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-The taxpayers of Buranby, B.C., have sanctioned the raising of $\$ 10,000 \mathrm{hy}$ lonn at 0 per cent., for roadmaking and imr. provensant. A sum of $\$ 25,000$ was simil $\mu$ arily borrowed last year. Premier Davie. has also promised a trial of the small Inolding system in Burnaby, in which district the Provincial Government owns, some 3,000 acres.

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-Mri. O. Ginemmer is about starting a now furniture factory in Wingham. In is intonded to lun on only the highest grades.
- Manreir \& Co., of Tilsonburg, have purchased the generni drygoods stock of Ansley \& Co., of Aylmer, at 40 cents in the dollar.
-Tine receivers of the Northern Pacific have been anthorized by the eourts to lease the elevators along the line of the road in Manitoba.
--Tins lBoor and shoe and general stock of MeKellar \& Co., of Glencoe, has been sei\%ed by the sheriff under an execution issued by creditors in this city.
 the heirs of Mr. and Mis. O. Dorland, of Simeoe, who were killed in the Battle Creok disaster.
--'Tus U. S. Congressional Committee on banking and currency have reported favorably on the bill ordering the subjection of
national bank and treasury notes to taxation by the various state goveraments.
-R. J. Wimmaa \& Co. have purchased the dry goods stock of Campbell \& Robinson at Morden for 50 conts on the dollar: "The book dobts brought 20 cents.
-A new oil company to be called the Sixth Line Oil Co. has commenced operations in Emniskellen, Ont. A test well is being put down by Petrolia parties.
-Tres English expert who was busy preparing oyster beds at Shediac, N.B., last summer, is expected to arrive there in a few days to finish the planting.
-Tenders are being received for the dry grods now in transit, valued at $\$ 4,000$, consigned to the insolvent firm of Spittal, Burn \& Gentloman, London, Ont.
-The Westenn railroads have extended the time limit for sales of Mid-winter Fair tickets between Chicago and the Coast from the 30 th April to the 30 th Junc.
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-The Abvisony Board of the Mantoba Department of Eduention has appointed a committee to consider the question of introdaciag the teaching of agriculture into the public seliools.
-Accomping to despatches from Kansas the wheat crop is in urgentmeed of rain.... Fully three out of the four and a half million acres of farm land in the State are suffering from drought.

- Rountriwate, Man, has an opening for a creamery expert with some capital. A site for a factory on a rmming spring creek is offered and enough cows are promised to ensure success.
-Owng to financial difficulties work has been stopped on the Woodstock opera honse. There are certain liens on the property and the contractors have suspended operations until these are settled.
-Ar a mecting of the directors of the Ontario Wool Boot Co. at Hanover, Mr. S. D. Moyer was selected to assist the President, Mr. H. Krante, in liquidating the business as cheaply andrapidly as possible.
-Sydney, the terminal point of the Victoria \& Sydncy R. R., is the "baby" town of British Columbia. Of course it has its little boom. Choice lots are selling at $\$ 390$, and frame houses are going up fast.
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-Mr. Jomn Cavers, who has been manager of the Imperial Bank in Galt ever since its establishment there, has retired from that institution and will be suceeded by Mr. G. C. Easton of Wellind.
-Trie courts have quashed the by-law of the town of Palmer-- ston fixing the cost of liquor licenses for the present year on the ground that the sum named is greater than that permitted by the Liquor License Act.
-Sir Cuarleg Tuppen and the Anstralian Agents-General have prepared a joint case for prosentation to Lord Ripon, asking Imperial aid for the proposed Pacific cable and the fast Atlantic and Pacific steamship lines.
-Gold discoveries, believed to bo of commercial value, are reported from Pitt Lake, B.C., and rich new fields are reported from China Creek, Alberni. Prospecting for coal is "meanwhile proceeding south of Okanagan Lake.
--The announcementr that the Grand Trmak system will be extended to Owen Sound revives the rumour that a line of steamships will be established in connection with the rond to compete with the Canadian Pacific's lake flect.
-When the Minister of Militia visited Wingham he promised to send two camon to adorn the park. The camoon have duly arrived; but so, we read, has a freight bill for $\$ 34$, which the municipal authorities refuse to pay. Many a war began with less provocation and lighter weapons.

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--Pbinambr, one of the men acensed of setting fire to the property ol Mrs. Soulard at St. Rose, hats admitted his gutt aud implicated two companions. 1Ie said that Mrs. Soulard promised them sil00 if the place wits burned down.
-'Tue pachane in the volume of emigration to this country continues. During the tirst three months of this year the number of cmigrants from British ports to Camada was only 3,400 as against 9,700 in 1893, a decline of 05 per cent.
A summany of the crop reports from fifty counties in the northwestern states indicates that the damage to winter wheat will consist principally in the delay to the advalucement of the crop and that the yied will not be seriously impaired.
-Thers is so litile demand for cattle for export at present prices that the farmers of Contre Wellingtom are forming a syndicate to ship their own catule. The experience will be a valuable ons if it does mot turn out too costly.
-Burens complain that the low price of timplate has forced The manufacturers in Somath Walles to curtail their expenses so much that the boxes and mails they use are umble to stand the weight of the contents, and the tin is frequently delivered in bulk.
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--Tire Nelson, B.C., Miner says that an English syndicate has invested $\$ 150,000$ in Bushards grold claim on Boundary Creek and the Copper and Stemwinder mines in Greenwood. They have ninety days in which to make the linal payment and are plaming to do leary work this season.
-A meronr has been presented to the Dominion House on the prevalence of cattle discase in_thee townships of the County of Grey. The disease, which was causing much alarm, is gangrenous ergotism, which affects the feet of the cattle in consequence of improper food, It is not contagious.
-Tres falling off in the volume of trade in the United States is demonstrated by the fact that the total receipts from Customs dutics lor the month of March, 1.504, were $\$ 7,448,470$, against S12,439,280 for the same month in 1893 . This means a falling of of $\$ 4,090,801$, or more than bit per cent.
-A prominent citizen of Collingwood who wrote "All well" on the margin of a newspaper and sent it by mail at newspaper rates was tined $\$ 10$ and costs for defratding the postal authorities. A young lady who committed a similar offence was also mulcted the same amount. The nuthoritios are evidently stricter in Collingwood than they aro here.

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dawn upon his efforts．The output of the mills last year reached $\$ 000,000$ ，and the losses by bad debt amounts to but $\$ 10$ ．As the mills employ 500 hands the citizens of St．John＂must con－ gratulate themselves on the now assured permanency of this large and well－managed enterprise．
－Trie Connecticut victims of the defunct Order of the Iron Hall have secured a decided advantage over their fellow sufferers．When that gigantic bubble burst an attempt was made to sequestrate the funds that were in the hands of the various subordinate branches in different States into the pos－ session of a general receiver in Indianapolis．The Supreme Court of Connecticut directs that the receiver shall not be put in possession of any funds in that State，but that they shall be re－ turned pro rata to the members who contributed them．
－In Spite of all statements to the contrary the impression in business circles is that payments on the 4th were very poor． Some houses report that hardly a single note was uct；although the drawers were all good men．Still very few failures resulted， Wholesalers are unwilling to press their customers at this season of the year，when the spring trade may pull them through，and preferred to protect the paper themselves．But there is a grow－ ing feeling that country merchants are becoming too exacting in their demands for renewals，and too careless in looking after their paper，and that if a little more pressure were put on，those who can pay，and wont pay，might be made to pay．

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-A. Petoquin \& Co., traders, Pont du Sault, Que., have failed for $\$ 0,000$.
-L. Becker a Co., Bankers, Waterford, Ont., have suspended payment. The present business was started in ' 88 and the firm was supposed to be doing fairly, being in good standing.
-F. W. Young \& Co., traders, Seeley's Bay, Ont, are offering a compromise-of-40c-in-the dollar, half cash and half secured. $F$. W. Young succeeded his sister, Mrs. Gainsford, in '85 and in the spring of ' 02 admitted one McKenzie under the above style.
-Compllments continue to pour in because of the new typography in these pages. It is to be hoped that by another week all the old type will have been superseded.
-The general store of G. Smithors, at Seaforth, Ont., was burnt out last Sunday. 'The loss is placed at $\$ 3,000$, insured in the Phonix for $\$ 2,500$.
-L. R. Riciandson, of Strathroy, has leased the Wilsoncroft cheese factory near Petrolia for a term of years, and will run it as an addition to the one he controls at Muirkirk.
-Tine many friends of the Hon. John S. Hall, Provincial Treasurer, are rejoiced to learn that he has recovered from the indisposition which confined him to his house for some time past.
-The Melrose Warchousing Co. has been incorporated with a capital of $\$ 2,000$ to handle the grain of the district. A substantial storehouse will he erected at once.
-Mr. Frank Hart (Hart \& Tuckwell) has purchased the desirable vacant lot on the corner of Sherbrooke and Simpson strects, for the purposes of a palatial residence which ho is about to ercet thereon shorlly.
-To those who have sent in new subseribers in exchange for 5j World's Fair pictures we have to explain that occasionally from a week to ten days may elapse before the order can be flled. See whole page advertisoment elsewhere.
-One of the most enterprising manufacturiug firms in Ontario in referring to their advertisement in the Journaly of Commerce, writes as follows:-"We are greatly pleased with the results, and would ask you to insert card at same vate for another. year.-The Oakville Basket Co., pr. James C. Ford, manager.-" This Prank and generous admission is an example of what we receive from advortisers, east and west.
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-Bmantromps city comeil have accopted $\$ 90.40$ for an issue of $\$ 206,000 \mathrm{in} 4$ per cent. municipal loan fund dobentures.
-Wablagebume's Board of 'Trade now has 52 members, and the town is contemphating the establishment of a maket day and of a daily freight boat to Wilkesport and back.
-D. Dabmats, shoes, Armprior, has succeeded in effecting at Hetiloment at 40 e on the dollar cash.-T. C. Young, artist, London, has assigned.
-T, J. Larounblam, grover, city, has assigned with liabilities of $\$ 1,000$, Lle wats formerly of Latourelle \& Gervais who dis. solved soveral months agro.
-l'me anticipated retirement of Mr. R. B. Angus from the ditectomate of the Montreal Street Railway Co. is confirmed, and Mr. James luss has been selected to fill the vacancy on the board.

- H. P. Dyr, of the lake Worth Louse, Lake Worth, Florida, hats leased the Irognois louse at St. Hitaire for the ensuing seasom.
--'lus fire losses of tho United States and Canada were only So, 147,100 for the month of Mareh last. This is a gratifylng decrease compared will Mareh, 1893, when tho tire losses were

-J. \& J. Mediasi, grocers, Sl. Thomas, Ont., have assigned to John Bairl of the same place, The labilities will reach probably sais,000, of which ahout $\$ 10,000$ is secuted to the Merchauts Batuk. The stock is about $\$$
-ON whe blackened walls of the structure, comprising the theatre and hotel burnt a few days ago in Nilwatkee, Wis., ounsing much loss of life, may be seen standing ont in awfin mockery on oilher side of the entrance, the words, "Absolutely fire prool." 'Total moncy loss nearly a quarter million.
-I It is to be hoped that the efforts now being made by the postollice inspectors mity have the effect of putting at stop to the use of the framking privilege in Ottawat. It is high time departmental omployees were given to understand that they are not to employ fromked envelopes for the correspondence of their business relatives at the Capital.


