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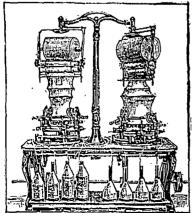
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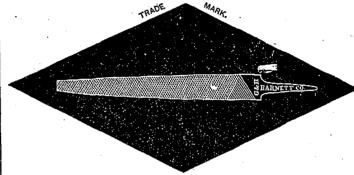
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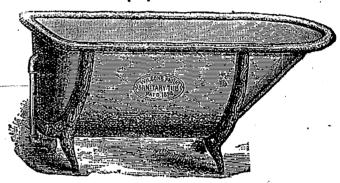
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—Salt is very scarce in St. John, N.B. and no cargoes are on the way. Prices have advanced 3 cents per bag in consequence.

—The latest United States Government crop report indicates a yield of 270,000,000 bushels of winter wheat, and 172,000,000 bushels of spring wheat.

-The total number of business failures reported in Canada last week is 33 against 25 the previous week, 30 in the week one year ago, and 34 two years ago.

—Advices from Toronto are that the feeling in general trade circles has improved a little. Ontario crop prospects point to an average yield.

REPORTS from all sections of the Province of New Brunswick indicate a light hay crop, although owing to recent rains it will be considerably better than was at first expected.

—The "bolting of the platform" by the "sound money" democratic newspapers throughout the United States suggests the bolt of 1884, but this years revolt has gone much further than the demonstration of a dozen years ago. The revolt has had a good effect upon the American stock markets.

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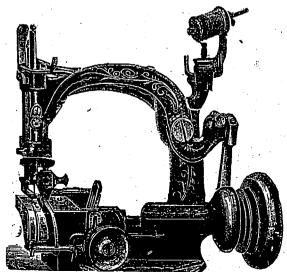
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-HENRY SMITH, butcher, Moosomin, Man., has assigned in trust to A. G. Hamilton. No particulars have yet come to hand.

-NEW BRUNSWICK farmers report that the recent rains have helped the crops wonderfully and that the yield of hay will be good.

.-Forty thousand salmon fry were deposited in Loch Lomond near St. John. N.B., on the 7th inst. from the Government hatchery at Grand Falls.

-Frank O'Neil & Co., harness makers, Napinka, Monitoba, are offering 25 cents in the dollar. They have been in business for four years but without success, and sold out last May.

-MANY pear and apple trees near the mountain at Hamilton and in the vicinity of the beach are affected by a blight. The Agricultural College of Guelph has sent one of its staff to examine the blighted orchards.

-Advices from Belleville, Ont., note the unpleasant fact that caterpillars similar to those which have been injuring the crops in other parts of the Province ore now devastating grain fields in the neighborhood of Belleville.

-A SIGNIFICANT feature of the New Brunswick transatlantic deal trade is the small number of sailing vessels loading at St. John this season. For South American business, however, sailing ve ssels are well employed.

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THE Ontario Government imposes a license fee of \$50 per day upon circuses, and provides that an inspector of the Crimina Inspection Department shall travel with a circus continuously while exhibiting in the Province. It is expected that a sum of about \$2,200 will find its way into the Treasury this summer as a result of this license fee.

THE exports of wheat, flour being included, from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal for last week amount to 2,167,000 bushels, against 2,601,000 bushels the previous week, 2,317,000 bushels in the week a year ago, about the same quantity in the corresponding week in 1894, and as compared with 4,134,000 bushels in the like year of 1893.

-THE Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax for the past week show some expansion as compared with the previous week, which was broken by the general election, \$24,136,000 as contrasted with \$13,984,000. But in the same week one year ago the corresponding aggregate was \$25,-076,000, which is about four per cent. more than last week.

-From the estimate of present conditions contained in the United States crop report for July this year's corn crop will be larger even than that of 1895. The acreage of wheat has been diminished, but corn, which premises the largest yield in States like Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, and Nebraska, where the free coinage craze has apparently been most violent, may have some influence on the Presidential election. It is the commonplace of American radicalism.

A Portion of the recent activity among the shoe manufacturers of the United States still continues, but the tendency according to Brad-treet's, is to tall off. Notwithstanding rains in Texas, the cotton crop there is suffering from the effects of drought, while in South Carolina too much rain has fallen for



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the good of the crops. Complaints are heard as to the prospect of the wheat crop on the Pacific coast.

Among two dozen staple articles in the United States, prices of which form a gauge of the general tendency of values, only one, print cloths, showed an advance last week over the prices which obtained the previous week, coffee, petroleum, iron, steel, coal, and lumber being conspicuous among those prices which are unchanged. The general tendency of the price movement is downward, the advance in prints being the result of the shutting down in the East.

-The manufacture of sash and doors in the United States comprises only about sixty factories. They represent an annual product valued at from \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and an approximate investment valuation of about \$10,000,000. It is suggested by the Northwestern Lumberman that these sixty different organizations, which now dispose of the annual product in such a fiercely competitive way as to shear off all the profit, should be merged into one grand corporation with sufficient capital to own all the factories and sufficient surplus to operate them.

-Scott & Crozier, tailors, Bridgetown, N. S., have assigned to O.S. Miller, with liabilities between \$1,000 and \$1,100. The assets were mainly covered by bill of sale, which amounts to \$800. The general creditors are not likely to get much—Edward Murphy, baker, Sydney, N. S., has assigned to A. C. Murphy. He has only been in business a few months. There is some property, but it is covered by encumbrance. The assets are small.

