any body. The outside ven-tures I have referred to are those carried on with borrowed money. Often such ventures give rise to deception in order that they may be concealed from a bunker. When an honorable tone is once broken down, it is hard to recover it. And these ventures are seldom wound up without the banker suffering. I may be pardoned for stating, as another cause of bank losses, an unreasonable extension of bank branches in this country. Competition bank branches in this country. Competition for business, both in our towns and cities, is far beyond anything known in England. Towns, which there would have one or two banks, here have four or five. The cities of Montreal and Toronto have each more backs than Liverpool, though Liverpool has at least ten times as much business as either of them. There are more banks in Winnipeg than there are in manufacturing towns in England of 250,000 inhabitants, which do business with every part of the world. "Banking business is, consequently, pushed amongst us, as if such things as losses had never heen hered of Man are sumatimed enuminated been heard of. Men are sometimes appointed solely for what is called their 'popularity, aud lending powers are committed to them enabling them to be on the best of terms with all the speculative spirits of the neighborhood. The game goes on pleasantly enough for a time; but disaster almost invariably follows. The unfortunate feature, however, is that the

loss is not confined to the offending bank: Other banks and their customers are made to suffer for the folly of their neighbors. But the root of nearly all of our bank losses is that loans and credits are too large. In the town in which my early years were spent a rigid rule prevailed amongst all the banks as to the ratio between a customer's yearly business and the amount of credit allowed him. I believe if the rule then prevalent were adopted generally in Canada many of the loans granted by banks to their customers would be cut down onethird, and some considerably more. Our customers might think that they were bardly used if this ratio were adopted, but they would be well satisfied with the result. In the first eleven years of my banking life, in a busy manufacturing centre, I do not believe there were eleven failures amongst the circle of our customers during the whole time. And I know that

THE LOSSES OF THE BANK

from that time down to this have not averaged one-half of one per cent per annum on its capital, taking in bad years as well as good ones. When we can arrive at that happy condition of things in Canada we shall have reason for congratulation. This is the real reason why Bank dividends are so much higher in Eugland than while the majority pay over twelve per cent, and many go on steadily, year after year, paying fifteen to twenty per cent. The secret is not so fifteen to twenty per cent. The secret is not so much greater profits as smaller losses. I do not see why, with a botter understanding between banks, we may not approximate closer to this condition of things here. The power to obtain unreasonable credit is much facilitated by the mischievous practice of borrowing money and discounting bills at two or three Backs. To imagine that this is good for the borrower is a delusion. In confirmation of this new say that in every follure of imof this I may say that in every failure of im-portance in this city it has transpired-I think with scarcely an exception-that more than one Bank account was kept. And I am bold to say, from my knowledge of the circumstances of some of these failures, that had they kept but one account they would not leave failed at all. If the Banks of the Dominion could arrive/at that common understanding among each other that prevails in Scotland. 1 am persuaded that the result would be a large diminution of failures and losses, both to the mercantile and banking community. The evils of over-competition were severely feit there some years ago. It was agreed after full discussion that a committee of the different Banks should revise the whole field, and decide which Banks were to withdraw from certain towns or localities. The result was a large diminution in the number of branches, a decrease of competition, much reduced faci-lities for reckless borrowing, far greater security for prudent traders, and a lifting up of the whole mercantile tone of the community. If Scotland wanted this some years ago, I am certain that Uanada wants it far more at present. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the mercantile community and of the Banks also, that some arrangement for mutual understanding and joint action may be arrived at by which reckless competition, with all its attendant evils, may be put an end to in Canada.

I should not have addressed you at such length, but that the unfortunate illness of my old and much esteemed friend, Mr. Smithers, President of the Bank of Montreal, prevented him from making those customary remarks at the annual meeting which have been so much appreciated of late years. His remarks would have been much more valuable than any. I can make. There seems, however, to have been an expectation that I would do what is possible to supply the deficiency. It is on this ground that I have ventured to detain you so long.

I will only say, in conclusion, that if any of the stockholders desire to ask any questions now, or at any stage of the meeting, the Directors or myself will be very glad to answer them.

No questions being asked, the motion to adopt the report was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS.

Mr. John Crawford moved,

That the thanks of the stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors; for the manner in which they have conducted the institution during the past year.

He said :---I do not see any reason why, be-cause the results of the past year have not been quite so satisfactory as those of previous years, the shareholders should withhold their usual vote of thanks, and therefore I have much pleasure in proposing the resolution, and I trust that when we meet next year we will be able to measure results in a more satisfactory way as compared with its predecessors that we claim to be with reference to the year that has just passed. I have reason to believe that the General Manager and all the directors are fully alive to the cause of the misfortunes which I think have overtaken this bank to rather an exceptional degree during the past year. To be forewarned is to be forearned, and, therefore, seeing that the General Manager understands the causes which have led to such serious dethe causes which have led to such serious de-pression, there will no doubt be means taken to avoid them in future. My own idea is that the maxim which I heard a few years ago is inval-uable, and I believe it is very applicable on this and on all occasions, "Take care of the losses; the profits will take care of themselves." There is no doubt that the logical canalusing is that is no doubt that the logical conclusion is that the credits have been far too much extended. So I hope we will learn a lesson and profit by the experience of the past. With these few re-marks I am very happy indeed to move this resolution. resolution.

Mr. G. M. Kinghorn seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

THANKS TO THE GENERAL MANAGER.

Mr. J. P. Cleghorn-I have very much plea-sure indeed in moving the following resolution :--

That the thanks of the stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the General Manager for his efficient management during the year.

I am very sure, Mr. Chairman, that I have the meeting with me, in moving this resolution

Ald. T. D. Hood, in seconding the resolution said : It gives me great pleasure to bear per-sonal testimony to the very great civility and kindness extended to the customers coming to the Bank by the President, General Manager, and other officers of the Bank. So far as the report is concerned, I look upon it as a good report. If it were all losses and no addition to report. If it were all losses and no addition to the Rest then I would say it was a bad report; but when after making ample provision for all losses, we are able to add \$100,000 to our Rest, I think it is a most encouraging report, espe-cially in view of the depression through which this Bank, in common with other banks, has reased passed.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. Alex. St. Denis moved, seconded by Mr.

John Duncan: That Mr. W. B. Cumming and Mr. John Crawford be appointed scrutineers of the elec-tion of Directors about to take place; that they proceed to take the votes immediately; that

the ballot shall close at three o'clock p.m. this day, but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered, that the ballot shall thereupon be closed immediately.

Carried.

Mr. Alex. McDougal moved, seconded by Mr. John H. R. Molson

That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the Chairman for his efficient conduct of the business of the meeting. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, and the scru-tineers shortly after reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected as Directors for the ensuing year:

ANDREW ALLAN, ESQ., ROBERT ANDERSON, ESQ., HON. J. J. C. ABBOT, JOHN CASSILS, ESQ., WILLIAM DARLING, ESQ., William Danling, 1954., John Dungan, Esq., Jonathan Hongson, Esq., Adolphe Masson, Esq., Hector Mackenzie, Esq., The new Board met the same afternoon, when Mr. Andrew Allan was re-elected Pre-sident, and Mr. Robert Anderson Vice-Presi-

dent.

THE MARITIME BANK

The annual meeting of the sharcholders of this Bank was held in the Banking House, St. John, N B. the 6th inst., Mr. Thomas Maclellan in the chair, Mr. W. M. Botsford acting as secre-tary, with Messrs. John McAlister and W. L. Busby, to be scrutineers of the votes. The notice calling the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Maclellan then submitted then following report: then following report :-

The Directors beg to submit for the consider-ation of the Stockholders their twelfth annual report. The books were closed for the year on 30th April last, and the following statement shows the position of the Bank as at that date.