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-Tire Americans term Stead's book recently issued describing what ho saw and recounting what he heard in Chicago, as a "Directory of Sin." The author also failed to make a favorable impression on those who heard him at ovening in one of the priacipal churches during his stay in Montreal, MLr. Stead's book reminds one of the razors that were "made to sell."

- Remis estate was fairly active in this city during March. The sales in Montrial proper amounted to $\$ 827,521$, in Cote $\mathrm{St}_{\mathrm{t}}$. Antoine to $\$ 48,716$, and in Maisomeuve, Mile End, Montreal Annex, Ste. Cunogonde, St. Henri, Montreal Junction and Verdun to about $\$ 110,000$, of which St. Ifenri contributed about $\$ 40,000$ and MLontreal Junction about $\$ 30,000$.-R2. E. Record.
-A Recent paragraph referring to the Canadian Packers' As sociation, who lave formed in selling committeo in Toronto under the direction of eight of the representative packers, was somewhat misleading. Mr. C. II. Dougall, of 44 St. John street, this city, who, npart from his respectable connections, is favorably known to our citizens, is the sole representative for the above Association for Montran.
-Genehat regret was expressed by the trade on learning that the wholesale hardware house of J. Muckleston \& Co., Kington, was in finnncial trouble. A recent mecting of creditors was adjourned until the first of May, to give the firm time to preparo a statement of its affairs. In the meantime its paper will be looked after, and steps taken to prevent hasty legal action. This is one of the oldest and most respectable. houses in the trade, and its dilliculties have been brought about by dull times, oceasional heavy losses, and incroasing competition. 'It is quite possible that an arrangoment satisfactory to all concorned will be arrived at.
-The expectations of the shareholders of the defunct Citizens' Insuranco Co. are steadily dwinding, and now only the most sangune anticipate a dividend of 84 , while the directors think $\$ 2$ is tho more likely figure. Nuch depends upon the suit now pending before the Supreme Court at Ottawa, as its decision will make a difference of $\$ 1$ in the dividend either way. It is believed that the Government will release the deposit at Ottawa shortly on the policies whose owners have not responded being properly


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-Geo. K. Hatfield, pianos, Yarmouth, N.S., in business in a small way, has assigned. He was burnt out last January, but insuranco was small.-Hanson Bros., mfrs., shoos, St. Andrews, N.B., are offoring 25 c . on the dollar. Of late they have gone steadily behind and recently sold out. Liabilities are about $\$ 5,000$. If not accepted they will have to assign.-Tagles $\$$ Porter, dry goods, St. John, N.B., have assigned. Their record extends back about 17 years. They did but a moderate trade and are thought to have become overstocked.
-Tire stock in the three stores of E. A. Bigg \& Co., insolvouts, Brockville, together with the Bigg block, have been sold by anction in Toronto. A number of Brockville merchants attended the sale, one of whom bid successfuliy. Mr. Keman Shepherd bought the dry goods at $711 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. on the dollar and the "Fair" at 4112 c ., while a Toronto man bid in the Crystal Hall at 73c. The block was knocked down to Wm. Parker for the sum of $\$ 14,500$ whichlis considered a bargain. The roal estate is encumbered to the extent of $\$ 12,000$. The liabilities of the three stores were $\$ 10,740$ and the assets $\$ 11,313$.
-In this province J. Dusseault, printer, Quebec, formerly of Dusseault \& Proulx who rẹcently dissolved, has assigned. The liabilities are $\$ 20,000$, but lie shows a large nominal surplus. A. Francoeur, grocer, Sorel, has assigned owing $\$ 5,000$. He has been in business since " 75 and compromised in ' 83 , and again in November, '30. Louis Tetrault, produce, Vercheres, is reported absent, and a meeting of creditors to appoint a curator to his his estate will shortly take place. He has been in business some time and worked up a large trade from a small beginning, but latterly has attompted more than was perhaps prudent.-J. B. O. Archambault, hay, city, is offering 8c. on the dollar, and G. J. Gebhardt, lithographic supplies, is endeavoring to settle at $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. on the dollar:-R. Beawais \& Frere, carriages, Japharie, at a mecting of creditors offered 20 c on the dollar, but this was not accepted. The business has existed for six to seven yoars. Recent losses arose from freer crediting than was wise.-Beault \& Co., general store, St. Louis de Gonzague, offer 45c. on the dollar cash.
-The people of London and vicinity are discussing the merits of an action instituted by Mr. W. E. Bartram, barrister; in that city against the London Loan Co. of the sume place. The writ recites that "the plaintiff's claim is on behalf of himself and all the shareholders of the London Loin Co. of Camada for an injunction to restrain the said company, its officers and servants from ultra vires acts of the said company in lending the moneys of tho said company upon personal security and otherwise contrary to the statutes in that behalf, and in acting as agents of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. in investing moneys and in acting for gain through their offcers and servants other than their logally qualified solicitors, as solicitors; ${ }^{7}$ "counsel and conveyancers, and in allowing and permitting the salaried ollicers and servants of the said company to engage in private business and
speculation in the oflice and premises of the company and clsewhere during their official business hours for duty in the service of the company; and for an account of the profits and loss to the said company from all or any ultra vires acts of the company; and for such further and other relief in respect of the ultra vires transactions of the defendants, their officers and servants, as the nature of the same may require." The company is incorporated under the general Building Society's Act, and has not, it is stated, confined itself to lending money on security of real estate.
-In Ontario Notter \& Scolt, grocers, OwenSound, have assiguod. The business is a long established one, being a succession to the flrm of Manley \& Scott. Expenses were high and they have not been securing so much custom as formerly.-Ottawa advices speak of the failure of T. H. Marcil, gents' furnishings with debts of $\$ 4,000$. He has been in business less than a year, and did his best to succeed, but was cramped for want of capital. Jolin Graham \& Sons, planing mill, Inglewood, and Diss Jane Boyle, Arthur Township, have assigned, also C. S. Ernst, electrician, Now Lamburg.-S. Fuge, tea agent, etc., London, has failed for $\$ 4,000$. He has been in business a couple of years, but his health was not of the best, and he was unable to do suflicient trade to succeed.-W. B. Mills, general store, Arden, whoso assignment is reported, did fairly at an earlier period, but attempted more than was safe in later times. He nssigned once before in June, '34, and subsequently paid 90 c on the dollar by instalments of 10 per cent.-The assigument is reported of Miss J. E. Poile, shoes, Chatham, with liabilities of about $\$ 2,500$. She succeeded her brother last summer, but has been unable to make a succoss.-C. A. Lafleche, tailor, Dolta, after struggling along in a small way for $\overline{0}$ or 6 years has assigned.-Jos. Stonehouse, Walpole, is in trouble.-T. Ricketts, general store, Gilmour Station, hoted in February last as offering 60 c on the dollar now assigns.
-Mr. Justice Teldien hats decided that in the case of mutual benefit societies if a member is bound to pay his contributions while in good health he is equally entitled to receive the stipulated indemnity when sick, no matter what the by-laws of the socicty may say. The decision was given in the case of Crevier vs. the Uuion St. Joseph. Crevier, who was a member of the society. in good standing, was compelled to give up his position as a railway mail clerk in 1891 on account of sore cyes. 'The socicty paid him \$4 weekly until March, 1883, when they notified him that the indelnity would cease, as they considered him able to earn his living. In October following, Crevier took out the present action, claiming $\$ 132$ as arrears of indemnity duc him. The judge hold that the society was not justiged in stopping the inclemuity, and gave judgment for the amount claimed.

- Fur dealers do not speak hopefully of the outlook. Advice from Europe is to be cautious in buying, because it is gen: erally admitted that there will be a further decline on nearly all important kinds in the next salo which occurs in June, and which is always a very unsatisfactory one compared with. the March sale. American manufacturers have had a poor trade and consequently aranotfree buyers.


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also. Although we are not called upon to deal with agriculture except as to the results-the products-we may be allowed to direct attention to some of the methods in vogue at the present time, more particularly to those pursued by the farming classes in this country. The low prices prevailing for nearly all classes of agricultural products during some years past, especially grain, has brought the farmer in a large number of cases to a condition of impoverishmeint, and unless some plan be devised to obtain a more extensive and profitable market-of which there is little prospect-or to reduce the cost of cultivation, it is to be feared that the business of the country may continue to suffer as it has for some months past.
The insolvency clause (referred to last week) will not mend matters, and the prospect for an increase in the price of cereals is not very bright, the prophecies credited Mr. Van Horne to the contrary notwithstanding. The whole civilized world has been brought, as it were, into touch by meaus of rapid ocean navigation, and railways have brought the grain produce of fertile lauds to the sea coast to be trausferred to where there is any prospect of a better market. Steam has accomplished all this, and the competition has brought prices for carriage to a cheapuess that could scarcely have been dreamt of by the last generation. A ton of merchandise can now be transported across the Atlantic almost as cheap as any farmer can take it to his neighboring home market. Now, as there is but little prospect of an improvement in the direction of increased prices, it is clear that the remedy must be looked for in another direction. The farmer must abandon the old system, and take a hint from the more recent methods of the large manufacturing establishments or, nearer yet, out of the creamery system. He cannot fail to perceive that much of time and labour is wasted during the working season; and in parts of the country where the plowing must be done under certain weather conditions, as in clay lands, where it must not be too dry or too wet, he should for example turn his attention to co-operative steam-plowing. Indeed co-operation should be extended to nearly every species of labor for which the farmer pays wages.
Any changes brought about are likely to be of slow gradation.' Steam-plowing will be obstructed by snake fences; but the fences are to a great extent absolutely useless, and many of them were laid down when the land was being cleared of trees a quarter to half a century ago, according as the process of clearing was outlined from year to year. Much expense is entailed on
farmers for maintaining fences, many of them mere encumbrances, and it is one for which even wire-fencing furnishes no excuse. There is little probability that Canada will ever be as free from fences as France ${ }^{\text {Tand }}$ Germany over large areas, where the fields resemble patch-work quilts for scores of miles, with not a hedge or fence to mark the lines. Land is not so valuable with us. The cost of farming should in the mamer indicated be reduced fully twenty-five per cent.
The hint for another economy may be obtained from the practice of the Illinois farmer who, in a season of low prices for maize (corn) converts the grain into pork by feeding it to his pigs. The prices of these would seem to be of a see-saw motion: when corn is low pork is high, and when pork is low corn is high. Let our farmers try wheat as well as peas to fatten their pigs. It is cheap enough. Or let them give up growing it.
There is no reason also why our people should not take greater advantage of the demand for Canadian cheese across the ocean. This article maintains its price; so do good butter and good eggs. There is money in these, more than in wheat at 50 to 60 cents a bushel. Ireland, which was practically driven out of the English market some years ago by Danish and Normandy butter, went to work a few years later with the energy of despair and already her creamery, system, with all modern improvements, is turning the tables on her continental rivals, and Cork butter is again to the fore.