-Jos. Letendre, general store, St. David d'Gamaska, Ont., has assigned in trust to Lamarche & Benoit, Montreal, with liabilities of about \$6,000. He was originally of the firm of Valois & Letendre, who dissolved in Nov. 1894, he continuing the business, He has been going behind lately, crediting rather heavily, and this, with strong competition, and the difficulty in getting his collections in have been the principal causes of his failure.

-J. N. LECLAIR, jeweller, Montreal, assigned to the court on the 8th, on demand of Arthur Leclair, who has been named provisional guardian. The liabilities are \$1,080, the principal creditors being Arthur Leclair, \$392; Foucher & Co., \$162; and Alfred Eaves \$135. He has only been in business a few months

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-A CERTAIN Mr. Tapley Young, of Washington, has invented an electrical contrivance for thawing oil wells. The theories as to the exhaustion of so many wells is that the oil in passing upward through the stone, has clogged the porous stone with paraffin in such quantities that the further flow is stopped and the well ceases to produce. Mr. Young's invention, which is now in the hands of the Standard Oil Co., consists of an electric heater three feet long, resembling an iron cartridge, which can be lowered into the well. The current goes down the wires, and an enormous heat is produced which softens and melts the paraffin and other refuse so that the oil is free to run again.

THE citizens of Quebec hope that the proposed new fast line of Atlantic steamers will make Quebec their terminus, but that if Montreal should be the terminus Quebec interests should be guarded by the insertion of a condition in the contract that all passengers and freight should be carried to and from Quebec at rates less than to or from Montreal, in proportion to the distances saved, and that it should be obligatory on the steamers to be in Quebec at least a full working-day before the time fixed for their sailing. It is said that butter and cheese, and even lumber have frequently to be sent from Quebec to Montreal to be put on the steamers.

-A COMMITTEE of the Dominion Senate reports that there is in the Canadian Northwest a possible area of 36,000 square miles, over 200,000,000 acres suitable for wheat. The whole area now in wheat in the United States has 36,000,000 acres. From this contrast it is seen that Canada is destined to be the chief granary of the world. Wheat has been successfully grown at Fort Simpson on the Mackenzie River, 862 miles north of the

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T. PATENAUDE, wool and coal, Montreal, has assigned to the court on demand of the Banque d' Hochelaga, with liabilities of \$17,385, and assets \$9,700. The principal creditors are Robert, \$3,600; Mrs. Demontigny \$1,600; Letang, Letang, & Co., \$1,000; Hochelaga Bank, \$2,600; Garand, Terroux & Co., \$500; indirect Banque du Peuple, \$2,000-L. Miller & Co., shoedealers. Montreal, have assigned to C. Desmarteau. Miller was once in a grocery business on Notro Dame street east, where he failed about six years ago. Travelling afterwards for Mongenais, Boivin & Co, he began the shoe business a few months ago under cover of his aephew's name, Horace Cropeau. But this was subsequently objected to, and a dissolution was registered April 21st. No new registration has taken place since then. The liabilities are not heavy, outside of one firm in Quebec, who have been supplying them nearly all together. The liabilities will not exceed a couple of thousand dollars.

-A. J. McDonald, general store, etc., Port Hood, N.S., who for some time past has been in rather a precarious position

financially, is offering to compromise at 50 cents in the dollar payable 6 and 8 months. The liabilities are reported to be \$9,000. He has been a long time in business, at one time of the firm of B. & A. J. MeDonald, but his partner getting into difficulties they separated in 1882. Since then he has been doing business on his own account, having for a time a fair trade, which, however, has dropped off gradually, and for years he has been going behind. His lobster factory was burned a few weeks ago-Lewis M. Burns, painter, Yarmouth, N.S., has assigned to Henry Burrell in trust for benefit of creditors, making some preferences, but no particulars to hand-Ingraham & Mc-Lean, general store, Sydney, N.S., are in difficulties, and offering creditors, through their solicitors, a composition at 50 cents in the dollar, 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, no security. The liabilities are reported to be \$10,000, and assets nominally the same amount, in stock and \$3,000 in book debts. Nothing definite has as yet been decided. A meeting of creditors will be held shortly. The firm began business under this style July 31st, 1893, having taken over the business formerly owned by Mrs. C. L. Ingraham and the partner is Ida V. Ingraham, her daughter, and Angus G. McLean. Neither of them had much responsibility, and from the start have had uphill work, and have been sued on

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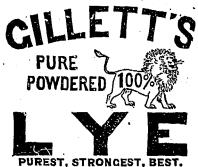
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about \$4,000 or \$5,000—Louis Dupont, pulp mill, St. Jeanne de Neuville, Que., has assigned. No particulars of liabilities or assets are yet received. He has been in business 15 or 20 years, but failed in 1891, and compromised at 10 cents in the dollar cash, owing quite a large amount. Since then he has had a fair business, but is advancing in years. He owns the property but it is encumbered. Not long ago he erected new premises which was not considered a very wise move. For some time past he has been more or less embarrassed.

