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Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1888,

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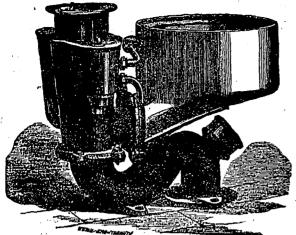
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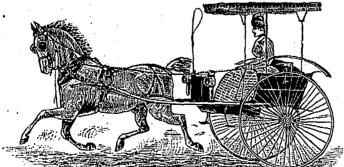
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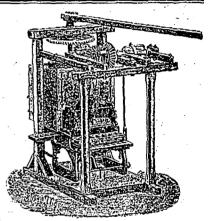
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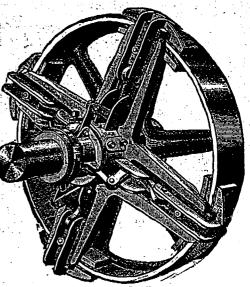
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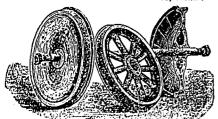
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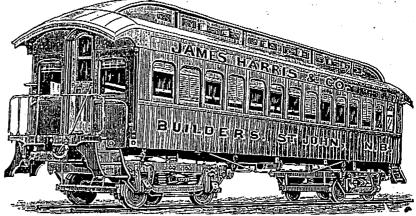
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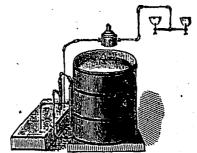


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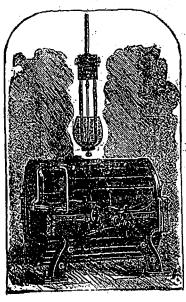
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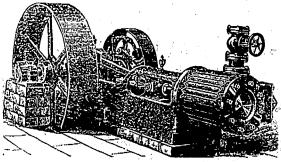
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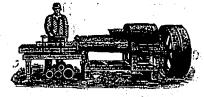
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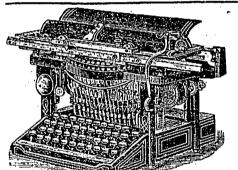
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J. B. JACQUES, auctioneer, of Quebec, has assigned. He has been some 12 years in business, but has never made more than a bare living. His stock and fixtures, amounting in value to about \$2,000, are advertised for sale by auction.

Mr. Archibald Campbell attended before the Master in Toronto and agreed that the counting of money in the treasury of the Central Bank should be proceeded with fortwith, in the presence of a teller to be appointed with the consent of all parties.

THE steamer Boston City, Capt. Davis, has arrived at Halifax from Matanzas with 18,000 bags of sugar for the Canada refinery, Montreal. The American barque Mary E. Russell, has also arrived at Halifax from Pernambuco with a cargo of sugar.

E. S. HUBLEY, grocer, of Halifax, N. S., has

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assigned. His liabilities are about \$2400 and he shows assets of nominally \$1000, but as his preferences amount to as much as the assets it is hardly likely that outside creditors will get much of a dividend.

There was paid last year by the Government to outside parties for printing and lithographing, \$235,075, andfor advertising, \$68,114, in addition to payments to the regular contractors for parliamentary and departmental printing, \$16,486 and for advertising \$525.

St. John, N.B., is agitating for the extension of the Intercolonial Railway along the wharves of the barbor, and the City Council has decided to give the right of way across such streets as may be necessary for the carrying of the rails along the whole water front.

AARON House, general storekeeper, of Stone Quarry, Ontario, has assigned. He succeeded Michael Krieger about two years ago, and since then lost about \$600 by the failure of one of his debtors, which seems to have crippled him. Liabilities will be about \$1,500.

John C. Purkiss, general storekeeper of West Brome, Que., who has just assigned, is described as an honest hardworking man, who had about \$1,000 capital to commence with. He seems to have run gradually behind until he could no longer meet his liabilities.

ARTHUR STRICKLAND, builder, of Brantford, Ont., has been in business about four years. He seemed to do a fair living business but was never looked upon as a good mark for credit. He has assigned.—Ira D. Smith, contractor, of Kingston, Ont., has assigned.

A MEETING of York county farmers held at Cedar Grove appointed a committee to communicate with other parts of the county to

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Mas. T. Lemieux, fancy dry goods, of Quebec, has assigned with liabilities of \$4,500. She was formerly in the fruit business and opened about a year ago in fancy dry goods. She bears the reputation of being a smart woman, but did not understood her present business.

Signa filberts continue to improve, assisted by the continued strong foreign advices. The stock in New York is closely concentrated and held at 81.0082c. To arrive there are 1,450 bags, Recent cables have advised an advance in Messina equivalent to 91c laid down.

The rate of license fees has been raised \$10 this year, so that hotels and restaurants are obliged to pay between \$211 and \$411 according to rent; retail liquor shops between \$80 and \$160; wholesale shops \$110 to \$210, besides the corporation fee of \$8 for each license.

A CERTAIN fire insurance office on St. Francois Navier street has for some days past been considered fair game for energetic workers who are not over regardful of obstacles in their ways of securing business so long as they do it. There should be no time lost in appointing a head.

Mr. Chas. D. Cory, the well-known insurance adjuster, for some years resident in St. John, N.B., is about to enter upon new duties as a prominent officer in the service of the British America Fire and Marine Assurance Company. Mr. Morison could not have made many better selections.

John Barchar, lumber, of Springfield, Ont., assigned. He bought a saw and grist mill, a small grocery and a house and lot early last summer and has apparently found it difficult to pay for them. A report is current that he has obtained a settlement with his creditors at 30 cents in the dollar.

HARRIET ATWILL, dry goods, of Ridgetown and Wallaceburg, Ont., has assigned. The business was run by her husband, George Atwill, in his wife's name. They ran two stores but only did a small living busines in both of them and thus have been compelled to take refuge in an assignment.

FJAMES LOCKHART, general storekeeper, of Newtonville, Ont., has assigned after an unsuccessful attempt to get a settlement at 25 cents in the dollar. He was in trouble before in June, 1885, when he compromised at 40 cents, spread over twelve months. Liabilities are \$7500 and assets \$3500.

George S. Best, general storekeeper of South Cayuga, Ont., appears to have left the management of his little store principally to his wife who has not made a success of it. The stock has been allowed to run down and he has got into arrears, and consequently we now have to chronicle an assignment.

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done a small business on a very limited capital. They now assign with liabilities of \$1700 .- A. McLellan, a Guelph stove and tinware dealer, has assigned. He owes about \$200 and has about \$100 worth of stock.

JOSEPH BERARD, a trader in hay and grain, has assigned in this city owing some \$1,300. -George Woods, the oldest harnessmaker in St. Catharines, has been compelled to assign owing to his landlord seizing for his rent .-J. A. Genest & Co., who kept a small general store at Warwick, Que., are in difficulties.

H. W. Sheppard, hardware and tins, of Toronto, has assigned. He is a carpenter by trade, who took a small grocery in the fall of 1885 and last March went into his present line. Under the circumstances he was hardly likely to prove successful. Liabilities will reach \$3500 and assets are about \$2800.

TELEGRAMS state that Gideon Bourdeau, of Winnipeg, Queen's Printer for Manitoba, has been found short in his accounts and has emigrated to the United States. His deficit will amount to considerably more than \$5,000. He disappeared on being asked to account by the expert auditors employed by the Greenway Government.

IT is understood the Woodside Sugar Refinery, Dartmouth, N. S., which has been idle for a year, is to be started again, the English bondholders interested having formed a syndicate to operate it. A cargo of sugar is now on the way to Halifax from Matanzas and a quantity of the raw article has been purchased in New York.

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FLEISHMAN & FELDMAN, dry goods of Ottawa, have assigned. Both partners were peddlers who opened in Ottawa in the fall of 1886 .-D J. Gillies, a small grocer of St. John, N. B., has assigned.-Robert Phair, a small grocer of Brantford, Ont., is in difficulties. He did only a small business and never made more than a bare living.

THE Furness Line steamer "Damara," which cleared at Halifax for London last Saturday, took a cargo valued at about \$60,000. The principal items of cargo were 4,000 sacks of flour, 2,550 cases match splints, 12,060 bushels of wheat, 5,250 barrels of apples, 7,437 packages of Government stores and 156 barrels of antimony ore.

STILL, WAITE & Co., general storekeepers, of Port Perry, Ont., have assigned after about twelve months' experience of business. They succeeded Davenport, Jones & Co. early last year. Still was a farmer and supplied the funds, while Waite was a clerk and put in the experience. It is doubtful whether they ever succeeded in holding their own.

J. G. Mills, tea merchant, of Winnipeg, Man., is stated to have absconded, leaving behind him numerous creditors. His liabilities are about \$15,000. Telegrams to the daily papers state that he was formerly a local preacher in Toronto. He did apparently a good trade, and his present action seems to have been a surprise to everyone.

Nova Scotia's fish harvest in 1887 was 81 millions of dollars, of which the cod contributed no less than 41 millions-almost equal to Manitoba's wheat crop and more easily moved to market. As a consequence of a good season's catch the hardy Nova Scotia fishermen are enjoying a winter of ease and plenty, which we are sure they deserve.

SKELTON DEGATUR & Co., dry goods merchants of Shelburne, Ont., started in 1883. They did a fair business apparently holding their own. They were burned out lately and not carrying sufficient insurance lost heavily. On examining the estate it was found that, if all the liabilities were paid, nothing would be left, so they decided to make an assignment.

JAMES KIMBALL, has been keeping a small grocery and boarding house near the Alpha Oil Works, at Sarnia. The venture has not paid and he has assigned .- H. T. Colpitts has run a small store at St. Martius, N. B., for about six years. He has never been able to do more than just pay his way at the best, and having lately run behind, is compelled to

It is stated in London that the Grand Trunk accounts for the past half-year show a balance available for dividends of £250,000, permitting the payment of the full dividend of four per cent. on the guaranteed stock, four per cent. for the half-year on the first preference, making five per cent, for the whole year,

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also about one-third per cent. for the half-year on the second preference.

Keans & Ryan, an old established Ottawa dry goods house, are in difficulties. Liabilities will reach \$43,000, with assets only estimated at \$26,000. Kearns died in 1884, and the drain upon the capital of the firm in order to pay off his widow was too much for their resources. We learn that an offer of 30 cents in the dellar was made to the creditors, but as it fell through, an assignment will be inevitable.

C. Mongeon & Co., dry goods merchants of Sorel, have assigned. Mongeon has been some 16 years in business and was unsuccessful in 1879, when he got a settlement at 30 cents. He failed again in 1886 when the stock valued at \$11,000 was bought by his wife at 61 cents in the dollar in three, six, and nine months, secured. Since then he has done business in her name, but has not succeeded.

One of the most satisfactory reports issued from Ottawa this year comes from the Inland Revenue Department. It shows a decrease in the consumption of spirituous and other liquors in the year 1886-7 of 640,000 gallons

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compared with the consumption in 1885-6. In the earlier year 3,500,000 were consumed; last year the consumption was 2,864,000 gallons. The temperance move is evidently making itself felt.