LIABILITIES

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Circulation (old issue \$2,168-new	
	\$296,458 00
Dominion Goverment Deposits	Q200,100 VV
payable on demand	17,329 30
Deposits held as security for the	1,010 00
execution of Government con-	
tracts and for Insurance Com-	
panies	49,342 53
Other Deposits payable on demand,	183,883 99
Balance due to Banks and Agencies	7,471 50
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Immediate Liabilities	\$554,485 32
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Dominion Government Deposits,	1.1.1.1.1
-payable after notice, bearing in-	
1erest	50,000 00
Other Deposits, payable after notice, bearing interest	
notice, bearing interest	240,391 18
Deposits towards purchase of	
SLUGK.	77,000 00
Bills payable, not yet.matured	53,138 03
Total Liabilities to the Public	\$975,014 53
	686,000 00
Capital paid up Reserve for rebate of interest at	000,000 00
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6 per cent. on discounts not yet	and the second second
due, and for accrued interest on	
Deposit Receipts, and for out-	10.055 05
standing charges	10,055 05
Profits	8,112 56
	P1 470 100 14
	\$1,678,182 14
ASSETS.	
Specie	\$13,119 10
Dominion Notes	149,723 00
Notes of and Cheques on other	-10,120 00
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Banks Balances due by Banks & Agencies	44,100 24
Investmits in Municipal Debent'rs	37,735 70
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Assets immediately available	- paiojuta 98
Loans, discounts and advances to	058 000 40
the public	958,990 42
Safes, Furniture, Stationery, &c.,	7 010 15
Head Office and Agencies	7,610 15
Past due bills secured and in	10.010 70
course of settlement	10,219 79
Suspense account	30,348 80
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These figures contrast favorably with those in the statement presented a year ago. The circulation is lower, but the deposits have increased-and some valuable accounts have been opened. While business generally is depressed and not very profitable, especially in lumber, the Direc-tors are pleased to be able to report that the business of the Bank has been well maintained and continues active and good. Many of the loans have, indeed, been found less convertible than the Directors could have wished, but they have been careful in renewing loans to increase their strength and are satisfied as to their safety. The assess in suspense a year ago, not since real-ized, have been carefully re-valued and liberal appropriations made. The losses of the year, which were not large, have been written off, and some provision made for possible losses; and the Directors believe that the value of the assets as these now appear in the balance sheet is not over-estimated.

The a gencies at Fredericton and Woodstock ontinu c to do a satisfactory business. These gencie s and head office received a thorough inspection lately.

Application was made to Parliament at its inst session to have the capital stock of the Bank reduced, and an act was passed ordering the reduction of the 6860 shares to 2470, equivalent to giving new stock at the rate of 36 new shares for 100 old.

On Monday, 2nd June instant, your directors accordingly cancelled the 6860 shares then ex-isting; and distributed 2470 new shares pro rata amongst the shareholders, less 62, the fractional share aggregating that number of full shares. The result is that the old Profit and Loss account or impaired capital of $\$399_{12}$ 000 disappears from the pooks and a surplus of \$40,000 remains to form a rest or reserve fund.

The Act above mentioned reduces the capital The Act above mentioned reduces the capital of the Bank to 3,600 shares of \$100 each. The 2,408 distributed leaves 1,192 of these 3,600 to be taken up, and a special meeting of the share-holders is called for Monday, 9th instant, to con-sider the conditions on which these will be offered for subscription. The Directors propose to offer one share at 100 to each shareholder; the reduction of whose stock created a fraction if it is applied for not later than 9th instant, and to offer 770 shares at the same figure to those who in January last deposited the price on this understanding. The entry appearing in the balance sheet "Deposits towards purchase of Stock \$77,000", will thus merge into capital account. This will leave some 300 of the

account. This will leave some 300 of the 3,600 shares, and these the Directors propose to dispuse of at premium. The capital being now unimpaired the pay-ment of a dividend is permissible, and while the profits on hand 'would yield a three per cent. dividend, the directors feel confident that the shareholders will approve of a dividend being withheld until six months profits from the capi-tal, as now reduced, have been earned, and pre-fer to have the present profits added to the rest, which would then amount to twenty per cent which would then amount to twenty per cent. of the capital, as it stands to-day, or fifteen per cent. if increased to \$360,000.

The directors are much gratified in presenting a report which shows the stock to be no longer at a discount, but worth from 15 to 20 per cent. premium-a valuation which not only the bal-ance sheet, but the assets, in their judgment, fully justify. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the

directors.

THOS. MACLELLAN, President.

Mr. Maclellan then moved that the report he had read be adopted, and made some remarks explanatory of the report. Mr. Harrison, Vice President, seconded the motion, which was carried. A vote of thanks was tendered to the President, Vice President and Directors for their attention to the affairs of the Bank during the past year, and the remuneration to the President for his services was made the same as last year. Formal resolutions were then passed regarding the stock. A special meeting of the shareholders as required by the Act re-

cently obtained is to be held on Monday first to approve of the manner in which the Directors have decided to allot the stock, but the shareholders thought it as well at their annual meeting to-day to pass resolutions similar to those which will come before them on Monday. The resolutions approve of 770 shares being given at 100 to the parties who deposited money for these shares in January last, and of the 300 shares being offered at ten per cent. premium. If these 300 shares are not taken up and paid for in cash during the present month, they will be withdrawn until some future time. Without these, the 2,470 and 770 shares make to fifteen per cent. of the capital. The president expressed the hope that the carnings this year would pay a six per cent. dividend and increase the Reserve other six per cent. A by-law was then passed reducing the number of directors from seven to five, and the election proceeded with. After the ballots were examined the men had been elected, viz. : Jeremiah Harrison, Thos. Maclellan, John McMillan, A. A. Sterling and John Tapley. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. Thomas Maclellan was elected president and Mr. Jeremiah Harrison, vicepresident for the ensuing year.

THE PROVIDENT MUTUAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Provident Mutual Association of Canada was held at their offices, 162 St. Janes street, this city, on Friday, the 6th inst. The president, Mr. A. DeMartigny, occupied the chair, and there was a good attend-ance of members. Mr. John Hopper acted as secretary.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and confirmed

The secretary read the annual report of the

report for the fiscal year ending 30th of April, 1884. The number of certificates of membership is ued during the year was 1,849, covering bene-fit to the amount of \$4,568,000. The Medical Director, during the same period, rejected 112 applications, to the amount of \$297,000, not esti-mating those disapproved by the local medical examiners and not forwarded to the Home Office. The number of certificates issued from the 1st of January 1883, to the 30th of April 1884 (sixteen months), was 2,518, with amount at risk of \$6,442,000. There were 312 certificates cancelled within the year, and among those there were ninety-three members belonging to our Provident Class, with ages ranging from 50 to 60. The net increase of membership during the year has been 1,537. The total number of certificates in force at the end of this fiscal year is 3,827. During the year we made six assesments altogether-four in our Provident Class (paying six death claims), and two in Class B. The amount received from the various assesments made during the year was \$23,537,64, and the amount paid to the beneficiaries of deceased members during the same time was \$13,319.68, leaving a surplus of \$10,217.96, which consists of the sum deposited with the Provincial Government, and cash in bank and on hand. To demonstrate the progress of the Association, it is only necessary to mention that in February, 1883, one assessment upon the members in both classes produced \$3,200— while an assessment, if levied to-day upon the members in good standing in the same classes, would realize over twelve thousand dollars. Since the last Annual Meeting we have been busy in extending the operations of the Society and have now one hundred and thirty agencies in the various Provinces of the Dominion, and new business is coming in in a very salislactory manner. The fact that our Association did more new business in the year 1883 than the largest and most successful Life Assurance Company in Canada is a source of congratulation, and evinces the efficiency of our agency corps,

Considering the magnitude and trouble of the work, the cost of securing the business has been comparatively low, and at much less expense than the same amount could have been obtained by any of the old line Life Assurance Companies, who charge large annual premiums in advance and can afford to pay very high commissions to their agents. The great success and popularity of our Association has attracted in a hold the second of the se business upon a system differing from ours. We have been subjected to glaring misrepresenta-tions from these agents, and from certain jour-nals representing their interests. On the 25th of September, 1883, the Directors thought proper to issue a circular to the members in reply to those unjust attacks. If the object was to cause a wholesale lapse of our membership and stop our progress, the failure has been a most signal one, as our Association was never so prosperous as it is to-day or its future prospeets more promising. The annexed figures, taken from the most reliable statistics, show the great progress of Assessment Life insurance in the United States and Canada.

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These Associations comprise those registered, or reporting to the various insurance Departments. The statistics speak for themselves and prove the growing interest and confidence manifested in the assessment system by the people.