-Benor & Co., general store, Hayelock, Ont., are in difficulties. Benor has been covered by a chattel mortgage, and he now writes his creditors that the mortgagee is pressing him, and states that his relatives will advance sufficient cash to pay present demands, and offers unsecured creditors 10 cents on the dollar. He claims his stock is poor, and will not bring 50 cents in the dollar. His statement shows stock, etc., \$3,698. Liabilities, mortagage and interest \$1,708.96; due creditors, \$3,067.65; total, \$4,776.61. The firm is bellieved to have been composed of J. T. Benor alone. He commenced originally in Campbellford some years ago, but without capital. He did a small trade until Oct. 1894, when he removed here, and has since that time been struggling along -W. H. Grant & Son, shoes, Gananoque, Ont., have assigned to J. C. Ross. They have been in trouble for some time. A meeting of creditors was held on the 12th of last month, at which estate showed assets, stock \$451.25; book debts,

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\$54.56; total \$505.81, with liabilities of about \$400.—Samuel Walker, East Oxford, has assigned to R. Batos. No particulars have been received.—James Ford, who has carried on a small saw-mill business at Glen Morris for a number of years has assigned to W. J. Millican. The assignment causes no surprise as his position has not been an easy one, and he might have been more attentive to his business.—John Willis, Osborne Township. Ont., has assigned to Hy. Jones. No particulars have been received.—At a meeting of creditors of C. D. Richard & Son, dry goods, Ottawa, Ont., held on the 6th inst., an offer was made of 40 cents in the dollar cash, but this was not very favorably received, the creditors wanting 45 cents cash, and 5 cents the firm's paper. Liabilities were about \$15,000, and assets nominally about \$12,000. So far nothing definite has been settled.

—CYRLLE DUQUET, jeweller, Quebec, whose suspension was announced last month, and who has been endeavoring since then to arrange an extension, has failed to-make the arrangement and has now assigned.—Arthur Mandeville, photos, Montreal, has assigned to the court on domand of F. Mandeville; liabilities \$10,667; assets, \$2,793; cash on deposit in Superior Court, Montreal. Principal creditors, F. Mandeville, \$2,500; J. A. Decelles, \$1,350; Bank du Peuple, \$2,100; Bank Nationale, \$380; A. Docarre. \$1,100; A. Dalbec, \$250; Dr. J. P. Chartrand, \$250; H. Laurent, \$500; Cresse & Decarle, \$800.—Dame Mary O'Brien, the wife of John Beiser but separate with respect to property, who has been trading in shoes in Montreal under the name of M. O'Brien, has assigned in trust to Chas. Desmarteau with liabilities between \$6,000 and \$7,000. She formerly carried

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on business under the style of M. Beiser for several years, changing to the present name last May. At one time she was considered to be in a fair position, and worth a few thousand dollars, but of late her business has fallen off pretty considerably, and she gradually went behind, having finally to succumb. She held a meeting of creditors, but could not arrive at any arrangement with them, and had to make an assignment. It is thought the estate should pay a fair dividend.-Joseph Beaulieu, boot and shoe dealer, Montreal, who was mentioned here lately as offering to compromise at 15 cents in the dollar, has been unable to arrange this compromise, and has assigned, with liabilities of \$3,164. The principal creditors are A. Corbeil, \$1,057; C. Geoffrion, \$334; Lefebvre & Freres, \$276; Michaud, Lefebvre & Co., \$214; L. Foisy, \$212; J. Robinson, \$287; Mrs. J. B. Larin, \$330.-A. Collerette, hotel, Montreal, has assigned to court on demand of Loranger & Heroux, with liabilities of about \$770.

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This is Mrs. T. Bazinet doing business under the above style. She has carried on the hotel for only a short time, the business being managed by her husband, but it could not be made to pay.—Having become financially embarrassed, Louis Roch, hay merchant of Montreal, has privately assigned. The apparent assets are \$14,000 or \$15,000, and the deficiency amounts to about \$35,000. Furthermore, he is reported to be an endorser on paper for two other persons to the extent of between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Having been in the hay business for twenty-five years and at one time with success, his position was considered fair, and his failure has caused much surprise. He did a large business—too large for his capital. Last year he lost money in oats and in other ways which absorbed what remained of his capital.

-Davis & Son, boat builders, Kingston, Ont., have assigned to R. J. McKelvie. The business was originally started by the father, about twelve or fifteen years ago. The son was admitted in 1889, and since that time they have been doing a small trade. Their lack of capital was always a drawback. They are practical men of good ability, and under favorable circumstances would no doubt have made a success. They have done their best against considerable odds-Dupont & Wilson, mnfrs. hats, etc., Kingston, Ont., finding themselves financially embarrassed from various causes, called a meeting of creditors and made an arrangement for the continuation of the business. They were granted an extension of time. The principal creditors are Gault Bros. Co., of Montreal. The chief liabilities were shown to be about \$10,000, and assets nominally something more. They have been in business since the spring of 1894, having begun at that time in a small way. Lack of capital and the expense of starting the business, coupled with poor trade and difficulty in getting in their outstandings, are given as the main causes of their nonsuccess. It is, however, believed that under the circumstances they will be able to make a success of the business-John M. Kerr, wagons, Thomasburg, has assigned to A. A. McDonald. At one time he was of the firm of Morton & Kerr, but he has been in business on his own account for about two years. He is a practical man, but has not been able to extend the business, and he has been doing principally jobbing and repairing. He has been more or less hampered from want of capital. The affair is rathera small one, and liabilities are limited-Cumming & Co., undertakers, Toronto Junction, have assigned to A. J. Anderson. This is the wife of G. R. Cummings, who on account of former difficulties has been unable to trade in his own name, and has been working with his wife as sole partner. No figures have as yet been given out, but it is not thought that they owe very much-Geo. Stalker, fish, etc., Collingwood, Ont., has assigned to H. A. Curry. No particulars of assets and liabilities are yet received, but he is not thought to owe much, and that to local people, he having been buying mainly at home-Allen Bros., planing mill, etc. Grimsby, Ont., have assigned to F. H. Lamb. They have only been in business a few months, having bought out W. W. Kidd. They started without any expe→USEK