The sooner the Canadian farmer realizes that Crimean War prices, or even half the figures, can never again be obtained for wheat, the better for himself and all concerned. He cannot compete economically with Russian, Hindoo or other cheap labor; but he has the instinct of cleanliness to fall back upon. Let him make the most of it. Let him also employ his time in winter more fully than in the semi-loafing function of feeding his barnyard stock and keeping the stove hot, let him use his head as well as his hands, let him study how he may employ and extend the few hints given above, and he will not have so much occasion to lament the loss of the old forest trees in the cutting and sale of which, for marketable cordwood, his father found so profitable an employment in the old time winters, and which went far in those days to provide against seasons of deficient harvest or low prices. The time of the greatest agricultural depression the country-even the world-has yet seen, is certainly opportune to the inquiry we set afoot here.

In our next issue we shall return to the subject and,
as interested in practical farming ourselves, endeavor to point out the direction which any improvement in the situation must probably take. If wheat is to the grower, ruinously cheap, let him endeavor to get more of it from a given acreage-to make two or more ears of wheat grow where only one grew before; or if this cannot be done, let him at least thoroughly understand why such a prospect is hopeless. It will be our object in a later number to point out how the experiment may be tried.

## THE DUTIES ON CO'TTON GOODS.

The fact that the cotton manufacturers have already sent out a new price-list reducing prices of white cottons from 5 to 10 per cent, and now have a similar cut in the values of greys under consideration, is sufficient proof that the reduction in the import duties upon cottons under the new tariff was a genuine and a severe one. Cotton men are no exceptions to the rule that inanufacturers do not reduce prices without solid and tangible reasons. It follows then, that the conversion of the old specific duties into one fixed ad valorem rate has deprived them of a portion of their protection on the cheaper and medium lines of their goods, although, from its inclastic character, it at times increases it upon the more expensive lines.

Take for instance a grey cotton, 30 inches wide, costing 3 cents per yard in England. Under the old tariff of 1 eent per square yard and 1.5 per cent ad valorem, it would cost 4.28 cents laid down here, without freight or charges. 'llhis gave the Canadian cotton mill 43 per cent protection, while under the new tariff he only receives $22 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. As the value of the goods increases the disparity between the old and new tariffs diminishes. Thus under the old buriff a grey-cotton of similar width, costing 4 cents, paid 35 per cent, 5 cents, 32 per cent, 7 cents, 27 per cent, 10 cents, $23 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and above that price paid less than the new tariff of $22 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent all round. This shows that in those cases where the tarifl involves an increase in cotton goods it is solely on expensive lines, which are made but little in Canada and the importations of which are comparatively unimportant. In all chenp lines it means a reduction, and in some cases a heary one. This is the true principle of tarill reform; for it reduces the cost of goods purchased by the poorer classes and transfers a larger portion of the burden to those used by a class of purchasers who do uot regard cheapuess so much as serviceableness and fashion.

It is the same in the case of colored cottons where the old duty was 2 cents per square yard and 15 per cent ad valorem, and where the new duty is 30 per cent all round. A flamelette costing 3 cents in Ingland, under the old duty cost 4.95 cents laid down here, or 65 per cent net duty. It now pays only 30 per cent. The old duty gradually diminished until the import price became 10 conts, where the duty was 30 per cent or the same as the new. Above 10 cents, the new duty is higher, and in this case the same argument is advanced as in that of grey-cottons, that the expensive lines are less used in this country and hence, that the increase imposed upon them by the inclasticity of the ad valorem duty is less important. Still any increase in the tariff affects importors more or less, and those who are thus affected feel it the more keenly because it was unexpected. They had been led to believe to loclicve that any alteration in the tariff would be in the direction of lower duties, and hence an unexpected increase, like that from

20 to 30 per cent on cotton velvets and velveteens, cañe as an unpleasant surprise.
In the case of the manufacturers of cotton shirts, the abolition of the specific duty on all lines costing less than $\$ 3$ per doz, not only sweeps away what protection they had, but absolutely legislates against them to the extent of 5 per cent.: Under the new tariff, shirts costing from six shillings to twelve and six pence per dozen in England, only pay 25 per cent. ad valorem; while the manufacturers of similar grades here have to pay 30 per cent. on the cotton cloth which forms the raw material. It may be objected, that the cloth in question is usually manufactured here, and hence that it does not pay daty. But practically it does. The one house making these goods in Canada cannot compete with English makers, and hence their customers have to pay nearly the same for their cloth as it would cost to import it. The English shirt manufacturer gets his raw material 30 per cent. chenper then his Canadian competitor, and as he has only to pay 25 per cent. on the finished product, he starts with an advantage of 5 per cent. in his favor at once. Not only this, but the cost of making is much less in England. The manufacture of cheap cotton shirts is there confined almost exclusively to the "sweating" shops, where Polish and other foreign labor is employed at miserably low rates compared with those paid in this country. In Montreal, the employes of shirt houses are usually the wives and daughters of workmen, and form a very desirable class of labour. To transfer, then, the manufacture of all shirts costing under 12s. Od. per dozen to England, means the loss of at least $\$ 150,000$ in wages to Canada, as well as that of the profit on the sale of the 100,000 pieces of cotton cloth annually used for that purpose. This cannot be called protecting Canadian industries, nor is it in the interests of the working classes.

It must be remembered that it is the cheaper and medium grades of goods that are chiefly "manufactured in this country. 'The higher grades are of limited demand only, and this is chiefly supplied from abroad. The ad valorem duty, of course, bears more heavily on these expensive classes than any other, and it was to this class that reference was made in our previous article upon this subject. The cheaper classes of cotton sheetings, drills, ducks, canton flamels, denims, tickings, ginghams, flamelettes, zephyrs, shirtings, cottonades, etc., can all be imported at less cost and, if adequate protection be allotted to the manufactures of which they form the riw material, the new tariff would be a more popular one; even if, at times, it bears a little more heavily on the Canadian maker than would seem to be necessary from any but a political standpoint.

## 'THE SHIPPING TRADE OUTLOOK.

During the winter quiet the opening of navigation is usually looked forward to as an event likely to give some impetus to commerce and life to trade thrónghout the country. This week the ice has relaxed its hold to an extent that the shipping season may be expected shortly to begin in earnest. So far as the shipping interest itself is concerned prospects are not too bright, but this is looked upon as rather the result of increased competition than of any diminution in the volume of trade to be done.

So soon as traffic on the canal is resumed a considerable quantity of heavy freight is expected to come forward en route to Europe, but a new rival weekly freight
line to Liverpool is ready to share the trade, and the projected fast Atlantic steanslip line may also be an accomplished fact. Although hurtful to ship owners low competitive freight rates will not come amiss to shippers and producers who on many past occasions have complained that they were paying higher ocean carrying charges than those curreut at the ports of New Yorl and Boston. The hopes of many patriotic Canadians have received a somewhat unexpected check by the announcement of practical steamship men that a twenty knot service, even with a bounty of $\$ 750,000$, could scarcely be a commercial success. It is computed that freight and passengers would have to yield $\$ 00$,000 every trip, the total expenses ot a passage being in round figures $\$ 75,000$. Bat what tronbles our practical men of affairs is the apparent absence of a bond or surety in case the proposed service should not succeed. What guarantee the government will exact has not, in fact, been made apparent, and the point is raised that Canadian ship owners and the public are entitled to something of the kind, the proposed steamship grant being nearly 3 per cent. of the total annual revenue of the country.
The northern Atlantic route has its drawbacks as well as its advantages, and none can know both half as well as Montreal steamship owners and agents who have all their lives been identified with this service. The remote possibility of a first-class twenty knot steamship, probably carrying 150 firemen, being detained for days together by fog and ice is not pleasant to contemplate from a business standpoint, especially if the traffic should not equal expectations, and cabin passengers at certain seasous should prefer to go by way of New York. It is understood, though not officially, that the old compauies recently proposed to meet the government half way with a. 17 knot service on the basis of a subsidy of $\$ 500,000$. The Premier is understood to have held out for at lenst 18 knots, but decided nothing at the time. It may not be amiss to point out that New York has only eujoyed a twenty knot service during the past five years, and this is the chief port of a wealthy people twelve- times more numerous than the population of Canada. The Allan and other existing lines here have contributed greatly to the development of the country, and they are entitled consequently to a full hearing and every consideration.

A closer view of the immediate prospects leads us to expect a better return than last year from cabin passengers. More people are likely to go to Europe as there is no such attraction as the Chicago exhibition to keep them on this side. On the other hand there will be fewer immigrants. The building of some 30 war vessels by the British admiralty will furnish a great deal of work in the iron, steel, coal and oteer trades, and cause money to circulate among storekeepers and others. The better class of intending immigrants from the British Isles have heard of the financial depression in the United States and the dullness caused in this country by the low price of wheat, etc., and these consequently think that Africa, Australia, etc., afford a more promising field. It will yet be found, however, that the North-West can produce many things besides wheat, and reports reach us of people flocking into: the Camadian territories this spring from the United States, and especially from North and South
$\therefore$ Dalota.

Since the removal of tonuage dues Montreal has been, and is now, a free port so far as vessels are concerned. The increase of revenue last year was $\$ 26,508$ over that in 1892 and over that in 1889 , the first year after the tonnage dues were abolished $\$ 61,338$. The total reverne for last sensou was $\$ 318,030$. There arrived 804 sea-going vessels, 00 more than in the previous year, whilst the tonnage was $1,151,777$ tons, being 115,070 tons in excess of 1892, which was a larger retur than for any previous year in the history of the harbor. The enlargement of the ship channel below this port is an important factor in cheapening cost of transport, as larger vessels are enabled to trade here.
It is expected that the completion of the new Sault canal on Cauadian soil, and the improvements on other waterways will divert a larger traffic in this direction, but the consideration of this and other interesting features of the shipping trade must be deferred to a future issue.

## an Undesirable policy.

Now that the agricultural classes of Canada have time and opportunity for preparing themselves for public life, it is only natural that we should find an increasing desire on their part to participate more fully in shaping the destinies of the country. This has been evidenced more and more of late in provincial elections, and the extent of the movement has at last been shown by the plank in the platform of the North-West Patrons of Industry which provides that in future all rural constituencies shall be represented by farmers alone.
This effort to convert the agricultural population into the ruling class is bound to result in failure. Primarily it involves a vicions principle, because it would debar men of merit from representing rural constituencies simply because they followed other avocations than that of agriculture, and secondly, because it would eventually breed antagonism between the cities and the farming communities. Able men gravitating naturally towards ceutres of population and finding themselves restricted to the representation of cities if they desired to enter public life, would maturally uphold urban as opposed to rural interests, while the farming representatives, in order to secure support, would be disposed to push forward "hayseed" legislation. The result would certainly be friction between the two great divisions of the population at a time when the interests of both might demand the utmost harmony and concord.

