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-The evolution going on in fire insurance circles is not unlikely to find further illustrations during the present year.
-Daniel Logan, agent; New Glasgow; N. S., and A. H. Flym, grocer, Halifax, N.S., have assigned.
-Mr. Hugh Blais has been elected presis dent, and Mr. E. B. Osler second vice-president, of the Toronto Board of Trade. Both' gentlemen were elected by acelamation
-A car of extra havd Manitoba wheat, oat the track at Fort Willian, sold on call at the Grain Exchange, Wimipeg, at 61 cente.
-E.'H. Dever, boot and shoe dealer of Wiugham, is tryiug to effect a aettiemont with his creditors at 50 cents in the dols lar, secured.

- A bill of alalo has been recorided by, J. P. Wiser, distillers, Prescott, in favor of J. P. Wisor \& Sons, the consideration being one dollar.
Chatham, Ont., has an attack of the economical fever. Nearly every civic official has had the pruning knjfe applied to his salary by the new council.
-There is considerable chece日 atill in storage. The West Oxford cheese fuctory has $\$ 11,000$ worth stored in' its dry rooin, and the Sweaborg factory $\$ 4,000$.
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－Thomas Hend，of Capotown，has sued tho＂Spectator＂Printing Co．of Mainil－ ton for $\$ 5,000$ damages for their report of the proceedings in the patent rights case in whieh ho was interester．
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－The machine and wood－working shops of W．P．Neil \＆Co．at New Glasgow，N．S．， have been totally destroyed by fire．The lons was $\$ 12,000$ and there was no int－ surance．The company will rebuild at once：
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－Mr．Edward Kawlings，president and maraging director of the Guarantee Co． of North＂America and of the Accident Ins． Co．of North America，is on a visit to New York and other centres of the companios＇ busiuess in the Unitod States．
－Tho express messenger in whose cus－ tody the two packages of $\$ 1$, ano ，intend－ ed for Alliston，were when they mira－ culously disappeared，has been suspeud－ ed．Tho detectives have not yet suc－ ceoded in locating the money：
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－Wimipeg letters say deliveries of wheat at comitry points are getting very bight．The farmers have got it into their meads that prices are bound to go up，and they are holding their whenit in the hope of better termis．
－Mr．William MaçDowall，late of No． 8 King Street Jist，Toronto，long and favor－ ably known in connection with the trade in guns and fishing tackle，has been ent－ graged by the F．P．Davies Compamy to

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olwe abourt $\$ 2 ; 600$ ；－Scymour Salls，hotel keeper and－implement dealer at Clarence－ ville，Que．，recently found himself insolvent and was obliged to consult his creditors．
－Two sub－collectors of Custorins，D．G． Grant，of Barric，and C．E．O．Hagar，of Hagarsville，Ont．，have been dismissed from the service for misappropriating public funds．Both were suspended some time ago pending an investigation into their condnet in office．

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－The large waggon and carriage works of the Lowrie estate at Sarnia，which have been ialo for the past three years， have been sold to Mr．George Morgan ior a little over $\$ 3,000$ ．It is believed he will shortly atart electrical supply： works there．
－The proposed fast Atlantic service is a fomewhat expensive luxury for the Canadian taxpayer．If Canada is willing to pay $\$ 750,000$ per year for the pleas－ ure of secing a few ocean greyhounds sail from her ports，other nations can surely accuse her of extravagant tastes．
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-The writs inseribed jn Ontario one day the present week are 60, amounting to nearly $\$ 100,000$. The chattel mortgages given by farmors number 53, agaregating about $\$ 13,000$. The writs issued in Montreal number 73; the judgments 38. Some lawyers must be buby.
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-The first sjecial meating of tho new Consumers Gas Co. has beer held in this beity for the pasising of by-laws and the election of directors, The following gentlewen were elected on the loardi:- Mr : Johba Contes, C:E., president ; Mr. A. F. Gault, vice-president ; Mr. Riclinrd White', Mr. Charles Magee and Mr. Robert Blacky burn, directors.
-London, Ont., is the largest cigar manufacturing centro in Ontario, and contributed $\$ 128,022$ of the total tobaccio duties collected in that province. In fact the only city exceeding these figures was Montroal, which paid $\$ 300,820$. Lou-

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cently noted, have mide an ofier of 20 per cent., but their creditbrs want 50 per cent.-G. W. Clark, fancy troode, offers Dye pu the dollar, cash.-Chagnon \& Co., planing mill, city, have assigned. 'Jhey have' been in business since December '91, and latterly have allowed part of their capital to be invested in such a way as not to be readily disposable. Their linbilities are $\$ 0,179$.
-In, Ontario, Pearce \& Co., general store; Forcst, have compromised at 62 L 1-2c on the dollar. Linluilitics are nlout $\$ 6,000$. They commenced with limited wenns in the summer of "0g.-Gng. MeGnwify, general store, Blind River, a trider of some venrss standing; has assigned.-Reports from Jina! say state that the foundry operated under the mane of Sylvester Bros. Mfg. Co., is inrolved indiffeullies and a metting of creditors has been held. Richatd and Robert

Sylvester are the reristered partnels.-T. II. Stonehouse, arricultural implements, etc., Engerman's Corners, has assigued. He has been acting as agent for sewing machines and ngricultural implements for some I. 5 years, but has only met with indifierent succest.-R. B. Morrison. trader. Morristown, is in trouble. In Decomber 'SS he setticd $a^{4}$ b0e on the dollar.-Geo. Noble pieture framer, Toronto, doing businces under the style of Noble \& Co.. for the past Tor 8 years, has assigned.-Robt. Becher, carringes; Wiarlon, has assignel ; no par-ticnlans.-Mrs. M. M. Maylot, grocer, Wala Inceburg, has fatiled after an experience of 12 months. Her hushand was unsneecssful at Dresden in Soptember '92--Vivian \& Co.; men's furnishings, Fort William, J. C. Wivian only parther, have assigned. The business was slarted on a small capital in 'S5 and the store was lurnt in Fobrunry :ST: Vivian then settled at 50 per cont. Lini-


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bilities are now modernte-Green \& Co., who have carried on business at Loudon nud Petrolia as clothiers for some years past, have assigned and their reported liabilitics are $\$ 32,000$-T. R. Webb, dry goode, Petrolin, has assignol with linbilities of $\$ 16,000$. He has done a large trade for some years, but sold chenp and last year was weakened ly sevemal severe losses.-W. It. Woods, a small Preseott jureller.. has aftsighed:-Heahey \& Carlisle, shoes, St. Cotherimes, are asking no extension of time; payments being spread over a yent. They appear to have done a foir trade but apparently sold yoo freely to credit custom ers. Liabilities are $\$ 9,000$ and assets $\$ 12$, 000 -After buatempt extending over 5 years, Robt. Roburtson, groẹer, Tweed, has nesighed.-TV. J. Enllyntine, grocer, IIamitton, has failed for $\$ 10,000$. He was formerly of R. B. and W. J. Ballyntine, whom he succeeded in :00, keeping up the old styte until a year ago. Last spring he moved into new premises and ineurred considerable expense.

- A•sensation has been caused in 以intingdon, Que., by the assignment of Andrew Somervilie, who is not only the rogistrar of the country but a banker. Hie fai:ure will bring trouble to a inrge ejrele of small creditors, chiefly storekeeper and farming peopice. His assets are placed at $\$ 181,550$; liabilities int $\$ 164,-$ 777. The principnl creditors are the Marshall estate, $\$ 10,000$; Bank of British North America, $\$ 22,000$; Bank Jacques Cartier, $\$ 24,300$; Easteru Township Bank, endorser for G. W. Cornwall \& Co., $\$ 14,000$. As might be expected.his interests in the distriet were wjdespread. He was interested in the business of $G$. IV. Cornwall \& Co., manufacturers of organs, and was also a partner in a local foundry concern. It is ${ }^{\prime}$ not uniikely that the assets will shirink considerably on attempted realization. The nbove being stated, the announcement that G. W. Cornwall \& oc. have since nesigned will cause no surprisc. This company did a large trade and was gradually making itself known. It has béen in existenco seven years and its linbilities are stated to be $\$ 47,000$.
-The busimess carricd on under the name of Edmund Eaves, jowellry jobber, city, has been falling bethind and a demand of assigmment has been made. It was establ'


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-Owing to the bad crops in the NorthWeist and thie consequent innbility of the farmers in' 'thate section of the country' to meet thieir payments promptly, the Sylvester Bros. Mamufnelturing Company of Lindsay, makers of amricultural implements, havo bem eompelion to call a meeting of their creditors. Their direct linbilities are not much more than $\$ 20,000$, the Onthrio Rollinir Jfille being the largete creditor with a claim of $\$ 2,300$, but the Park of Montrenl linlds abouts $\$ 140,000$ nf their chatomers" paper. The firm succected in nbtnining an extrnsion of two yrars unon' their old indebtedness and agree to pay casil for all new purchases.
-In New Brumswick. Jom Kenny, Bnker, Glatham, has assimed with linbilities of nobut \$1,300.-MeTem \& Forms, grocers: Moncton, hare aseighed. They sfarted $\sigma$ reass amos. surcheditars Tones is Cow, and were kupponed Io be dring finiry. Tinhilities $\$ 2, *$ 500.-T. \& A. MeMillim, wholesale and retnil books, St. John, huve suspmoded and may try to effeet a compromise. They owe some $\$ 40,000$. The fitm is an old one, hat since carly in 'SS has been conducted en: tirely ly Jolm Meatilian' For some timet the has bech havd prossed ior renty money, part of his capital unt being in a realiznble condition.
-J. E. Jewis \& Bros., continctors, city, have assigned with linbilities of $\$ 4,300$. The principal creditors are James S . Robertson \& Co, $\$ 876$; Theo. Robertson \& Co., $\$ 713$; Hulon • Benubien, Sorel; $\$ 600$; Toronto Ru'dintor Comprny, $\$ 200$. -Ainm Belanger, blacksmith, city, line nesigned at the demind of J. II. Wilson, hardware merehaut. The linbilities are

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- -About 10 o'clock onl Tueday night fird broke out in the crockery tore of Wm. F. Batk, 1347 St. Catherine streat: After w hard fight the firemen succeeded in subduing the flames. No sooner were they extinguished than constable Beauchemin arrested Mr. Beck on a clarge of incendiar:ism, claiming to have seen him deliberately put a match to a quantity of straw piled under hif counter. Mr. Beck was brought before Judge Desnoyers, who remanded himi until the Fire Commissioners hare held an: enquiry into the case.
-Jas. E. MacDougall, broker, city, has fyled a consent to essign. For two years past he has been chiefly interested in renl estate, and whes previously in the arnic line at Chicago. "At one time he was passenger ngent in Montroal for several western railwaye. The demand was made at the instance of C. E. Macpherson, St. John, N. B., and the total liabilitics are $\$ 20,000$. Among the creditors are the Union Bank $\$ 8,000$, Victorin Park syndicate $\$ 3,000$ and Samuel Fenton $\$ 1,400$.
-Tho big dynamite gun on the new Brazilinh cruiser Nietlieroy las turned out, ne whe expected, an ignominious failure: Once shot, carryingr 200 pounds of dynamite. was fired at a rock three quarters of $n$ mite long and three hundred jards high, at a ratige of 2,000 sards. The projectile misesed tho rock, the dynamite failed to explode, and the gon mas incapaeitated for further service. In the opinion of maval officers the gunl is a good dealmore dangerous to the vessel carrying it Hhan to the enemy.
-Heary and continucd maine hare flooded the granariç in Wablington State arid it in held that between $15,000,000 \mathrm{aml}$. 17 ,000,000 bushels of whent have been destroyed. This seems hardiy possible. Promaby the statement is a bucket-shop canard designed to foree up whent values, for it is senren- aredible that so much whenil could possibly hare been stored in pinces where the rim could penctrate in sufficient quantity to ruin it.