Halifax building contractors have been notified by the Masons' and Bricklayers' Union that masons and bricklayers will set no stones which have been cut by stone-cutters who do not belong to the Stonecutters' Union. This, we presume, means that every stonecutter must join the union or leave the country. Who can truthfully say that Halifax lags behind the times when her mechanics can thus dictate their own terms to contractors.

Halifax is becoming a great sugar centre, the imports for 1887 footing up nearly fifty two million pounds, valued at a million and a quarter dollars. A large part of the sugar that comes to Montreal is landed at Halifax for transit over the Intercolonial, and at this present moment there are over 65,000 bags and 700 hogsheads of sugar, stored in the Richmond freight sheds and discharging from ships, all of which is bound for this city for refining purposes.

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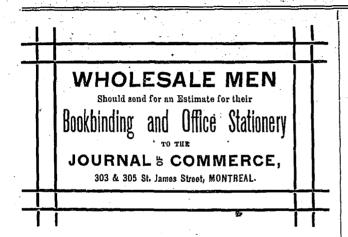
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10,051 tons for corresponding period last year; and to Canada, 1,072 tons, against 1,544 tons for same time 1887. The total shipments to all points were 103,038 tons, against 98,537 tons during the season '86 and '87. Good authorities in l'atras do not anticipate any advance in prices, but they look for a steady maintenance of present values.

The Government experimental farm for the Northwest, to be located at Indian Head, forms a portion of the great Bell farm. It consists of one section of 640 acres, fronting for a mile along the Canadian Pacific track. The purchase price has not transpired. The land is said to be in a good state of cultivation, permitting Prof. Saunders to commence experiments in the spring. There are a number of buildings, including stables, on the farm, which also contains several small lakes.

TREEGRAMS state that a sensation was created in Guelph when the report of a shortage of \$4,000 in the books of the Guelph branch of the Central Bank was made known. Mr. Thomas P. Webster, who is accused of appropriating the funds to his own use, was very popular with all classes in the city, and considerable surprise is expressed that Mr.



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Sandilands, the late manager of the branch, was not aware of any irregularities in the books until Webster was on his way to Buffalo.

A STATEMENT of the number and tonnage of vessels owned in New Brunswick, published by the St. John Globe, shows that on the 31st December, 1886, there remained on the registry 1,040 vessels of 268,874 tons. On 31st of December, 1887, the total number of vessels had decreased to 1,028, a falling-off of 12, and of the tonnage to 255,121, a decrease of 13,653 tons. The total tonnage of the Maritime Provinces is 40,000 tons less at the close of December 31, 1887, than at the close of the preceding year.

The lumber company, in which Mr. E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., is a member, it is said, has just concluded the purchase of a timber limit in California, of which the price was \$1,000,000, and he is now negotiating for the purchase of another at a similar sum. The timber lands are said to be the best in the Golden state, and are covered with a growth of cedar, of what to Canadian ideas are almost incredible dimensions, being from 4 to 5 feet in diameter at the stump and 110 feet high, straight and without a knot.

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As arrangement has been effected between the postal authorities of the United Kingdom and Canada for the extension of the weight of parcels to be carried by mail in the future. The maximum heretofore has been three pounds. By the new arrangement this has been increased to four pounds. As the postage is rated at so much per pound, no change in the tariff will be necessary, which will be as follows: From Ontario, 35 cents per lb.; Quebec and the Maritime Province, 30 cents per lb.; Manitoba, 40 cents, and British Columbia, 45 cents.

THERE was some surprise expressed at Mitchell, Ont., when it was learned that John Watson, of Hibbert, and his brother Henry, of Logan, had assigned to the sheriff. They

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were both considered to be fairly well-to-do, the former being owner of 425 acres of good land, the latter of one hundred. It seems, however, that they were carrying heavy debts, and that the interest they were paying was enough to swamp men in far better circumstances. The liabilities are placed at \$20,000, \$14,000 of which is on notes.

Persian patris have been showing a decidedly stronger tendency of late. The stock in New York and in England is unusually large, and this fact has caused an uneasy feeling in all markets, but with London since developing more activity, prices have started upon an up grade. Supplies of Sayers, which last week were offered in New York at 3½@3½c, are now quoted 3½c, and the more popular brands of Hallowee have advanced to 4½@4½c. The statistical position is unchanged, but holders now possess more confidence in the article, and the present appreciation appears to rest upon a firm basis.

B. A. SMITH, wholesale dry goods of Halifax, N. S., has assigned. He was compelled to compromise last spring at 60 cents in the dollar, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months on liabilities of \$67,000. The estate then showed a surplus of \$8,000. The first payment was met, but as his bankers declined to assist him in meeting the second when it matured, he



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was compelled to make an assignment. He prefers friends who had placed money in his hands and also new purchases made since the compromise to the extent of some \$20,000, so that the estate is hardly likely to make a good showing.

WE notice the death at Halifax of Mr. P. Jack, cashier of the Halifax Bank of that city, aged 62 years. Mr. Jack was for several years in the Bank of British North America, and came out to Canada with G. H. King, late general manager of the Bank of Montreal. In 1864 the Directors of the Peoples Bank at Halifax selected him as cashier in which position he served the bank faithfully for nearly a quarter of a century. When the Dominion Parliament passed the Currency Act the Halifax banks sent Mr. Jack to Ottawa to oppose the extension of the present Currency to Nova Scotia. He also acted as a Commissioner on the Bay Verte Canal

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As important point in banking law was settled a few days ago by the Ontario Court of Appeal in the matter of a dispute arising with the Union Bank of Lower Canada in the liquidation of the affairs of the Rainy Lake Lumber Co. Several cases have thrown doubt on the right of a bank to receive payment, in goods, of a past due debt. The contention

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has been that this is a violation of the prohibition of the Banking Act against trading. The Court of Appeal, however, holds, in the case in question, that so long as the goods are taken bona fide in satisfaction of the antecedent debt, which was not contracted with a view to trading, the provision of the Banking Law dees not apply.

THE borax market continues to drag along, showing no special animation. Supplies are only moderate; but the trade, notwithstanding the threats of the Pacific "Trust" to advance prices, have shown little disposition to anticipate wants, hence it is that few large blocks are being taken for future shipment from San Francisco. It was stated in December that prices for January would be advanced by the "Trust" managers, but the month passed without such action. The predictions were then carried forward for February, but it now transpires that a secret meeting was held by the managers about the 1st instant, and as no change in the price has been wired, stock

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is supposed to be available at December rates. Refiners in New York continue to meet the wants of the small trade at 7\frac{3}{4}\omega 8c for refined, and quote concentrated at 7\frac{3}{4}\omega 7\frac{1}{2}c; these prices will probably rule until a change is forced by higher prices from the "combine."

ABOUT two months ago a young Englishman named John Crossley was engaged as junior clerk by Mr. C. W. Lindsay, piano and organ agent of this city. On the 16th he was given \$408 to make a deposit in the Merchanis Bank. He came back and the money was to all appearance properly entered in the pass book. He was well known to be organist of Trinity Church, and when at five o'clock in the afternoon he asked permission to leave early his request was readily granted. When he did not turn up again it was supposed that he had been taken sick, so a clerk was dispatched to his lodgings only to find that he had not been home. This aroused the suspicions of the firm, and the bank authoriLeading Wholeszle Trade of Montreal.

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ties being communicated with, it was discovered that Crossley had only deposited \$108 instead of \$408, and had altered the one in the pass book to four, by two simple strokes strokes of his pen and appropriated before his disappearance the \$300 to himself. His salary as organist was \$\$200 per annum, while he received \$4 per week only from Mr. Lindsay.

THE arrangements for the meeting of the creditors of the Central Bank to elect a third liquidator to replace Mr. Campbell have been completed. It was agreed that the meeting shall be held on either the 28th or 29th in the Board of Trade rooms, Toronto, if they can be secured. The hour of meeting will be three o'clock in the afternoon, and admission will be by ticket. Tickets will be issued at the office of the bank to all who have filed bona fide claims with the liquidators, and will be numbered and initialed by an officer of the bank. The ticket will bear the

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THE FISHERY TREATY.

The text of the long expected fishery treaty between this country, Great Britain and the United States, will ere this be in the hands of our readers, and, owing to its brevity and the conciseness and clearness of its wording, it requires no official explanation of doubtful or involved On the whole it is a just and honorable agreement, although at first sight it may appear that the concessions contained therein are chiefly made on the part of Canada, but a closer examination. shows a considerable abatement of the prévious American position and a desire upon their part to put a permanent stop to a condition of friction and dislike which sooner or later must have resulted in international complications.

Of course newspapers opposed politically to the present Government will lay great stress upon the abandonment on our part of that clause in the treaty of 1818 which prohibits the entry of American fishermen into our ports for any other purpose save that of shelter or to obtain wood and water, but it must be remembered that the clause in question was an exceptionally harsh one, and too much out of keeping with modern views upon the freedom of commercial intercourse. The clause in the present treaty allowing American fishermen driven into our ports for shelter to tranship or sell their fish, subject to Canadian regulations, and to replenish outfits, purchase supplies, and if necessary to ship seamen, is a humane and generous concession, and one which will redound to the credit of the nation who makes it. It could not be expected that any agreement between the two countries would be possible until this concession were made, and therefore it was looked upon as an inevitable necessity.

The settlement of the vexed question of the limit within which American fishermen shall not ply their trade is on the whole a just one, although the Canadian position on the headland question is not maintained in its integrity. The new treaty provides that the limit of exclusively Canadian fisheries shall be three marine miles or, roughly speaking three and onehalf ordinary miles, to be measured soaward from a straight line drawn across the bay, creek or harbor, in the part nearest the entrance, at the first point where the width does not exceed ten marine miles. When the mouth of a bay is covered by this provision, no matter what its width further inland, it is closed to all but Canadian fishermen; and in cases where the mouth of the bay is of greater width than ten miles, as in the Baie des Chaleurs and Miramichi Bay, definite coast points are selected between which the line of delimitation is to be marked. this clause of the agreement the rights of Canadian fishermen are practically upheld and a great concession made by the American Commissioners from the previous claims advanced by Gloucester fishing houses.

The treaty also provides that so soon as the United States shall admit fish, fish oils and fish products, duty free, her fishermen shall be permitted the free privilege of entering our ports, bays and harbors for the purchase of provisions, bait, ice, supplies and outfits, shipping crews and transhipping for transport their cargoes of fish. In fact, to the full enjoyment of all the rights of our citizens, with the exception of that of fishing within the limit. But, as in the present state of political feel-

ing in the United States, such a step is in the highest degree improbable, we may look upon this clause as simply providing for a possible change in American views at some future date.