The subjoined Statement shows what it has cost our members per \$1,000 for the year 1883, including all Assessments and full Annual Dues. The Statement also gives the figures of what the Level Premium Life Companies charge per annum per \$1,000 on the Life Plan :-

Cost per annum for \$1,000 in the Provident Mutual Association of Canada, including all Assessments and full Annual Dues ;

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on the ordinary Life plan charged by the old line Life Companies :

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During the Government fiscal year, ending 31st August, 1883, the affairs of our Association were twice inspected by the Provincial Inspector. of Insurance, and our sworn Report in detail has been fyled with the Treasurer of the Province in accordance with the law. The Inspector (Mr. Walton Smith), in his report to the Government, under date of November 26th, 1883, says :--

"In addition to the official returns referred to above, and which are asked for by the 46 Vic., cap. 19, sec. 3, P. Q., the Association

have sent in other statements to show their condition on the 31st of August last, which have all been sworn to be correct by the officer of the Company. "I have since inspected the Head Office, and satisfied myself of the correctness of those returns and statements by comparing them with the office books, and I annex them to this report for publication. "There were no death claims or other liabilities against the Association remaining unpaid on the 31st August, 1883. "Since the close of the year this Association has de posited with the Honorable provincial Treasurer \$5,000 for the benefit of their policy holders." He also says in the concluding remarks of

his report :-

"I see no reason to prevent the Provident Mutual Association of Canada from continuing to do a prosperous business."

We have in Bank \$5,000 (five thousand dollars)-to the credit of Assessment Fund-in addition to the deposit mentioned by the Inspector of Insurance. The Directors at their last meeting instructed the President and Treasurer to invest \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)-inclusive of the first deposit-in Federal or Provincial Bonds bearing interest, and placed the same on deposit in trust with rovincial Government for the security of the [the members of the Association, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.--Respectfully submitted.

A. De Martigny, President; W. W. Lynch, Ben Globensky, Vice-Presidents; L. H. Massue, John L. Cassidy, J. McEntyre, M. Bubcock John L. Harris, Arthur Gagnon, J. J. Guerin, M.D., John Hopper.—Directors. On motion of the President, seconded by Mr.

W. C. H. Grimmer, the report was adopted. On motion of Hon. Justice Loranger a vote

of thanks was passed to the directors and managers for their service during the past year.

year. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:—A. DeMartiguy, Hon. L. R. Olurch, Q. O., L. H. Massue, M.P., B. Globensky, Q.C., John L. Cassidy, Mr. Babcock, John McEntyre, W. W. Ogden, (Toronto), Arthur Gagnon, Dr. J. J. Guerin and John Hopper. Hon. T. J. J. Loranger was unamiously elected honorary director. The unamiously elected honorary director. meeting then adjourned. The

A WARNING .- At the last session held at Woodstock, in the County of Oxford, on the 12th inst., one W. T. Freightner, who formerly carried on business as a harness maker in the town of Ingersoll, was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, from the Molsons Bank in that place. In January last he applied to Mr. Clinch, the manager, to discount certain promissory notes. stating at the time he was worth from \$3,800. to \$4,000 over and above all his liabilities. In February following he became insolvent, and his liabilities exceeded his assets by \$3,800. An information was laid against him before the Police Magistrate, when he was committed for trial, with the above result. The question of false pretences appeared to be that at the time he made the statement to Mr. Clinch he concealed certain large liabilities due to his father, who was the first to sue him when trouble arose. This case is considered of some importance to the banking community, as well as to private investors, as it was held that the wilful concealment of a man's financial standing, when making a statement for the purpose of obtaining credit, subjects him to criminal proceedings, and should be a warning to all persons in a similar position.

MESSRS. J. S. HAMILTON & Co., of Brantford, have been appointed agents for the Dominion for the well-known firm of Claret shippers, Messrs. Hannapier & Co. of Bordeaux, France.

BILLS OF LADING .- Since the strange decision recently rendered by the Court of Appeal in the case of the Molsons Bank against the St. Lawrence & Chicago Forwarding Company, some of the banks have taken the precaution of having the Kingston grain forwarders become parties to the lake bills of lading, so as to preclude the possibility of any further trouble. In view of the existing uncertainty which attaches to through bills of lading on grain from the West, arising out of the above unfortunate decision, it is believed that the new plan will soon be generally adopted, as there appears to be a disposition on the part of the Kingston forwarders to render every assistance to ship-pers; and as certain banks refused to advance on bills of lading of grain without the endorsation of the forwarders from Kingston, the latter of course, readily complied in order to oblige the parties to whom the grain was shipped.

GRAIN INSPECTION .- Complaints have reached us from receivers of grain at this port regarding the inspection fee of 30c per car on grain received by the Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific Railroads, which they claim is altogether too high, and which, during the year amounts to a large item, altogether out of proportion to the work performed. It has been suggested by parties in the trade that the inspector be paid a regular salary, commen-surate with the nature of the service rendered. By the adoption of this plain it is claimed that a large item would be saved in the expense of handling grain at this port, which at present dealers complain of as being too onerous. They state that the increase of receipts by rail over the Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific roads, cause the inspection to run up to a large amount in the aggregate, which it is felt the trade can ill afford.

THE TIMBER SUPPLY .- The great pine forests of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota are beginning to exhibit signs of exhaustion, the shortage of production in those States this year being estimated by the North Western Lumbermen at over 600,000,000 feet. The quality of ordinary logs is complained of as being much inferior to that of former seasons, as many are taken from lands that had been previously cut, while new have been almost completely cleared. In view, also, of the wasteful extravagance practised some years ago, lumbermen now begin to discover food for regret, as they look in vain for new areas to meet the increasing demand for supplies, although only a few years ago the forests referred to appeared almost inexhaustible. This condition of things has awakened the trade in all parts of the United States to the impending danger, which threatens the exhaustion of its timber supply at no very distant day.

THE ENGLISH BARK HARVEST.—The Tanner's and Currier's Journal has the following: The strip upon the Crown lands in the Forest of Dean has been finished. The crop is somewhat below the average of recent years, only amounting to about 400 tons. It has nearly all been sold by private bargain to local men, the prices being understood to have been from £3 16s. to £4 per ton, delivered at Newnham or Broad Oak. In the agricultural districts of Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire the stripping is approaching a finish. Two or three weeks ago the promise was far from good, but since then matters have improved greatly. The strip in those districts will, it is believed, be somewhat in excess of late years. Values will rule, it is believed, pretty much as in 1883.

FURTHER particulars of the failure of W. H. Moore & Co., general storekeepers, North Sydney, O.B., referred to by us in January last, have been received, the liabilities being now placed at \$75,000 and the assets nominally at \$80,000, consisting of real estate stock in trade and book debts. A compromise has been effected at 60c on the dollar, the payments to extend over a period of eighteen months, the estate being held in trust until they are liquidated. The firm has been in business in North Sydney since 1853, and compromised once before at 60c. on the dollar, which, it is understood, was fully settled. The losses leading to the last failure were incurred in shipbuilding and by fire. The firm's real estate is mortgaged to the extent of \$1,000. The present business is a considerable expansion upon that of 1853, when it was started on a cash capital of \$6000.

to the shareholders of the Maritime Bank on the 6th inst. will be found elsewhere, and it is satisfactory to learn from it that, notwithstanding the depression in business generally, and especially in the lumber trade, the bank is making fair prospects. The capital has been reduced, and a redistribution of the stock has bren made in accordance with the Act of last Session. We would venture to suggest to the management that, as soon as circumstances will permit, a large portion of the Dominion notes held as reserves should be converted notes held as reserves should be converted into gold. The President of the Maritime Bank, Mr. Maclennan, has had a laborious task in extricating it from its old difficulties, and in placing it in what we sincerely hope is a sound and satisfactory position.

The failure of the Hanover Boot and Shoe Company, Hanover, Ont., is announced, with liabilities aggregating about \$20,000. The company consists principally of farmers, and it is thought it will pay about 70c on the dollar. An offer to compromise at 50c on the dollar was refused. The difficulties of the company are due to losses by fire about 12 months ago, and lack of business experience.—John Johns, blacksmith, Sebringville, Ont., has assigned.— Corbett & Boles, woollen manufacturers, Clinton, Ont., are in financial trouble, arising from the late failure of Barber & Co. of Toronto, and the depressed condition of the woollen trade.—J. H. Aussem, confectioner, Hamilton, has been sold ont.—W. J. Feaver, hotelkeeper, of the same city, has had his effects seized and advertised for sale.

BY THE annual report of the Provident Mutual Association, published elsewhere, it will be seen that the sum of \$10,000 in Government bonds has been deposited on trust with the Provincial Government for the security of members of the Association. On the Board of Directors the Hon. L. R. Church succeeds Hon W. W. Lynch as Vice-President, and W. W. Og'den, M.D., Toronto, takes the place of John L. Harris of Moncton.

Tue imports of foreign merchandise at New York last week amounted to \$8,023,423, of which \$6,326,143 represents general merchandise, and the remainder, \$1,697,280, dry goods. Since Jan. 1 the total is \$207,592,058, against \$212,056,628 for the corresponding period of 1883, showing a decrease of \$4,464,570.