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rience, having always before this worked on a farm. They were not credited with having any responsibility. Their success has always been regarded as doubtful—Miss M. E. Bulmer, who has been in the milling business at Almira for about a year and a half, has assigned with very small liabilities. Since the dissolution of the firm of Laird & Bulmer last January, Miss Bulmer has continued alone, but on a very small scale—R. Patrick, tailor, etc., Galt, Ont., has assigned to A. Munroe. He is an old resident who failed a long time ago, and was out of business for a time. But he began again in 1885, and since that time has been doing a limited trade, plodding along, having his hands full to keep afloat. He has credited rather freely, and has been unable to collect, and this is understood to have been the cause of his trouble. His losses have been severe for the amount of his capital.

NOT TRIED ENOUGH BY FIRE.

Cripple creek is in need of some missionary work. It is not quite so remote as Africa and Polynesia. It has evidently not profited much by the lesson of its recent blaze. It is conspicuous for the number of its saloons and gambling houses. There are no respectable places of resort for a stranger to go to, and if he is unacquainted in the place the chances are that he will drop into one of the hundred saloons, and if he is so inclined he will find every facility for losing his money at either faro, roulette, crap, or poker, or will be "bunkoed" out of his money by some of the gamblers, who move about with impunity as far as the police are concerned. It would be hard to imagine worse places than the so-called theatres on Myers Avenue, and considering the ravages of the recent fire it seems incredible that the authorities should permit several hundred people nightly to assemble in the huge wooden and canvas edifice that does duty for a Cripple Creek opera house or theatre. It is nothing less than a fire trap, and a nightly menace to the safety of the town, or what remains of it.

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—/ Dyicks from North Sydney, C.B., note that this year's hay crop n Cape Breton will be the heaviest cut for many years. Other crops are doing well.

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GOLD, SILVER AND WHEAT.

The alarming declaration by the Democratic Convention at Chicago in favor of the free coinage of silver, and of making the silver dollars coined under this system a legal tender for all debts public and private, owes its passage to a belief that gold has what is called

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"appreciated in value," in recent years. By "appreciation" is meant by the those who use it in currency discussions of the free-coinage-of-silver class, an increase in the value of gold, or an increased dearness, while it is kept by law at a fixed value. This use of the word "appreciation" is, of itself, an indication of ignorance, for appreciation means only setting a just value on anything. It is made up from the Latin "ad" becoming "ap" before a "p," and pretium a price, that is, it refers wholly to "a prizing, rating, valuation," as an old authority explains. Properly used then the words, appreciated, appreciation, so commonly made to imply increase in value of gold, really only mean taking gold at its just, or proper value. Gold indeed cannot be taken for any other value, coined or uncoined, for it is a commodity for sale in the open market, and cannot be made of any other than its true value.

For centuries silver and gold have been exchanged at a price on an average of 15 ounces of the white to 1 ounce of the yellow metal. The steadiness of this ratio up to recent years is one of the remarkable features in currency records. Some years ago the natural demand for silver did not satisfy the mine owners of the States who caused legislation to be passed requiring the government to purchase and to mint into dollars a large amount of silver every year. This caused an enormous increase in production, and as it was co-incident with a currency movement which is fast reducing the quantity of metallic money in use. by cheques becoming so general, and was co-incident also with a movement in Europe to place the currency on a gold basis in Austria and other nations, the increased output of silver in the States lowered its price. The silver men in the States set themselves the task of upsetting the law of supply and demand, and got worsted in the struggle. Silver, from an over supply, has gone down about fifty per cent. in value.

The United States now owns some 300 million dollars in silver bullion which cost about 500 millions, and for which it now owes that amount. It is practically unsaleable, and if put on the market would send silver down with a run. Why then does not the U. S. government put out that silver in payment of its debts? Simply because its creditors will not receive payment of 10 cents in discharge of a dollar of indebtedness. The bond holders want payment in money of the same market value as that which they lent. Here then we have the key to the declaration by the Democrats that, American silver dollars, which are worth 55 cents in the world's market, shall be a legal tender for all public debts. If the Democrats get control of the govern-

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ment they could, and declare that they would, use that vast mass of silver bullion in the Treasury to pay public debts, that is, the bonds of the government, at the rate of from 50 to 60 cents for each dollar. Over a year ago Mr. Bryan, who is nominated for President, talked in that strain giving indications of his perfect willingness, if he had the chance to cheat the foreign creditors of the States. His anti-British and anti-European notions cause him, as they do his admirers, to regard those who have lent money to the States with openly expressed hatred. He, for a length of time, has been exciting the farmers against England by telling them that wheat is low in price because of the English gold bugs. We have had our eye on Mr. Bryan for over a year as his "gift of the gab," combined with hatred of England, and anarchical notions about money seemed to us to make him a dangerous character. His speeches are hysterical, fly-blown with rhetorical bombast, utterly devoid of formal argument; they read as they are, mere appeals to the baser sentiments of the American people. He said at Chicago that sound money, a gold standard, "Puts a crown of thorns on the brows of the people, and crucifies them on a gold cross," an expression grossly profane and insane in its folly.