Probably the most important portion of the treaty, at the present moment, is the interim agreement or modus vivendi entered into to govern the relations of the two countries until such time as the treaty be discussed and ratified by the high contracting parties. Its duration is limited to two years and its provisions run as follows:

1. For a period not exceeding two years from the present date, the privilege of entering the bays and harbors of the Atlantic coasts of Canada and Newfoundland shall be granted to United States fishing vessels by annual licenses at a feo of \$1.50 per ton for the following purposes: The purchase of bait, ice, seines, lines and all other supplies and outfits, transhipment of catch and shipping of crews.

2. If during the continuance of this arrangement the United States should remove the duties on fish, fish oil, whale and seal oil (and their coverings, packages, etc.), the said license shall be issued free of charge.

3. United States fishing vessels entering the bays and harbors of the Atlantic coasts of Canada and Newfoundland for any of the four purposes mentioned in article 1 of the convention of October 20, 1818, and not remaining therein more than twenty-four hours, shall not be required to enter or clear at the Custom House, providing they do not communicate with the shore.

4. Fines for failure to be exacted only for the offences of fishing or preparing to fish in territorial waters.

5. This arrangement to take effect as soon as the necessary measures can be completed by the colonial authorities.

This interim agreement is slightly more favorable to the American side of the question than the treaty itself, but as it is only a measure of temporary relief it does not call for discussion.

The whole treaty may fairly be looked upon as satisfactory to both parties. By the commercial communities of all three countries it will be hailed with a feeling of relief as an honorable termination to what threatened to prove a serious disagreement. The danger of the initiation of retaliatory measures that would paralyze our growing international commerce and place calamitous restraints upon our present powers of transmission in bond, is now swept away, and the mercantile class on both sides of the line will breathe more freely now that the certainty of an amicable settlement of this long standing dispute is an accomplished fact. Concessions there certainly have been; but the yielding has been mutual, and neither country has any cause to grumble at the arrangement arrived at by its representatives. It is to be hoped that the Senate of the United States may be inclined to look upon the treaty with more consideration

means may be adopted for the general enlightenment of our neighbors on the subject of Canada's fiscal relations respectively with Great Britain and the United States. Much of the irritation against Canada on the question of the fisheries is due to the prevailing belief that our tariff discriminates against the United States in favor of Great Britain. This belief, singular to relate, is not confined to the masses or to the smaller class of manufacturers; business men of long experience, large manufacturers, professional men, including professors of political economy, are seized with the idea-that Canada dare notwould not-be guilty of such unfilial conduct. This want of enlightenment is due to the fact that Americans-with the exception of the few bankers who look over our commercial and financial papersseldom or never read an English or Canadian newspaper or periodical. Even leading journalists are to be found to whom the facts of the case are entirely new. Let any one of our readers ask the question on the first opportunity and judge for himself.

THE FEDERAL BANK AND THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

There has undoubtedly been an idea, more or less clearly defined, in the minds of people here that trade in the West is not in a wholesome condition, but recent advices do not seem to justify this view, at any rate not in its entirety. We have been making some enquiries of persons well qualified to judge of the situation, and from what we learn we are satisfied that the country is generally in a much easier position than is popularly supposed.

There is no doubt that the short crop affected many interests seriously, but at the same time the warning to prepare for its effects came so early in the season that the wholesome restrictions inaugurated by the banks and followed up by the wholesale houses have diverted many of the ill effects which might bave followed. It has no doubt made trade duller for the winter, but such trade as we have had has been done on sounder lines, and reports from all sides as to payments in January and February are more satisfactory than might have been expected from the season; indeed they are very little behind the average.

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\$3,000,000, have already been practically paid off or transferred to other banks, which is, of course, payment as far as the Federal Bank is concerned. We are also informed that the assistance which the other banks pledged themselves to reuder to the Federal before the process of liquidation was entered on, was only availed of to the extent of some sixty per cent, of the whole amount, and that already unite a large sum, reaching into the hundreds of thousands, has been repaid from collections made by the Federal Bank. We need scarcely say that such an operation as this would not be practicable were not the financial situation, as well as the business situation, perfectly sound. It is in the strictest sense an experimental proof of the satisfactory condition of business generally, for the transfer of accounts from the Federal Bank to other banks, in such a wholesale fashion, would have been quite impossible were the situation not such as we have stated.

The quiet way in which the liquidation. of the bank is going on, and the entire absence of any ill effects from its retirement from business, justifies strongly the course of the other banks in providing the necessary assistance to enable it to adopt this policy; and the course of the banks is in itself a very marked indication of their confidence in the soundness of the business situation, for it is not to be supposed that they would voluntarily have taken on themselves the responsibility for the liabilities of the Federal Bank, had they not felt thoroughly assured that the obligation would lie lightly on them. Their confidence has been justified by the result.

It is, we believe the first time that the banks have taken united action for the protection of their own interests, and those of the business community, with which their own are so closely interwoven, and the experiment has been a market success.

THE GRAIN BLOCKADE.

In considering the question of the vigorously asserted, and equally stronuously denied, wheat blockade in the Northwest, we are compelled, in order to arrive at a just and impartial consideration of the question, to eliminate certain factors which have tended more to foster the spirit of mutual exacerbation than the real circumstances of the case would appear to warrant. Political bias has led to the importation of a bitterness and, we regret to say, inaccuracy and exaggeration in statements, that has obscured the true facts, and when to this is added a strong local hostility on the part of the principal city of the country affected, it is easy to see how the sensational assortions and denials have been brought about, Opposition papers call upon the population to observe the iniquity of the government supported road, and issue har-

rowing accounts of western towns piled with grain sacks and desponding farmers standing helpless about the streets. Ministerial supporters think nothing of denying these statements in toto, or of saying on the strength of the opinions of interested officials that the railroad is merely four days behind in its ordinary work, and that the alleged blockade is simply a chimera of their opponent's imagination.

It is evident then, that to arrive at the real truth of the present difficulty it is necessary to first eliminate those utterances which political bias, local feeling or mutual exaggeration have put forward to obscure the point at issue, and to give apparent force to their opposite contentions. The question must first be stripped of its false surroundings, (no easy task in the the present excited condition of public feeling in the Northwest), and then must be considered from both standpoints before we can expect to arrive at a correct solution.

The fact that, at certain stations upon the line of the Canadian Pacific, the elevators are filled to repletion and the grain has been piled in sacks upon the streets, exposed to irremediable danger by the elements while awaiting an opportunity of shipment, is confirmed by the evidence of Montreal wheat buyers who can have no interest in perverting the truth. We do not for one moment doubt the accuracy of these statements, nor do we seek to belittle the loss and demoralization such a condition of affairs must entail upon both buyer and seller, but at the same time it is only fair to enquire whether the present complaints are not quite as much due to the lack of the necessary elevator accommodation as to the lack of cars. We must bear in mind that an exceptionally large crop has been suddenly rushed upon a railway operating a long single-track line through a country as little favorable for railroad operations as can possibly be imagined, and that, too, at the very season of the year when the delay from natural causes is at its utmost. We cannot believe that the charges of wilful and contemptuous neglect, so freely levelled at the railroad authorities, are in the least founded upon fact. Public opinion is far too potent a factor now-a-days to be readily defied, and therefore we must accept the statement of the railroad officials that they are striving their utmost to hurry forward shipments as substantially correct, and hope that ere long their efforts will succeed in relieving the present tension.

No railroad, it must be remembered, could with justice to its shareholders invest in a thousand freight cars, with their necessary proportion of locomotives, simply to meet a demand for transportation facilities that only exists one month in the year. The loss arising from these extra cars lying idle upon sidings during the

-balance of the twelve months precludes such an investment being a profitable one. Were the present conditions continuous or indeed anything but exceptional, the business interests of the road would at once raise its rolling stock to the level demanded for its accommodation; but it is not so, and consequently the rules regulating the proportion of rolling stock to traffic are not violated. It is simply an illustration of the loss accruing from a sudden rush of freight upon a single-track line of more than ordinary length and difficulty of operation.

For the farming population thus compelled to see the fruits of a bountiful harvest exposed to possible loss by damage and to face the certainty of being compelled to accept lower prices from disgusted buyers, there can be no feeling but one of commiseration. The loss to the farmer, unable to reap the advantage that nature has freely granted him, will extend through every circle in the commercial world, and will materially affect the prosperity of the Northwest, but at the same time it is idle to lay the whole blame at the door of the railway, or to assert that had the Red River Valley road been pushed to completion the present blockade would not have existed. Had the Red River road been allowed to be constructed it could not have been completed and equipped in time to have handled this harvest, and it would only have relieved a comparatively small portion of the country. To any one regarding the question from an impartial standpoint it is evident that the blockade was an inevitable occurrence under the circumstances, and that therefore the proper course is for both parties to endeavor to suggest such means as may preclude its re-occurrence in the future, instead of indulging in useless recriminations or wholesale denials of existing and patent facts.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

Every now and then we observe in print well written and apparently conclusive arguments against the present system of sales on credit. Theoretically these arguments advocating strictly cash settlements and recommending the adoption of measures that will tend to the abolition of the credit system have a genuine ring, and their apparent straightforwardness so entirely masks their real sophistry as to lead casual readers to look upon the credit sytem as an incubus foisted upon the country by the ignorance. and extravagance of the purchasing population. The well-meant cautions to the clerk and the artisan to pay cash and keep within their incomes always reap applause, and are looked upon as philosophical utterances, and of course there can be no doubt

that it is the ease in procuring credit which is one of the prime causes of the inability of many members of these classes to accumulate a surplus for future needs. But the advocates of a purely cash system appear to forget that the credit system is one of the direct outcomes of civilization. It is based upon mutual confidence, and thereby distinguishes the civilized community from the brute savage. The higher the civilization, and the stronger is the mutual confidence between the component portions of society, and, as a natural consequence, the more widespread are the principles of credit, or, as we might better describe it, commercial confidence.

Were the only capital available that of absolute metallic money, how many of those enterprises which have advanced the prosperity of our country would have been possible? The very bank bills we daily handle as a circulating medium are merely marks of our confidence in the stability of the banking institutions by whom they are issued. Credit often rises to the position of actual capital, and hence provides the means of embarking in lucrative lines of business which might otherwise be perforce neglected. Were the strict and absolute cash system in force, would it not limit the scope of business operations exclusively to those who were possessed of a certain proportion of actual and tangible money to the exclusion of the younger and more enterprising merchant, and thus act to the detriment of the consumer?

In a country like our own any attempt to establish a cash basis for general trade is simply futile. The customers of the country storekeeper are our farming population. These latter are compelled by the nature of their occupation to wait for the returns of the capital they have invested; the farmer cannot realize upon his investment every week, or whenever he may need supplies, but is compelled to wait for his dividend until his crop is harvested and marketed. Potentially the crop in the ground forms his basis for credit, but it is an asset impossible of immediate realization, and meanwhile he is obliged to procure the necessary supplies which form his liabilities by the working of that system of mutual confidence which we denominate the credit system. Were it not that he is able to supply his needs on credit with the privilege of paying for them by the sales of his crop at a later period, it would be impossible for him to till the soil. Shut off the farmer from credit and two-thirds of our arable land must perforce return to the bush. And, therefore, since credit is a necessity to him it is also a necessity to the storekeeper.