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-N. J. and Horace Chagnon, in business at Cote St. Louis, near this city, under the style of Charnon \& Co., have assigned with liabilities of $\$ 10,000$. The chief creditors are Paul Vermette, Petit Cote, $\$ 4,500$; Th Prefontaine \& Co., $\$ 1,000$; Chas. Desmartenu $\$ 306$, and Choquette $\mathbb{E}$ Normandin' $\$ 254$.
-The dullncess in real estate business latterly will probably nccount for the num 4 crous writs cropping up againstion operator who lans heeni combining apeculation in that lime with some derotion to lis "wet goods" trade. "Owa may as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb;"
-A settlement has been arrived at betwein E. N. Willinms, the former bookkecper of Buntin, Reid \& Co. of Toronto, who disappenred anddenty owing about $\$ 5,-$ 000 to that firm and Maxwell, Johnstion \& Co., by which they ngree to aceept a compromife of $\$ 1,500$. Willinms is now a trarellin'g man in the West.
-Farris Sthapiro, one of the numerous petter dry proods traders, dning' a house to thouse business in this city and suburbs. lins assighed. He owes little shor't of $\$ 3,-$ 000. Among his creditors are S. Greenriniciols, Sons \& Co., \$950; A. Sanft, \$834; Gantt Bros. \& Co., $\$ 333$ and Mr. Fisher, Sons © Col, \$220.
-The Americans are still bent on excludeluding Canadian bnricy. Instend of reducing the duty on it to 20 per cont, as was contemplated in the Wilson Bill, the Thited Sta'tes Tariff Committee havo decided to make the rate 35 per cen't, ad rnlorem.
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－Mr．Joln W．Hamilton，n Winuipeg in－ surance agent，who is well linomin in Toron－ to，left Wimnipeg for Niverville，Man．，last week and has not been seen or heard of eince．It is fared he perished in the bliz－ zard．
－According to the London＂Free Press＂ the Brantford Barbers＇Uniou have decid－ ed to give ten slinve＇s and a haircut for $\$ 1$ ．Luxuries are evidently cheaper in the West：than here，for our Montreal tome： orial artists would faint at sucli a sche：－ dule．
i．$)^{\prime}$ ． 1 ．
－The changing round of the stationmast－ ters on the line of the Grand Trumk Railis way will mot take place until next May， in order to give the officers affected ample time to make preparations for removal．
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tatives have decided that the free wool clause of the Wilson tariff bill shall tako erfect immediately after the pasage of the bill．
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－The village of Lucan is offering a re－ ward of $\$ 500$ for the detection and con－ vietion of the incendiaries who have been fiving larns and buildinge in that locality：
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－Mr．S．Bruce Larman has been appointed agent at Toronto for the London Assuranes Comp any．
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AND GARTBE WEBS.
NIAGARA FALLS. ONT.,
tice Daridson, under the Consolidated Act to secure to wives and chid. aren the Denefits of insuramees pn the lives of their husbands and parents, vic s.1-4: now Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, 18S8, Section 5550 et seq.

The case is that of Dame Anna Maria Hughes, petifioner, and Dan Arthur Rees, respondent. On 10th March, 1860 the late Dan Rees insured his life in the Londond Lancashire Life Insurance Co., for the sum of 5000 sterling, payabic, as expressed in the policy, to "Ama Miria Hughes, wife of the said Dan Rees, shouid she survive him, or faliiner her, then to the excentors, administrators or assigus of the said Danllees, for the benefit of his children." On the 7 th of February, 1880 ; the 'insured executed, and, on the 27 th of the same mouth, fled with the company a wrating signed by him, cony of which Is embodied in the synopsis referred to, for the purpose of revoking the interest of his whe, and transferring it to his son, Dan John Arthur Rees.
Lhe Aets in existence prior to the passing of the present Act in 1878 , were erude and unsatisfactory in the ex. treme, and left many emergencies unprovided for. With a view to remedylug the defects, the matiter was taken up by an ab'e lawyer now on the bench with the advice of some of the Life Lusurance mangers, and in order to make the law as perfect as possible and to obviate anl future trouble, a new amenied and consolidated Act, repealing all former ones, was framed and duly passed. The set of 1838 was fully reviewed in the "Journal of Com. merce" issues of December 1st 1876, and December 6th, 1878. It was made petroactive and drawn in such it maner as was considered at the time suificient to cover all circumstances that could possibly affect a life insuramee policy protected agafnst creditors upon the life of a husband or parent for the
benefit of wife or children. But the deelsion given in this case by the learned Judge, upsetting the assigmment under the present Act and sustatining the claim of the beneficiary under the old Act, now dinpels this hlusjon, and affords one more verifleation of the old adage about the coach-and-four that can we driven though the best Aet of parliament ever framed. The decision seems to hinge upon'Section E5SO, Consol, Statutes, which reads as follows. "Nothing contained in this section shall be lueld or construed to restrict or interfere with any right otherwise aldowed by law to any person to effect or transier a poiley for tha benefit of a wife or chitaren, woir shal it apply to insurance made in faror of or transferred to any wife mader her marriage contract, also upon the first section of the act which exeludes "assignments made or rights accrued before:" He accordingly comes to the conclusion that rested interests, or rirhts acerued before, camot be disturbed.
This entirely upsets the views hereforeto held by finsuranca managers. The diea kent in view by the promoters of the present Act was to place such policjes heyond the reach of ceeditors, Wut to reserve full power and freedom to the husinand or parent atiany lime during his life to revoke or reappor. tion as might we deemed expedient the wenefits under the polifer within the limit of his family circle and to make this fully retroactive. This, it was considered, had been fully accomplished in so far that the revocation of the bencits under policies previously issued, as well as those to be hereafter issued, was provided for. Moreover it was held by them that even' under the old Act a policy taken out by the hasJand, by hifs own free will and in absence of any obilgation upon him to do so, issued, as in this case, for the benefit of a whe, should she survive the
iusured, otherwise to his executors cte, dia not constitute a resined interest, in so far that it was contingent upon her survival, and was not absolute; in fact that it was somewhath analogous to a wequest under a whin, which is of no effect till after the death of the testator, and could be revoked at any time during his lifo.

How far reaching this decision may we it is impossibic to say, but it will affect all policies issucd prior to goth, July, 1858 (the date the acti came into operation, for the wenefit of wife or children, subsequently re-assigned to some one or other of the family circle, and doubtiess such cases must the very numerous. It will therefore be very dosirable that the question should go to appeat in order that a decision from the court of final resort wity we obtained and the law upon the fubject be established and, if need be, remedial legislation obtained, otherwise serious. trouble to widows and orphans may we involved in future.

It will be observed that exception was taken to the form of assigument or revocation and, that although His Honor does not pronouec upon it but decides upon the merits of the case yet he states that he regards the point so taken as a serlous one. We way re. mark that the Act requires tinc revocation from the beneficiary orlginally named in the filst piace, and after. wards a decliration in favor of the Neneficiary to be substituted, but the assignment in question was not in conformity with this requirement. It is generally supposed by policy-holders that if an assignment is made and duly Intimated to, and acknowledged by the company lssuing the policy. the matter is all right. But we think it well. to take this opportunitry of reminding our readers that this is not correct, and that it would be impossible for any Company to assume the responslbility
of pronouncing unon the validity of the numerous assignments signified upon them. The entire responsibility rests upon the assignor or assignec and thelr vespective legal advisers.

We learn that the Loudon \& Lanca. shire has deposited the amount of the policy in court pending final decision as to the real owner of the money.