J. O. PEPIN, general trader, Sandford, P.Q., has made an assignment to Messrs. Kent & Turcotte. Liabilities, \$3,000.-Z. Dion, general trader, Notre Dame de Stanbridge, has also assigned to Messrs. Kent & Turcotte, with liabilities of \$7,000.

In order to obtain the carriage of a line of goods from this City to Gretna, in the Northwest, the Grand Trunk Railway Company it is said made a cut in rates of 23c per 100 lbs. The freight went to Chicago, and thence via the Chicago and Rock Island road to destination.

THE rumors circulated during the week concerning the financial strength of a leading retail merchant and the wholesale business in which he is a partner, have been met by two actions for libel, claiming damages of \$100,000, instituted against the "Bradstreet Commercial Agency."

FIRE RECORD.

ONTANIO, Quebec, June 13-The building owned by G. Alford, and occupied by Mr. McManamy, grocer; Ruthman, pork* butcher; Gerard, cutler, and S. Corneil, painter. Building insured for \$800. Mrs. Ruthman is insured for \$400. Dublin, June 13-J. and J. Kidd s cooper shop and storehouse destroyed. Loss not known. London, June 17-Messrs. Purdee and Cobleigh, grocery store, destroyed. Loss on stock \$500; insurance \$300. A cottage in rear partially destroyed, both buildings are owned by S. Crawford. The insurance on the store was \$600 and cottage \$400.

Nova Scotta, Windsor, June 12-The dwellings of the professors of King's College destroyed. Loss \$5,000; insurance small.

JOSEPH E. SEAGRAM DISTILLER, WATERLOO, ONTARIO. Alcohol, 65 O.P. Pure Spirits, 65 O.P. Pure Spirits, 50 O.P. Pure Spirits, 25 U.P. Old Rye, Malt and Family Proof Whiskies. Sole manufacturer of the celebrated WHITE. WHEAT WHISKEY. MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

JUNE 19, 1884.

The features of general trade during the pastweek have been exceedingly dull in wholesale circles, nor is much improvement expected during the coming one, in which occurs a public holiday. The business outlook, however, continues to improve, the fine progress which is being made by the growing crops nspiring general confidence. Remittances coninue to give satisfaction in most of the leading departments, which is one of the bright features in the situation, and goes to confirm the opinion repeatedly expressed by our merchants and financiers, to the effect that the trade of the country rests upon a sound basis. Below is a statement of the business in and prices of stocks during the week.

Banks.	Shares sold.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Commerce Federal Merchants Montreal Molsons Ontario Peoples Toronto	$845 \\ 315 \\ 88 \\ 510 \\ 105 \\ 224 \\ 111 \\ 55$	121 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1	118 113 1063 186 1094 103 55 170
Miscellaneous. Can. Pac. Ry Gas Mont. Tel. Co Passenger Richelieu & Ont Mon. Build. Society	260 350 125 24	178 <u>1</u> 124 561 671	178 123 56 67 1

Asues.-Receipts have been fair, and all offered have been taken at \$4.60 to \$4.70 for First Pots, \$4.30 for Seconds. There are no Thirds offering. Pearls. A few barrels have been placed at about \$5.35 for First Sort; Seconds are a drug. Receipts since 1st January 3005 brls. Pots, 329 brls. Pearls. Deliveries 2842 brls, Pots, 324 brls. Pearls. Stock in store at 6 o'clock p.m., 1474 brls. Pots, 156 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SIDES.—Although country buyers are not rushing in their orders, manufacturers report a steady business in progress, with the outlook improving, for the fall trade. More orders for fall goods have been received during the past week than at any time this season, most of which were from the Lower Provinces and the Northwest. They did not, however, amount to a large aggregate. Jobbers report a fair business, a few more buyers having been in during the week, some of whom took the advantage of each discounts. Remittances continue to come in fairly satisfactory.

GOAL—The past week has been quite a busy one with dealers, who have experienced a considerable influx of orders at §6 per net ton, delivered, for stove and chestnut, and §5.75 for egg and furnace. Steam coal is quiet, although a little firmer feeling is reported, and Scotch is quoted at §4.30 to §4.50 per gross ton. Pictou at §4 to §4.20 and Gape Breton, §3.50 to §3.75.

DARRY PRODUCE .-- In butter the general market remains very quiet, at about last week's prices. The few small lots of creamery that have arrived have been taken principally for Glasgow shipment at 20c to 20kc, and one or two lots of choice Eastern Townships have changed hands at 18c. In some of the best sections of the Townships shippers have paid 16c to 17c. A party from Boston who was in the city a few days since on his way home from Chicago stated that large stocks of ladle packed butter had accumulated at the latter lace, and that it is feared very low prices will have to be accepted before they are worked off, a considerable line being offered at 10c, and a very good lot at 11c. A car load of choice creamery is reported sold in Chicago on Montreal account for English shipment at 19c. The cheese market has been active since our last report, and considerable quantities have passed into shippers' hands on the basis of 91c to 95-8c here for choice, but during the past day or two the demand has slackened on account of no the demand has succeeded on account of no further freight room being obtainable for this wock's stemmers. The sale of 3,000 boxes finest white was made at $9\frac{1}{2}c$, and yesterday 200 boxes sold at $9\frac{1}{2}c$ to $9\frac{1}{2}c$ for colored and white. The market to-day was quoted at 9c to 91c for good to choice colored and white. Up to this point it is a pleasing feature to note that factorymen have marketed their goods with commendable promptitude, scarcely any having been held back. This is the key to success in the making of cheese, as the grand aim should be to clear off the summer cheese, as soon as they are properly cured and fit to move. The shipments from this port last week were 42,607 boxes against 23,875 boxes for the week previous and 24,563 for the corresponding period last year. The shipments from New York last week were 75,600 boxes against 79,260 boxes for the same week in 1883, showing a further falling off. It will be seen therefore that the increase in this season's exports from the Atlantic seabourds has been from Cannda, the New York shipments having shown a decrease since May 1st. The combined shipments from Montreal and New York from the commencement of the season to June 14th were 376,675 boxes, against 330,561 boxes for the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 46,114 boxes.

DRUGS AND GREATCALS.—There is still a good demand for Paris Green, which is one of the chief articles in country orders, and sales are being made at the advance quoted by us last wrek, namely, 18c to 19c. In quinine there is no change here. Howard's in ounce bottles selling at \$1.75, and German in bulk at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Morphia is reported ensier in New York, but quiet and unchanged here, at \$2.25 to \$2.35; opium quiet at \$4.25. In Chemicals there is no material change, bleaching powder is still selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50, according to size of lot, but in England the market hus become a little unsettled with fluctuations in prices of about 10s. In other chemicals there is very little to report.

Day Goops.—The proverbial dulness of the June trade continues, which, however, has been somewhat offset by fairly satisfactory remittances. Most of the buyers returned from their European trip by the last two steamers, and the rest are expected by next steamer. Orders for summer goods continue to come in, and a few lines of fall wear, such as woollen shirts and drawers, have been ordered. The market for woollens is generally quite depressed, and buyers just returned from England report it worse there than here. Cottons are still very quiet, and are being worked off rather slowly at about former prices. Checks are said to be somewhat ensiter. In Ganadian tweeds, orders from travellers have not been as large as were expected, a few lines of fall staples only having been ordered, along with small orders for summer goods. After Procession Sunday, the retail city trade usually falls off, but this year it has proved an exception, most of the stores reporting quite a busy week. Collections have been fair.

Eass.—A fairly steady market has been experienced during the week, at 15c to 16c per doz. One or two parties have been buying for pickling purposes, and this has belped to clear the market of surplus stocks. The New York market remains steady, at 17c to 18c.