Of course it may be said that all this is granted; that the credit system is one of the conditions under which our farming

population can alone exist; and that it is to the clerk and artisan who command regular wages that the credit system is unnecessary and to whom it is a curse. But is this correct? Any storekeeper will say that the losses from credit supplied to this class are infinitely small compared with the amount of money they expend upon purchases. When a clerk or artisan fails to meet his engagements, in ninety-nine times out of a hundred, it results from causes outside of his control, such as sickness, loss of pay, or loss of employment. It is not in this class that the storekeeper makes his heaviest losses, and yet it is precisely from this class that his most continuous and largest profits are made, and therefore it is ridiculous to say that the credit system, in its application to this class, can be considered in any way a detriment to commercial progress. Some, of course, may be led to buy what they do not need, simply because they can obtain it upon credit, but we cannot believe that they form more than a very small minority of a large and most profitable class. The average clerk or artisan has been too thoroughly schooled in the value of money by actual and bitter experience to be led beyond his means by any hypothetical ease in obtaining credit, and we cannot believe that any reputable storekeeper would attempt to lure a customer beyond his depth, since such a policy would be simply suicidal on his own side, and far more calculated to injure himself than his dupe.

In fact the arguments advanced against the credit system are more philosophic than practical. It is easy to inveigh against the wrongs of credit and to insist upon the necessity of a return to a cash basis, but experience teaches us that without this system of mutual confidence our present commercial relations could not be maintained. The abuse of the credit system is a very different affair to the system itself, and yet most writers upon this subject confound the two diametrically opposed questions together. The credit system is an absolute necessity, and the cash basis a practical impossibly, so far as the commerce of the country is concerned, and therefore these declarations and exhortations which look so well upon paper are simply examples of how a really sound theory may be found to be utterly impossible in practice.

THE CENTRAL'S LIQUIDATORS.

Public opinion is no doubt tolerably fairly divided on the subject of the serious dispute between the liquidators of the Central Bank, but no matter what may be our opinions as to the merits of the two contesting parties, every business man will feel that the decision given by the

Chancellor was the only one he could arrive at under the circumstances, although its practical effect is to retire Mr. Campbell permanently from his position as liquidator and to sustain the contentions of his opponents. It is now evident that from the very first there arose a serious friction between the very three gentlemen whose functions demanded the most absolute harmony and combined action in order to conserve the interests of the creditors. Mr. Campbell seems to have considered himself the real liquidator, and to have looked upon his colleagues as merely figureheads whose principal functions were to approve formally his acts. Hence he seems to have endeavored to act alone, although never properly authorized to do so, and since these impressions of his were coupled with somewhat arbitrary views as to what information he should give or withhold from his co-liquidators, he naturally aroused their suspicions, and the fact that he had held business relations with Baxter coming to their knowledge seemed to indicate to them that his actions were not altogether disinterested.

Mr. Campbell claims that he wished to pursue an economic policy; that he wished to realize whatever he could of the assets even if in order to do so he was compelled to allow the guilty to escape; and that the investigation of crime should be left to other officers. Messrs. Howland and Gooderham, on the other hand, desired to see strict justice meted out to the offenders even if the estate lost by refusing to accept a compromise in order to screen guilt, and in this contention they are sustained by the Chancellor's decision. Each side of the question has its upholders, and each one of the liquidators appear to have had honestly the courage of their convictions the natural consequence being that, as two opposite plans of campaign could not be carried on simultaneously, there was nothing to be done save to appeal to the court to remove one of the disturbing elements.

As the case now stands Mr. Campbell is practically removed, the two liquidators are carrying on the winding up of the bank with the asistance of Messrs. Henry Lye and J. J. Fitzgibbon, and the appointment of a coadjutor to them is left to a meeting of creditors to be held at the end of this month. There is no prospect of Mr. Campbell's re-election, since to re-elect bim would be to lose the services of the present liquidators, and the feeling all round is that sufficient time has already been wasted in contention and that it would be unadvisable to inaugurate such a period of dissension and disturbance as would follow his re-instatement. Probably Mr. Campbell is well aware of this feeling among the creditors, and therefore, since he can now retire without anything against

him beyond undecided accusations, it would be well if he would do so gracefully of his own accord and thus spare himself any further mortification.

As to the question of a successor it is of course presumptuous to suggest, but perhaps it might be well for the creditors to take into their consideration the claims of the practical accountants who have been assuming Mr. Campbell's duties since his suspension. Mr. J. J. Fitzgibbon's nearly twenty years experience in the Merchants Bank should give him the qualifications which the Chancellor preferred the new liquidator should have, and Mr. Henry Lye is too well known to need any mention as to his ability at our hands. Either of these gentlemen would make an excellent selection, and since they are both well known to be in harmony with the present liquidators their appointment could be relied upon to be free from that friction that has caused so much discomfort and expense in the past.

THE QUEBEC LUMBER TRADE.

The long looked for improvement in the British market for Canadian lumber, which saw its inception last fall, enables us to give a far more favorable account of the Quebec lumber trade than seemed at all probable earlier in the year. Up to that period prospects looked gloomy enough, but although we must admit that the year just passed was as unsatisfactory to shippers of lumber as any of its predecessors, we can now see that the clouds are rolling away and that the outlook for the immediate future is bright and promising.

The year began with moderate stocks wintering, and with the promise of a small cut in the spruce regions of the Lower St. Lawrence and Saguenay, but with an expected stock from the Ottawa pine regions above the average. The winter was a favorable one for lumbering in the woods; the drives with few exceptions were good, although in some cases the logs did not reach the mill booms until late in the season and consequently some of the water power mills were hindered in sawing by the lowness of the streams.

Owing to the depressed condition of the English markets in the earlier months of the year, sales were made with more than usual difficulty, and usually at unsatisfactory prices. In fact after the spring shipments were made most of the exporters found themselves with uncomfortably large stocks on hand, and consequently were compelled to reduce their holdings by sending over cargoes on consignment. Fortunately the timely improvement in the British markets enabled these ventures to escape the fate that generally attends them, and in most cases the shippers rea-. lized far more satisfactory returns than they anticipated at the time of shipment. Still, even with this help, the shipments from Quebec show a continuance of that steady decrease from those of former years which we have so often pointed out. Only 271 vessels with a tonnage of 206,172 tons cleared from Quebec in 1887, as compared with 325 vessels of a tonnage of 250,635 tons in 1886, which was then the smallest tonnage in the history of the trade.

Still this does not mean that the lumber trade of the St. Lawrence is decreasing with commensurate rapidity. It simply emphasizes the fact that the channels of the trade are changing, and that Montreal and other river ports are claiming (owing to their superior cheapness and freedom from restrictive labor organizations) a larger share day by day of that lumber trade that formerly centred itself in the ancient capital. The shipments of pine deals from this city to Great Britain during 1887 were 42,600 St. Petersburg standards, or ninety-four million feet, board measure, and those of sawn lumber to South American ports were 25,879,000 feet, against 21,500,000 in the previous year. The quantity of Canadian lumber seeking the American market also is larger day by day, and should President Cleveland's scheme of tariff reform be carried into effect and the present restrictive tariff of \$2 per thousand be removed, we may expect it to have a most beneficial effect upon the lumber trade. The United States will then absorb the greater portion of Canadian lumber; the British markets will be relieved from the shipments from this side to a larger extent; and with diminished stocks better prices must prevail all round.

The fact that, although preparations have been made by lumbermen for an increase in the cut both in the pine regions of the Ottawa and the spruce country of the Lower St. Lawrence, exporting houses have purchased freely at prices in most cases showing a considerable advance over last year's rates, proves the confidence they repose in the future of the market. Indeed they could not secure stocks otherwise, as manufacturers are stiff and independent, and are in no hurry to dispose of their product, knowing that probably they will reap even higher prices from American buyers, a belief that is confirmed by the knowledge that some very heavy purchases have already been made for that market at long prices.

Freights have ruled low all through the past season and it is evident that vessel owners can have made but small dividends upon their investment. But even here we find a reflex of the improvement noticeable in the trade they cater for. Charters are already out for Upper St. Lawrence ports, such as Three Rivers, Batiscan, etc., at 47s 6d, and we now hear that no more | coming spring styles.

tonnage can be secured at these figures. Shipowners are holding out for 55s, certainly not an exorbitant figure, and should the year turn out as well as present indications would appear to promise, we may fairly hope that better figures may be realized. A prosperous year in the export lumber trade will be an agreeable change from the dead level of unsatisfactory seasons which we have hitherto been compelled to report, and, since it will benefit one of the most important of Canadian industries, we are glad to note the improvement in the outlook, and hope that the coming year will fully realize what at present are at best merely hopeful anticipations, although they are based upon sound commercial reasons.

FASHION NOTES.

We are now, of course, in the Lenten season, when those of the ladies who go from one extreme to the other, are confined to plain black gowns with as little ornamentation about them as possible, and eschew shopping as a vanity. But the more spring-like weather with which we have been favored has tempted out their less easily swayed sisters and a very fair movement of between-season and spring fabrics has resulted. The millinery houses too, are preparing for their spring openings, and there is a general stir visible preparatory to the commencement of the retail spring trade. Spring lines appear more generally in the storewindows, and show us that, while there is certainly a fair display of novelties, we are to witness the revival of a good many old favorites under new names.

For instance, the printed mohairs now offered as spring novelties and intended to take the place of the nun's veilings, are little else than the brilliantines of some years back. These goods shed dust far better than veilings and do not soil easily, and now that they are shown in the most delicate colors should certainly regain some of their old time popularity. There is also a new vigogne, having hairy stripes like fur, offering. This fabric will make excellent underskirts, but it is out of the question for drapery, owing to its thickness and stiffness. The new colored velvet cloths bid fair to be the success of the season. They are thick, soft, smooth and shining like silk; they cling closely to the figure and drape beautifully, and as they are shown in all fashionable tints will prove strong competitors for the fancy woollens which are unusually numerous and pretty this season.

Present indications seem to point to a season of striped fabrics. Stripes of every style, color and description seem to have stepped into the front rank of novelties and bid fair to be the typical feature in Naturally the the principal efforts of the modistes are devoted to studying the best method in which to vary these familiar effects, and a change obtained by forming the stripes into a series of points on the front of the skirts, with perpendicular stripes at the sides and kilts of plain goods alternating, is recommended as being novel without the drawback of intricacy.

Braid and braiding patterns are more fashionable than ever, and expensive costumes are covered with close patterns of black standing Russia upon lighter grounds. Costumes of plain cloth or cashmere have the skirt draped up at the side over a wide panel heavily braided; the close fitting amazon bodice having a braided plastron to match. So great has the demand for braid become that a dolman cloth, covered with a pattern in relief, simulating braiding, has been introduced to compete with the genuine article, and we have seen some pretty jackets made of this new style of cloth.