## TAXING HOLIDAY Gives.

The fact that a poifey just and bencficent in principie, may become harsh and tyrumical in practice when carried to an extreme, was never more striking fy exempiffed then durleg the holiday weeks when the customs authorities, in the sacred name of protection to Canadian industries, sojemuly levied a toll on the Christmas presents sent out by reiatives in Engiand to those who have belected this great Dominion as their home. Not a pili, of wooilen stockings knitited by loving fingers, not a crot: cheted shawl, not a "tidy," slipper" case, doh or antimacassiar escaped the eagle eye of the customs official. All were held for duty, and the recipients compelled to pay a tax to the Governmest for the priviege of having filends in the mother country who desired to show them that they were not iorgotten in a forelga, land.
Surely even the nost uncompromls. Ing advocate of 4 protective tiariff does aot wish to see the prineiple ha upholds carried thas farl Neither the government, nor the Canadian manufacturer, will suffer , Necause a poor emigrant is presented with a fow palrs of woollen socks by his kinfolk at home at Chistmas time. The gifte thus sent are rarely of great intuinsic value. They are usually valuabie only from thelr associations, because they represent the affectionate remembrance of those whom the recipient may never see again. But before he ean get them he must pay a tax to the customs officer often out of all propoyr tion to thele value to him. If he happens to live in the North West ferriturles, where he may we miles from the Custom house at which his Christmas glit is aetained, or in a section where the malls in winter are uncertain and precarions, the time requited for the journey, or wasted in correspondence, may delay the arrival of the gift intil long after the occasion for whlch it was in. tended. In one instance mentioned by Weste:n papers an English settler llv. ling in Aberta was sent a portralt of his mother as a Christmas gilt. The
customs officers held it for a duty of 30 cents, and forced hlm to make a long and wearlsome journey from his farm to the polnt of detention wefore he could obtain it. In another case it was three weeks before a young farmer could get a pair of woollen socles, knltited byं a sister, unon which 54 cents were levied by the customs and the socles leld until it was pald.
'he irritation caused by thls plcayune policy-more especially to new arrivals In this country-can be easify imagined. To the Briton the customs officer re presents more an abstract ldea than the actual tangible fuct he becomes here. In a free tride country the average citizen rarely comes in contact with a revenue official, and cousequently whon he arrives in Canada and finds the hand of the customs on everything he recelves or purchases from outside the limits of his new: country he is apt to think that it is a good spot to stay away from, and to write to other intending emigrants to that effect. The petty thirty or forty cents taxed upon his little present, and the annoyance and formality required to obtain possession of it, disgusts him with Cauada and Canadians, and when the facts are written to the senders at liome thicy are apt to deter his friends from coming here and to divert them to other colonles where a broader policy prevalls. In this way, so far from the collection of the duty benefitiug either the revenue or Canadian industries, it is apt to do tudirect, thoughin none the less apprectable, lujury to both.
That such a stretchling of the princjple of protection is either necessary or polltic we may very readily doubt, and it would be well therefore if tha customs authorities took steps to modify it in the future. It is periectly easy to distinguish between goods imported for sale; and those intended solcly as hollday presents. Auy customs of. ficial with an average proportion of common sense could readlly detect the one from the other. The country does not need the revenue derived from such a source. Why then should it inflict this petty annoyance on its new cilizens and injure its good name with theli: relatives abroad? Surely now that the matter is brought before him, Mr. Clarke Wallace can devise some method of relaxing the bonds of red-tape without injury to the revenue ati large. If he does, and next Christmas our new Wrethren can recelve their tokens of remembrance from home without the interception of the cuatoms officer, he

Will do more for the real revenue of Canada than if he collected twice the duty now levied upon them.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.
The caution with which. capital sought investment during the latter half of the past year lo exemplified by the falling oft in the volume of real estate transactions in this clty and its sulburibs during 1893. During the year just past the total value changing hands was oniy $\$ 8,475,610$, a falling off of $\$ 1,478,903$ from the figures of 1892, and of $\$ 2,716,742$ from those of 1891, while the number of transactions was but 1523, as against an average of 1957 for the four previous years.
That the disinciination to purchase real estate thus evidenced is due entirely to any depression in general commerce, !nvolving the use of all the funds at the disposal of the majority of merchants and financiers to tide them over until more prosperous times, is liardly probable. A proportion of it is douibtless due to the policy of extravagance that hus been pursued at the City Hall, the steady increase of the civic debt it involved, ann the consequent dread of a corresponding rise In the rate of taxation. The lavish expropriations for the wldening, paving, and dralnage of the streets, and tho Wurden thas laid upon the owners of real cstate, have luduced capitalists to hald off until an era of greater economy should set in. They prefer to put their money into bank stocles, or other in. vestments not affected by fluctuations in taxation, and do not care to toucin real estate until our civic rulers inaugurate a polley of retrenchment and abandon the present one of promoting civic imptovements, at the expense of the propeletors, In order to secure poiitical capital in their respective wards. Until this is done, untll some indleations of a change in the present polley of civic extravagance is manifest, it It is hopeless to expect any material revival in the real estate business.
Taking the city by wards, the number and amount of transiers during the. year is divided as follows:-

| Trards. | No. | Amt. '93. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East - | 10 | \$ '92,031.20 |
| Centre |  | 117,748.50 |
| West | - 9 | 881,139.98 |
| St. Ann's | 71 | 394,872.61 |
| St. Antoiue | - 265 | <2,750,770.07 |
| St. Lawrence | 74 | 517,430.45 |
| St. Louis | -125 | (080,191.02 |
| St. James - | - 105 | 650,306.06 |
| St. Mary'b | -1.58 | 11625,428.96 |
| Hochelaga | 54 | 1185,000.85 |
| St. Jean Baptiste | - 275 | 666.016.35 |
| St. Gabriel - | $\therefore 06$ | , 272,986.62 |
| Cote St. Antoine | -186 | 1,180,827.14 |

This table shows that real estate has been nost active in St. Antoine Ward and In Cote St. Antione. In other words the largest volume of extension has been in the western section of the eity, while the eastern section -has been practically at a istandstill all through the yoar. The watural tendency tof growth in all cities is towards the west, and Montreal is no exceptiow to the rule. Suburban sales have been fainly active, and during the year transactions to the extent of $\$ 1,339,438$ Lave taken place, divided among the various municipallities as under:-
St. Heury - - - - - \$357,668 Coto St. Louis - - - - 321,785 Notre Dame de Grace - - 222,000 St. Cunegoude - $-\quad-\quad-108,290$ Milo End - - - - - i98,447 Cote Visitation - - - 51,233 Maisoneuve .43,816
Montreal Junction - - - 30,211 Moutreal Annex 32,020 Verdun -

14,041
It is not at all probable that suburWan business will increase, or even hold Its own for some tlwe.
If transactions in real estate have fallen heavily under the average during the year mort. gage loans have not. The necessity for ready money to meet losses incurred either in legltimate trade, or in speculation; has led to an increase in the volume of hypothecations, The amount of mortgages negotiated during 1803 rose to $\$ 6,703,888$ or only $\$ 1,775,722$ less than the amount of sales. These hypothecations may be divided among the varlous classes of lenders as fol-dows:-
Insurance companies - - - $\$ 1,207,810$
Local institutions - - - 1, 416,827
Trusts and Estates - - - 701,666

## Loan companies

1701,060
17651
Individuals - - - - 2,552,302
The average rate of interest pald was 5 per cont, but the subjoined tabie slows that every rate from 4 to 10 per cent was paid by borrowers. The respective amounts were:-

locked up in rreal estate found themselves in an unenviable plight, and two beavy fallures from this cause have been reported witinla the past fortniglt. Suburban properties have been adverseIy aflected to an even greater extent than town lots. Land agents have had to resort to briss bands, champague Iunches, concerts, and free ommibus aides, to push the salles of their lots, while those who were induced by these attractions to mase purchases of wasite farm land, under the titie of villa lots In any of the socalled "parks" sur' rounding the city, find it dificicult to meet the instalments and inferest upon them. What sales have been made were at much reduced figures, and 1893 will be remembered as marking the collapse of the suburban speculative land boom. So far as this city is concerned, even choice town lots have proved difficult of sule, and the price fetched at the auction of the Armstrong property $(38,000)$ shows how reluctant buyers are to invest in real estate all the moment, unless it can be obtained at a very low figure. The owners had held this property at about $\$ 60,000$. That this depression is only temporary, it is hardly necessary to auy. With the gradual Improvement, in commerce and the hoped for inauguration of a muntcipal polley of greater prudence and economy, land values will rise again to their proper level ; wut at prosent the uncertainty-vague and undefined though it be-as to the industrial and financlal future has rendered moneyed people timid of investment.

## THE ALEXANDER FALLORE.

The failure of James Alexander \& Co, general storckepecrs at Campbellton N.B, is one of those mysterious insolvencles which occur withouit the slightest premounition at a time when the reports of the agencies are more or less favorable on the prospects and ability of the insolvent, and in which there is present, almost invariably, a large and inexplicable deficit in the assets. These fallures are usually followed by the departure of the wankrupt tho a fresh fleld in which to explolu his tal. ent in seciuring credti, and it sometimes occurs that the very man who has been so strikingly unable to make both ends meet at hls old stand is ablö to exhiblt quite a showing of capital when he ls once comfortably located out of the reach of his unfortunate creditors.
It is about sixtera months sinca

James Alexander, a young man of about 32 years of age, left his poenitlou In his brother's stome and started in business for himself. In that short the goods to the value of $\$ 14 ; 000$ have miraculously disappeared; for today he can only show 7,000 in stock aud 6,000 In book delds agalust habillties of $\$ 27,000$, and where the balunce has goue to nelther he, nor any of his creditors, can conjecture-unless It has passed into his own pockets. In September 1892 le formed a parther. thip with another clerk named siller and started the firm of Alexander $\mathbb{E}$ Miller. According to the agency reports the capital of the firm conslsty ed of $\$ 2,300$ borrowed from slexander' $A$ relations; but in addition to this he possessod three houses in the village valued at $\$ 2,000$.: A month later, miller became dissatisfied at tho way In which the buslness was run, and withdrew from the firm. Then Alexander continued the business alone and, having got ild of his partner, proceeded to sell goods at rates tha't honest men trying. to mect their engagemextis were utterly unable to compete witth. Goods were sold literally regardiess of cost, and were bought on the same terms. Alexander bought everything the travellers tried to sell hlu and was regarder as an fdeal customer; for he never grumbled at the price asked so long as term of credist was long, and he never returned goods. Ho knew better. Difortunately the travellers did not know that he followed the same methods in selling his goods, or that he cut prices so recklessiy that hla rivals found it hopeless to conupete with him. If they had, they would have been more cautious. But the reports of thls atanding were roseate. Apparently he was dolng a rattling trade. People spoke of his smartness, and hle bustle, and of his bargains in every line, and predicted all hind of tlatterlag things about his futuie. His sellers rubbed their hands as they packed up the goods and forwarded them' to Campbellton, and posslbly he dia the same thing when he unpacked them and sold them foi whatever he could get: All of a sudden, however, it leaked out that two of his largest Mondtreal crealt: ors, whose aggregate clame amount: ed to $\$ 8,700$, had secured themselves by judgments. Then the bubble burst: The other creditors, who had tumbled over each other in thelr cagerness to sell hlm goods were panle-stricken at once. A rush was made to collect,and the result was, of gourne, an absigis.
ment. An luvestigation of the estate showed bhat the stock and bookdebtrs oniy amounted to $\$ 13,000$, and that, when these we:e reaized upon, hardly more than suficient to meet ye Judgments coudd be looked for. Where then had the other \$14,000 gone? This is whitt no dody knows except Mir. A.exander, and he has not been very communleative on the subject. In fatet so rethemb is he about it that it is rumoured he hiss gone to san prauciseo in order to avod being worried ly questlons, whie the ereditors are now askhag eath other how the whode thing batpened, and wheiner they were hypnothed when they filled his orters with such a:aerity without ever aroubhing hemselves to enguire ats to what he wats doing with the goods.
In a caselike this one is apt to forget that the whode loss dees not fall upon the actuat creditors of the insolventu. Bitter their experience certaln:y is, tum if arisers from their own acts. The foss of the honest, hitrdworking rotaliops, whuse business may be seriousIy and perhaps inteparibly infured by the reckiesslentting of their rival, is not due to any faait of thene own, but to the actim of the very whodestile honsey with whom they deat themselves, and of whom they are the read supporib, in crowilng goods ipon a man who sents part of them below eost and anctions off the rematinder. In selfing to him the wholesale honses commit al deiferate minustiee upon men who try to do whati is rightiad pay then way in full. 'Whey put into Lhe hands of the reckless trider the very means to ruin the business of his honest competitors. Is it any wonder that the faidure of one of these lataccounts brings down miny grood ones wibl it, or that lus evil influence on the trade of the locality, spreals, like the subash of a stone thewn fnto a pond, in ever whening checes until it is difflent to trace where id is no langer felt?