It is the misfortune of the farmer that those to whom he is most ready to listen have contented themselves with playing on his vanity and credulity in order to attain their ends instead of endeavoring to educate him in the broader principles of statesmanship. He has been so satiated with flattery that he has come to believe that honesty, truth and integrity are qualities principally engendered by actual contact with the soil. His covetousness is glossed over as thrift, his stupidity becomes innocence, and his jealousy and narrow mindedness are dignified as the natural watchfulness of a pure nature against the contamination of town life. In fact he is an idealized farmer-something that never did, and never will exist, except in the imagination of the country orator. It is no wonder, then, that he deems himself the salt of the earth, the reformer of the evils brought about by the capitalist and the manifacturer, or that, buoyed up by these false impressions, he plunges-into the extravagances which are rapidy bring-
ing the populist party in the United States into disrepute. In fact it is only because he is too busy looking after his own interests to bother with other peoples that lie has not interfered more with the progress of the country than he has, and thus bis' innate selfishness has proved a distinct benefit to the community at large.
No doubt the farmer has good cause to be suspicious of the cities. It is from the city that the green-goods man, the vendors of gold bricks, Boheminn oats, brass watches and dead nursery stock, and the man who wants agents to push his goods at enormous profits, sally forth to victimize him. But he forgets that it is his own greed, his own desire to get something for nothing, perhaps even his own dishonesty, that causes him to wander so casily into their toils. When he finds that his cunning is no mateh for theirs he lays the flattering unction to his soul that it is because he was more hoinest than they that he was so readily duped, and thus comes to regard himself, and inferentially the class to which he belongs, as the victims of the wiles of men who toil not, neither do they spin, and yet wear apparel and diamonds which, in his eyes, Solomon himsolf would find it difficult to equal.
All this tends to antagonize him towards the cities, and yet it is these very objects of his tacit hostility that furnish his sons with their principal opportunities of success. It is to the city that the ambitions young farm-boy turns in his desire to push himself forward in the world; for it is in the large centres of population alone that he, can hope to find the opportunity he seeks. That he does so is shown by the fact that most of onr cminent men, whether it be in politics, finance, law or medicine, have graduated from the farm. The comutry boy has fewer distractions than the town-bred lad, and when the latter is soeking one of the many forms of umusement so attractively phaced within his reach, the former is busy acquiring that knowledge which is destined to put him in the first rank in the race for success. Fortunately for him, the jealousies that exist in the country are unknown in large cities. Were it not so; and were the cities to display a churlish spirit towards country lads, his task might be a more dillieult one. But they do not. On the contrary they welcome him among them, and grant him freely the same opportunities they do to their own sons. They never think of insisting that cities shall be represented by citizens only. On the contrary their most trusted leaders are frequently drawn from rural constitucucies.
The fact; that the industrinl and commercial interests: of the cities sometimes apparently run counter to his .own, does not justily the farmer in regarding them as inimical to him. And yet, from recent ntterances, he evidently docs; and therefore, although it seems harsh to saty so, any increase in the number of farmer representatives in the legislature becomes more or less of a menace to the commercial and financial centres of the Dominion. It means the growth of purely class legislation. It mons the frecing of the farmer from his share of the public burden by imposing it on other shoulders. It means the subordinating of all the other interests of the country to those of one single brianch of the community. For all these reasons it is undesirable, and therefore it is to be hoped that the Patrons of Ludustry will reconsider their decision, and permit their members to select, as heretofore, for their representatives, the men they consider best adapted for the position, whether they be practicel farmers or not.

## money in great britain.

Mail advices from London to the 1st inst., refer at some length to the Treasury bills of one million sterling, offered for tender a few days before, and which were all taken in bills for twelve months at $£ 1$ 11s 11d per cent.
-The applications amounted to very nearly eleven times the amount offered for tender. The rate at which the bills were placed is the lowest ever recorded, and it illustrates how strong is the opinion in the market that money will continue cheap and abundant for a long time to come. In plain language, the government has been able to borrow a million sterling at less than $15-8$ per cent. for a whole year, and it was offered very nearly 11 millions at about the same rate. That money will continue so wonderfully cheap as this for a whole year is hardly probable ; but that it will be very abundant and cheap, unless something entirely unforessen occurs, may safely be assumed. In the open market the rate of discount for three months' bank bills has fallen to about $1 \frac{1}{8}$ per cent., and in a few weeks it will probably be considerably under 1 per cent. Yet, while the discount rate is so low, there has been all through the week a very strong demand for short loans. The Bank of England did a large business, and was able to obtain as much as 2 per cent. The demand, of course, is merely temporary, is due mainly to the large collection of the revenue lately coming in at a very satisfactory rate.
The extraordinary cheapness of money, and the belief that it will continue for a long time to come, are helping trade, and the signs are multiplying of a decided improvement. Further, they are creating a more hopeful feeling on the Stock Exchange, where the impression is growing that before very long business will greatly increase. Already investment is going on ujur a satisfactory scale, and-by-and by it is nugued that this must lead to speculation. One other consequence that seems certain is, that we shall have a resumption by governments of the conversion of their delts. As our readers know the Irench government has already converted the four and a half por cents. Now the Egyptian government is asking the consent of the powers to the conversion of the unified debt amounting to 56 millions sterling. It is understood that it proposes. to convert it into a three and a half per cent., at or about par. The Saturday Review chidos the TTimes for taking up and supporting the objections that have been put forward by the Journal des Devats, and denounces it a monstrous thing to say that a goverument ought not to be allowed to pay off a dobt bearing a high rate of interest when it can borrow at a much lower rate! The Tinues, supporting tho Debuts, reminds us that the interest on the unified debt was reduced in 1879. But everybody knows that Egypt was bankrupt in 1879, and that she would not have offored 4 per cent., or anything like 4 per cent., if she had been left free to do as she pleased. She was compelled to pay 4 per cent. by the intervention of the powers. Is it reasouable, or even equitable, to say that she must not now pay her debt because it suits investors to receive 4 per cent? The conversion proposed by the government would reduce the charge for the debt by aboott half $a$ million sterling.
During the week ended 31 March there had again been a very strong demand for short loans, and the Bank of Eugland had done a very large business at 2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market, however, was still very lowonly about $13-16$ por cent. The impression was growing that in a week or two money will become exceedingly abundant and cheap, and that rates for a long time will be oxceedingly low. On the Continent and in the United States, as woll as London, the supplies are exceptionally large, and the lank of England continued to receive.gold at an extraordinary rate. During the week ended Wednesday night, the net reccipts were very nearily $£ 400,000$ and they are likely to continue large for a good while yet, for the production of gold, especially in South Africa, is rapidly increasing.

THE PORT OF MONTREAL.
The steady progress of the port of Montreal marks the advance of this city as the entrepot for the foreign commerce of the Dominion. Montreal's position as the terminal point of ocean navigation nearest to the interior has made her the gateway of the Canadian import and export trade, and consequently just as that trade has broadened and expanded from $\$ 175,203,355$ in 1877 to $\$ 247,638,620$ in 1893 , so has the tonnage seeking her harbor grown from 376,859 to $1,151,777$ tons within a period of sixteen years. There is another feature equally gratifying in connection with this port, and that is the state of its finances. As far back as 1880 the harbor duess on vessels were reduced by one-third and those an goods by onefifth. Ten years later, when the government assumed the cost of deepening the channel to $27 \frac{1}{2}$ feet, tonnage dues were abolished and the port made a free one so far as imposts on the vessels entering it were concerned. Yet the revenue continues amply sufficient to cover all liabilities. Last year the ordinary expenditure, inclualing the interest on the debt, leit a surplus of $\$ 86,636$ in the revenue available for expenditure on capital account, and when $\$ 331,000$ of the 6 f per cent bonds are replaced next July by 4 per cents, a further saving of $\$ 3,275$ will be effected. . The total bonded debt is now $\$ 2,711,000$, and placing the surplus of revenue over expenditure next year at $\$ 95,000$, which seems a tolerably safe estimate, the board could safely increase their obligation by a couple of millinns of dollars, or even more, without weakening the standing of their bonds or impairing their ability to meet the interest as it fell due. This sum will suffire to carry out the suggestions of Ald. Hurteau for the remodelling of the harbor by the construction of large wharves at Maisonneuve and the excavation of an inland basin, 2000 feet long and 1200 feet wide, in the centro of Hochelaga Ward. This -basin would be reached either by widening and deepening the Migeon brook, or by the excavation of a canal from Longue Pointe, and would afford every facility to the growing number of ocean steamships visiting this port. It would also be ample to complete the works now on hand and to equip the. port with all the necessary facilitios for handling freight quickly and cheaply as well as to largely incroase the wharfage accommodation. In fact the port of Mrontreal has been administered by business men for bnsiness men. As a consequence it has never failed to meet all its obligations promptly out of its own resources, ana it has always been one of the principal factors in building up the trade of the Dominion.

## GREEN, WORLOCK \& CO.

The meeting of the creditors of the insolvent private banking company of Green, Worlock \& Co., Victoria, B. C., held last week, was very largely attended. The statement made by the assignee that the estate, if carefully handled, would pay 100 cents in the dollar was manifostly a relief to the hundreds of small creditors whose funds were locked up by its suspension.

- The statements presented showed the total liabilities to be $\$ 527,043$. These were composed of $\$ 369,573$ for deposits, $\$ 58,481$ for bills payable, $\$ 70,000$ for mortgages, and $\$ 28,989$ due to other banking institutions.

Against these the statements of assets put forward by the firm amounted to $\$ 78,556$, made up as follows:-

| Overdrafts. | \$225,777 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Interests due | 4,200 |
| Bills receivable | 117,795 |
| Stocks and mortgages. | 40,823 |
| Office' furniture...... | 1,000 |
| Due from other banks. | 1,855 |
| Real Estate., | 325,732 |
| Cash on hand. | 1,374 |

Ihis left an apparent surplus of $\$ 191,513$; but this was afterwards cut down by the assignees, who deducted 50 per cent from the doubtful notes and overdrafts, and $97 \frac{1}{x}$ per cent from the bad ones. This brought these items down to
$\$ 155,500$ and $\$ 90,236$ respectively. They also reduced the value of the stocks and mcritgages held to $\$ 23,808$, and thiat of the real estate to $\$ 283,935$. These reductions made the total assets only $\$ 561,958$, and reduced the surplus over liabilities to $\$ 31,915$.