The new short costume for morning walks or shopping will be very popular. The "trotteur," as this revival of an old style is called, is usually made of fancy checked cloth of the various shades of brown, preferably with lines or streaks of bright colors. The skirt has one deep plaited flounce with a stitched heading and short drapery. The amazon bodice, close-fitting, comes down a few inches below the waist and is buttoned down the front. The out-door jacket of the same material is tight-fitting at the back with a loose front; it has a turn-down velvet collar and revers and is lined with striped silk and fastened with one double button only.

The Odette bodice is another revival that has taken hold of the popular fancy. It is a bodice of red faille francaise or surah, finely plaited on to a plain shoulder piece and fastened round the waist with a belt, something after the style of the old Garibaldi. It may be worn with any number of varying skirts and seems to have been much patronized by the younger ladies.

The adjourned quarterly meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association was held at the Windsor Hotel on Saturday when the board of Directors submitted a form of guarantee to relieve the railways from all responsibility, which were adopted by the meeting, and which will be forwarded to the various companies at once. A form of conditions for the merchants to sign was also adopted. Some ten or twelve years ago an arrangement for special rates was made with the railway companies and concessions were granted on condition that a statement should be made on the back of the certificate that the railway companies should not be held responsible for any loss, damage, etc. There has been no hitch in the matter up to a year

or two ago, when a traveller brought suit against one of the companies which was condemned to pay. The companies thereupon asked the Commercial Travellers' Association to relieve them of the suit, but the claim was repudiated. The railway companies in their turn claimed that this was a breach of contract, and on the 25th of November they sent a communication to the association, stating that the privileges would only be accorded to such associations as gave them a gurantee that they would hold the railways free from all responsibility. On the twelfth December a conference of merchants and representatives of the various associations was held in this city, the result of which was that the association drew up a set of resolutions, which were submitted to the railways. These resolutions, however, were not accepted by the companies, and as the time was short the privileges were extended to the first February, and afterwards to a later date. To relieve this condition of affairs the present form of guarantee has been adopted.

THE St. Clair Tunnel enterprise, which has lain dormant since the abandonment of the construction of the test tunnel, is to be resumed and pushed through at the earliest possible completion. The work will be carried on by the Tunnel Company directly, without the intervention of contractors, and will be under the control and supervision of Mr. Joseph Hobson, engineer of the Southern Division of the Grand Trunk Railway. The method of excavation will be the same as that adopted in the construction of such works in Great Britain. An iron shield of the size of the proposed bore is constructed at the bottom of the shaft, with a cutting edge facing the work. The shield is forced ahead by hydraulic rams of tremendous power. The material is passed backwards and taken out of the shaft, and the walling up of the tunnel is carried steadily forward as the cutting shield advances, the finished walls furnishing the resistance from which the power of the rams is exerted. The adoption of this method involves the construction of powerful and costly special appliances, and these will at once be put under construction in such different establishments in Canada as are capable of undertaking them, the work being thus divided up in order to secure its completion with the least possible delay. So soon as the machinery is ready work will be begun with the largest working force that can be profitably employed. It is understood, also, that for purpose of securing the utmost possible despatch the force will be arranged in three shifts of eight hours each, and that work will be kept up night and day until the tunnel is completed.

Advices from San Francisco received indicate preparations making among the salmon packers on the Columbia River for next season's catch. It has been said all along that

the canners would refuse to entertain the high rate established by the Union and outside fishermen, and that the industry would not be pushed if the fishermen held out; but it appears that a number of packers have begun distributing twine for nets, a pretty sure sign that the situation is to be accepted, notwithstanding the strong expressions to the contrary that have been heard since the rate per fish was made known. This action is attributed by some to mean that steps are to be taken looking to the crowding out of many of the smaller concerns that will be unable to meet the extravagent views entertained by the fishermen. Should a heavy run of fish be experienced the coming season, it is doubtful if the Union rate would be maintained, as the packers would then have an opportunity to decline acceptance unless upon a more reasonable basis of cost to them; but on the other hand, should the fish prove scarce, packers might be only too happy to obtain stocks, as Columbia River fish is always regarded as of superior quality, and commands a premium in the market against those of outside rivers. With this idea the industry would probably be pushed regardless of cost, in the hope that consumers would consider quality above price.

DEATH has of late been busy in our midst and we have to chronicle the demise of some prominent members of the commercial world. . Mr. David Gillies, of the firm of Buntin, Gillies & Co., wholesale paper dealers, of Hamilton, had been in failing health for some years, and his death was not unexpected. He was born in Renton, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, in the year 1840, came to this country in 1853 and became a partner in the firm of Buntin, Gillies & Co. on the death of his uncle, Mr. James Buntin, founder of the firm. Since that time he has been the managing partner, and was known as a most successful business man .- Mr. S. B. Fish, formerly a well known merchant of this city, died a few days ago in Winnipeg .- In the death of Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q. C., Montreal loses a worthy and highly respected citizen and the bar of the district one of its brightest members, a man esteemed alike for his professional ability and high personal character. Mr. Kerr was well known in commercial circles, having been counsel for the directors of the Consolidated Bank at the time of the failure of that institution .- Mr. H. A. Holden, resident manager of the British America Assurance Co., in this city, is another well-known man that we shall miss from among us. He was hardworking and unpretentious and like a true insurance man had endeared himself to all who knew him by his courtesy and gentlemanly bearing.

The creditors of the Dominion Cattle Company do not fear any loss to themselves, and seem to think it will fall exclusively on the shareholders. An actual count of the stock on the range was made during the past sea-

son, which resulted in showing about 17,000 head, including 3,500 calves branded during the season. Advices from the superintendent as late as the 5th instant, say there have been no severe storms, that the weather is warm and stock looking well. It is also said that the amount due the Eastern Townships Bank is amply secured by endorsements and collaterals, without reference to the \$100,000 capital stock standing in the name of the bank "in trust." The difficulties of the company appear to have been brought about principally by poor management, but still we must remember that many American ranche companies have lost money the past few years, owing to their having purchased properties at extreme values, which have not been maintained. The failure of this company is similar in many respects to that of the Canadian Meat and Produce Company, also a Sherbrooke concern, which occurred some years ago, and was due to gross mismanagement, and there seems to be little doubt but that the shareholders will have to pay the piper in this case also.

The following notes upon the position of canned goods are given by the N. Y. Bulletin: In future tomato transactions are entirely in Jersey goods, and aggregate 60,000 cases of various brands, at a range of 971c@\$1.071, the latter for the more popular packs, and also for cans a trifle larger than the ordinary. Future corn is beginning to attract some attention. Large contracts are said to be made of Maine goods at \$1.25 for best brands. State packs are offered at 95c@\$1 laid down, or an advance say of 21/05c above the opening figures of last year. Maryland stock can be contracted for at 90c, or a rise of 5c in comparison with last year. In domestic sardines there was a sale of 1,000 cases at 4.95c. Though additional round parcels may be had at this figure, ordinary qualities are held at 5c, while for jobbing lots a slight advance upon this latter price is asked. Foreign medium beans are yet meeting with a lively call. Sales were made of several hundred bags at \$2.121, and to arrive contracts have been made at \$2.15. The stock continues closely sold up, current arrivals not being permitted to accumulate, hence it is a strong market is maintained. The foreign markets are showing an advancing tendency.

The Cincinnati Price-Current gives the following as the wheat surplus of the United States at the beginning of the years named, after making deductions for seeding requirements:

 Year.
 Bushels.
 Year.
 Bushels.

 1888.
 .258,000,000
 1885.
 .344,000,000

 1887.
 .295,000,000
 1884.
 .274,000,000

 1886.
 .277,000,000
 1883.
 .279,000,000

Allowing 50,000,000 bushels as unavailable reserve, not likely to leave the hands of farmers unless on an occasion of great scarcity, the preceding figures give only 208,000,000 bushels for domestic consumption and export

during the first six months of the present calendar year. The home wants may be stated at nearly 150,000,000, so that what is left for export is much less than the 72,000,000 bushels sent out of the country in the first half of the current crop year. About 10,000,000 bushels per month is apparently the limit of exportable surplus of wheat and flour between this and the beginning of our next harvest; a quantity not large enough to excite the fears of the bear element in the markets.

THE Public Accounts of Ontario for 1887 show that there was an expenditure on consolidated revenue account during the year of \$2,595,000, on open accounts of \$430,000, to Quebec on account of common school lands \$100,000, and on capital account \$329,009, which includes some drainage debentures. The gross outlay was, therefore, \$3,454,000. The revenue from all sources was \$3,847,000. Of this sum woods and forests yielded \$990,-000 and the Dominion subsidy and grant \$1,196,000. The total expenditure in 1886 was \$3,183,000. In the estimates for 1888 the total amount asked for is \$2,988,000, of which \$2,574,000 is for current expenditure, \$386,-100 on capital account, and the rest for refunds. There is an increase this year of \$40,000 in the estimate for the maintenance of public institutions. For immigration only \$7,700 is asked, as compared with an expenditure on that service last year of \$11,800. Last year \$24,500 was expended in enforcing the Scott Act, and a like amount is required this year.

Tak fifty-fifth annual report of the British America Assurance Company shows that that old established institution has not escaped its share in the heavy losses which have made 1887 such a black year for fire and marine insurance companies. Their experience has been precisely the same as that of other equally well managed concerns, but we are glad to observe the frank manner in which the fact is acknowledged by the Governor, instead of the usual course of attempting to gloss it over by specious reasoning. The decision of the company to abandon the risky and unprofitable branch of marine assurance will be hailed with satisfaction by the shareholders as an earnest of a better showing next year, and the fact that the net surplus over all liabilities is still \$140,815 is a guarantee of the stability of the company and an evidence of a prudent and economical management.

The effects of the recent enormous increase in fire losses in this city will be brought home to our citizens in sombre earnest to-day. On and after the 23rd the existing rates of fire insurance will be increased 20 per cent., except on three year risks on private dwellings. This advance to be exclusive of the extra of two and a half cents per \$100 previously decided upon to recoup

the companies for the Quebec vincial tax. The underwriters com plain bitterly of the inefficiency and numerical inferiority of our police force. Were the patrolmen adequate in number there would be some probability of alarms being given when the fire was in its infancy and capable of being easily coped with by the brigade, while at present they are 'never discovered until they have obtained such headway as to render the building a total loss.

The Grand Trunk statement for the half year shows total net receipts £649,800, and a balance available for dividend £240,700. The Chicago and Grand Trunk statement shows a surplus of £17,200 for the year, and the Detroit and Grand Haven statement a balance of £100 in the year. The directors announce a dividend on the guaranteed stock of 2 per cent. for the half year, on the first preference of 4 per cent, making, with the previous dividend, 5 per cent. for the year, and on the second preference at the rate 68 8d per cent. for the half year.