Wheat is low because the supply is so vast. But that it is not so because of the so-called "appreciation" of gold is shown by these statistics. In Minnesota and Nebraska prices have ranged in successive periods of four years each since 1862, as follows, the prices being per bushel: 1862-66, 69 cents; 186 -70, 56 cents; 1871- 4, 73 cents; 1879-82, 92 cents; 1883-86, 64 cents; 1887-90, 65 cents; 1891-94, 62 and 55 cents. The average price of wheat in four States, chiefly wheat growing, between 1862 and 1894 was 72.50 cents per bushel. in 1887-90 the average was 74.20, which was three cents higher than twenty years before. It will be noted that there has been no such steady fall in wheat prices as is declared, and that prices years ago fluctuated as much as they have done since the time when gold is said to have "appreciated."

If the "gold bugs" of England have reduced the value of wheat, they have also reduced the prices of every-

thing a farmer has to buy; for his household necessities. were never so cheap as now, and he never before paid so little interest for loans. We regard the ideas set forth on gold, silver and wheat at the Chicago Convention as a very painful revelation of the illiteracy of the average American politician. We prefer this view to charging them with dishonesty, although men who desire to pay public debts by depreciated silver coins, worth only one-half of their nominal value, can hardly be regarded as inspired by very honorable motives!

\mathbf{OF} THE PRICES COMMODITIES.

In continuation of what we had to say last week concerning the prices of commodities in Great Britain during the past half year we come now to the detailed movements in various classes of commodities. Following the lines indicated by The Economist, it is seen that amongst minerals iron and steel have remained stationary, or have slightly fallen off. As our contemporary points out, this is not, in the circumstances, an unsatisfactory feature, since there has undoubtedly been an increased demand for these products. The filure to obtain advances is due to the fact that the production has kept pace with the increased demand, and there is consequently less fear of the check which sometimes takes places as the result of a sudden shortening of supply, and consequent abnormal advance in prices. It is observed that something of the kind suggested has, in fact, taken place in connection with copper, an increased demand having rapidly reduced the "visible supply." Some advance would naturally occur in such circumstances, but the big rise which has taken place is to be partly attributed to the manipulation of the market by means of the control which has been obtained over the large supplies of the Anaconda mine by a group of financiers. An examination of the following table will show in detail the rise in the price of copper during the past six months, together with the variation in price of other minerals, including coal. Save in the demand for steam coal, the collieries of Great Britain have experienced a very dull period. We learn from The Economist that some pits have had to be closed, and most others have worked short time. The price of coal has consequently fallen to a very low level, and at the beginning of the present month an improvement in that branch of industry seemed very problematical:-

1-MINERALS.

1896.		IRON.		COAL. Best	COPPER.	TIN.	LEAD.	Saltp.
Ended	Scotch Pig er ton	Barn	Ralls	Vallsend London			English Pig per ton	refined
Jan. 34 Feb. 7 Mar. 6 Apl. 3 May 3 June 5	11.48 11.59 11.37 11.28	\$23.74 23.74 24.85 24.35 24.85 23.74	\$23.13 23.13 23.13 22.82 22.52 21.92	\$3.05 3.65 3.53 3.29 3.29 3.29	\$196,02 218,67 220,06 219,64 220,61 232,24	\$282,46 318,99 293,42 294,03 290,98 294,45	55.33	

We have next to consider the raw materials for textile manufactures. Owing to the short American crop last season cotton gradually declined from the maximum price attained in October until the end of May, when the market broke on estimates of a large production in the present season, due to the increased area under cultivation and the promising condition of the erop. As The Economist pertinently remarks, "these sudden market movements are not a little due to speculative operations, which the crop reports are made use of to carry through," It will be seen from our second

table that wool has exhibited some weakness but that the minor textile trade materials have been fairly steady during the half-year. The Australasian woolclip of 1895 was very small, and had not the demand for the raw material and for woollen fabrics greatly declined in the United States the price of wool would no doubt have been indicated in very different figures:-

II-MATERIALS FOR TEXTILE MANUFACTURE.

1896.	COTTO	n.	WOOL	SILK.	FLAX.	пемр,	JUTE.
	Raw	Yarn	New				
Week	Middling	40 Mule	s. w	Cossim-	Riga		Good
Ended	Upland	Twist u	nwashe	ed buzar	\mathbf{z} $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	Manila	marks
	per lb.	per lb.	per lb	, per Tb.	per ton	per ton	per ton
Jan. 3.	\$.09 8-16	$14\frac{1}{4}$	16	2.40	135.14	84.01	58.44
Feb. 7.	09 3-16	15	161/6	2.40	135.14	88.88	58,44
Mar. 6.	08 9-16	141/2	171/2	2.40	131.49	87.05	58,44
Apl. 3	07 13-16	15	18	2.40	131.49	83.40	58.44
May 1	08 13-10	15	17	2.40	129.05	83.40	58.44
June 5.	07%	$14\frac{1}{2}$	16	2.37	131,49	86.44	58.45
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In England, the spring was as dry as it was in Canada: The decline in price of home-grown meat is partly attributed to this reason. Stock came on the market in greater abundance, owing to the difficulty of providing feed for cattle, and prices fell in consequence. A glance at the following two tables will show that the price of wheat has varied but little during the six months; but sugar, after rising towards the middle of the period, has relapsed recently owing, as The Economist remarks, to the increase of export bounties granted in Germany, which has already been followed by similar concessions in Austria, and will, it is expected, have to be imitated in France. Our contemporary is not slow to avail itself of this opportunity to reflect with fine scorn on the folly displayed by bounty-granting countries :-

III.-FOOD PRODUCTS.