FREIGHTS-There has been a little more activity in ocean grain freights during the week, with engagements to Liverpool at 2s 3d, and .2s. is bid for more space. Glasgow is quoted at 3s to 3s 3d, and London at 2s 9d. Flour to Liverpool has been taken at 7s. 6d. to los and at los to 12s 6d to Glasgow. Provisions at 15s to Liverpool, and cheese and butter at 25s. Flour engagements have been made at 20c per bbl. for St. Johns, Nfid., by steamer. River freights from Kingston are steady, at 21c on wheat and 21c on corn to Montreal. Several charters were made yesterday in Chicago for corn on through freight to this port and one cargo was reported at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to Kingston. Engagements of deals are reported by steamer at 50s for Liverpool and London, outside steamers having been taken at 45s to 47s 6d, to Glasgow 40s, and to Bristol 45s. Sail-ing vessels have obtained \$13.50 to \$14 for lumber to Buenos Ayres, one charter being made at \$15. Phosphate has been taken at 5a steam to Liverpool. Coal contracts here are reported at \$1.40 from Charlotte, N.Y., and at \$1.35 from Fairhuven and Uswego to Montreal. In Western bound river freights, we have to report 3,000 bags sult to Kingston at 10c per bag, railway iron at \$1.25, and pig iron at \$1.10 to Kingston. The S S. America, which, among other cargo, took from New York to Liverpool last week about 8,000 boxes cheese, guaranteed to be delivered within 8 days, accomplished her trip in 6 days and 14 hours, beating any previous record, she therefore got her 40s freight, and well deserved it.

FRESH SALMON.—The receipts of salmon from the Lower Ports have been more liberal during the past few days, and sales have been made in cases to the trade at 13c to 14c per lb.

FRUIT, ETO. At a further sharp advance in prices there is a good enquiry for oranges, which have sold as high as \$12 to \$13 per case. The ruit on the SS. Sarnia, amounting to about 150 to 200 cases, arrived in splendid condition. In lemons the demand continues brisk orders by telegraph having been received from all parts of the Dominion within the past few days, and sales are reported at 54 to 55 per box Apples are searce, and have sold at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per bbl, for good to choice Northern Spies. The first small lot of new Apples have been received from the south, and more shipments will soon follow. The first lot of Canadian strawberries was received in this market on Tuesday last from Trenton & Jordan, Ont., consisting of 648, quarts, which sold at 18c per quart box. It is expected that the berries will ripen fast from this out, so that preservers of this delicious fruit may soon expect liberal receipts to select from, Yesterday further shipments were received and the fruit being good 18c was again obtained. Pine apples are less plentiful, and are quoted at \$2.50 to \$4.00 per doz as to quality, cocoanuis \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 100 ; Bananas \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bunch for ordinary up to \$6.00 for large and choice Aspinwall. A lot of 44 crates of Egyptian onions have just been received; and sales are reported at \$4 per crate.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.-Considerable business has been done in Western grain since our last report for Montreal shipment. About 60,000 to 70,000 bushels of corn being sold in Chicago on Tuesday last, costing about 62c in bond laid down here. We also hear of a cargo of No. 2 Duluth wheat changing hands on the basis of about \$1.06 laid down here. No. 2 Chicago spring wheat is also said to have been sold for shipment via this port on the basis of about 97c here. In spot wheat a few cars of spring have been placed at about our quotations. The sale is mentioned of 20,000 bushels of Manitoba oats at 30% for Liverpool shipment at 28. 6d. freight. A lot of Manitoba barley was offered at 60c, with 58c bid. In pease and rye there, is very little doing, a sile of rye being reported at 73c. The flour market is still dull, and prices rule in buyers favor. Sales of car lots prices rule in buyers 1400. Sites of carlots of superior have been made at \$5.40 to \$5.45, of extra at \$5 to \$5.10, of spring extra at \$4.25 to \$4.35, one lot selling at \$4.324, of superfine at \$3.40 to \$3.65, and of fine at \$3.25. Several round lots of eity bags have changed hands at \$2.75 to \$2.80. The visible supply of wheat on this continent on Visible supply of wheat on this continent on Saturday last was 15,814,827 bushels against 16,555,639 bushels, for the week previous, show-ing a decrease of 751,000 bushels. As com-pared with the supply a year ago there is a decrease of 4,800,000 bushels. The supply of coru in sight shows an increase of 500,000 bus during the week. The quantity of wheat on passage to the United Kingdom is 17,400,000 bushels being the same as a week ago. There bushels, being the same as a week ago. There is a decrease of 800,000 bushels, however, on passage to the Continent, the quantity being down to 3,400,000 busbels. In Chicago at noon to-day No. 2 spring wheat was quoted 874 July, 89c Aug, 894 Sep, showing a decline of

to 3 on the week. Corn, on the other hand, showed a gain on the week of \$c to \$c, being quoted at noon at 56 3-8 July, 57 1-8 Aug, 57 Sept. Oats 32 3-8c July, 28 1-8c Aug, 27 3-8c Sep.

GROCERIES.—It is hoped that the price of sugar has reached a turning point, New York advices by telegraph to-day quoting ic advance on granulated, with an increased demand. Here there were several large sales reported yesterday and to-day of granulated at 7c to 7lc, but it is said that 7 1-16c is the lowest that Montreal refiners would accept to-day. The losses on sugar in this market during the past six weeks have been heavier than many even in the trade have any idea of. For instance we hear of a lot of 1,000 bbls. of granulated that was bought about six weeks ago at $8\frac{1}{2}$ that is still held. This lot at to-day's quotations shows a shrinkage in cost of fully \$2,500. Yellows are moving freely, and are quoted at 51c to 62c. Bright Porto Ricos have fellows are moving freely, and are quoted at $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Bright Porto Ricos have been sold at $5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$, but some holders ask $5\frac{3}{8}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$. The first cargo of new raw Porto Rico arrived last week on the barque Marie Louise which is unsurpassed in color and quality by any previous importations. This cargo has been followed by five or six others which have any discharge form the Wort which have arived in harborn; from the West Indies, Brazil, Mauritius, &c. Three or four cargoes of Molasses are just in port from Barbadoes and Trinidad. The Barbadoes are held at 34c to 342, with 31c to 32c bid. Antigua is held at 28c to 30c and New Trinidad at 31c to is held at 28c to 30c and New Trimidid at 31c to 32c. In fruit, a few sales of Valentia raisins have been made at $4\frac{3}{4}c$ for round lot of 1883 fruit, but stocks have now been pretty well cleared off. Currants are quiet, at 5c to $5\frac{1}{4}c$ in lots. There is no change in figs. Advices from Spain and Greece report the crops look-ing well. In nuts a very limited business is previous and prime are curred at 21c to 26c for passing, and prices are quoted at 21c to 26c for shelled almonds, at 11c to 12c for Ivaca and at 7c to 9c for filberts. Teas are very quite, the only sale we hear of being an invoice of about 350 packages of Japans on p.t. but said to be at about an average of 23c. Low-grade Japans 350 packages of Japans on p.t. but said to be at about an average of 23c. Low-grade Japans are quoted at 13c to 15c. The coffee market is dull, a few small parcels having changed hands at 25c to 29e for Mocha, at 17c to 23c for Java, and at 18c to 22c for Plantation Ceylon. Spices are steady, with sales of black pepper at $17\frac{1}{2}c$. Rice is rather scarce, at \$3.50 to \$3.60.

HAY AND STRAW.—The deliveries of loose hay during the week have been ahead of the demand and consequently buyers have been enabled to operate upon easy terms, a contract having been made to deliver a good number of loads in this city by next week at \$7.25 per 100 bundles, quality guaranteed to be clean and choice timothy. On College Street market sales have been made at \$8 per 100 bundles for extra choice Laprairie hay but they were exceptional, \$7.50 being about the average top price, and we quote from \$4.50 to \$7.60 as to quality. Pressed hay is abundant and sells all the way from \$7.00 to \$9.50 per ton as to quality. Straw is rather slow sale at \$3.50 to \$5.00 per 100 bdls

Hors.—The market is firmer in sympathy wit.1 New York and English advices. The London market is cabled 10s. higher on poor crop prospects, and this has pulled up American prices. In this market, one buyer has bought up all the old lots he could find, and, owing to supplies being pretty well concentrated, holders have been enabled to establish higher rates, sales having been made to brewers in small lots at 26c per lb. for choice qualities, and we quote 20c to 26c, as to grade. Some holders want more money for finest.