"DATING AHEAD" shows little signs of abatement. We hear of goods sold during the past month to date six months from next October. A man should thus be able to turn over his stock three times before his note is of use. This forcing of goods and credit is chargeable with the overstocking which is so often assigned as the cause of the business troubles too common of late all over Canada. Some concerted action is necessary among wholesale men to put a period to this reckless and ruinous trading.

New Brazil nuts are now nearly due upon this market, and naturally there is a strong effort making to work off the supply of old previous to the prospective arrival. The market in consequence has shown a yielding tendency of late, until to-day the value has receded to the nominal quotation of 5½05½c, the outside for large goods. There is some hesitation shown to quote new crop to arrive, but the belief is entertained that the value will open up at about 6¼c.

The opening of Parliament attracts the usual amount of attention in the commercial world, somewhat intensified perhaps by the fact that it will discuss the new fishery treaty. It is also understood that measures to carry into effect the suggestions of the Railway Committee will be brought before the House and that some consolidation and improvement of the Railway Act will be considered.

RANGER & GAMACHE, grocers, Vaudreuil, Que., have assigned at demand of P. P. Martin & Co., of this city. Liabilities about \$1100.—Brault & Gendron, grocers, Montreal, have also assigned.

Mr. R. B. Axgus has returned from his trip through Europe and northern Africa,

Hon. Judge Mackay died this morning, aged 72.

HICKORY .- Next week.

Meetings, &c.

THE BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the stockholders of this company was held in the company's effices, Front st., Toronto, on the 15th inst., the Governor, Mr. John Morison, occupying the chair. Among the gentlemen present were: Hon. Wm. Cayley, Henry Pellatt, W J. Macdonell, Thos. Long, John M. Whiton (New York), J. Y. Reid, Frank Cayley, G. M. Kinghorn (Montreal), Robt. Thompson, Geo H Smith (New York), A. Myers, Chas. D. Warren, John Stewart, Geo. Boyd and Dr. Robertson.

The secretary, Mr. G. E. Robins, read the following

REPORT.

The Directors have the honor to submit their annual statement, showing the company's assets and liabilities, and the result of the business for the year ending 31st December.

It is to be regretted that, owing to so many exceptionally large fires in the principal cities of Canada and the United States, the fire business of the company has not been as profitable as desired.

The Ocean Marine business also shows a loss, and, as it always has been a precarious one, your Directors have decided to abandon that branch.

The Directors hope for more gratifying results during the ensuing year, as the business of the company was never in a more satisfactory condition.

All of which is respectully submitted.

J. Morison, Governor

G. E. Robins, Secretary.

Toronto, 15th February, 1888.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1887.

Assets.	44	
United States bonds	\$413,175	00
Bank and other dividend paying		
investments		37
Real estate (Comp'y's building)		00
Mortgage on real estate		00
Cash in office		66
Cash in banks		96
Bills receivable		26
Office furniture, business maps,	,	
etc		68
Agents' balances	73,804	25
Interest due and accrued		13
•	\$1,126,239	01
Liabilities.		
Capital stock	\$500,000	00
Losses under adjustment (fire).		

Capital stock	\$500,000	00
Losses under adjustment (fire)	76,300	81
" " (marine)	11,818	87
Dividend No 87 (balance)	3,122	12
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Balance	517,497	21

\$1,126,239 01

Profit and Loss. Fire losses, paid....\$463,262 86 " unsettled, 76,300 81

\$539,563 67

Marine losses, paid...\$90,075 48 unsettled 11,818 87 101,894 35

Commissions and all other 238,330 24 charges Government and all local taxes. 20,984.66 Rent account (including taxes). 4,707 55 Depreciation in investments ...

15,829 59

\$921,310 00

Fire Premiums \$825,163 90 Less reinsurance. 71,646 68 \$753,517 22 Marine premiums...\$97,951 87 Less reinsurance.. 5,099 57 92.852 30 38,221 24 5,669 78 Rent Account..... Balance 31,049 52 5921,310 06 Surplus Fund. Dividend No. 87..... \$ 17,500 00 17,500 00 " No. 88..... Profit and Loss..... 31,049 52 Balance 517,497 21 \$583,546 73 583,546 73 Balance from last statement.... \$583,546 73

Reinsurance Liability

Balance at credit of Surplus Fund \$517,497 21 Reserve to reinsure outstanding 376,681 46 risks

Net surplus over all liabilities. \$140,815 75

To the Governor and Directors of the British American Assurance Company, Toronto:

GENTLEMEN,-We, the undersigned, having examined the securities and vouchers, and sudited the books of the British America Assurance Company, Toronto, certify that we have found them correct, and that the annexed balance sheet is a statement of the Company's affairs to 31st December, 1887.

R. R. CATHRON, HENRY M. PELLATT, Auditors.

In presenting the report Governor Morison

It is not a pleasant duty for a president of a company to present the annual statement showing a loss on the business for the year and the only consolation to be had under the circumstances is that we are in good company; for you will notice by the statements already published a great many of the ablest and best managed companies in the United States are in the same position, and I have no doubt the depressed state of business, and the extreme dryness of the season, had something to do with such a result. But the com-panies have the remedy in their own hands, and that is to charge a higher rate and begin first with those places where they have suffered the most.

You will also see that the ocean business has been unprofitable, and considering the limited amount of business which was done ports, from the few Canadian and taking into consideration the bad practices which prevail in the mode of payment, having to take notes one year after date for insuring wooden hulls we believed we had either to extend our business largely in other countries or give it up, and I think you will endorse our action and say we adopted the wisest course, for we don't give a button for a large business with all its cares and trouble unless it is on a solid foundation.

At the end of each year our investments are all revised and the market price arrived at, and you will observe they have been depreciated to the extent of \$15,829.59; and some of you gentlemen may think that we ought to have valued the Company's building and increased the amount on the same basis, which would be a very reasonable argument, for it cost \$112,790.69 ten years ago, and was re-

duced about six years to \$90,000, and has remained at that figure ever since. But your directors thought differently, and their reason for doing so was great difference of opinion existing upon the value of real estate, and it is not an easy task to arrive at the actual cash value for such a large building, and they believed the share olders did not care what value was charged in our statement, for they were as competent to form their own opinion of its value as we had done. Now, gentlemen, I have nothing more to add; your business is now being done direct from your own office with special agents paid by salary to watch your interests all over the United States and Canada, and although the year has given a greater loss ratio than formerly, still with a steady and consistent policy we must achieve success. I now beg to move the adoption of the report.

Moved by the Governor, seconded by J. Y. Reid, that the report now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the share-

holders. Carried.

Moved by Thomas Long, seconded by J. M. Whiton, that the thanks of the shareholders are due and are hereby tendered to the Governor, Deputy-Governor and Directors of this Company for their attention to the interests of the Company during the past year. Car-

Moved by Dr. Robertson, seconded by John Stewart, that Messrs. W. J. Macdonell and Henry Pellatt be appointed scrutineers for taking the ballot for directors to serve during the ensuing year, and that the poll be closed as soon as five minutes shall have clapsed without a vote being taken. Carried.

The following is the scrutineers' report: We, the undersigned scrutineers, appointed at the annual meeting of the British America Assurance Company, on the 15th day of February, 1888, declare the following gentlemen unanimously elected directors :- Messrs. John Morison, John Leys, Hon. W. Cayley, J. Y. Reid, A. Myers, G. M. Kinghorn, Geo. H. Smith, Thos. Long and Dr. H. Robertson.

W. J. MACDONELL, Scrutineers.

The meeting then adjourned. At a meeting of the Board Mr. John Morison was re-elected Governor, and Mr. John Leys re-elected Deputy Governor.

Financial.

MONTREAL, Thursday Ev'g, Feb. 23, 1888.

The money market presents somewhat of an anomaly It is known that funds are plentiful and rates comparatively low, and yet lenders are not anxious to effect loans and collaterals are subjected to the closest scrutiny. In fact there is a nervous feeling apparent, and the eagerness with which the faintest rumor is sought for, as to probable business embarrassments, shows significantly the current of popular feeling. We may quote call loans as low as 5 per cent with mercantile paper nominally at 7 to 8 per cent, but in the case of second class paper these figures are daily exceeded, if loans are to be obtained. Sterling exchange sixties are quoted at 9 3-16 @5.16 between banks, and 9 @ over the counter. Demand 91/04 and 94/04. Cables 101. Posted in New York 4.851 and 4.87.

Actual frates 4.85 and 4.863. Cables 4.87. New York funds command \$\(\text{\text{mu}} \) premium between banks and \$\(\text{\text{\text{\text{mu}}} \) over the counter. The stock murket has been dull and dragging through out the week, although prices have been fairly well maintained. Very little business has transpired, and the market is pretty well in the hands of scalpers, the investment brokers doing absolutely nothing. The usual crop of rumors has been used to keep the market fluctuating, but on the whole prices close only about one point under those of last week and with a fairly firm feeling:

Banks.	No. Shares.	Highest price.	Lowest price.	Average same week 1887.
Commerce	715	11,1	109}	1233
East. Townships	30	119	119	122
Hochelaga	G	95	95	98}
Merchants	4	$224\frac{1}{2}$		
Montreal	886	215^{-}	212	248j
Ontario	55	112	112	1173
Miscellaneous.				
Can. Pacific	300	58}	573	623
Gas	10	210	210	226 [
Hoch. Cot. Co	50	123	123	$141\frac{1}{2}$
Montreal Cot. Co	25	91	91	120
N.W. Land	100	54	54	58
Richelieu	1986	451	43}	65
do (payable		•	•	
lst May)	175			
Telegraph	130	94	92}	$94\frac{3}{4}$

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.
, Thursday Evg., February 23, 1888.

The tone of trade generally is satisfactorily firm. The volume of transactions is steadily increasing, and most commodities are held firmer. A significant feature of the week has been the feeling in cheese, and a development of weakness, and perchance a fall in prices

seems to be unavoidable in the near future, looking to the state of stocks here, the lack of foreign demands and the indifference of buyers. The many and continuing indications of an early and long spring are having a naturally healthy influence on trade, and the hearts of merchants are high. Fear of the 4th, however, has its influence also, and manufacturers especially are not seeking commissions very heartily, while the advance shadow of what that day may bring forth is over them. Still, our opening sentence may stand as an accurate expression of the present position of things commercial. Complaints are not decreasing as to the tardiness of expected remittances, but here again the forward influence of the 4th of March may be remembered to qualify anxiety.

ASHES.—Receipts continue moderate. Sales at \$4.40 down to \$4.30 for first pots; second \$4. Pearls \$7.50 for first sort. Receipts since 1st January, 457 brls pots, 58 brls pearls; deliveries, 434 brls pots, 48 brls pearls. Stock in store, 6 p.m., Feby. 22, 438 brls pots, 16 brls pearls.