Gazette averages
1896. (English Grain.) Flour Beef. Mutton. Potat. Rice
Week Town made good Ran- Ended wheat barley onts households, infer, Prime Prime English goon,
per qr per qr per qr per 250 lbs 8 lbs 8 lbs per ton per ton
Jan. 3 \$6.09 5.82 3.87 4.72 61 1.05 1.42 10.96 1.26 1/2
Feb. 7 6.39 5.62 3.43 5.29 57 1.01 1.34 10.96 1.32
Mar. 6. 6.21 5.31 3.37 5.17 57 1.05 1.34 10.96 1.37
Apl. 3. 6.04 5.19 3.25 5.17 57 1.01 1.38 9.74 1.35
May 1 6.21 5.11 3.39 5.11 57 1.05 1.22 9.13 1.37
June 5. 6.17 5.21 3.61 5.05 57 1.01 1.30 6.09 1.40
IV. FOR DRINKING, LIGHTING AND OTHER PURPOSES.
1996. Sugar Tea Coffee Oils Tal'w. Indigo
West Ceylon Week Manila Ind. Congou Plantation Petro-Olive Town Con
Week Manila Ind. Congou Plantation Petro-Olive Town Con Ended Syrups. com. good middling leum Spanish suming
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Jan. 3\$1.80 2.56 071/2 20 23.13 133/4 160.71 5.60 1.19
Feb. 7 1.83 2.74 071/2 20 23.13 111/2 155.84 5.60 1.12
Mar. 6.: 2.01 2.74 071/2 20 23.37 101/4 150.97 5.60 1.12
Apl. 3 2.01 2.74 07½ 20 28.62 10½ 148.54 5.28 1.12 May 1 2.01 2.80 07½ 20 28.62 10½ 148.66 4.87 1.12
May 1 2.01 2.80 07½ 20 23.62 1058 143.66 4.87 1.12
June 5 2.01 2.74 071 20 23.13 10 143.66 4.87 1.15
The reduction in the price of coffee is attributed to the
The reduction in the price of coffee is attributed to the very large production which is expected this season Owing to the large supplies of tallow which have been

As a large and increasing interest is taken in Canada in the production of pulp for paper-making purposes, and as it is likely to become an important-industry in this country the following details with respect to the prices obtaining in England on the 1st inst. will not be without value:
V.—PAPER-MAKING MATERIALS.

put on the market by Australia the price of this com-

modity has experienced a heavy fall.

Wood Pulp-	-Brown, 50 p.c. moisture	c.i.f. Hull	\$21,92	per	air-dry ton
	Pine, 50 p.c. moisture,	44	23.74	* **	41
	Soda, unbleached,	44	46,27	44	` "
For	" half-bleached,	46	58,44	- 66	44
Paper-	Sulphate, unbleached	44	40.18	46	44
making,	" half-bleached,	44	56.01	64	**
	Sulphite, unbleached,	44	38,96	**	44 1 (1)
	bleached,	44	58.44	**	н .

In our last table we give the Montreal prices for the past five years of those commodities which were enumerated in the comparative table in our former article on this subject. The most noticeable item is the marked decline in the price of wheat from 94 cents per bushel to 58 cents:—

VI. MONTREAL PRICES AT END OF FIRST HALF YEAR.

•	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Summerles pig iron	\$20.50 to 21.00	S19,50 20.00	\$19,00	\$ 18.50-1875	\$19,00
Ingot copper, per 1b	121/4 to 13c	10¼·11c	10-11c	12-121 <u>%</u> c	13-14c
Tin straits Ib		16-161/2	18-19	23/4	23 24
Pig lead, 100 lbs	\$3.25 to 3.50	2,90-8,00	2.75		3.25-3.50
Wheat, bush, No. 1. Ft.	•	Man	. No. 1 h		
William	58c		75-76c	82-83c	92 94c
Malting barley, bush	45 to 47	, —	50-55		
		·	46-47	44-45	35-10
Oats, No. 2, bush	27 to 2714	4234.43	42	401/2-41	34c
Sugar, granulated, 1b	4% to 4%	. 414	476	51/2	4% C
Coffee, lb. Rio	16½ to 19	161/2-19	18-21	18-21	1S-21c
Tes, Common To					
meddlum Japan	12 to 15	141/2-17	12-1756	12-171/4	12-171/2
Rice, Patna, 100 lbs	4.75 to 5.00	4.25-5.00	4,50-5,75	4.75-550	4.10-5.75
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QUEBEC'S FARMING INTERESTS.

In an article on the exportation of hay in our issue of the 26th ult. we remarked that the hay crop in Canada this season would be below the average of the past three years both in quantity and quality. The cool, dry weather of the early summer checked the heading out and shaping of the grasses. But in some sections of this Province, notably in the neighbourhood of St. John's, and Chateauguay, the crop is very good and the farmers are feeling cheery about it. But along the Intercolonial Railway the yield is small and thin. Farmers are allowing the grass to stand as long as possible hoping that it will make up in height what it lacks in other respects. As long as this is not overdone the hay will not be injured, but the best fodder is made when the grass is cut fresh and green. If the cutting is deferred for too long a time the hay is more like straw than fodder, and cattle fed on it closely resemble the lean kine which stalked drearily through the land of Egypt in the dark dry days of the famine.