## flre insumance phemigas.

The subject of wite Insurance is one which every person is and must be interested, and yet it ls one whieh perhaps is less understood thin any which pertalns to all mereantile and domestie nffates.

The patnest form of proposition is,pire may occur from any of a very. great number of eanses at any moment. The majotlty of the fires are from accluental causes.

All fire losses are diminutions of personal and national wealth.
Fire Insurance is rendered possib'e by the contributions of those who do not suffer direct loss by fire.
The greater the amount of the fireloss the greater must the conviluations we to make up the amount of the fise loss.
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Fire Insurance Companies are the properiy recognised machinery for the collection and distribution of the general contributions.

Fire Insurance companies cannot exist untess the general contributions be sufficlent to pay the gross andount of the losses and of the expenses of collection and distribution.

These contributions are termed "Premifums" and are supposed to be based upon the hazard of fire presented by the property of the several contributors.
Any cause whatever which increases the losses by fire or the expense of the collection and distribution of the contributions of the people, must necessarlity inerease the amounts to be contiributed and collected.

Any avoldabse cunse whicl so increases the amounts to be contributed and collected is an injustice ugalinst which all honest persons abould comWine.

The causes which now exist for the increase of the cost of fire insurancer ure:--
(1) Dishonesty and Inefficiency in the conduct of the business.
( $\because$ ) Carelessuess and dishonesty in the chasing of tires.
(3) Frand and dishonesty in the making of ctalms.
(f) Intrigue and stupidity in the maniputation and operation of juries.
(5) A lack of interest or of right comprehenslon of the combination of interests; wieh should unte for tha suppression of all these avoldable causes.
(6) The modern idea that the "company" is not composed of individuats who may be honest and carelul in every respect.
(T) The consequent idea that the dishonest and carecess individual shouk a!ways be shielded or rewarded at the expense of the company.
Now that the fire Tusurance compantes and the general public are faced with the fact that the continuonsly inereasing losses by fire demand an inerease of the contributions of the public in the form of fire insurance premiums, it may we possible for woth companies and public to look squarely at the subjects of the causes of fire losses and of the expenses, with a vew of comblalng
for the diminution of both of them and the proportionate incriase of individual and national wealth whiel would result from the consequent reiorm.

BRIGILT COLORS TO RULE.
It will be interesting to noted li Canadlan dadies will this year foliow ParIstan fashlons ciosely; for our ladies, as a ruie favor quilet shades and mod-est-coiored costumes, while Parls will revel in brilliant hues this spring. Brigit tones, and perhaps even barburic spiendor in coloring, will , be fashionadic in the gay French capital, and the tasite for the conspicuous can we gratified by the use of the most var. ied and showy colors white conforming strictily to the edictis of the mode.
In Pilis yellow will be the leading color and will be worn In all its shades from the deepest orange to the puiesti malze. Jven the reds and browns will contain a predominance of yellow, and the nasturtium shades of red are already much called for. The bruneites evidently coutiol the situation; for these yellow reds, pure yellows, and briliant rubles, crimsons, and cerises, are evidently desigued to suit them. But the wlondes are not negiected, and for them the lighter shades of greepu will be the vogue. It comes in all tones, and under a variety of new names but none of the shates are of more thin medlum depth, and all are bright and showy. Emeraid green, under the name of "speralaza," a deifeate apple green cailed "pommr," ieaf-green, teagreen, pale shates of verdigris, absinthe greens with an exeess of yollow, and an abundance of alle-greens, are offered and are selling well. In fact love of variety and brilliancy of color, have carried the day, and, in Paris, the costumes will be kalcidos. copic in their chimacter.
Of course the usual lines of other colors are offered for the more sombre export trade. There are b:ucs of every shade from ceru'ean to navy, but even among these the tones showing a yellowish or greenish admixture are most fashionabie. Some very pretty terracottas, petimias, and fuchsias are shown, and one shade closely resembles old-rose. The old peach-blow tints have been revived, and every effort made to plense the more conservative buyers. But the fact remains that. yellow will be the keynote of the season in Firance; no matter whetheir the Parisian flat be rejected here or not. The Rusilan craze Is responslble for Its
sudden appearance in front. The yel low Russian, ribbon, with the btack eagle stamped thercon which every Parislan wore during the hysterical days of the vislt of the Czar's f.eet to 'Houlon, was the initial step thatt made barbaric god the leading color in Worth's ereations. And, when that great man-milliner stamped it with his approval, the word of fashion accepted it without demur. Brighth, but not bilious, yellows, whll brighten spring costumes, elther as the ground color or fin the form of relleving shades, and even the neutral tints will bear evidence of their presence. paris hats decreed it, and aithough we maly follow in her footsteps slowly and at a modest distance, her infiuence will not be unfelt even in the most conservalive sections of Canada; for every woman feels instinctively that she might just as weil be out of the worla as out of the fashion and no woman exists that would not sooner obey ite dictates than be considered siugu?ar.

## THE DECEMDER BANK STATEMEATS

Circutation has shunk abeut \$700. 000 , as usual when collections 'ure pressed, and the movements of produce a minimum. Deposits on demand have dectined by \$33s,000 due mostiy to similar causes although part of it may be aseribed to hollday buslness and consequent withdrawas from the banks. Deposits after notice, on the contrary, show a strong advance, about $\$ 3.471,000$, attributed partly to deposit of funds arising from some of the large siales of civie debentures in the West. The larger banks are not conrting these deposits of the 7 moment, uecanse any surpius of this character means a loss if they are foreed to invest it in outside specuisith ve centres where the rates for cill muney ruse very much lower than here. It is for this reason that the banks paying $31 / 2$ per cennt for deposits are content to see them gradually withdrewn wather than raise thele rate to four per cent.

The full on the stock exelange during December is shown by a decrease of $8.30,000$ in the already small volume of cull loans on stock. They have fallen to $\$ 14,286,629$ and when it is remembered that this is $\$ 5,721,000$ less than the votume of 1892 , it is piain how little business was passing on our local Wall street during the closing montli of 1893. Discounts show a decllne of $\$ 1,598,000$, whleh was not al-
together uniooked for. December is a month largely devoted to stock-taking and batancing. Business therefore is at a minimum. Many merchants await the new year before enterlige upon the spilig trade la carnest, and thin is reflected in a curtailment of loans and discounts for the month.

An improvement is looked for, as business of late has shown a tendency towards activity.
Owing to the late hour at which the returns were recelved we are able to note only the more salfent fatures. The detalled tables are unavoidably, hetd over untll our next issue.

## BANE STATEMENTS.

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## ANNUITY INSURANCE.

It is on'y to be expected thath in so important a branch of financial provision as life insurance there shonla be a continnons mensure of progress. In few other branches of fintace are so many men of commanding intellect grouped together as leaders, and therefore it is on'y natural that to such men even a temporary pause in their onward movement wond imply stagna. tion, or that they silou:d be consithat. ly engaged in exploiting new methods of insurance in order to meet novel requirements upou the part of the pubile or to accord to them more libera! treatf ment in the future than in the past. Such efforts have been recorded year after year in these co'umns. Some times they have proved successiul; sometimes not. But whether they have been crowned with victory, or crushed by defeat, they have, none the less, been steps onward in the direction of cheaper and better insurance.

Which of the two destinies the latest proposition-that of "Famity Trust Investment Poicies"-is destined to alt tafn, remains yet to be scen; but aut farst sight this poiley looks like one that wou?d become pop bar, for it proviles for the payment of an annulty, at the rate of 312 per cerit on 'the face vaiue, to the whow as long as she lives, if she prefers to recelve it in this form instead of in the ordinary method of one sing'e payment of the whole amount at derth. This polly can be issued comparatively cheapiy, and at a fall profle to the compaiy for tha Government returns show that the com. panies carn a larger average return than this firure on their luvestmente, and henee can well afford to pay $1 t$. It is ouly when the annuity is payable at a higher rate than 34 per cent tanat the setheme becomes less desirable. When the lnsured destres a higher rate of an-nulty-and he can arrange for 4, or 6 , or even 6 per cent per anpum if he