BREADSTUFFS .- Fair local trade generally, and prices are fully maintained. Wheat continues quieter. Peas are in demand in face of the light offerings and 73c has been paid along the line. Barley is scarce and the trading done was at the highest. In flour, a lot of 2,000 changed hands on private terms, which are believed to have been good. Strong bakers' is quoted up to \$4.25 and good business done at that. Market here may be quoted :-Canada red winter wheat, 85@87c; white winter, 85@87c; Canada spring, 83@84c; No. 1 hard Manitoba 86@87c; No. 2 do 83 83@84c; No. 1 Northern 83@84c; peas 731@741c per 66 lbs. in store; oats 42c@43c per 34 lbs.; ryc, 50c; barley 65@70c; com, 70@71c, duty paid, and 62c in bond. The European markets are cabled :- Cargoes off coast, wheat and corn, nothing offering. - Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat quiet but firm; corn slow. French country markets very firm. Liverpool wheat, spot, quiet but steady. Corp, do., rather easier. Liverpool red American spring wheat, 6s 7d. Wheat and flour in Paris quiet. Frosty weather continues in England. Minnesota first bakers flour, 24s. Mark Lane English and foreign wheat, quiet; do, American and Danubian maize, quiet; do. English and American flour, quiet The amount of wheat and flour reduced from wheat afloat to Europe shows an increase of 158,000 quarters, or 1,264,000 bushels, compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 1,008,000 quarters, or 8,064,000 bushels, compared with the same time last year.

GROCKRIES .- Local market, as usual, reflects that of New York. Sugars are firm, and if anything there is a slight reaction manifested against the decline of a week ago, though quotations are unaltered. Molasses are unchanged. Tens are firmer and steady. Foreign advices give coffee as a turn easier, but there is no appreciable movement in sympathy here as yet. Spices are unaltered, and nothing definite can be said about tendency. Fruits remain stationary and tinned goods are in no better demand. Valencia raisins are firmer. Currants are slightly easier.

DRY GOODS.—From the suburbs retail trade business is reported as keeping up wonder-

fully well, while city men compilain of a falling off. Wholesale firms are busy executing orders placed sometime ago, but present orders are few and far between. Travellers from the regular spring trip are in or coming in, but if present indications of a long spring continue they will soon be on the route again. From their reports we gather that Canadian manufactures of all kinds, woollen and cotton, are in good demand and that prices are firmly maintained. Remittances are still a subject of general complaint.

DRUGS AND DYESTUFFS .-- The market increases in strength, even if slower. The changes in values during the past four or five weeks have been many and general, but unimportant. In gums but small stocks of Arabic remain, and the market is strong at a considerable advance; shellac has declined; tragacanth is quiet. Cod liver oil is more or less flat. Olive oil is firm at the advance established a fortnight ago. Gentian firmer. Rhubarb declined. Canary seed in good demand at the advance; hemp and rape higher. Acids-carbolic in good demand and firm at advanced prices; citric, fluctuating and easier; tartartic, firm. Borax very firm at 121c per lb. In camphor large sales have been made for spring delivery, but at the moment it is easier; however, should there be any brisk demand later, supplies will be difficult to obtain. Cream tartar easier. Glycerine and quinine still tend downward. The only feature of note in dyestuffs is the upward tendency in logwood.

DAIRY PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS .- The Montreal trade is quiet but normal. In cheese, while choice stock continues to move steadily at previous quotations, there is a feeling that holders cannot afford to raise their voices very high. The rumor that some northern New York State cheese in Montreal bond had been reshipped across the line has been positively confirmed, and this fact is significant. At Liverpool the quotation is still 58s 6d. Shipments abroad have decreased his volume, and indeed foreign trade is quite dull. Should no improvement be effected in the foreign trade during the ensuing week, and the home markets remain at rest, as they are likely to, a fall in prices may be expected by Monday. From all the English markets, weakness is reported. In butter, locally the demand has been fair at steady prices. In the beginning of the week a decline movement was threatened and feared, but to-day the position is fairly satisfactory. Choice grades of butter are scarce, and are rapidly taken up when exposed, at choice rates. Eggs show well. New laid eggs come in fairly but the demand is not for them. The Western luned are the general favorites at present, and they may be had at 16@17c. Held fresh stock is quoted 18@20c, and Montreal limed, 18c. Other grades, partly frozen, are offered at 13@15c. For pork the demand is fair and business is active at the quotations. Lard has advanced and is firm at \$6.75@\$7.

Fish and Ohs.—Unusual, activity again marked business during the past week. It is not at all unlikely that before this time next week stocks here will be completely cleared out. Green cod, large, advanced 25c to \$5, and do No. I also had a quarter added to its market price. The feature of the week's business, however, was the great demand and sale of fresh herrings, the whole stock going at \$1 a hundred in casks. Oils were very strong in Halifax, and here S.R. pale seal was held firm, but no transactions of any importance were effected.

Green Fruits.—Apples of the better and more popular sorts are in demand and moving briskly... From \$3/\$350 must be paid for good stock per bbl., while ordinary cannot be hand under \$2.50. Lemons move freely and firmer at \$3 per box for Messina and Palerino fruit. Oranges are also moving as freely as can be expected, but prices have been stationary for the past week or two. Valencias unpacked, \$4.25; do packed, \$4.50. Extra quality Florida oranges are quoted at \$5.50 per bbx, and Jamaica do \$6.50 per bbl. Oranberries move sluggishly at \$8/\$5.50 per bbl. Dates \$4.50/\$5, according to quality. Bananas, Aspinwall, \$4/\$5 per bunch. Spanish onions, in barrel, \$3.50/\$54. The city and district trade is not so satisfactory as it might be, but a very considerable amount of shipping business is being transacted.

Hay etc.—With receipts in such volume as to just satisfy the demand, the market maintained a steady activity throughout the week. Quotations, however, are nominally unchanged. Choice timothy still brings \$12 and inferior \$8 per 100 bdls. In pressed hay business is being done at \$12 per ton for No 1, while No. 2 and No. 3 can be had at \$1 and \$2 less money respectively. Straw, according to quality, is in demand at \$5\infty\$\$ per 100 bdls. For feed demand has increased and prices tend to stiffen, though they fall to be quoted no higher than last week. Mouillie, \$27\infty\$\$29; bran, \$19.50\infty\$\$20; shorts, \$21\infty\$\$\$22 per ton.

Horses.—The supply of good animals is considerable. Business has been brisk at what are considered satisfactory rates, though prices compare unfavorably with the average of the last twelve months. If the rumored arrival of traders this ensuing week be confirmed rates should advance, as the stock is not too large, while its quality is excellent. Past week's shipments to U.S. averaged \$97.69 per head, while the extreme prices realized were \$90.0\$160. Orders on hand for coach horses are found difficult to fill.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The market for hides is low. A decline of a cent was expected during the week, but the fall was staved off—it cannot be for long. Tanners are meditating a reduction of output. Calfskins are coming in and there is a demand, light as it is, for lambskins. Our quotations of last week stand. Tallow is steady and in fair demand, 4% o being top quotation.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—No receipts of pig iron during the week and stocks almost bare. British markets show little or no activity. For manufactured the demand is somewhat better here. In agricultural implements and general hardware, more activity begins to be evinced. In nails, prices are maintained in the very little business that is doing. Factories on canal must shut down for a time for lack of water. Warrants in Glasgow are cabled at 39s 3d, No. 3 iron in Middlesborough is at 31s 6d and hematité pig in Workington at 43s. London, February 20.—Spot tin, £167; three months futures, £144, sales of futures, 110 tons; market quiet; G. O. B. Chili bars, £78; sales of spot, 325 tons; sales of futures, 325 tons. Soft Spanish lead, £14 15s. Best selected copper, £18 10s; soft English lead, £16; Silesian spelter, £19 12s 6d.; Star antimony, £50; tinplates, 14s 9d.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Trade continues quietly fair; indeed present month compares more than favorably with the first of the year.

The European demand seems to be on the increase, and the shipments from Quebec have been very large. Though the tone of trade is more satisfactory prices continue unchanged. Doubtless after settling day a marked improvement all round will set in. Several factories have large orders, but manufacturers feel chary of executing them until it is seen what the coming month may bring forth. Registered prices obtained in leather during the past few months must not be taken too absolutely. A considerable number of holders were forced to sell, and rates were cut below the lowest business standard. The outlook is fairly promising, however. While there is no marked improvement in the boot and shoe trade, it is steady, and with the advance of the spring time will certainly gain strength.

Raw Funs .- There is nothing to report but normal trade locally, with a tendency to ease. Declines have been expected and are taken quietly. The results of the latest Lampson and Hudson Bay sales in London, held from the 30th January to 3rd February, have come to hand. The condition of trade on the other side ended very badly so far as the English trade was concerned, nor was it much more satisfactory with the German and French buyers, a large number of whom were in attendance. Most of the sales show a decline varying from 10 per cent to 25 per cent. 100,000 beaver skins of Hudson Bay Co, were sold at a decline of from 15 per cent to 20 per cent. 1,500,000 muskrats were bought, principally on German account, buyers paying an advance on last sales of 10 per cent. on the better grades and 15 per cent. on the more common stock. Of racoon skins, 106,000 were sold at an advance of 20 per cent. on last year's rates. Last year's quotations ruled in a sale of 150,000 skunks. White fox-5,000 sold at a decline of 25 per cent. Parcels of lynx passed to American and German buyers at a 20 per cent. reduction. 23,000 marten skins were sold, mostly for English consump. tion, at a decline of 10 per cent. The popular demand for mink seems to have no effect in stiffening prices, as the 118,000 skins disposed of went at 10 per cent. less money than the very low price of last year. Several irregular lots changed hands. 14,000 N. W. Cape and 1,300 Cape Horn went at a reduction of 15 per cent. for the smaller sizes, and somewhat better rates for the larger sizes; for very good skins an advance on last year's figures was effected. Altogether, the result of the sales was not unsatisfactory, as the prices realized were better than were expected

SEEDS.—The amount of business doing is quite satisfactory for the middle of February, and there is promise of a good season's trade. Orders from the Northwest are employing merchants, but as yet there is little doing in this and neighboring provinces. Quotations are virtually unchanged from those of the first of the month. Timothy (which may be said to be gaining in firmness), 3½c; red clover, 8½@9c; alsike, 9@10c; rawden clover, 9@10c. The London seed market is reported as devoid of any feature of either interest or importance.

Wook.—Local business is satisfactory. All classes of wools are in moderate demand, and the animation in Cape of Good Hope manifested abroad is reflected here. A large parcel of Cape changed hands yesterday at 15c and prices may be quoted at 14c @ 152c. Reports of the latest sales in London give the bidding as active, the tendency firmer and buyers operating freely.

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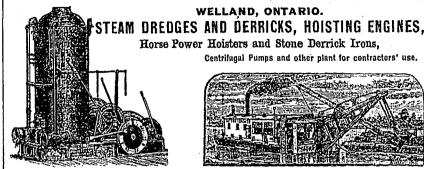
TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(Revised by Telegraph.)

TOKONTO, Feb., 23 1888.