Hines, etc.—Stocks of green City hides are light, and, owing to a steady demand from tanners, prices are sustained at \$8.00 to \$8.50 for No. 1, both figures having been paid. In other kinds there is little passing. Lambskins have advanced 5c to 30c, and clips are steady at 25c. Califskins, are quiet and unchanged at 12c per lb.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—There is nothing transpiring of any note that would warrant us in making any material change from our report of last week, either as regards demand or values. Warrants have become steedier during the past few days, having moved up to 41s 5d, which is a gain of 2d in the week. In this market there is still a dull and weak feeling in pig iron, the sale being mentioned of a lot of Summerlee at \$17.40 delivered here, and we quote Coltness & Langloan \$18.50 to \$19, Calder \$18 to \$18.25, Summerlee \$17.40 to \$17.50, Gartsherrie \$17.50, Eglinton \$16.50 and Dalwellington \$16.75. The metal market is quiet, ingot the being cabled from London 2s id better, at £33, and here prices rule at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ co 22 $\frac{1}{2}$. Copper is cabled weak and £1 lower on the week at £62 10s for best selecid, and here at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The demand for tim plates is limited, a small business being reported at \$4.75 for I. C. charcoal, and at \$4.25 for J. C. Colce. Canauda plates move slowly, at \$2.90 to \$3.00 for best brands. Bar iron is quiet, at \$1.75 a few lots having changed hands at that figure. In other goods there is very little doing In general hardware dealers state that business is dull, and that no great improvement is expected for several weeks. Travellers are all home from their sorting-up trip, and some are off on their vacations.

LEATHER.—The principal feature in this market during the week was the appearance of a buyer for an English house, who made several purchases of buff and splits. One lot of Western splits cost him 26½c. He also bought a large quantity of splits in Quebec. This action on the part of the buyer referred to agrees with the tenor of English advices received by last mail,—stocks on the other side being small, and the feeling generally steady. In this market there is very little doing on local account, manufacturers confining themselve to hand-tomouth purchases, and they are verys mall. Sole leather moves off slowly, the only sale we hear of during the week being a lot of about 300 sides of No. 1 B A. On p.t. but said to be at about 26c. In black leather business outside of the sales of buff and splits made on English account and referred to above, have been very small, a few parcels being reported of waxed. upper in 500 lb lots at 34c to 38c as to quality Buff is quiet, and pebbled is seldom called for.

Live Stock.—Business at the commencement of the week was characterized by more activity, both on export and local account, and prices were about steady all round. Mr. Jackson, of the firm of Hathaway & Jackson, of Boston, was on the market, and boug.: quite a number of shipping beeves at from 6c to 64c per lb, live weight, a few choice going at 64c. When it is considered that ocean freights at Boston are only 25s to 30s, in place of 60s to 80s here, it is only natural to see Boston buyers in this market, as they can better afford to pay full prices for shipment via Boston than our shippers can for shipment at this port. Shipping cattle are quoted here at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{1}{2}$ m as the beginning of the week, with all at the beginning of the week, with sales at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{1}{2}$ cond to choice. Fat cows and oxen showing good condition were picked up at 4 $\frac{3}{2}$ c to $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{1}{2}$, as to $\frac{1}{3}$ c per lb. The receipts of calves have fallen off of late and holders have been enabled to $\frac{1}{3}$ c per lb. The receipts of calves have fallen off of late and holders have been enabled to $\frac{1}{3}$ c per lb. The receipts of calves have fallen off of late and holders have been enabled to $\frac{1}{3}$ cach for small kinds, and at $\frac{5}{4}$ co to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 for fair to choice. Sheep and hambs were in fair request, but offerings were eight, and prices ruled firm, the former selling at $\frac{5}{4}$.50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, have the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each for small kinds, and at $\frac{5}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each for small kinds end be a bear enabled to each for small kinds end failes at $\frac{5}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{2}$.00 each, and the latter at $\frac{5}{2}$ 50 to $\frac{5}{2}$.0

per lb. The shipments of live stock from this port last week were as follows :

the factor of the second states of	Cattle	Sheep.
Last week	1,518	257
Week previous	2,033	183
Cor. week, 1883	2,055	176
Total to date	12,272	1,147
To same date, 1883	13,936	1,219

Choice milch cows meet with good demand at \$60 to \$65 each, but ordinary kinds are slow sale. Several sales are reported of good milkers at from \$45 to \$55 each, medium to fair qualities bringing \$35 to \$40 each, and inferior \$25 to \$30. The horse market has been quiet throughout the past week. There is some enquiry for desirable carriage and heavy draught horses, and these classes bring good values. Prices ranged from \$150 to \$250 each for good to first-class animals, and from \$80 to \$110 for other kinds. The shipments to the United States last week were 23 horses, costing \$3,033, averaging \$131.86

LUMBER .- There is still a falling off in the demand at the yards, as compared with that of a year ago, although a few more orders have been filled during the past week than for the week previous. Laths are easier, owing to better receipts, and a rather slack enquiry. The export movement in deals, however, continues as brisk as ever, and fresh charters within the past few days have been made at 50s to Liverpool ; outside steamers 45s to 47s 6d,50s to London, 40s to Glasgow, and 45s to Bristol. A good business has also taken place in lumber good business has also taken place in lumber for South American ports, the following char-ters of vessels now in port and to arrive naving been made as follows:--William \$14, Wal-walench \$14, George \$14, Ivy \$14, Cambridge \$13.50, Arielta \$14, Hakon Jarl \$14, Alex. Keilt \$14, Macleod \$14, Memlo \$13.50, Princess McKenzie \$14, Napier \$15, Norway \$14, Kenil-worth \$15, James Kitchen \$14, Marie Louise \$14, Bluebird \$14, Mariner \$14. Our latest advices from London, Eng., state that stocks of deals are accumulating on the docks rapidly and any advance in values can only be of a and any advance in values can only be of a temporary character. A large business was done in Liverpool during the month of May, especially in pitch pine timber; large quantities having been sold at auction at low prices, which, however, seem to have touched bottom., Spruce deals have sold fairly well at steady values.

NAVAL STORES.—Trade has been dull during the week, and a few lots of spirits turpentine have been placed at a shading from previous quotations; round lets being offered freely at 474c, and one lot it is said was offered at 45c. In rosins there is scarcely any business passing, except in a jobbing way, and prices are quoted at \$2 to \$2.50 for ordinary strained, up to \$4.20 and \$4.56 for white, as to quantity. Pine pitch is quiet, at \$2.25 to \$2.75, and pine tar at \$3 to \$3.50. Oakum is very quiet, and prices are nominal.

Oils.—Dullness still pervades the market for oils, and buyers persistently hold off, taking only what is absolutely necessary for immediate wants. Newfoundland Cod oil is dull and rather easy, and quoted at 60c to 624c as to size of lots. In seal oil a lot of 200 bbls have just arrived by the SS. Coban, for which 65c to 674c is asked, as to size of lot. Pale seal is quoted at 60c and straw seal at 55c to 554. Linseed has been cabled firmer in England, but here there is no change, and prices range from 524c to 55c. Cod liver oil is weak at \$1.10 to \$1.15. Advices from England quote sales of NewFoundland cod oil in London at £34 to £34 10s per tun, and in Liverpool at £31 to £32 per tun.

PETROLEUM .- The demand is light, as usual at this season of the year, but prices hold firm in Petrolia at 114c f.o.b. for car lots of refined. Here car lots are offered at 131c in store, broken lots at 14c to 14de, and single barrels at 15c.

PHOSPHATES ---- Although a tlow prices, English buyers have been induced to make a few pur chases which some time since they positively. refused to do. Prices here are nominally quoted at \$12.50 to \$15.00 as to quality, Latest news from England afforded no encouragement to holders. Last week's ship-ments were 598 tons, of which 283 tons went to Antwerp and 315 to London.

PROVISIONS .- Hog product continues to rule quiet in this market, and it is well-known that it can be bought below quotations, sales in carlots having taken place at \$19.35. In broken lots sales are reported at \$20, and in small parcels at \$20.25 to \$20.50. Armour still has the grip upon the "shorts," although prices have receded somewhat in Chicago during the week receden somewhat in Chicago during the week from the highest points reached. Lard in this market was quiet, with sales at \$2 30 per pail of 20 lbs for Western, and at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per pail for Canadian. Mess Beef remains quiet at about \$14.50 per bbl. About 750 smoked hams were sold at 13% c and 14c, and a lot of sides of breakthist bacon at 13% c. Private advices from Chicago state that there is no probability of the Board of Trade acceding to the unreason-able request of those "shorts" who want to deliver summer-packed pork for "regular." The gambling deal between themselves and The gambling deal between themselves and Armour should be settled without existing rules for the government of legitimate business being interfered with.

SALT .- Stocks of coarse salt are large and are being disposed of in moderate sized lots at 35c to 37kc for twelves, and 40c to 42kc for elevens. Old stock held over from last season amount to between 12,000 and 15,000 bags, but these are put on one side, as they cost much higher prices than the new stock is selling for.

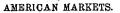
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WINDOW GLASS .- The market is firm under limited offerings, and comparatively light importations, and prices are quoted steady for best qualities at \$2 for first cut, and \$2.10 for second, which prices would no doubt be shaded for round quantities.