Hes--the premiums advance with great rapidlty, and the resultant beneflet to hilmsell secomes more doubtial because the company eau only pay a highen rate of interest than it rea!l! carns by: exacting premiums for a larger polley value tidan it actually lossues. of course when the assurait understands tuls; and stiti fects that, in his posithon, the arrangement is the testh he can make for hit family, he is whe to do so. But under ordlaury circumstances it may perlans te better for a mun who cau afford to pay the addit. lonal premium to hasure his hlfe for the largest sum that premiun will buy, and trust to his representatives luvestlag it wisely after his death.
No doubt there are cases-possibly many of then-where a man prefers to lenow exactly what his wife and family will recelve aiter his death, and whero he would soouer rely upon the guaraptes of a staunch iffe lusuranca compány that a dertain fixed sum would fee padd them with undeviating re. gularity every year, than lave tho duvestement of a larger sum in the hands of his widow, or of well-mecuning, but possibly incoupetent or carcless, relathes. In the one case he has absoute securlty: In the other the possibiiities of revenue are greater, but there is a disquieting element of uncertainty present. If he ice at all cantious in his disposition he will eertainly choose the former, even if the return pe swatger tham would otherwise accrue, on the priuclple that a sound !avestmena is well worth paying for. if he be more penturesome he wlll adopt one of the many other more luerative methods of lnsurance and leave the future toi talie care of Itself. In any case the Family Trust Investment polley is open to hind as an alteruative, and should he at any time decide to commute his larger "strulght" polfey for onic on this plan, there is ino doubt the companjes who hande them would readlly agreè to the change.
some stariling evidence.
The evidence given by Mr. Ord, the former accountant of tho Central Bank, in the case brought against the directors of that defunct institution in Toronto, contnined somo very startling statemepts. When quostionod as to the correctness of the roturus made by tha bank to the Govormment Mre, Ord's replies showed that they lind beon deliberately finsificed. The amount of notes of tho bank in circulation fustend of boing $\$ 492,854$, as entered in the returas, was renlly $\$ 5055,855$, which exceeded the amonut of tho bank's capital. Tho amount of deposits payablo oy domand was also incorroct, boing
given as $\$ 97 \pi, 500$, while the amount was $\$ 53,000$ less. Other ovidence showed that the liabilities of the bauk had been iucorrectly stated to. the amount of $\$ 33$,000 , and the amount of the paper held by. the bank as collateral security for loans advauced had been given as $\$ 33,223$ more than the correct figure. The bank had claimed balances due from agencies of $\$ 1,478$, while in reality the balayise was ou the other side of the ledger to the tune of $\$ 2,888$. The climay was reachod when Mr. Ord testified that instead ig holding Dominion bank notes amounting to $\$ 120$,000 , the bank had really only held $\$ 20$,068.

In cross examination the former accountant stated that ho had refused to sigu the returass though pressed to do so, and that he had given as reason for his refusal the misstatements concerning the issue of bills and the fact that four deposit receipts of $\$ 10,000$ oach had been issucd to Cox \& Co. without proper cause. He said that the bank had one borrowed $\$ 12,000$ from the Noith Americau Lifo lusurance Company on 135 of its own shares, and that, as far as Cabhier Allan was concerned, the transaction was fictitious, he only holding at the time 50 shares: and these not paid up. The bank ulsu borrowed $\$ 22,000$ from the Bunk of British North America, whjeh was secured by debentures hypothecated to the bank, and Mr. Ord said that the Central bank represented to the Goverument that these debentures were still in its possessiva, nal that the amount represented a liability to the public-the inference beiug that it-was a deposit. In the annual statement of May, 18S7, also, the same debentures were represented as being heh by the bank, whereas they had alrealy been hypothecated during that month.

## THE ELLIOII FALLURE.

-ribe ussignment of Edward Elliott, grocer, eity, appeats to have taken a. portion, at least, of the trade by surprise. This perhaps is not to bo woudered at consideriag that in 1800 or' ' 91 he claimed an apparent surplus of $\$ 45,000$. An accountunt is now going through the books which appear to be in a somewhat mixed condition. There are numerous creditors for amounts under $\$ 1,000$, probably 120 in all. "The general liabilities are nearer $\$ 26,000$ than $\$ 50,000$ as first reported, if we deduct the mortgage claims, eecured by property. The insolvent appoars to have gone ahead at full pressure without knowing his real condition and dabbled beyond his menns in real estate, atc. The principal creditors are P. Grace \& Co., \$1,000; Howard Bottling Company, $\$ 1,000$; F. J. Hart, $\$ 605$; W. H. Cunningham, $\$ 000$; Erio Provision Co., St. Catharines, \$060; J. Vaillancourt, \$003; Carter, Galbraith \& Co., $\$ 928$; Doylo \& Anderson, $\$ 344$; C. Langlois \& Co., $\$ 444$; Enoch James, \$651; 'D. Masson \& Co., $\$ 450$; N. Quintal \& Co., $\$ 900$; Wouham \& Sous, $\$ 278$. Tho privileged claims are: Estate Fisher, reat, $\$ 000$; F. Nash, securad, $\$ 225$; D. A. MeCaskill, $\$ 500$; Wm. Kearney, $\$ 550$; Corporation of Moutreal, taxes, \$110; Dow estate, mortgago claims, $\$ 11,000$; D. A. MfeCaskill, mortgago, $\$ 3,000$. The indirect
elaims are Molsons Bank and F. Nash,but the amounts are not given. The insolvent began business 25 years ago and was supposed to be in a fair way, until a couple of years past, whon he began to get into deep water and nover seemed able to recover his footing, his affairs becoming slowly , but steadily worse. Pour or five years since he attempted a jobbing trade in liquors, more or less of a wholesalo charnctor. He also endorsod for a few friends and kept his eyo on the real estate market. In ' 87 he showed assets of $\$ 57,000$ and liabilities of $\$ 22$, 000. The former included $\$ 24,000$ of his wife's property but still leit a sur. plus of $\$ 11,000$. 'In March ' 02 there was, what might be called, a business surplus of $\$ 13,000$. A large shinkage is reported and some of the creditors expect a meagre dividend.
he the geonge bishop falure.
When the assigument of Mr. George Bishop was anounced last weel;; the trade had a atrong auspicion that it would soon be followed by eerious trouble in the Lishop Lngraving and Printing Co., Ltd., and when it was learued that Br:: Bishop was out' of town these suspicions develojed into facts. On Weduesday afternoon a meething of the compmey's creditors was called ${ }_{1}$ at which the announcement was made that Mr. George Bishop had been ust ing the notes of the company fin his real estate speculations but to what extent the directors were unable to say. The creditors at once demanded that an investigation be made to discover the amount of theso notes, and the mecting was adjourned until Monday next to enable them to make the ne: cessary entuiries. In any case it looks as if the creditore would be paid in full but if it prove true : that Mr. George Bishop has used the company's notes to any great extent, the shareholders stand to lose a large proportion, if not the whole of their iuvestment. What tho liabilities are cannot be ascertained until it is known what amount of this paper is in circulation:

## FIRE LOSSES.

Returas show that during the month of December there occurred 48 fires, doing damage to the extent of $\$ 1,000$ each, in this country. The total fire loss thus involved amounted to $\$ 277,400$, of which $\$ 210,500$ was paid by the insurance companies, leaving a net loss of $\$ 75,000$ over the insurance.
Of these 48 fires eleven occurred in this city, involving a loss of $\$ 06,600$ of which $\$ 51,000$ was paid by the insurance companies. This looks as if Moutreal's percentage was a good deal too large. The fact that nearly a fourth of all the fires taking place in Canada occurred in this city and that one-fourth of the losses of the insurauce companies was paid out to Montreal's insurers alone,seems to indicato cither an unusual amoun't of reprehensible carelessness or an incrense in the ratio of the moral hazard. We are glad to see Montreal take first place. in most things, but when our-busy city is credited with 20 per cent. of the total
fire waste of the Dominion the suspicjou arises that there are certain lines jn which a lower rank is more conducive to our commercial prosperity, and that this is one of them.

## CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

The case of Day versus the Dominion Safety Fuad Lilo association js now occupying the attention of the Circuit Court of New Brunswich. The suit is brought by a widow for payment of two policies, for $\$ 1,000$ each, on the lifo of hor husband, who was kinled by falling off a coal car while working in the Joggjns coal mine. Day took out the policies in 1884, describing himself as a shoemaker. This really was his trade, but when business in his line was slack he took any other employment he could find. It was during one of these periods that he was killed. The company claim that he was not acting at the time of his death in the capacity in which he was insured. He took out the poiicies as a shoemaker and when the accident occurred he was acting in the far more hazardous position of a carGhunter in a coal mine. Hence they hold the poiicies are void on the ground of misrepresentation.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The formation of a Badker's Association' to bo afiiliated to the Board of Prade is' actively under way, and in a few days its constitution will be finished and ite office bearers decided upon. A committee is now at work upou the by-jaws which must be submitted to the Board of Trade befors the section is formally part of that body. Mr. E. S. Clouston, generil manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been selected as the first representative of the bankers upon the Council, and as his name appears on all the different ticketry his election is as-', sured. At peesent the different trade representatives on the Council spoleen of ared as follows:-Johi Baird, fish and oils; E. S. Clouston, banking ; W. Cuniungham, live stock; Thomas J. Drummond, iron ; F. J: Hart, fruit; D. L. Loekerby, groceries; J. MeKergory, butter and cheese; D. A. McWhersour, Corn Explange; J. D. Rolland, paper ; David Robertson, flour ; C. F. Smith; boots and shocs; A. A. Thilpudeau, dry goods.

## THE ALPHA OIL WORIS.

Thurstoin G. Hall, the genius who invented the patent process for refiniug coal oil, the failure of which elosed the Alpha Dil works at Sarnia, is out with another method and has interested a number of American capitalists in it. This time, however, they will insist on bis proviug his method to be practicable by refining 1,000 barrels of crude oil successiully before they put their money in. If he does this, they will purchaso the Slpha worls from General Alger and start it in earnest. But they don't want any experimeuts on a barrel or tivo, like those which lost them .their money before. They insist upon 4 working test, on a large scalo and extended over tivo or three monthe, before thoy will invest one dollar in it.

THE GLOVE SEIZURF-A CORRECTION.
In our article, "The Glove Seizure," on the 19th insth.; the 13 the hine reckoning from the top of the right-hand column, the "word "suspecthd" should have preceded the word "gystem," to make it read core rectly as follows: "Tho customs experts "are hunting up the former eutries of the "firm to see how long' this suspected ays-, "tem of undervaluation has been in progressi.". The word "merciless" in the last line should have read "due," Such details' iunfortunately too often escape the eye of the managing editor.

## MONTREAL CLEARLNG HOUSE.

To'tal for week euding Jauuary 25,1894 : Oleariugs $\$ 9,777,150$, balances $\$ 1,444,570$; correspondinig week 1893 \$10 727,108 and $\$ 1,056,093$; corresponding week $1802 \$ 4$ Toss,66S and $\$ 1,480,527$; correspondingr week $1801 \$ 7,400,818$ and $\$ 1,041,801$.

## THE INSOLVENCY BILL.

An informal meeting of bankers to discuss the proposed insolvency bill was held. in the board room of the Merehants Bank on Wednesday last.' Mr. George Hague prow sided and Mrr. W. W. L. Chipman acted as secretary. The business was confined to a preliminary discussion of the more salienth features of the bill.