These reductions Mr. Worlock claims are excessive; but if this be so, it will be so much the better for the firm, for the balance left after the creditors have been satisfied means all the capital they will have to resume business on. In speaking of the causes of the failure Mr. Worlock said that as early as the fall of 1892 he had commenced to prepare for what he saw was a coming period of depression by restricting the volume of the bank's loans. By calling in his least profitable accounts on the 1st January, 1893, his position was strengthened by nearly $\$ 100,000$. This he considered adequate at the time. The early spring, however, had barely opened when the drain of gold to England commenced. Restriction all through the United States followed, until the panic set in during which some six hundred banks closed their doors. Victoria being so closely connected from a business point of view with the United States, could not hope to escape. The drain upon deposits began. During June, July and August the bank lost $\$ 200,000$ in this way. It became impossible to get in the overdrafts or realize upon the other assets in time, and as a result the bank had to close its doors.
As the failure was not caused by either recklessuess or inefficiency upon the part of the management, but by circumstances entirely beyond their control, it is gratifying to hear that with judicious and economical winding up, and the forbearance of the creditors, it will be possible, after paying every dollar of the indebtedness, to hand back a fair sum to the partners in the bank who are naturally the heaviest losers by its suspension. It is doubtful, however, if it would be wise for them, with impaired capital, to resume the banking business. The days of the private banks are over. They cannot compete with powerful chartered institutions controlling almost unlimited resources and able to do business on a scale they could not pretend to emulate. One by one they are being crushed out, or are retiring from a field no longer profitable to them. The experience of Green, Worlock \& Co. is only that of many similar banks, and hence, when once that firm have emerged from their present difficulties it would be well for them to bend their talents in some other direction.

## THE WHEAT CROP.

The uncertainties which surrounded the growing wheat crop last week are still prevalent. The evidence of positive injury is not conclusive, yet the general tenor of the reports show that some damage really occurred, even if it be true that 85 per cent. of the winter grain area escaped appreciable injury. But the general conclusion of practical men is that the prosent average condition is approximately 88 as compared with 100 for a fully healthy condition of the plant. As the average condition in April last year was 77.4, this means that even with the decreased area which has this season been recog. nized, the present outlook admits of a larger production of winter grain than last year, if conditions should hereafter be equally as favorable. The further information available trom the Northwest confirms the view that a reduced area is expected to be seeded in wheat this season in Minnesota and the Dakotas. But the question then arises as to whether such reductions are not due, in a large mensure; to plans for increasing the acreage of other equivalent crops in the enlarged area naturally to be brought under culture, rather than an actual curtailment of the wheat area. The situation hardly warrants full acceptance of such a decrease in wheat acreage as the current estimates would literally suggest. There appears to be good reason for the view that the wheat area in 1893 was approximately $3,500,000$ acres more than officially estimated. If this be accepted, it is reasonable to calculate that the aggregate acreage this season is not likely to fall short of that which was actually harvested last year. At least so thinks so recognized an authority as the Oincinnati Price

Current. In face of this it seems difficult to see upon what grounds President Van Horne bases his bolief (as reported) that inside of eighteen months wheat will be at $\$ 2$ per bushel. In the opinion of most experts we aro extremely unlikely to see dollar wheat again for some time. Even were the decrease of 10 per cent. in the production of wheat on this continent, to take place as he anticipates, it would have but littlo effect on English values, and it is by English values that our prices aro ruled. Russia, India, and Argentina stand ready to supply her wants, and conld do so did not a single bashel of Amgrican wheat ever cross the Atlantic. In addition to this the ten per cent, of acreage not devoted to wheat would not be allowed to lie fallow. It would be devoted to the raising of some other cereal, more or less a subsititute for whent and henco would be only a factor to a limited extent in raising values. It is to bo foared that Mr. Van Horno's wishes are fathers to his thoughts; for the average farmer would be only too delighted if whoat again tonched the dollar mark, and an advanco of 300 per cont. in value has never even entered his mind as a possibility.
Thore is one side to the whent question usually ignored, and that is the growing substitution of other articles of diet on our tablos. The market gardener perceives it, and ho gots a better profit than the baker.

## A SATISFACTORY BS'IATE:

The modosty which is usually inseparable from honost ondeavor in businoss affatis has rather an injurious than benoficial offect upon public morality, that is, in its commoreial sonse. Wo hear so much of what is base and reprohensibleof the actions at liw to enforco what is just or unjust-of the wrocks by tho way-of the dark side of business, all of which are tolerably certain to find chroniclers, that when the good doed loaks out now and agrain and is mentionel appreciatively by a few persons who know of it, people are only too prone to consider it an exception to tho rule. [ndeed the great majorily of worthy peoplo are but too apt to forget tho injunction aloout letting their "light shine" among men; and thas the masses of the community aro led to believe that honesty in business is a rareprinciple, and business men that the grand old torm "I'ho honour of a. British morchant" is gradually losing its application among us. We have had occasion in formor issuos to make mention of cases whore beliof in the phraso above quoted found ample warranty, and we aro the moro gratified to soo constant ovidences that the honorable doed has been, and is still, meeting with deserved reward. Two or three of our woalthiost wholesale houses would not oxchange the consciousness of their former good actions when, thongh sholtered ly statutory onactment, thiey met the remainder of their honest obligations, for much more than they involved, or for any considoration whatever. Thus far, as profacing the following from an influential and prosperous wholosale morchant of Toronto, a communication which our businoss men all over Canada will be ploased to read:-
The Journal of Commerce, Montreal.
Gentlemen:-As ML: J. B. Alston's assignment, which occurred in Hamilion hast October, was published in your valued paper, I have no donbt you will be pleased to learn of the honourable treatment the creditors have received at Mr, Alston's hands. The fima dividend has been declared, und the estate has paid $951 / 4$ per cent, or mactically discharged his liabilities in full. I feel that Mr. Alston has acted most justly in this matter and is deserving a great deal of commendation, I wish you would give this mater some space in your valued paper, which no doubt Mr. Alsion would greally appreciate. Your kind atsution will oblige, Yours truly,

## STAPLETON CALDTCOTT, Assignce.

Tho Soumal of Commerce is but too well pleased at the opportunity to place on record so gratifying a result, especially at a time when the condilions that make for it are not at their very best.
-Tan parallin was department of the Imperial Oil Co. at Petrolia was badly damaged by fite on Monday last." The companies interested were the Mercanitile, Lancashire, North British, Quoens; Rojal; British American und Western

## THE CONFEDERAITON LIFE.

The evidence of continued popularity and success afforded by the report presented at the twenty-second annual meating of the Confederation Life Association reflects credit upon the managing director, Mr. J. K. Nacdonald, and his able corps of assistants, more especially: when we take into consideration the fact that the volume of new business it represents was. obtainef during a period of business depression and from Canadian sources only. The total new business of the year reached $\$ 3,917,543$ worth of insurance, which is the largest ever obtained by the Association in any one year. Added to that already inforce it brought up the total in force at the close of tho yoar to $\$ 21,430,731$ under 15,872 policies on 13,961 lives. Considering the number of lives and the amount at risk, the loss of $\$ 203,733$ by death, is exceptionally small and bears evidence of the careful selection of the company's officials, while the popularity of the company is ensily explained by the fact that the whole of this sum was paid to the heirs on an average of six hours after receipt of the completed proofs of deathPrompt payments and generous treatment soon increase an insurance company's business, and it is through their perception of this fact that the officials of the Confederation Life are ablo to make so good a showing at the close of a year exceptionally unfavorable to life insurance.
The businoss of the company in this province is carried on by Messrs. H. J. Johnston \& Son, with the assistance of an Advisory Board composed of Hon. Edward Murphy and Messrs. J. A. Cantlie, A. S. Hamelin and William J. Morrice. The latter gentleman is a new addition to the board. He is a member of the large cotton firm of D. Morrice, Sons \& Co., and will doubtless give additional weight and enterprise to the company's operations here.

## A SENSTBLE BILI.

Dr. Milne's bill to amond the Creditors Trust Deeds Act of 1890 is now before the British Columbian Legislature. The improvoments it makes in the existing law may be briefly oxplained as follows: It provides that every assignment for the benofit of creditors shall be grood and valid if its construction and effect shall accord with its expressed purpose, and shall not be set aside on any ground except actual fraud. Such an assignment shall take precedence of all judgments, and all attachments not completaly executed by payment. A meeting of creditors is to be called within ten days of the assignment. A creditor having claims over $\$ 50$ and not exceeding $\$ 200$ will be outitled to one vote; not exceeding $\$ 500$, two votes; $\$ 1,000$, three votes, and every additional $\$ 1,000$ or fraction thereof one vote. The assignees are to receive such remuneration as shall be voted by the creditors or fixed by a judge of the Supreme court,

## A BANK RODBED.

Three expert burglars broke into the branch of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe at Farnham on Monday night, drilled the lock of the vanlt, and then blew open the inner safe with dynamite. In it they socured $\$ 10,800$, in all, consisting of $\$ 2300$ in $\$ 1$ and $\$ 2$ bills, $\$ 1,900$ in greenbacks, $\$ 3,900$ in the bank's own bills, $\$ 985$ in other bills, $\$ 900$ in gold and $\$ 800$ in silver. As they were unable to carry away both the money and their tools thoy left the latter belind them, and detectives say they are the most complete and benutifully finished set that ever were found in Canada. No clne has been found to the burg. jars, although it is known that they came to this city; but a sharp look out is being kept for any one changing Bank of St. Hyacinthe notes for other money.

GRAND TRUNE RALLWAY COMPANY, Return of tralfic week ending April 7th, 1894:
. 1884 - 1883
Passenger Train Earnings................ 110,460 128,008
Freight do. do. .................... 214,514 239,132
Total .. do. ....do. do. ..................... \$324,474 867,188

## a peouliar case:

It is rather an unusual thing for an insurance company to grant a policy on the life of a man:-alieady: dead, and still more unusual for then to be forced to pay over the value of it to the heirs. Yet if the evidence of the Connecticut Indominty Insurance Association is credible this is precisely what has happened in the Arbuckle case.
On the 13th April, 1892, Mr.- C. T. Arbuckle applied for a policy of $\$ 1,000$ on his life. The application was forwarded by the local. agent to the head office of the company, and according to their version of the story was approved and the policy issued on the 31st of May. Eight days before this Arbuckle (who had paid no premium; be it understood) died, and his widow applied for the payment of $\$ 1,000$ which was the face value of the policy. The company pleaded that they had received no premium and that the man was dead before the policy was issued. The widow insisted that the policy was approved on the 1 st of May, and not on the 31st; that the latter day was a Sunday on which no business could be done; and that the figure 3 was interpolated. She also tendered the amount of premium due. The jury evidently believed her story. They felt that it was hardly likely that the company should not have heard of the man's death between the 23 rd and the 31 st, the date upon which the policy was said to have been issued, and so they gave a verdict in her favor for $\$ 1,000$ with interest from the date of death less the premium due. A now trial has been moved for, and, it is said, some more evidence will be brought forward to substantiate the company's side of the case. If this should prove their statements to be correct it will leave the first jury in the curious position of having condemned the company to pay insurance on the life of a man who was already dead when he first appeared as a risk upon their books.