The chief crops of Quebec are oats, hay, and potatoes. When-any-one of these is a failure or even a partial failure the farmer suffers severely. Very little wheat is grown in this Province. Nor is garden produce given much attention. Those who make a business of this branch of agriculture are chiefly if not wholly confined within a radius of twenty miles of Montreal and in the immediate vicinity of the capital of the Province. Bonsecours market of Montreal is largely supplied by the farmers-living within easy driving distance of the city. Those who cross by the ferries running from La Prairie, Longueuil, etc., show great enterprise in getting to the market early in the evening preceding market day. An advantageous position can thus be secured, which is no doubt worth the discomforts of a night's camping out in the streets.

The demand for agricultural machinery and implements has not been quite so large in Quebec this year as last year. The farmers are feeling poor. Low prices have been the reward of their to'l now for some time. There is not as much money in farm produce as formerly. So the farmer has been cautious in incurring fresh liabilities, and he has either made the old machine do or has gone without it altogether. But it must be confessed that the Quebec farmers are often very happy-go-lucky individuals, shiftless and careless to a degree. But their expenses are small, and they manage to make both ends meet after a fashion peculiar to themselves. Their notion of buying on time

is very large—with respect to the length of the time. From two to six years credit is what they expect—and get. But it must not be supposed that all the farmers of this great Province are cut after this pattern. Those who work their farms on scientific principles-and their number is larger than is supposed—are not only in comfortable circumstances but are making money. They produce the largest amount of products at the smallest possible cost, and can thus afford to sell at prices which to them are profitable but to their unscientific or shiftless competitors are perhaps actually below cost. There is one thing that can be said in favour of the Quebec farmer, and that is that he is almost invariably "good pay" no matter how long the credit he may ask. He may live from hand to mouth all his uneventful days, but he is a man who pays what he owes to the very last dollar.

• It is not at all an uncommon thing for a Quebec farmer occasionally to leave his farm for a year or two and migrate with his family to some manufacturing city on the other side of the Canadian frontier. He and several members of his family soon find employment in some factory, his farm meanwhile taking care of itself, the only crop being produced consisting of hay, which is committed to the care of a friend or relative in the neighborhood of the farm. As a means of paying old debts, work in the American factory is often resorted to by the Quebee farmer. But it is seldom that he leaves his native soil without the intention of returning as soon as his financial affairs will permit of his doing so. A son or two may remain behind among the foreigners, but the heart of the habitant is ever turning to the old home in Canada.

In our next issue we may return to the subject to show what progress has been and is being made among the farming communities in the Province of Quebec through the influence of Hon. Mr. Beaubien and his efficient staff of assistants.

GREAT CHANGES IN ENGLISH BANKS.

For many years past, since the limited liability Act came into force, there have been a number of private banks in England re-organized as joint stock. Amongst other reasons for these changes may be numbered, the necessity for bringing to the management of banks a degree of expert knowledge of banking many of the sons and family connections of private bankers did not possess, thin talent not being hereditary. Another has been the taste of the heirs of wealthy old bankers for a life of more ease, and freedom to enjoy the social privileges and advantages of a large income. The younger generation disliked being tied down to office work day by day as is requisite in those having managerial responsibilities. England is the land where aristrocratic prejudice still runs strongly against occupations of a trading character, so the sons and nephews of old bankers have abandoned the counter and private room where the family fortune was made, in order to take up the life of a country gentleman-a Member of Parliament whenever possible—and to revel in the dignity of a county magnate. Cases have occurred in which those who made this change, and tried by their wealth to establish themselves amongst the old families have been snubbed so persistently that they have discovered the lot of the parvenu, as they were regarded,

is not a happy one. The main reason however has been the need for special talent in management to meet the competition and commercial habits of modern days.

The largest change ever made in this respect has just been consummated by the amalgamation of twelve private banking firms of the first order, which have joined their forces to form one enormous joint stock bank which takes the long familiar name of Barclay & Co. The following gives the leading items in the balance sheets of the old firms merged into the new concern:

Name.	Place.	Capital.	Deposits. \$
Backhouse & Co Barclay, Bovan & Co Bassett & Harriss Fordham & Co Goslings & Sharpe Gurney & Co Motineux & Co Mortlock & Co Sharples & Co Sparrow & Co	London L'n Buzzard Royston London Norwich Lewes Cambridge Hitchin Chelmsford	1,250,000 5,000,000 850,000 450,000 2,000,000 5,000,000 500,000 500,000 700,000 700,000 800,000	15,160,000 45,000,000 2,160,000 2,720,000 6,250,000 35,000,000 5,370,000 2,980,000 4,500,000 1,450,000
Veasey & Co Woodall & Co	Huntingden Scarbro,	500,000	1,400,000
. Totals		\$16,550,000	\$124,238,000

The oldest of these firms is Barclay & Co., which dates

from 1700; Backhouses, from 1774; Gurneys, 1781; Woodalls, 1783; and most of the others have a history of from 70 to 90 years. It will be noticed that the Quaker family element largely predominates. The registered capital of the bank will be \$30,000,-000, of which \$25,000,000 will be issued and subscribed,

\$10,000,000 to be paid up, and \$5,000,000 held as a reserve fund. As the amount of capital now invested by the amalgamating firms is larger than the total of the new bank, it is understood that there will be distribution of cash amongst them pro rata. Barclay & Co. will have 181 branches spread throughout England, ranking in this respect in the fourth place, the National Provincial having 219, and Lloyds 198. We can well understand that the management of so vast an institution will call for extraordinary financial skill. There will be 21 directors, and the system will, as far as possible, follow on the lines of the private bankers who have been absorbed. By this change the country bank note circulation of England will be reduced \$2,880,000, which, under the Bank Act, will enable the Bank of England to increase its circulation by \$1,920,000. This we regard as a great defect in that Act, as we are satisfied that those who have hitherto handled the notes of Gurney & Co. and other local banks, will not take kindly to those of the Bank of England. It is rumoured that several other banks are to be taken in by this banking octopus, but we imagine the new bank is already as large as can well be managed. The name of Barclay, well known among brewers, is in some degree related to the banking house mentioned above.