A case mow before the creditors and directors of a certain join't stock company may give the directors of one of the smallf: er banke an opportunity of estimating the value of certain endorsements and sub-sig. natures on paper held on avcount by a res cont insolvent and a company for which he, in his other capucity as managing director, was supposed to be empowered lo sigh, It seems, however, that the bs-laws of the company do not confer on him any such authority.
We are favored with the E1sit amual report of the Board of Trade, being forls93; containing much statistical information, reviews of various lines of business for the year, speceles at the opening of the newl premises, addresses by the Governor-Genpral, the president, cete., a list of mem* bers, ete., all in a mamer reflecting eredit on the secretary, Mr. Geo. Madrill. The various subjects have alroaly been dealt withi in our columus.
-Mr. Johm Ritchle, on behalf of the Montreal creditors of Wm. Griffith \& Co.,, wholesale boot and shoe dealers of Toronto, has taken legal proceedings to sot aside the judgment for $\$ 22,000$ secured against the firm by Henry Grifith on the ground of undue preference, and also to annul tho assigument of their estate to R. P. Anderson.
-The life and accident insurance companies bave failed to prove that John C. Aust tin, who was supposed to have been drown-1 ed at Coney Island in is92, is really alive and well in the Adiroudack region. It only took the jury twen'ty-three minutes to docide againsl them, in spite of the evidence of the guides and servants who claimed to have secn Austin long after his supposed 'death: The average juryman always der cides against an insurance company on principle, unless the evidence is so absolutely conclusive that he has no alternative but to render a verdict in their favor.
-The pork-packing houses of F.W. Fearman at Hamilton have been the scene of coutinuous petty theits for the past aix months. Finally it became necossary to call in the services of detectives, when it was discovered that four of the employes were engaged in systematically robling the place. All wero arrested and pleaded guilty. About $\$ 3,000$ worth in all hais been stolen and the bult las bsen soldatididiculously low prices to prople who must havo known well enough that it was not hour estly come by.
-Last summer L. Wesley MeAnn, of Moncton, N.B., sold to $A$ Gume d Co., of Halifas, N.si, at cartoad of hay, suitable for phipment to the Luglish markots. Later Gum \& Co. telegraphed lledun, asking if he could supply six cars more of the satma quality anu Mcanu undertook to do sot ' On arrival of the hay at Halifax, however, Gume © Co. relused to take delivery, alleging that the leay was of an inferior quab ity. Heam sued to recover and judgment lus just been given in his favor for the full amount of $\$ \mathbf{W} \pm 4$.
-The slatement presented to their cred $d$ itors by the llose Publibling Co. of Toron-1 to, shows a nominal surplus of $\$ 117$ : The direct liabilitios amounted to $\$ 20,632$ divided us Follows: Canadian $\$ 11,110$; American, $\$ 10,374$ and Buropean, $\$ \$, 117$. The direct liabilities, consisting of cus* tomers' paper under discount, came to $\$ 4 ;$ $\pm 16$ secured, $\$ 3,693$, preferred claims, $\$ 166$. The assets consist of merchandiso $\$ 22,724$ :, furniture $\$ 87$, book accounts, $\$ 3,680$, or a total of $\$ 26,442$.
-Adolph Martin, the farmer whose barns at Maidstome were burned down by the boy Fred Puquette, has been arrested for coms plicity in the crime at tho instance of the London Mutual Insuramce Co., who had insured tho premises for $\$ 1, \mathrm{G} 00$. Martin made an effort to compromiso with tha company for $\$ 800$; but the officiala became suspicious and resolved to prove the afiail to the bottom.
--Lumber to thu value of four milliona of dollars has been sold for export in Ottawa during the past two weeks. The pur' chases include the oupput of deals from the mills of J. R. Booth, Gilmour \& Co., the Hawkesbury Lamber Co., and Buella Hurdman \& Co. It is stated that tha full cut of the MeLachlin mills at Arni wior, aggregating sixty million feet, had also been disposed of.
-Healey \& Carlisle, extensive retail boot and shoe dealers of St. Catherines, are asking an extensiou, spread over a year, and will probably eccure it. They owe $\$ 9,000$ and claim assete nominally worth $\$ 12,000$. It is understood that Mr. Carlisie will retire and that Mre. Healey. will run on thio business alone.
-Mr. Jeffery Beavan, until lately manager for the London and Lancashire Fire. Insurance Co., has been appointed sub-manager of the lloynal Insurance Co . It -is believed that the American business of the company will be placed in his especial charge.
-The Americam Sole Jeather Trust has placed all its insurance in a Penusylvanin Tinsurance argency on a echedule at rates uif 25 per cent less than those obthinad for the smme rikks under policies upon int: divilual plates written duringer 1893.
-Aphionse Leclaire, seneral storekecyer nit Lat Conception, has assigned. Ife is a' blemesmith by ivede.-A. Gibb, general stores Buekingrlam, has assigned. He is in poor Jemith and umble to keep abrenst of his compelitors.
-The reduction of cotton freighte from
 ton is a serious blow to the Lancablire ex-' port cotton trade, and incidentally to the port of liverpool. This means that it costs the hamenshire maminachurer more thanterelve limes as mueli to land his gools in Japan as it costa rival makers in India.
-G. S. Podger, a miller in a small way at Irridgenworth and Mrs. A. S. Doughas, who ran a Liny xrocery in Hamilton, have hoth made assigmments.-Th. MaGown, genaral atorkeper of Kinkton, 1'eter Brown, shationer of Marshille and A. N. Allan, thoes, of Marlbank are in diffienties.
-Among recent compromises are $A$. Gervais, grocer of this city, who hus settled atit bis cents in the dollar, ensh- $-A, 0$. lacus, ily igoods, Sherbrooke, is offering
 C. St. Aubin © Cu., Ary goons, Sherbrooke, hans sethed at go cente in the dollar, part casti and the banace at three and six mond hs, -The Brandon Boot and Shoe Co. ne whering 40 cents in the tollar, secured, num payable in 3. 6. 9 and 12 monaldishi
-Mr . Jumes Boomer, of Toronto, mannger for Canada of the Manehester Firo Ins. Co., is on a visit to Montreal and Qucbee and looking as though the recent absorption of the A:bion life (the name assumed ly the Fire Ins. Associntion on B1st Mareh, 1893) ly his company had not unduly increased the burden of his duties. Mr. Kennedy, for many years representative of the absorbed company, is about to take the position of inspector in the new fusion.
-Amerizan finacial papers point out That the Nationg bank note circulation: Which retwed $\$ 290,500,000$ during tho money sifingency lust summer, has deelined 10 \$ $\$=0 t_{4}, 500,000$, and is daily growing amaller. Duringe becember it decrearea $\$ 2,-$ 4 de, 000 , and so far this month $\$ 1,30 \overline{5}$;000 in lawful money to redeem the bank sotos when werented, have been deposited in the trensury, By law the reduction of lonk anote circulation is limited to $\$ 3$,000,000 at montil.
-The reconial report presented to the Underwriters' International alectrical Association shows that during the past three months $1 . n 8$ fires attributed to electrienl cnuses have occurred. In most cases the losses were trivial and the fires only important from tho possibilitics they suggest. The next report will be made about Aprid 10, 1894, and will cover fires caused by olectricity, or happouiug in clectric light or power atations, from
any cause, during January, February and March.
-A Petrolia currespondent writes: F . 12. Webb, who has been in the dry roods business dure for the pust cight jears, and had done a grood trade on good businesti principles, was surprised on taking stock tuinis month to find resulta not so satisr' factory ne he land expected. He at once laid the matter before his creditors, who are tuking stock. Mr. Webb is one of our mose highly respected citizens, and it is to be hoped that he will speedily.be able to resume, at his closinge is a serious jujury to thic town."'
-Patrick J. Fanning, boot and shoe dealer of Summerside, P.pil., has assigned. Mis linbilities are $\$ 8,400$, of which $\$ 4,636$ are preferred. His assets consist of $\$ 3,400$ in real estate (upou which there is a mortgage of $\$ 2,500$ ) and a stock walued at $\$ 3,530$. Ilis book debts congist of $\$ 090$ groil, $\$ 620$ doubtful, and $\$ 1,452$ bad; or $\$ 3,062$ in all. These figures exphinin the cause of his failure. Ho has given credit far too freely, and the fact that only onesthird of his book debts are considered good shows with how little judgment he has dispensed it.
-It looks as if the unsecured creditors of Francis Jaques, carriage maker of Woodstocls, Ont., whose failure was roported in our lust issuc, would get very little, if anything. His chief creditors are Wm. Gray \& Sons, of Chatham, to whom he owes $\$ 2,000$, and as their claim is secured the chances of the others getting anything out of the estate are proportionntoly slim. Last Octobor Jarfues bought the Stothers property adjoiniug lis former carriage repository for $\$ \pm, \pm 50$. He had made a pmyment on this of be$t_{\text {ween }}$ six and seven hundred dullars, but the money was raised on promissory, notes whith his brother-in-iaw endorsed, and thas it simpiy added to the burden on him instead of lighteniag it in any way.
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-The returas of the thred largest life insurance companies present an amount of acw business that seems astonishing cont. sidering the period of depression during whid it was collected. 'Ille New York Life led off with botiness amounting to Sues,000,000: The Equitable rolled up $\$:\{00,000,000$; and 0it Mutual Life fol: lowed a liethe behind Uwe Equitubio, mak\#ug a total of over $\$ 600,000,000$. ( Brir dently 'une insuring publie felt that, no' watter in whatever other line they mighth ceonomise, it woutd be foolish, to do so in lite insuramee.
-The following list of United States patents to Comadian inventors, granted Januny $16 t h, 1894$, is reported expresely for thit maper by James Sangster, Buifule, N.X.
 Ghine, Thomas Davidson, Mount Brydgelk Cauada: Bath-tub, lirederiel J. Шuzayd, Lloronto, Canala; Machine for compressing pulp, limank 13. IToward, Montreal, Camada; Thime stamp, John Sharpe, Toronto, Canada; Dust guard amd oil-saver for car axles, WilLimm A. Warman, Moncton, Cunuda; Patty: ing-Lool, Theodore Witte, Chillwack, Canada.
-The system of rovernment bonuses to fmigriuts has been abolishen and no more will be paid after the first of Mareln next. Herctofore $\$ 10$ has been paid to heads of families and $\$ 5$ to cach adult member. When the bonus system was inuagurated, the Allail Stemmship line and Camadian Pacific malway also contributed, but: four years ago they ceased doing so, and at the confifrone between representatives of the railway and steamship lines and the Govarmment, held at Montrenl last fall; the Government was asked to diseontinue the bonus system as it did not really aidemi: grants.
-ln Manitoln, Suider d Miller, genernl stove, Portage la Prairic, have assigued. They only commenced last suring und dull tines and competition were too much for them,-The Manitoba Puhishing Company, Wianineg, has come to grief. It has not been doing well for some time and one of: the fathers lost hearily by the fature of the Commercial bank.-A meeting of the creditors of the Brandun Boot and Shoe Company; recenty poted as assigned, has been held.-Joln Curswell, an ex-storekeeper of Dourlags, Mam., hus nssigued. He gave up active business last year, and, prior to that, was worlinge muder an extension of time.