## WILL COPY CANADA.

It looks as if Congress would pass during the present ses-' sion a bill authorising the issue of national and state bank currency upon a system largely copied from that ruling in this country. This-is rendered absolutely necessary in order to check the growth of the agitation in the West and South for increased issuos of silver coin. The majority of this class of inflationists want more money rather than more silver. 'They ask for silver because in doing so they secure the powerful support of the silver producing states; but they would be just as willing to accept any other form of currency. Consequently the passage of such a measure would have the effect of depriving the silver agitators of two-thirds of their present support, and thus might permanently remove this disturbing issue from the field of politics. It is with this end in view that a modification of the Canadian system of 'curreney is now being prepared for introduction to the House, and its support by the administration as well as by the party leaders is said to be secured.

## CHANGING THEIR METHODS.

The fact that 150,000 acres of land in Great Britain were withdrawn from cultivation last year and turned into pasture, shows that England is rapidly ceasing to be a wheat producing country. The wheat area is now $1,800,000$ acres less than it was in 1878. Fruit farming and market gardening are largely on the increase, and it is evident that British agriculturists are giving up the hopeless struggle with the United States, Russia, and India, and are turning their attention more to dairying and truck-farming. In these branches they should be able to retrieve their fortunes; for last year: the imports of butter; cheese and eggs alone into England were valued at $£ 25,820,000$, and in addition immense quantities of fruit, vegetables; and oven milk; were imported. : There is no reason why the British farmer should not secure a larger proportion of the home market than he does; evcept that he is so conservative that it takes the inexorable logic of disastor to make him change his methods.

## TUBERCULOSIS:

The continued existence of a disease in our midst whose victims annually are far more numerous than those of a murderous warfare is naturally looked upon às a reproach to modern medical science. It is estimated that in the United States and Canada 168,500 persons die innuially from tubercular disëase, of whom $141 ; 000$ perish from consumption, 12,000 fiom tubiberculous meningitis, and 10,500 from scrofula. As encli: of these deaths represents upon an average two years of a lingering and painful illness, it follows that there are 327,000 persons to-day in Canada and the United States dying slowly of tuberculosis. When we consider that, in addition to the suffering involved, the monetary cost of this scourge of humanlife mounts up into the tens of millions annually, it is little wonder that mankind are searching eagerly for some preventive or remedy for its ravages, or that they point disdainfully at the inability of medical science to cope with it.

## WHO THREW THE BOMB?

A former friend of the Jacques Cartier Bank has issued to the shareholders an anonymous circular such as might be oxpected to emanate from a soured mind or a disappointed ambition. The writer evidently has not too high an opinion of his former friends, and is doubtless consistently reciprocal in this respect. If the ostracized anonymity agreed so long in office, and now admits he was mistaken, he may surely be asked, "How do you know you are right to-day?" The circular issued by the bank in reply contains these words:
"The author of it does not reveal his name, but he is none the less known to the directors, We, who know him, aro well aware that it is not so much, the interest of the shareholders : which animatos him as the wish of avenging himself on the board of management for failures which he owes to his duplicity, The directors will be happy to furnish you, personally, with all information which you may wish for,"
The circular is signed by Alph. Desjardins, president; A. S. Hamelin, vice-president; Joel Leduc, Dumont Laviolette, directors; A. de Martigny, managing director.
The names of those gentlemen ought surely to be a sufficient assurance and guarantee to all partios concerned.

## SOUTHERN CROPS.

The final official figures of the Louisiana sugar crop place it at $603,353,087$ pounds which is $23,000,000$ pounds less than the estimate of the State Board of Agriculture. Of this $88,092,101$ polarized over 90 degrees, and will receive the bounty of 2 cents per jound awarded by. thé McKinley Bill and $84,191,672$ polarized above 80 degrees and will receive $1 \frac{1}{d}$ cents bounty. Sugars falling below that grade receive no bounty. When all claims are paid the state will have received $\$ 11,634,000$ for sugar bounties from the U. S. govornment.

The Florida orange crop is very large, and is estimated at six million boxes, as against $1 \frac{1}{2}$ millions the previous year. The California orange crop is $2,500,000$ boxes, an increase of half a million boxes over last year, but California oranges do not compete with Floridas as severely as Sicilians because the freight from San Francisco to New York is $87 \frac{1}{2}$ cents por box, while Floridas can go by boat for 50 conts. It is said that one of the largest growers in California has volunteared to sell his whole crop by contract for 50 conts per box.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Although the wholesale grocery trade is free from the influence of fashion which so frequently plays havoc with cortain lines of dry goods, it is not without its own disadvantages. The principle, or whatever it is, that deters some houses from adding wines and spirits to thair stock resembles Virtue in that it "is its own reward." This distinction is often keenly felt by wholesalors in timos of depression. It is to be hoped that certain threatened troubles in the trade may continue to be warded off by the "friends indeod,":
-Tincinsir green goods swinders work the game differently from their brethren on this side. They give the victim genuine 'notes in return for his money, but, as he is carrying it off; bogus detectives pounce upon him and seize it. In the confusion he is illowed to getaway, and he is usually so gind to eseape the clutches of the law that he never encuires after the money he gave up.
—Sixteen hundred of the 2200 miles of que Commercial Cable Co's. third transatlantic cable are ready and the "Faraday" has sailed with the heaviest portion of 500 miles which is to be lald. from Canso to the Newfoundlaud banks where it will be buoyed. The deep sea section will be laid in June, and it is expected the cable will be completed by 1st July.

## CONFEDERATION LIFE

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the head office of the association, Richmond street, Toronto, on Tuebday, April 3, 1894, at 3 o'clock p.m.
The following gentlemen were pre-sent:-Sir W. P. Howland, President; Ddward Hooper, First Vice-President; W. H. Beatty, Second Vice-President; J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director; Walter S. Lee, W. H. Gibbs, Alfed Gooderham, A. McIenn Howari, Hon. James Young, E. T. Malone, William Admmson, D. B. Dick, Major Miscott, M.P.P., O. A. Howland, Alfred Meyers, Henry Swan, W. Macdonald, Thomas McCracken, Fredrick Wyld, J. C. Hamilton, C. E. Hooper, A. A. Allan, C. M. Gripton, J. Tower Boyd, J. Russell Snow, C. Blackett Robinson, I. Diamond, R. S. Baird, J. P. Donald, Georgo D. Lewis and Isruel Taylor, WilLiam Taylor and Joha Jenkins of Clinton, Ont., and others.

The President, Sir W. P. Howland, was called to the chair, and Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Mapaging Director, acted as secretary.
The chairman first called upon tho sec retary to read the official notice calling the meeting, which was dono.
The minutes of last meeting wers accepted as read, and were adopted.
Mr. Macdonald stated that he had a letter from his Worship Mayor Kennedy who is a very old policyholder with us, in which ho expressod regret at not being nble to be present this afternoon.
The following report and statements were then submitted to the meeting:-

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In submitting the twenty-second annual report of the association, it afforde your directors much pleasure to draw the attention of the policyholders and shareholders to the ovidences of continued popularity and success afforded by the statements now submitted. As heretofore, the business has been obtained from purely Gandian sourees, and, considering the severe depressiou in businesa generally, the rolume of now insurance secured is very satisfactory.
Wo had before us 2,535 applications for a total insurance of $\$ 4,181,000$. Of these, 135 for $\$ 2+3, n 00, n o t$ being desirable risks, were dectined; 11 for $\$ 19,000$ were defer. red for a time, and the bnlance was accepted and policies issued. Adding the revived policies of previous yeare and the bonus ndditions, the total new business for the year was 2,408 policies for $\$ 3$, 917,543 of insurance.
The total insurance in force at the close of the year was $\$ 2.4,430,731$, under 15,872 policies on 13,061 lives.
The new business for 1803 is the largeat ever obtained by the association in any year.
The denth claims for the year aggregato the sum of $\$ 209,108$, under 123 policies on 100 lives. By re-insurances on two lives, the claims woro roduced by the sum of $\$ 5,375$, making the net loss $\$ 203,733$. This sum, while larger than in any previous yonr, is atill very fivornble, conaidering the number of lives and the aniount at risk. The value of life insurance is atrikingly illustrated by the payment of the large sum of $\$ 209,108$ by this association last year, on an necerago of less than bix hours after the receipt of completed proöfs.
The financial statements submitiod with
this report, exhibit the true position of the association at the close of the year. The andit, which is made monthly, has been thorough and prompt.
The delay in finisling the western part of the new head office building has been a cause of great regret to your directors. Howerer, it was completed shortly be-
fore the close of the year, and it will be a gource of aitisfaction to know that a consivlerable portion : has already been rented, with a fair prospect that moro will soon be under lense. It is not too much to nuticipate that, with a revival of businese, there is the certainty that the exvellence of the accommolation which the entire building affords and its ndvantareous position in the centre of the city, every room will be rented at good prices.
ds provided by the act of incorporation, all the directors retire, but are eligible for ro-election.
W. P. HOWLAND,

President.

## J. K. MACDONALD

Managiag Director.

## -Finamcial Statement-

## Premiums <br> Annuities <br> 793,00037 7,88375 <br> $\$ 800,88412$

Lebs re-nbsurance
premiums - - 4,37908
Interest and rents (net)
796,50504
185,89486
185,894 86
\$982,309 90
Disbursementa-
Expenses, alaries and commissions, agents, dootors, solicitors, etc. Annuitice (life $\$ 5,54175$, temporary $\$ 25,000$ )

187,986 77
porary $\$ 25,000$ )
To Policyholders-
Denth clnims (net) $\$ 194,08478$
Endowment claims 62,66300
Surrende'd policies 20,61674 Dividends(cash and
T. R.'s)

63,859 51
Dividends to stockholders 10250 8 Balance
-Balance Sheet-
Assets-
Mortgages
$-\$ 2,106,29886$
Debentures and Goverament stock

450,19831
Real estate, including company's buildings in Toronto aud Winnipeg

997,156 82
Lonns on stock and debentures
Lonns on company's policies.
Fire preminms due from mortgagorh
Furniture
Advances to agents, etc., on security of salaries and for traveling expenses
Sundry current accounts
Cash in banks, $\$ 87,13474$, at

Outstanding pre-
miums - $\$ 187,85806$ Doferred promi-
ums - - 3758022
$\$ 175,88828$
Less 10 per cont.
for collection 17,598 82 (Reserve thereon included in liabllities)
Interest and ronte due and
ncerued
103,738 90
$\$ 4,520,18304$
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Ascurance anl annuity funde $\$ 4,001,19800$ Losses by : death accrued

> (not adjusted)

83,061 85
Fees, doctors, directors, etc.
Capital stock paid up
Diridend due January 1 . 1804