WINES AND SPIRITS .- Advices just received from Bordeaux state that very little has yet been done in the vintage of 1883, on account of the very ordinary quality, and also because of the excessive prices asked by proprietors. The wines of 1882 still in the country have been taken up rapidly. Advices from Champaigne state that the late advance has been fully sus-tained. The market here for champagnes is quiet and firm at \$26 to \$32 according to brand. Genuine clarets have been sold at \$3.00 upwards, and sherries at \$1.25 to \$6, according to quality, in ports a few lots have been taken at steady prices. They are quoted at £20 to £63 per pipe, f.o.b. London or Oporto. The leading marks of brandy have been sold at \$10,75 to \$11.25 per case. In other spirits there is build driver advances remembers. is little doing, and prices are unchanged.

WOOL.-Owing to the generally depressed condition of the woollen market many of the large mills have closed and others are running on reduced time, so that manufacturers' requirements are necessarily small. During the week several small parcels of Greasy Cape have been placed for Western account at 163c to 17c, a lot of very fine being taken at 174c. In Australian one or two lots of greasy Ade-laide and Sydney have been sold at 20c to 21c. Stocks here are not by any means excessive. In Canada wool there is scarcely anything doing, and in the present unsettled state of the market buyers do not care to operate. Prices, therefore, must be considered purely nominal at 26c to 27c for A super, and 22c to 24c for B super. Unassorted is dull at 19c to 21c. A lot of rough fleece is offered on this market at 15c. without finding buyers.

MONTREAL.



Boston, June 19-Flour, dull feeling, sales confined to small lots. Superline quoted at \$3 to \$3.25; extras from \$3.50 to \$4.25, including choice backers \$4.25 to \$5.25. Pattent spring wheats sold at \$6 to \$6.65, and patent spring wheats sold at \$6 to \$6.65, and patent winter \$6 to \$6.50. Corn meed in moderate demand at \$2.80 to \$2.90. Odimeed sales at \$4.25 to \$5 for ground, and \$5.50 to \$6 for cut. Hay, receipts large, market dull. Sales of best lots at \$16.50 to \$17, and common and medium grades at \$10 to \$15. Butter.-There is a better feel-ing, and prices are now steady and firm. Sales of fine creamery at 21c to 23c, good to choice 18c to 21c. Cheese dull and in moderate de-The formation of the set of the

Chicago, 2 p.m.—Wheat, July, 874c; August, 883c; Sept., 89c. Corn, July, 561c; August, 57c.; Sept., 574c. Oats, July, 324c; August, 284c; Sept., 274c. Pork, July, \$19.50; Aug., \$19.50. Lard, July, \$7.674; Aug., \$7.724; Sept. 57 00. Sept., \$7.90.

New York, 2 p.m.—Wheat, July, \$1.00³; Aug., \$1.02³; Sept., \$1.03³; Oct., \$1.05⁴; Corn, July, 63³; Aug., 64¹/₂c; Sept., 65¹/₂c; Oats, June, 37¹/₂c; July, 37c; August, 35c; Sept., 34⁴/₂c.

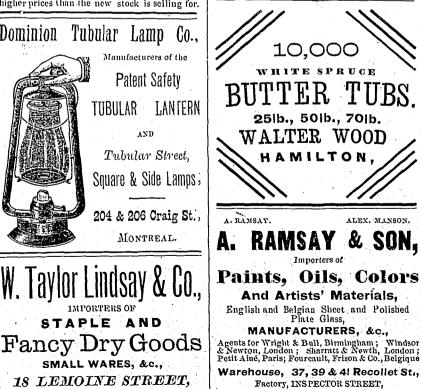
ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, June 19, 1884.

(Beerbohm's Advices.) Cargoes off Coast-(Beerbohm's Advices.) Cargoes off Coast-Wheat, slow; Corn, nothing offering. Car-goes on passage-Wheat, inactive; Corn, quieter. Quantity Wheat on passage for con-tinent 430,000 qrs.; Maize, 20,000 qrs. Maize, for U.K. 410,000 qrs.; Wheat and Flour 2,175,-000 qrs. Liverpool Wheat on spot, inactive. Coru. firmly held. Corn, firmly held.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS. (Revised By Telegraph.) TORONTO, June 19, 1884.

The amalgamation of the Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange Association is expected to produce a good effect on commercial affairs generally. If so it could not have been accomplished at a time more needing the combined intelligence of merchants and manufacturers. There cannot be said to be any change in the state of trade. Dulness is reported in nearly every business. Retail trade is somewhat revived owing to some municipal work going on, but the circulation of money is still below what it should be with our population. The country trade continues without change from what was reported last week. The Stock Exchange has been quiet. The decline in Federal was the event of the week. Following are the prices to-day compared with those of last Thursday :—

Banks.	Bid June 12	Bid June 19	Loan Cos.	Bid Bid June Jne 12 19
Montreal	1874	186	Can. Per	216 216
Toronto	171		Freehold	
Ontario		105	Western Can	185
Merchants		1071	Bldg. & Loan .	1061 1031
Commerce	120	119	Farmers' Loan.	1 110
Dominion	189	189	Lond, & Can'dn	137 .1384
Hamilton,		1184	Huron & Erie	
Stand'd	113	109]	Dom. Savings .	117 113
Federal	1184	117	Ontario Loan	1251 121
Imper'l	1331	127.	Hamilton Prov.,	125
Molsons			Imperial Loan	

CATTLE TRADE.—There has been a fair average trade done in exportation of cattle this season, and prices have been remunerative. It is said that dealers are less anxious within the past two weeks, but prices continue steady at a small decline. Good heavy caltle for export are worth 56 per 100 lbs live weight, and choice beasts would bring a shade higher. The demand from butchers is not active. Good cattle weighing 950 to 1,950 lbs are worth 55 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. Ordinary cattle being from \$30 to \$40 per head. Sheep and Jambs scarce at 5c to 6c per lb live weight. Hogs bring \$6 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs.

COAL OIL.—Trade is quict, but prices are maintained. Petrolea market is reported quiet with crude at \$7c to 90c, and refined 11½c in barrels. The market here is quiet; common refined is quoted at 14c for single barrels, and carbon safety at 12c, with 2c off for 5 barrel lots. American oils unchanged.



Millwright, &c. 2439 Notre Dame Street, MONTREAL.

DRUGS.—Wholesale dealers report a fair trade. Prices are unchanged and steady. Quotations of leading articles are, Balsam Tolu, \$1.10 lb. Camphor, 30c to 32c lb. Cuttle fish bone, 40c lb. Cubeb berries, \$1.25 lb. Ergol, 55c to 60c. Gream tartar, 35c to 40c lb. Oils, sweet almonds, 60c lb; lemon, \$2.50 lb, peppermint, \$3.50 to \$4 lb, wormwood, \$7.50 lb, Neroli, \$5.50 oz.; Opium, \$4.30. Morphin, \$2.25 to \$2.40 oz. Quinine, Howards, \$1.65, German, \$1.50 oz. Dye stuffs unchanged, and in moderate demand. Cool liver oil, Nfid., \$2.50, Norwegian, \$6.25 per gall.

DRY GOODS.—There is little to be said of the extent of business. Latterly the wholesale houses have been falling off in their effort to press sales. Country merchants will not venture on large purchases. The prospects of a better season's crops are not creating a boom in trade. Woollens are all very slow; cottons are rather better. And stocks are light everywhere in the country.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is nothing new to report in the market, transactions in flour are confined to the local trade. Larger transactions with eastern markets are also rare and are not reported. The milling interests continue-flag, and profits are impossible owing to the differential duties on wheat and flour. Prices here are unchanged, and are admitted to be not so stendy as they were a week ago. Superior extra is quoted at \$5 to \$5.10; extras at \$4.80; and spring extras at \$4.40. Patent process flours are more sought at \$5.75 to \$6. The stock here on last Monday was 2,350 bbls, against 3,095 June 18, 1883, and 2,765 bbls June 19, 1882. Oatmed is casier under larger offerings quoted at about \$4.25 in car lots, small lots at about \$4.75. Commeal unchanged at \$3.60 to \$3.75. Bran declined with small demand selling at \$9 on the track.