The wholesale trade is quiet here, but there are more hopeful signs and the feeling is steadily improving. The movement is less than a year ago, and a good deal of caution is exercised. Remittances are, in the majority of cases, backward, although we hear of a good many favorable reports. The money market is inactive and rates unchanged. The best commercial paper is discounted at 7 and the general run at 74 to 8 per cent. Sterling exchange firm; 60 day bills between banks 109} @1091, and across the counter at 1091@1098. The stock market continues dull and irregular.

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Banks.	Bid Feb. 23.	Bid Fob. Iti.	Loan Cos.	Bid Feb. 23.	Bid Feb. 16.
Montreal	2134		Can Per Freehold		199
Onturio Toronto	190	190	Western Can		185
Merchants Commerce	110	1093	Union Landed Credit		130
Imperial Federal			Bldg. & Loan Lond'n & Can'd	1471	
Dominion. Standard.	213 122	122	Farmers Loan Ontario Loan		118 118
Hamilton.	135		Central Canada. National Invt		l ::::
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BUTTER .- Business has been quiet this week. There has been a good jobbing trade for choice qualities, and prices are firm. The best dairy tub jobs at 20c@21c and choice large rolls the jobs at 2000210 and enough following the interior at 1200130. Bggs steady at 200 for fresh in case lots, with the supply increasing. Cheese quiet and steady, the best selling 11120, and inferior at 1000101c.

SEEDS,-The chief business continues to be done in alsike, which is steady at \$5@\$5.35 for the best and \$4.25@\$4.50 for inferior qualities. Red clover \$4.906 \$5,10, and timothy \$2.50@\$3.

Hous.-Packers are out of the market and trade is chiefly in small lots, which sell at \$7@\$7 25.

Davos.-There is a fair trade being done, and prices are in most cases unchanged. Cubeb berries firmer at \$2.25@2.40. Opium also firmer at \$4.80@\$5. Howard's quinine 70@

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GROCERIES.—There is a quiet trade, and prices as a rule firm. Tens dull and unchanged. Sugars steady; granulated 74c@ 7fc. Paris lump 8fc, and Canadian refined 6 cm7 tc. Syrups scarce and firm. Fruits

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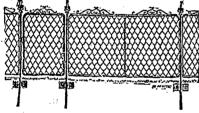
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steady; currants 64c; Valencias 6c@64c according to quality. Rice is firmer at 34c@ 35c. Fish is in fair demand, cod, in quintals, \$5.50@\$5.75.

HARDWARE.—Business is quiet, but prospects are said to be improving. Prices as a rule are firm at unchanged quotations. Tin is quoted at 38c@40c for ingot and at 39c@41c for bar. Copper, 19c@20c for ingot 25c@30c for sheet, and 28c@31c for bar. Iron unchanged at \$2 for ordinary bar. Tin plates I. C. coke \$4.25; I.C. Charcoal \$4.75.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is quiet and unsettled. No. 1 green is quoted at 6c, No. 2 at 5c and No. 3 at 4c. Calfskins dull at 7c@8c for green. Sheepskins firm, the best bringing \$1.15@\$1.25.

LIVE STOCK .- The receipts of cattle are fair and the quality of the offerings yesterday show a slight improvement. Choice steers are quoted at 44@44c. Bulls sell at 3c@4c per lb, and milch cows at \$25@\$40 a head. Butchers' cattle sell at 21c@4c per lb, and sheep and lambs at \$4.50 @\$5.50 a head. Hogs steady at 5c@51c per pound for the best and at 44cop5c for heavy.

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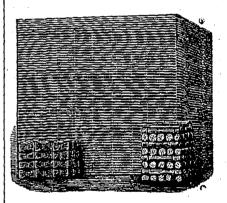
Wook.-The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Selected fleece is quoted at 21c@ 22c, coarse 19c@20c, and Southdown at 25c@ 26c. Pulled supers 23c/@24c, and extras 27c @28c.

MARKET REPORTS.

St. John.—Codfish, per qtl., large dry, \$3.65 @\$3.75; medium, \$3.50@\$3.60; Pollock, \$2@ \$2.10 Haddock, \$1@\$1.25; Herring, Bay, per brl., split, \$2.75@\$3; do. ht.brl \$1.50; Herring, Shelburne No. 1, \$4.25 @ 4.50; No. 2, \$3.25@3.50; do., Labrador, \$6.00. Smoked Herring; Grand Manan, sol'd, per box, 12c; Turaltelle langthwise \$6.00.20. Tucktails, lengthwise, 8c@12c.

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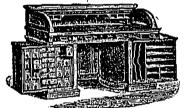
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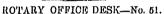
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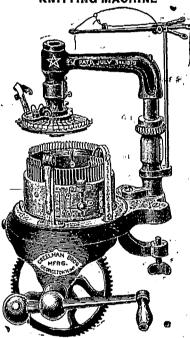
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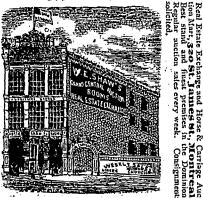
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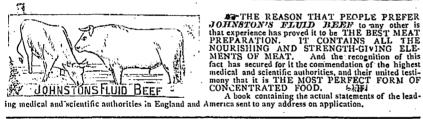
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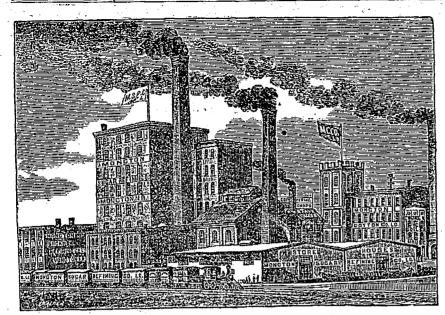
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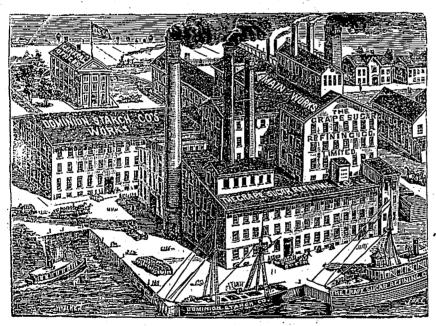
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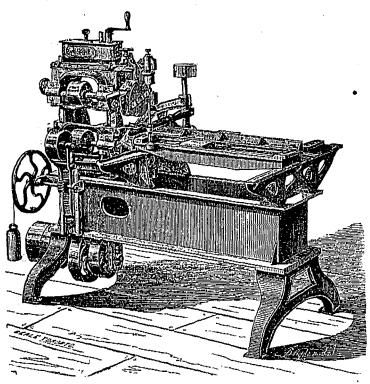
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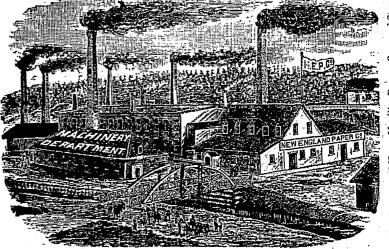
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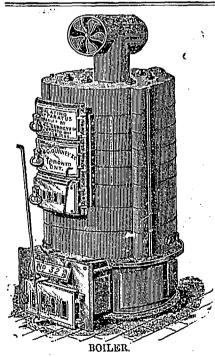
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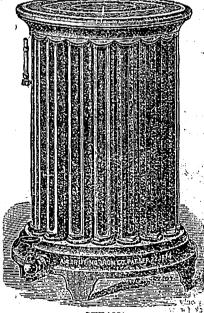
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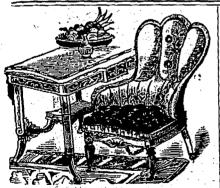
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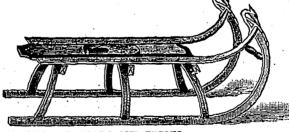


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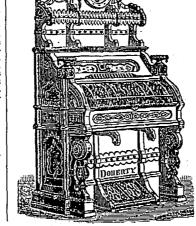
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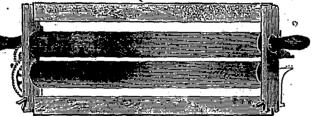
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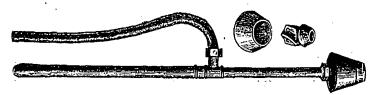
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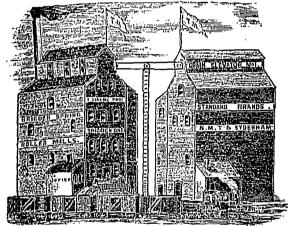
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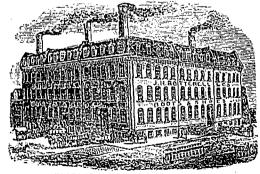
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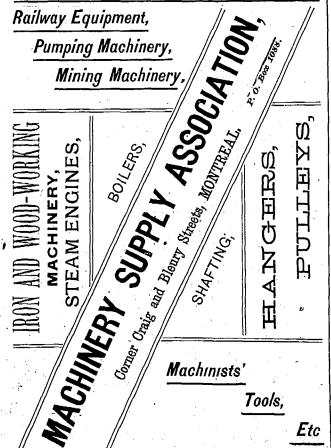
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British America Fire and Marine Canada Life Citizons, Fire, Life, & Accident Confederation Life Western Assurance Royal Canadian Insurunce Accident Ins. Co. of North America Guarantee Co. of North America	2,500 11,880 5,000 20,000 20,000 2,610	74-6mos. 6-12mos 5-6mos. 4-6mos. 5-12mos.	JanJuly Feb Aug 10 Sept ‡ yr JanJuly JanJuly Dec 84 y'ly 15 J'l 15 Jan 15 J'l 15 Jan	400 85 100 40 25	\$50 50 71 10 20 20 20 20 10 50	831 420 100 232 128 95 90 90 100

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British and Foreign Marine	50.000	50	20	4	£221 £221	
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Commercial U. Fire, Life & Marine.	50.000	30	50	5	£227 £23	
Edinburgh Life	5,000	ĺĺ	100	15	£43}	
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Glasgow & London	l			l	25s 30s	
Guardian Fire and Life	20,000	13	100	50	£75. £77	
Imperial Fire	1 12,000	£7 p. sh.	100	50 25 2	£75 £77 £155 £ £160	
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Life Association of Scotland	10,000	15	20 40 25 10 20	83	£8()	
London Assurance Corporation	35,802	48 10	25	121	£53° £55	
London & Lancashire Life	10,000	l īō .	10	1 7-20	75s 85s	
Liverpool & Lond. & Globe Fire & L.	£39.175	70 70 56	l 20	2	£337 £34	: '
Northern Fire & Life	30,000	70	100	5	£553	
North Brit. & Merc. Fire & Life	40,000	56	50	61	£55) £427 £43	
Phoenix Fire	5,722	£21 p. s.			£237 75 £242	
Queen Fire & Life	200,000	30	10	1 1	738.31	
Royal Insurance Fire & Life	100,000	60	20	3	£371 £381	
Scotish Imperial Fire & Life	50.000	6	10	l i	31s 9d	
Scottish Provincial Fire & Life	20,000	15	10 20 10 50 50) ā :	£18} £18}	15
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