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declared prolits (eash and T. R.'s)

78,996 08
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bilities
204,469 82
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(ash surplus above
all Liabilities \$294,46932
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ic 5 -hol!lers - $\$ 1,204,46982$
J. K. MACDONALD,

Mnmaging Director.
-Auditors ${ }^{\prime}$ Report-
We her to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the aseocia. tibn for the year ending December 31st, t803, aud have exafoined the vouchers connected therewith. and eprtify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.
The securitics representel in tho assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to $\$ 84,500$ ) have been examined and compared with the books of the associntion, and are correct and correspond with the schedules and ledgers.
The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

## W. R. HARRIS,

WM. E. WATSON, F.C.A.
Auditors.
Toronto. February 28th, 1834
-Procectings-
The President, Sir William Howland. moved the ndoption of the reports and statements submitted to the meeting, and in doing so, briefly referred to the commereinl stringener which had existed durling the past year over the larger portion of the civilized world, and the reaponsibility and anriety which it imposed upon those having charge of the management of institutions of this kind and on all others connected with the monetary nifairs of the country, but stated that it was antisfactory to know that the stringency which existed in fimancial matters had not been so great in Cninada as had beon the ense in other countrics. In view of these circumstances it was particularly gratifying to report the large volume of business which had been secured by the association during the past rear, and for the very general measure of prosperity which had attended the operations of the companny.
Fe referred to the loss which the board had sustained in the death of their dear iriend and collengue, the lato Mr. William Elliot, Vice-President, who had been associnted with the company and had given constant and unremitting attention to its constant and unremitting attention to
nffairs during that loug period of time.
Mr. E. Hooper, Vice-President, seconded the resolution and said:-"I have great pleasuro in seconding this resolution. I certainly mint express mysell as well pleased with the result of the year'i buslness, which is the largent done by the

## gur Inducements.

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company in any year bince its organization. We have reason to be proul of it, for it has, to my own knowledge, beon done on businces principles and not forced by resorting to tho too common practice of allowing exorbitant commissions varying from 70 per cent. to 100 per cent. of the first premiums on new business." Tho rosolution was carried unanimously.

During the proceodings of the meeting seperal of the prominent policyholders and others who wero present referred in complimentary terms to the business of the association for the past year, the manner ia which it had boen conducted, and to the strong financial and prominent position which this company occupies amongst the lifo insurance companies of Canada.
Reference was also made to the uew "Unconditional Policy" which had recent. ly been adopted by tho company, with its absolutely and automatically von-forfoitable provision known as the "Extended Insurance" feature. The adoption of such a policy in conjunction with the other forms of policy contract would, without doubt, tend to popularize in a very large measure the plans of the company, and result in a largely increased measure. of public confidence in the future.
-Directors-
The following were electol as directors of the association for tho current year :Sir W. P. Howland, Messrs. E. Hoaper, W. H. Bentty, Hon. Jntues Young, S. Nordheimer, W. H. Gibbs, A. MeLena Howard, J. D. Edgar, M.P., Walter S. Lee, A.L. Gooderbam, W. D. Matthews; George Mitchell of Halitax, Frederick Wyld, J. K. Mactonald.
The meeting then adjourned, inmediatoly after which a meeting of the new Board of Directors was held, at which Sir W. P. Howland was re-clected President, and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty Vice-Presidents.

## Financial:

Thursday, Evg., April 12, '04.
The local inoney market has been quiot aind unchanged. Outsida of Pabsenger and Gas there was little doing in stocks. The former has been active, but closes sreak. There was buainoss in it to-day at 182 , and it touched $186 \%$ earlier in the weok. Sales of Gas were 0,251 . shares within the range of $1823 / 3$ and 187 , bual-
ness to dey being reported at 188 and 182\%, Mr. Holt's appointment, in succession to Mr. Joseph, appears to bo favorably received. Aanada Pacilic wa neglected at 70 and $701 / 4 ; \$ 5,000$ of the iand bonds of the company wore placed at $1093 /$. Cable sold at 145 and $143 \%$ and closes at ita lowest point. Bank of Montreal sold at 227 to 228 and some Toronto at $249 \%$ to 2504 . Hochelaga was steady at 125. Richelien was dull and neglected and there was little done in cottons. Telegraph despatches from Chicago to-day speak of provisions ns strong, with pork up 50e per brl. May whent oponed at 60Yc, fell to 5856 and was aubsequently selling at 595 s . Now York stocke to-day Were dull and uninteresting. Chicago Gas was the feature in expectation of Justice Maloney's decieion. There was a dull market for local sterling, as usual, just prior to the opening of anvigation. Nominal rates for 60 day bills aro 94 to \% and $0 \%$ to $\%$; demand $918-16$ to $15-16$ and 10\% to 3 ; cables $101-16$ to $10 \%$. New York funds $1-16$ to par and $1 /$ do $^{1 / 3}$. Call loans $43 / 2$ per cent. The following is the record of local stocks for the week, as per Chas. Merodith \& Co., stock brokers:-

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$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Pacific.:.......... } & 150 & 701 / 4 & 70 & \text { " } 843 / 8\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Telegraph....... } & 176 & 149 & 1489 & 145 \\ \text { Richelieu....... } & 100 & 79 & .79 & 711 / 6\end{array}$ Passenger........ 2410 1863/4 1801/2 1801/2 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Gas............... } 3251 & 187 & 1821 / 2 & 204\end{array}$ Bell Telephone... 159151 150\%/4 Montreal Cotton. Colored Col. Cot. $\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{ds}$... $\$ 2,000 \quad 12008108$ Dominion Cot.... $45 \quad 122 \% 162 \quad 122 \quad 1301 / 2$

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MAREETS.

## Thursday Evg., April 12, 1804.

The number of lailures in this city and province has again been less than the usunl average, and there is evidently a disposition to give slow payers a chance, now that navigation is opening and spring trade begins to increase in volume. Undue preseure on deserving firms is not always wise, and so many week-kneed and undesirable concerns lave fallen by the way, that the commercial atmosphere must certainly have been clearod and purified to a considerable oxtent. The resumption of river and ocean traffic will have an influence on the movement of city merchandise and country produce,and always causzs a freer circula* tion of money. Many lines of finished goods will now be held in stock until the boata run, so as to take advantage of the lower fraight rates by water. Orders for first ehipmente are large and continue to be booked freely. Somo important changes in the tariff are thought possible, but for most gools quotations are established, and wore settled conditions pre. vall.

Ashes.-Receipts fair, demand less active First pots sell at 4.12 1-2 to 4.15 siconds acarce at 8.70 . Pearla nominal at 5.40 to \$5,50 for first bort. Received, since lat Nanuary 600 pots 60 parls; Deliveted 414 pots 40 paarls ; in stors 12the 4pril at 3 p.m 133 pots 60 parrls
Butter and Cheese.-Thare is a fair local demand for butter, and prices are steady in consequence of moderate supplies. The make is rapidly on the ineresse, although it is too early to say anything about the pastures in this section of the country. The land is bare of snow but decidedy brown. New domestic creamery is quoted at 26 c to 270 and United States at 2le to 24c. Townshipe dairy 21c to 24e. Old cremmery is jobbing at 18c to 22c. Cheese dull and nomian with retail business only. Retail city prices:-Choice print butter 30e to 85 c , croamery 28c to 30 c , good dairy 23 c
 to 20c. The Liverpool eheese cable has advanced to 56 s 6 d and prospects 100 k encouraging. At Ingersoll 200 now cheoso have sold at $91-2 e$ to $8-40$, about the arerage price for spril make in that eection. Brockville has also placed about 200 boxes this season at 10 l -2c. Factories are starting and offeringe will be larger next week.
Dry Goods.-Certain changes in the tariff are expected on the lines already mentioned, and the trado is taking more interest in this subject than in anything oleo. Sulos of spring goous at city retail stores have been fair, and the wholesalo trade will soon feet the bonefit. The season is now auvancing, and the rapid movement of the ice gives hopes of river navigation within a faw days. Euglish and continential buyers of Canadian houses lave been heara from in the largo contres of the old word. Markets there bhow no important change. Country roaus here are urying up and getting into shape, and fair orders have been recoived from parts of the older provinces. The seartity of anoney continues to be felt. Liverpool has been lower for spot cotton, causing a weaker tendency, and a recent decline in one day of 5 pointa in New York. The advance of 10 points established the past week has been extinguisheid, sollers showing a disposition to meet. the market. Interior stocks are aaid to be losing largely, however, and thero may soon be a re-action. In Manchester yarns are cablod quiet and cloths dull. Liverpool,-Cotton quiet, American middings, $41-16 d$. New York,-Cotton, futures stendy; Apri! 7.57 c , May 7.68 c , June 7.89 c , July 7.75 c , Spote, quiet and lower ; uplands, 7 11-16c; gult, $715-16 \mathrm{c}$; fintures, barely steady; sules, April 7.51 c, May 7.54 c ; June 7.01 e , July 7.67c, Aug. 7.72 c , Sept. 7.70 c .
Flour and Grain.-There is more enquiry for flour for delivery to lower ports and elsewhere on the opening of navigation. The market is firm. Grain.quiet and little doing, market in the west being unsetlled and occasionally shaty looking, owing to the movements. of speculators. Advances made one day have been lost the aext, and buyers are thereby encouraged to hold back. Thero wore rains in the west calculated to denefit the crope Seatiment part of the week was bearish. The trade is not disposed to accept the view of aerious crop damage and are quici to of serious crop damage and are quice to
liquidate, if "long," or sall on any favoraquidate, if conditions raported. Previous crop seares made activo "bulla" of all, whereas to-lay the trade is inclined to resist any odvance, According to the Onited States Government map, the weather was colder, with snow or rain west or cast... The temperature in the Northwest was 24 to 30 degrees, and 84 , to 40 degrees in the winter wheat belt, 42 to 50 degrees in the southwest, and 32 to 40 degrees in the lake regiona and eastward. It way otlll