GRAIN.—The market is very dull and transactions are limited to car lots sold to millers. *Wheat* is lower, and the feeling is more depressed than the decline would indicate. With a realization in the harvest of the crops as they, are reported now in North America the value o :wheat will be lower this year than it is at, present.—Some of our Gorn Exchange merchants say it may reach down to 75 cents a bushel. The chances against a good harvest are decreasing every day. Only some unlooked for disaster will hinder large yields, both in Oanada and the United States. Prices here are weak at \$1.12 for No. 2 fall and spring, and \$1.10 for No. 3 fall, and 78c to 82c for goose. Stocks on last Monday were 141,509 bush, against 286,190 June 18, 1883, and 172,400 bush June 19, 1882. Barley, nothing doing. Oats quiet and steady, selling at 40c and 41c in car lots, steady at 75c for No. 2, with some demand. *Hyg.*, nominal at 63c. *Corn.*, American, quoted 70c for car lots. Grain in store June 16, 190,-940 bush, against 360,036 bush. June 18, 1883, and 200,250 bush. June 19, 1882.

GROCENTES.—Leading wholesale houses report trade as even quieter this week than it has been at any time up to the present this season. There are as many orders coming in, but the extent of the orders is smaller than before. Prices are nominally unchanged. Coffees unchanged: Rio 14½ to 15c, Java 18c to 25c, Mocha 30c to 32c. Fruit very quiet, and prices quite unchanged. Pepper white 26c, black 18c to 20c. Rice \$3.62½ to \$3.75. Sugars weak, Porto Rico, common 6c to 7c, bright to choice $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ c, Scotch refined 6c to 7c; granulated $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ c, Scotch refined 6c to 7c; granulated 7.1 to $7\frac{1}{4}$ c, Scotch refined 6c to 74 c. Syrups quiet and unchanged. Spices quiet and unchanged. Treus unchanged, and trade dull.

HARDWARE.—There is a moderate trade doing, taking all lines into account. Implements of having and harvest have been in good demand. Manufactured iron is quiet. Nails are unchanged, with fair demand. Window Glass is also in fair demand and prices steady. 26 and under S2, 26 x 40 S2.10, 41 x 50 S2.40, 52 x 60 S2.60. Bar iron is inactive and prices weak; Nova Scotia S2.50 to S2.60, ordinary bar S1.85 to S2, hoops and band S2.50 to S2.60. Lead very quiet. Tin in light demand. Galvanized iron in moderate demand. Building hardware has been in slightly improved demand. Prices unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS.—General trade is reported very quiet. Receipts are light, and sales to tanueries are also of small lots. Opinion points_ to a probable weakening of values. Green



THE FAIRBAIRN CRATE BAR.

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hides are buying at 7c for cows and 8c for steers, No. I inspected. Sales of small lots of cured are made at S₁c to S₄c. Calfskins are in moderate supply, and prices are unchanged In moderate supply, and prices are unchanged at 13c for No. 1 and 11c for No. 2. Cured selling at 2 cents in advance of these figures. *Pelts* are bright, at about 25c, and *Lambskins* at 35c to 40c, according to size.

LEATHER .--- Trade has been rather quieter during some time past, and only small sales to the country are reported. Sole leather is quieter, and prices barely steady. Large manufacturers have not been working on short time, and heavy sorts of leather have not been in demand. Upper leather has been rather better. Small lots of Spanish sole are quoted at 26c to 29c, heavy at 30c; Buthalo, 21c to 23c. Heavy uppers, 29c to 32c; light, 33c to 36c. French kips, 75c to 85c; English, 70c to 72c; native, 45c to 60c. Splits, large, 25c to 33c; buff, 16c to 18c; pebble, 14c to 17c. Calf, heavy, 70c to 90c; hemlock, 60c to 70c. French, \$1.10 to \$1.40. mand. Upper leather has been rather better.

PROVISIONS, ETC.-There is only a jobbing trade being done in all quarters, and in several lines business is of a trucking order. Except in the case of meats supplies are quite up to demand, and in the case of meats the market is steady only because stocks are light, and not from any enquiry that exists. Bacon jobbing in small lots at 10% c for long clear and 10c for

TO THE OIL TRADE -AND-

C Hams stendy at 133c for smoked and 12ct pi with good demand. Lard quiet a 113c to 12c. Pork nominal, at 20c to 21c. Butter 113c to 12c. Pork nominal, at 20c to 21c. Butter unchanged, with receipts above local require-ments, and prices weak; fine quality selling to the trade at 16c; large rolls, good, at 13c, and fair to good pails at 13c to 14c. There has been no slipment of any consequence to eastern mar-kets. Cheese is casy, selling at 104c to 11c. Eggs steady, with limited demand; cases and burrels quoted at about 144c to 15c. Polatoes slow of sale at 60c per bag in car lots. Hops very quiet and unchanged. Mogs selling in the street at \$8. Buled Hoy selling at 512 per ton on the track. Salt unchanged.

WOOL .- Trade continues to be very quiet. The quantity coming in here is small for this season of the year. It is not thought that the farmers generally are selling their stocks. Prices are low, and country merchants are paying the lowest rates. Although it is admitted ing the lowest rates. Although it is admitted that prices cannot go any lower, buyers are not anxious to lay in stocks and risk an advance. Good fleece is readily taken, but there is no-thing to encourage investment, manufacturers are not assisting the market, as it is reported that even the coarse wool stuffs are declining, and some factories have shut down altogether. and some factories have shut down altogether. Clothing wools are scarcely better, most of the factories now running on greatly reduced time. Prices are unchanged but weak. Good Leices-ter fleece is quoted at 174c to 18c; Cotswold fleece at 16c to 17c; rejects at 14c. Pulled wools are quoted very quiet, at 20c for supers and 25c for extra.

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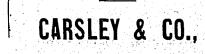
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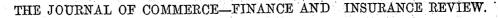
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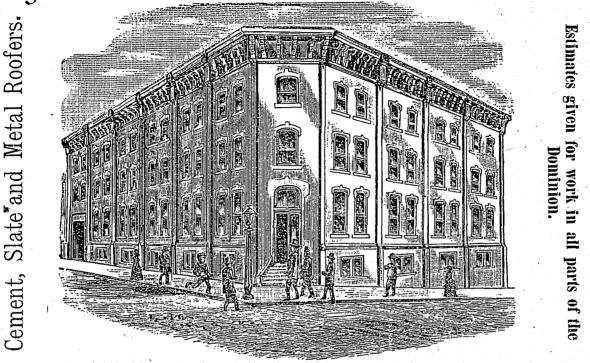
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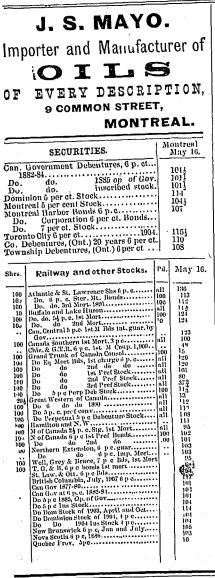
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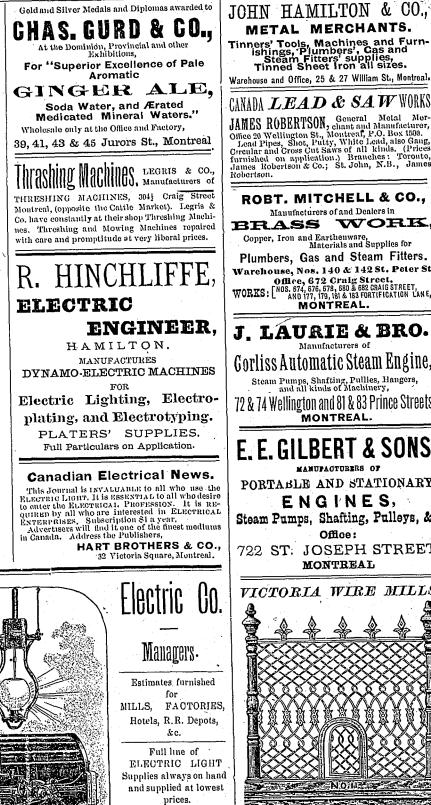








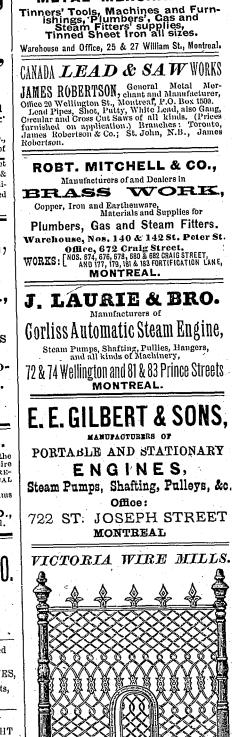




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