- A city doctor has taken action for damages agniust three city papers, "Tho Gnzette," "The Witness" and "La Compagnie d'Impression et Publication,". for $\$ 10,000$ cach. Libel kuits are quite common in Mlontreal. Perhapks sume of our peopto are more sensitive, or the papers are bolder than in other places. Papers from New York, freely sold here, often contain " news" and comment thint no Moutreal paper would dare publish, "information" too, which we are sorry to say, is chieliy furnished by certain eity press reporters. One Montreal paper is believed to lanve libels for a million dollars inseribed against it.


## Sinancial

Thurstay Evig., Jan. 25, 1804.
In the local market lonus were reported at 5 per cent. on timo and 5 to 5 ,hon call. The ensiness in the murket caused a more checrful feeling among brokers and their clients. Sterling in New York was quoted at 4.85 and $4.87 \%$. Here 60 day bills closed at $03-32$ to $5-32$ and $91 / 4$ to $\%$, demand 94 to $9-16$ and $9 \%$ to $\%$. Cubles 9 11-10 and 10. New York funds par to 1.32 between banks and $1 / 6$ to $1 / 2$ counter, New York stocks were eteady with little doing most of the day an: closed a' little off. Sugar was fairly strong. It opened at $77 \%$, went to $78 \%$ and then back to 77 夋. Louisville ana Nashville opened at 4416 , rose to $45 \%$ nud ro-äcted to 45 . St. Paul opened at $50 \%$, advauced to $60 \%$ and came back to $00!$. Most securities weakened towards the close. Wheat made a record in Chiencro to-day, touching G3\%e May, the lowest point known to Montreal Grokers. It was selling when writing. at 63\% 4 to \%e. There was $n$ big liquid-

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ation going on, on the part of unfortunate 'bulls' tired of holding for a rise. The large quantity of wheat in sight was tisappointing and foreign markets are thull and continute to offer wheat. On the local market, outlook appears brightor for stocks. Richelien sold actively most of the wedk. To-day it changed hands at S21, S3 and $83 \%$. The 'elique' still talk big things and claim to be buying. Street Railwny sold as high as 169 and as low an 1.63, and business was large. The same operators are largely interested in both stocks, with considerabie Freneh Cauadian clement. Gas was called for to some axtent and there was more doing in bink of Montrenl. Merchants sold today at 167, Peoples at 120, Strect Rnilmay at 165 and $1641 / 2$ and Telegraph at 144. Followring is the record for the week, as per Chas. Meredith \& Co., stock brokers:


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## MONTREAL WHOTESALE MARKETS.

Thursilay Evg:, Jan. 25, 1804.
Butiness affairs generally have been quiet and uneventiful. There are few changes in the price liste and a waiting attitude is maintained, in viess of pos.
sible alterations in the tariff. Some surprise is uaturally expressed that United States free traders should havo shown such strongth at Washington. Amorican legislntion must be speedily felt hero, especially in wool, sugar and such leading staples. The sudden changes in the weather, and the necessity of gunrding against influenza and the like, has helped the clothing and dry goods poople, as well as the furriers. The depression in raw furs is caused by Europena adrices. Ashest-Receipts of pots continue to be in excess of January last year. Market is quiet at $\$ 4.85$ to $\$ 4.40$ for firsts, $\$ 3.80$ to $\$ 3.8 \mathrm{~s}$ for secouds. Pearls sell at $\$ 5 . \overline{0} 0$ for first sort. Receired since Jan. 1st 10 s brls. pots, 0 buls. pearls; delivered 63 brle. pots, 7 brls. penils; in store 20 th Jan. at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .80$ bris. pots, 39 brls: pearls.

Canned Goods.-The first steamer of tha senson with camned salmon from Fictoria, B. C., has arrived at Liverpool. Her cargo cousists of 81,700 cases. Eight aniling ressels are on the way with similar cargoes. Canned lobasters have lamost disappeared out of British importers' hands. Salmon is engaging more attention, but, in view of the (is08) pack arriving, prices are not certain. Timed meats in good demand but camed fruits neglected.
Cheosee and Butter.-The British Board of Trado returns show imports of Canada cheese to have been as follows: 1893, $1,040,704$ cwts., $1802,1,038,500$; 1891, Sai7,841. With theso figures the Dominion exceeds all other exporting countries. Just niow there is only a moderate demand in Dritain for Canadian and States cheese, best parcels are held firm1y. About 563 to $\overline{6} 7 \mathrm{~s}$ are the top prices for fancy September, but 6is has been obtained. August can be had at b2s to bus and seems to be well called for. On spot, fine cheese is strong and prospects favor an early winding up of the season, ruppiies being now quite moderato throughout Canall. Finest is probably iworth $1.11-2 \mathrm{e}$. Liverpool public cable quotes 57s. lutter is stendy with a good many rolls selling at 20 c to 21c. Tho suppiy of rolls has lessened demand for creamery, which is nominal at 23 c to 25e. Small jobbing lots of fresh Township dairy have sold at 24c to 25e, quality being extra.
Dry Gooder-Timittanees have beon slim, and searcenoss of money sicems to be a common evil, all over the combtry: Orders are coming in fitirly well, proving flith in the future ablitity of the peoplo to buy and pay for what they get. City custom keeps steaity up, both in the suburbs and in the eity proper. Demand has been unilormiy ateriy this year, owing perhaps to elimatic causes. Manfincturers are busy and looms are running on ordere. The idea is to sell first and manufacture uiterwards mad this should be adhered to. rrom all we can learn the business of maninacturing has been only molerately remunerative, but the time of ammai meetings is not far off and more wial soon transpire with regarl to this. law material shows strangth. payers of woocens are earlior ia the fied than usual, as higher prices for wool are expected as a result of United States turifi changos.. Liverpool cutton, steady; American middiings, 4 1-21. New York cottm. Futures, steady; Jan. 7.6 EL, Teb. 7.60 c , Maich 7.78 c , April 7.895. Close, spots, steady ; uplands T T-Sc, gulf S 1-2c, Futures stendy; sales Jan. 7.59c, Feb. 7.61e, March 7.00c, April 7.77c, May 7.806c, June 7.93c.

Farm Produce-Demand has been fair
for what is offering on the city public markets. Honey 10 e to 12 c , maple su. gar 8c to 10 c , maple syrup 70 c to 85 c . New Inid eggs 50e to 00c. Chickens 00 c
 $\$ 1.40$, geese 6 ̌e to 8 äc. Tomatoes; por do\%en, $\overline{0} 0$ to 7 Jc , radishes 75 c to $\$ 1$ ditto cucumbers 20 to 2ine each, spinach, por peck 35 c to 40 c , mushrooms per 1 b . $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$, potatocs per bng $7 \overline{\mathrm{~b}} \mathrm{e}$ to 8 s c , cooking pens per bushel 00 e to $\$ 1$.
Flour and Grain.-Sales have been confined to small lots and prices rule as before. No. I hard Manitobr wheat is nominal at 72 c to 78 c and No. 2 at 70 e to Tl c . Pens 67 c to 68 c , onts 38 c , corn 62 c to 64 c and barlely 42 c to 43 c for foed and 50 c to benc for malting. Winter wheat flour sells at $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.80$ and other brands are correspondingty low. Cash prices for grain in Chicago, whent $59 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{sc}$, corn 34 7-8c and oats 26 3-4c. An important effect expected of the recont action of the Indinn Governunent in regard to its drafts will be to brime Indian whent and cotton into sharper competition with American whent and cotton than"before. The artificinl value attempted to be put upon exchange by the Indin Council gavo Amerienn prodrice, and Chinese prodnce an ndrantage over Indian produce, which is now lost. British cables contain nothing of importance. Californin whent, nearly due, 27s 0d. French markete firm. Liverpool whent, epot, quiet, maize firm. Cnnadian pers 4s 111 -2d. maize firm. Cnmatian pers $4 \mathrm{~s} 111-2 \mathrm{~d}$.
The season's shipments of whent from Indin have been $27,180,000$ bushels, $\Omega$ decrense of $7,800,000$. In the American Northwost, milwny elovators are taking in little grain. The movement is chiefly from countres elevators. Stock of whent in farmers' hands in Manitoba, exelusive of seed, $21-2$ millions of bushels, in storo about $21-2$ milijons. Exports to date nbout 7 1-2 millions.
Green Fruits, Ete.-Among the sales of the week were spies at $\$ 3.40$ and BaldWiils nt $\$ 3.60$. Talmian sweets were withimana at $\$ 2.50$, B. B.'s at $\$ 3.10$ and Northern spies at $\$ 3.30$. Ton boxes of of lemons bold at $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.12 \mathrm{I}-2$. Some extra fine pineappies were offered by jobbers at 20 e to 30 cench . Two cars of red apples have sold at $\$ 4.50$ West, for ship ment to Scotland. One United States firm has sent 4,000 böxës of Florida fruit to this marketi nud results have been satisfactory. The markets will now be supplied with Californin oranges and small fruits. Pacific crop is large and quality first class. Two cars of Florida oranges were sold at rather low prices, owing to large supply, minavorable sizes offered and largo number of Russets: One was placed at about the fol lowing prices : 13 rights $\$ 2.2$. to $\$ 2.371 / 2$ bright russets $\$ 2$ to" $\$ 1.37$ 1-2, russets \$1.62 1-2 to \$1, folden russots $\$ 1.621 .2$ to $\$ 1.121-2$, choice briphts $\$ 1.75$. The second ear sold at the following: Golden rusiets $\$ 1.2 \overline{2}$ to $\$ 2.12$ 1-2. choice brights \$2.37 1-2 to $\$ 1.50$, russets $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.25$, brights $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 1.37 \mathrm{I}-2$, bright russets $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.25 .8$ half boxes Tangerines $\$ 1.30$, C do $\$ 1 . \mathrm{bz}$, 19 barrels of apples sold nt $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 2.40$.
Grocerica.-There appear to be no large orders in the market. but a good average trade is being done by lending jobbers. Sugar is unchanged, but the feeling is unsettled in sympathy with New York. The report that the United States politicinns will mako all kugars free hab imported an element of preat uncertainty into the situation. The question naturally occurs, how would it affect Camainn refiners'? Siter the recent anin in price at New York, refined gugar dropped again to the disgust of buyers who had been frightened into stocking up. In raws tho position is somewhat uncertain, because of the far that influences othor than thoso