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dry and cold in Kansas, and in Nebraskn it was reported whent was boing ploughed up and onts a failure. Drouglit conditions prevailed in Calitornia. Michigan witter what condition 90 per cont., against 84 a year ago. The United States Government returas for last year (as a matter of comparison only, for the fig ures greatly understated netual conditions) gave the winter whont area at 22, 868,630 neres, and the erop production at $275,488,800$ bushets. The area sown this year is given as only 92.2 per cent. of the 1893 crop harvested, which was botween 3 and 4 milijon acres less than the aren 50 wn, due to the wiuter killing, ote Kanan this year by its State report sowed 4 1-2 million acres, against $2,76 \mathrm{~S}, 092$ neres. Foreign m arkets were generally steady notwithstanding free arrivals of Californin wheat, of 4 vessele at porls of eall anar is at Hull, and all large cargoes. The shipments of wheat the past weok from Gastern Earopan, Australim amb South American ports show a decided increnso, amounting to $3,150,000$ bushels, againat $1,080.000$ hushels the previous week anil $1,360.000$ bushols the same week last yoar. These shipments, combined with those from Yudin, 100,000 bushels, and $2,778,450$ bushels from the United Stntes, both coasts, ageregate $\mathbf{6 , 0 3 0 , 1 5 0}$ bushels, agniust Beerbohn's revisod ostiwuted European weekly requirements of $6,800,000$ bushela, or 0 doficit of 760,850 bushels. The amount of whent and flour. now in transit to Europe with the visible. supplyol wheat in the United States and Caumda te equiralent to 108,706,000 bush-"
els, against $113,277,000$ bushels a year ago. The aniously looked for United States report on the condition of winter wheat gave a percentage of 80.7, whilo many expected something like 88. It was bearish, however, compared with last year. Last spring the precentage, given on the lirgt of April, was 77.4, a difference of 9.3 in faver of the condition this spring. The reports only take up to the end of Mareh, and crop damage has cer. tainly occurred in April. Recent Chicago cash quotations: Wheat $61.5-8 \mathrm{c}$, corn 38 $1-4 \mathrm{e}$, onts 32 1-4c, pork $\$ 12.52$ 1-2, lard $\$ 7.00$ and ribs $\$ 6.42$ 1-2.
Green Fruits, Etc.-Lato cablo adrices state that the steamer Phoenix passed Malta, Apr 4 , for Montrenl, with 1,000 boxfs anil 3,000 half ditto Catania orampes, 3,000 boses lemons, 2,000 ditio and 800 mill ditto Messina oranges ; 22,500 boxes Mossina lemons. Two other steamers are loading for this port. Some fine soung cucumbers were offering at $\$ 2.00$ per dozPineapples 18 e to 25 c each. Floridn oranges $\$ t^{2}$ to $\$ \overline{5}$ per box ; Messinas $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4$; Bloods $\$ 5$ to $\$ 5.50$. Banamas $\$ 1$ to $\$ 2.75$ per bunch. Lemons $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.50$ per box. Tomatoes 筫t per six basket car: riers. The steamship Premier is due to arrive here on the 17 th.. Sho has a entgo of 8.000 bunches of bananas; 200 packages of oranges, and 600 bags of San-Blas and Jnmaica cocoamuts. The fruit will be offered for salo by nuction at the ship's side on arrival, "and all orders placed will be carefully attended to. Crauberries in bores. B8; $\cdots$ brla, * 0
to $\$ 9.50$. Grape fruit $\$ 4.50$ per box. Spinach $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$. Asparagua $\$ 1.10$ Celery 80c per dozen. Horge radish 17 c per lb. Euglish cobnuts 22e per Ib. Walnuts 111-2c to 12c. Filberts 81-2c to 91 -2c. Almonds 111 -2c to 13c. Peanuts 7 c to 9c. Italian chestnute 10 c . nuts 7 c to 9 c . Italian chestnuts 10 c ,
Hickory nuts 4 c . Polished pecans 9 c . Sholled walnuts 160. to 19c. French prunes 4e to $61-2 \mathrm{c}$. Apples $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 0$ per bri. New cabbage $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$ per erate.
Grocerice.-Lower rail rates haya causod a larger distribution of general staple goods. A few sales of teas in moderato sized lots are mentioned, and there is a de. wand from the Weat: Well iaformed traders think no change will be made in the tea duty of 10 per cent., applicable equally to Euglish and Amorican porta whon tea does not come direct from place of growth or on a through bill of landing. To remove the duty against London now would be a flagrant act of diacrimination against the Onited States, which would soou re-act against us at Washington. The Ottawa authorities have evidently gained their double object of assisting the $\mathbf{P a}$ eific route, and pleasing the wholesale grocers of the Maritime Provinces, who wero annoyed by English agonts selling ten in their district in retail lots, thas spoiling their profits. If the Government is asked to admit British tea free of duty. they are likely to reply that they cannot do so without letting in stock from the American market. This would not suit the Camalian trade. American agenta would come in here, and after atocking up the wholesnie trade in the "twinkling of au eye," so to speak, would be soon rambling throughout the country, searching up the smaller buyers, who look to our morchants for their supplies. This is said to have been the experience on a former oceasion. Tea men will doubtless decido to "let well enough alone." Tho protesta of the British ten merchants to Sir Charles Tupper, as detailed in the press cablegrams. aro rather funns. Tho dense Englishman has come to the conclusion that the 10 per cent. tax. has been put on ngainst him because Canadians are nfraid he is sending us adulterated ten. He does no appear to comprehend that the . Finance Minister is giving him $n$ dose of tho same medicine which Uncle Sam has had to smallow, for some time past, and that the solo question is one of tariff policy. The English trade has doubtless been led to form hasty conclusions by late senga: tional cables from. Montroal speaking. nout certain rubbishy teas, rejectod at New York, baing placed in Capada lor low

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class trade in the lumber, mining, fishery and poor agricultural sectious. Refiued sugar in this market is quiet. Grauulatod has sold at $45-10 \mathrm{c}$ and $43-8 \mathrm{c}$, as to size of lot, some large quantities being placed at 4 1-4c. Yellows $31-8 \mathrm{c}$ to 4 c . The ad valorem duties have effected a reduction in prices of some low quality raisins and currents of 3-8c. Some high class bottled fruits, prunes, etc., will, however, be as much as 3 c dearer. Cross \& Blockwell's pickles have had to be advanced, and fancy imported grocery delteacies will-suffer-all-round, The rich will have to pay for lusuries on the basis of valuo instead of paring no more than is charged on an interior article suited to the poor man's purse. We have bofore us the export list for $1893-9 t$ of Wm . Rogers \& Co., raisin packers, Denia. Ther write as follows: A too powerful sun somewhat prejudiced the size of the crop, which only ficlded 24,830 tons, as against 29,544 tons last season. All raising were safely boused and the quality on the whole has been good. Shipments commenced a fortnight earlier than usual and prices openel nominally at 4 dollars but quickiy declined to 3 , when a fair demand took place. Subsequently, shipments became rather slow nutil the latter part of September, when, owing to prices having falIen to $\$ 2.50$, nearly 6,000 tons were shipped. Demand was steady at this low price, and no rise took place until tho beginning of this year, when the remainder of the crop was disposed of at $\$ 3$. We are now more sanguine that the United States will reduce the duty on valencias from 2 1-2e to 11-2c, the present high tariff having prevented the export of the usual large quantities. There is also some probability that England will this spring abolish the duty on raising and dried fruits. If our hopes are realized and the fact that by August next stocks in England and America will be comparatively "nil," we look Iorward to $n$ " brisk demand not only at the outset, but throughout the seásoñ." A summary sliows that Canadn took 30,345 cwte. Rio coffee market firm. Rate of excliange at Rio 9 3-16d. European adpices came stronger: Stock of Brazil coffee in Nem York 141, 468 bags, In the Unitod Statees 204, 208 bass, which, $\overrightarrow{\tilde{w}}$ ith the quañtity afloat for this country; 267,000 baps making the American'visible вưpply 471,208 bage;'aginist $570,158 \mathrm{bmgs}$


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at the same time last year. The Now York market for leading staples is thus reported : Sugar.-Trade in raw is slow, but prices are steady. Centrifugal 06 -test quated at $27-8 \mathrm{c}$, molasecs suggar, 89 -test, at 21-4c., and Muscovado, 80-test, at 2 1-2c. Refined stendy with $n$ fair inquiry. Mo-lases.-The market is dull, but prices are steady. We quote : New Orleans open kattle, fair to cood, 25 c to 28c ; prime to choice, 29c to 30e; Barbadoes jobbing at 23 c to 25 c , and Porto Rico 25 c to 36 c . Rice.-Prices are well sustained but trade is inactive. Qnoted: Domestic :-ordinary to fair $31-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 3 -4c, good to prime $41-4 \mathrm{c}$ to $48 . \mathrm{Ke}^{2}$, choice to fancy se to 5 $1-2 \mathrm{c}$, hend $51-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 6 c , Patna $41-2 \mathrm{c}$ to $48-4 \mathrm{c}$, Patna bond 3 c to $31-2 \mathrm{c}$, Jamina, 41 -2c to $48-4 \mathrm{c}$, Java, in bond, 2 1-4e to 2 3-4c, Java 3 1-2e to 4 1-4c.
Iron and Hardware. -The local market is molerately active and many orders aro being taken ahead for shipment by boat: Prices in several lines are ensior and tho aidyantage lies , with buyers. The United States iron and-steel markets continuo in a listless and unsatisfactory condition, and sharp competition exists lor curreat orders. Scoteh wartauts are cabled 42 10 and lowtre Midile日boro No. 8 fonn:
dry, G. M. B. steady, 36 s 3d. G. M. T3. copper, spot, $£ 40$, 12s 6d; futures £41. 2s 64 and quict. Hanets antimony 837 , ordinary $£ 3510 \mathrm{~s}$, tin plates 10 s 8 d ; copper, best selected American $£ 44$; lend, soft
 6d. Reports from Germany state that spejter is rather more active, and prices; it is thought, have touched bottom for the present. Tin, spot, 669 15s and easier ; 3 months £TO 12s 6d. Soft Spanish lead 50 58. The production of pig iron in Germany for February was 403,74.0 tong, against 304,284 last year.
Leather and Shocs.-Tho boot and shoa fractories are commencing to cut on samples, and nppar to be fairly well employed, but not rushed. Lanther is moving quietly. Stock is largely being held for shipment by boat.
Maple Products.-Sugar to in liberal suppls and sales are made at 8c. to7e. Syrup quiet at 55 c to 60 c per tin for new and 40 c to 50 c for old.
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Provisions and Eggs.-There is not a great deal doing. Canada short cut pork is worth $\$ 15$ to $\$ 16$ and selling slowly. Bacon 10c to 12 c and hams 9 e to 11 c . Lard $91-2 \mathrm{c}$ to 10c for Canadian in pails and 71 -2e to 8 c for common refined. Chi cago market was strong and advancing. Egges were in good demand in Montroal at 10 1-2e to $111-2 \mathrm{c}$

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A DISTURBING. DECISION.
A decision which controverts one of the accepted doctrines of insurtmee law has just been given in the United States. Heretofore it has been understood that a policy-holder who takes advantage of the company's agreement to receive an overdue preminm in case of continued good health, does so at his own risk. If he chances to dio in the meantime his insurance will be lost. This has been the general ruling of the courts. The forbearance is a moregonditional, favor granted.
Now, however, comes a decision from the Kentucky Court of Appeals which makes a serious inroad into this doctrine. The insured after receiving a notice of this kind failed to pay, but within the sixty-day limit he was aceiclently killed. Now it is clamed by the court that the waiver amounted to a distinct contract with the insured extending his time of payment and koeping his policy in force provided such payment should be made when in good health. He was in good health up to the time of his sudden death, therefore there was no time during his lite


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