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growing out of natural lawa of supply and demand may prevail, passibly until thie tarifi matter is settiod. Loudon cables report camo quiet ; Java 16s, refining 13s. Beet 12 s 41 -2d Jun., 12s $6 d$ Feb. Cuba centrifugal 96 test 14 s 9: per civt. Cuba muscovado, fuir refining, 12s 3d. Speculation in coffee has been moderate. Europe was irregular, and the Brazilian accounts without encouragement, full receipts and stocks and continued clearances dissipating any iden of scant supplics of coffee. Stock of Beaall coffec in United States 229,947; total In storo and aflont 527,947 last year 601,467. English advices on tea report a fair demand for export, but with only amall results as yet. Home trado has been affected by heary Indian and Ceylon bales and these now offer such marvelous value to the large distributors that China kinds have to trike becoud place. The partisans of China maintnin that Knigows and Panyongs at $5 d$ and Gd compare favorably with Iudians and Coylons at the anme price, but they are not in fashion, and quite tabooed by the general trade. Some disturbance has been consed in the local molasses market by the introduction of cheap mixed stock from the United States. Prime genuino Bnrbadoes is in few hands and commands its prico.
Hops.-A London report states that a good enquiry has sprung up for States, but market is bare and the few medium kinds on offer were purchnsed at 5510 s . The British Columbin hops grown from Enst Kintsetts are being quietly taken at f 7 and not many remain. A fow Belginn hops change liande daily, old sorts belling at 80 s to 82 s and Paperinges nt 83 to 85 s , while one or tro bales of Altmarks realized $£ 612 \mathrm{~s}$. The markets on the continent keep firm and English hops are beling sent there.
Hides and Tallowt-Denlers wero somowhat loud in their complaints about tho extrnordinary depression nad low prices of hides. It appenrs that some of them havo brought in considerabie stock from Chicago. Dealers are now paylug $\$ 3.50$ to butehers for No. 1 and se?ling the prepared stock to tamers at $\$ 4$. Other grades, No. 2 and No. 3 soll on the usual batis of $\$ 1$ icss. Call skins 6c. Tallow $21-2 \mathrm{c}$ for rough and $\mathrm{\sigma c}$ to $61-4 \mathrm{c}$ for rendered.
Iron and Hardwhed-Tho iron men, of all shades of opinion, aye still hammerling away at tho tariff, and it is difficult to see how the Government can please everybody: Liocal demand lor goods is
moderate and prices have not varied to any extent. Warrants are cabled 43 s 6 d . Tin low and casier. Lead 5078 ad and dull. Copper $£ 41103$ and quiet. Philadelphia advices indicate that the market is on the eve of improvement. Buyers are more inclined to negotiate and gome important buying may result, but whether demand will become general can only be determined by subsequent events. London cables quote spot tin at $£ 71$ and three months' futures at $£ 71$ 17s 6d. Steel raile remain quiet at New York. There are few enquiries for other than rather small lots, sales being common-placecThe combination price for heavy section $f$. o.b. mill, or $\$ 24.80$ tidewater delivery. Forty pound sections $\$ 24$ f.o.b. mill.
Leather and Shoes.-The boot and shoe factories are becoming more fully emploged, but demand for leather keeps modcrate, and most factories apparently carried over a pretty fair stock from last feason. Travellers have been ending in good average orders. General tone keeps quiet but not despondent by any means.
Livo Stock.-British cables report a dull and weak market. Finest steers at Liverpool 11c to 11 1-2c, good to choice $101-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 11 c ; poor to medium 9 1-2e to 10c. Some Canndinns are shipping American cattle at United States ports. Shippers would like the regulations done away wiht which prevent Canadian cattle being forwarded from American sea ports.
Provisions and Eggs.-Tho movement in pork and meale has not been large. Canada sliort cut is quoted at $\$ 17$ to $\$ 18$, western new mess $\$ 16.50$ to $\$ 17$, city cured lums 12c to 13c, bacou $111-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 12 1-2e, Canada lard 11 1-4e to 12 1-4e common refined 81-4e to 81-2c. Cash prices in Chicago were pork $\$ 13.20$, lari $\$ 7.80$ and short ribs $\$ 6.65$. On the local market, receipts of western eggs hare been considerable, and demand light. Boiling 20c to 22e, held fresh 13c to 17 c , city limed 150 to 16 c and western limed 14c.

Raw Furs.-Late ndvices from the London salee are to hand and report a decline throughout. Black bear has dropped 20 per cont. and brown and grissly 25 per cent. Mink averages a decline of 40 per cent. compared with last March. Muskrat, spring and winter, is down 10 and fall 25 per cent., lynx 35, wolf 271 1-2, wild cat 15, badger 30, martin $171-2$, beaver 121 -2, ineoon 10 and skunk $71-2$ per cent. Tho snle was not relieved by a. single ndvance on any class of American furs offerod; and tho tendency, judg-
ing by the feeling of the trade, is toward a further decine at the March sales. The trade throughout Europe has not beon satisfactory and the present outlook does not promise any improvement. Those who purchase raw fure for sale, or shipment should study the condition of the Euro pean market, as prices there will re-act on values here. Revisions are now no cessary for the reasous given and we quote as follows: Mink $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.25$ martin $\$ 1$, fox $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.40$, fisher dark, $\$ 6$, pale $\$ 5$; muskrat, fall, 10c spring 16e to 18c, bear, large, $\$ 22$, me dium $\$ 15$, cub $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$, lyne $\$ 2.50$, bea ver, per lb., spring $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.25$, skunk black, $\$ 1.25$, half striped 75 c , broad atri ped 15e, otter, large dark prime, $\$ 12$.
Wool-At the London sales Capo \& Natal greasy bold at $6 d$ to 6 3-4d. Competition spirited, especially for merinos and cross breds, medium quality selling freely Home trade purchased fine New South Thics and Port. Philip scoured and continental operators secured suitable par cels. Some lots were bought in.:

TORONTO WHOLESALE THADE. (Revised by Telegraph.)

## Toronto, Jau: 20, 1894.

Wholesale trade continues quiet. Valuea of the lending stoples are unchanged, and payments are in some cases slightly better. The city store trade is particularly quiet, and the expectations of merchantis are not large. Owing to the depression on outside wheat markets, prices are lower throughout Onitario with eales of whitn and red west at 57c. The money market is ensy with call lonns quoted at 5 1-2 per cent. and prime discounts att 6 1-2 to $r$ per cent. Sterling exchange quiet and stendy: Spoculation is not as active as Inst week, and the fecling is irregular. Com merce sold down to 134 1-2, Standard, to 1162, Hamilton to 101, C.P.R. 70 ex d bid and Cable sold at 135. Gas sold at 100 Montreal Street Railway at 105, and Brit ish Ameriach Assuranec at 112 1-2. British Canadian Loan firmer at 113 1-2 and Building and Loan 100
Butter.-Trade quiet and the market rather easier: Gloice tub 20 c to $21.1-2 \mathrm{c}$, and the best large rolls 18e to 19c: Creamb ery tub, choice 23 c to 25 c . Eggs are low er, with strictly fresl quoted at 10 c - ordin: ary 16 c to 16 c , nud limed 13 c to $181-2 \mathrm{c}$.

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Cheese is firm, with sales of October at 11e and 01 1-2c.
Dressied lHons.-The demand is rather slack with packers holding off. The market is lower, with snles of car lots att $\$ 6.10$ and $\$ 6.15$.
Flour and Grain:--Flour is dull and pricen unchanged; choice straight rollers $\$ 2.70$. to \$2.75, and ordimary at \$2.00. Ontario patentis nominal at $\$ 8$. Manitoba patents jol at $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.70$, and strong bakerse at \$3.40. Whent is weaker, with exporters nolding off: White and red winter sell to millers at 57 c west, while exporters wont give over 55 c to 5 Gc . Goose sold at 50c west, and spring hed at 61e on the Midland. No. 1 Manitoba lard leld at 95 c west and at TTe Montreal freight. Barley
dull with No. 1 selling a't 43c and No. 2 . at 41c. Feed sells freely at 38 c on Midland and at 37 c westh Onts quiet, withe mixed quoted at 31 1-2e to 32 c northic and west, aud cars on track $351-20$ to 80 c . Peas steady at $521-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 53 e north and west. Rye sells at 46 c and buckwheat of fers at 45 c '. Bran still scarce and firm at $\$ 15$ to $\$ 15.50$ on track, and shorts $\$ 10$ ! Oatmenl $\$ 3.90$ to $\$ 3.95$ for cars and $\$ 4.15$ for broken lots.
Grocerics.-Trade quiet this week. Sugara unchanged. Granulated selle at 4 1-2c to $45-\mathrm{Sc}$, and yellonse at $33-\mathrm{Se}$ to $41-\mathrm{Sc}$; according to quality. Fruits quiet, with prunes selling at 5 1-2c to 0 1-2c. Coffees quoted at 22 c to 23 e for Rios and teas unk changed. Canned goods unchanged at 80 c . for peas, corn and tomatoes.


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Live Stock-Receipts of cattle fair, but the offerings are genorally of inferior att 2y 1-2c to 3c. The beist butchers catitle sold at $33-4 \mathrm{c}$. Milch cows sold at $\$ 25$ to $\$ 48$ ench, and colves at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 8.60$ leach: Sheep sold ${ }^{-n t-\$ 3.75-\text { to }} \$ 4.50$ each lamibs at $31-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 4 c per 1 b . Hoge dull ath 5 1-4e for choice light fat, and 48 -40 tion be for stores.
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