CLEARING HOUSE NOTES.

One of the reasons for establishing a clearing-house system for the settlement of balances between banks, was the danger of passing large sums of money daily to and fro from one bank to another. The risk was certainly very serious, and would have been realized as such more than it was had it been generally known that the risk was being daily run.

The immunity the banks enjoyed from street depredations they owed to the vultures of society not having scented this prey. It is not long ago since the Clearing House messenger, who was one of the clerks of a bank in an English city, was robbed of his satchel in broad daylight, in a busy street, the deed being done with such skill and rapidity that the thief escaped, carrying off a large sum in bank notes. Montreal has a remarkable record for freedom from street robberies; but the longest lane has a turning, and so long as the danger exists so long is there a chance of some highly disagreeable incident occurring which would impress upon bankers, as it would also the public at large, the advisability of removing all chance of Clearing House balances getting into wrong hands.

Some time ago the JOURNAL OF COMMERCE urged the adoption of a form of notes which would only be negotiable between banks and the Government, for the purpose of being used to pay their daily balances. As these balances run up to large figures, hundreds of thousands of dollars occasionally, and several thousands constantly, there might be an issue of Dominion notes specially designed for clearing purposes exclusively. These notes being not negotiable except by bankers, and by the Government in its transactions with them, would be literally "of no value except to the owner." Were, then, any of them stolen or lost, they would have no value whatever to the thief or the finder. They would in fact be mere Clearing House currency, and unrecognized in mercantile circles. At present the Dominion notes for \$500 and \$1,000 amount to over twelve millions, only \$217,000 is in \$50's and \$100's, \$340,000 in \$4's, and \$6,520,000 in \$1's and \$2's. Out of the entire issue of Dominion notes amounting to \$19,372,000 at the end of May, the banks held \$13,472,-000. Of this total they held the larger part in notes of \$500 and \$1,000, which they use for paying clearing house balances. We see no reason why a certain proportion of those large notes should not be set apart exclusively for this purpose. Of course they would retain their legality as a claim upon the Government for gold, or, occasionally for exchange into notes of a smaller denomination to meet some temporary demand. If the expense of special plates is objected to—a mere trifle, let us say, considering the advantage of the absolute safety of the notes being secured-the present notes might be so marked as to distinguish them from notes of the ordinary class; so marked, that is, as to render them non-negotiable except by bankers. The engraver of the Dominion notes could accomplish this at a very moderate cost. There would be no danger of forgery of such a mark, for nothing could be gained by converting notes negotiable by any holder, into notes exclusively negotiable by bankers. One accident to a Clearing House parcel would so startle all the banks as to make them very anxious for the safeguard we advocate. That an accident is possiblemore easily in our judgment than is generally supposed -no one will deny, and when it happens the cry will be, Who would have thought it? Forewarned is forearmed; where safety can be made certain it is unwise to run risks.

Another matter has been forced upon our attention which is worth consideration. It has been suggested to us that there is a possibility of a batch of blank bank notes getting astray, and being fraudulently put into circulation. We are well aware that precautions are usually taken to avoid this risk. But routine is apt to slacken discipline, and a hint that such a risk is possible may be useful in keeping up the watchfulness of those responsible for these blanks not getting into wrong hands.

HUDSON'S BAY CO.

The annual meeting of the Hudson's Bay Co. was held last week in London, England. The annual report submitted to the shareholders showed a profit of \$320,335, to which was added \$123,235 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$443,570. After providing for payment of a dividend at the rate of thirteen shillings per share, there remained \$127,020 to be carried forward. The quantity of furs received by the Company during the last season was larger than that imported in the previous year, and in spite of a very considerable decline in the price of many of the furs, a good profit has resulted on the year's operations. The following are the principal changes shown at the last sales compared with the sales of 1895: Bear declined 40 per cent, cross fox, 30 per cent; red fox, 30 per cent; silver fox, 30 per cent; white fox, 50 per cent; lynx, 35 per cent. mink 121 per cent; skunk, 35 per cent. Beaver advanced 5 per cent; marten, 10 per cent; musquash, 35 per cent; and otter, 71 per cent. From the information so far received from the Company's trading posts it is expected that the total quantity of furs to be received during the present season will amount to an average supply, although not equal to the total collected last year. The report further says it is impossible to forecast the future couese of prices of furs with any confidence; much will depend upon the state of business in Europe and America. There does not appear to be at present any serious falling off in the demand for the Company's furs, while as regards some of those that declined heavily in March last, there is reason to hope that some improvement may be experienced at the next sales. The general business of the Company-apart from the fur trade-during the period covered by the report was affected to a certain extent by the unfavorable conditions of trade which prevailed in Canada. The retiring directors, who offered themselves for re-election were: Messrs. Sandford Fleming, C. M. G., Russell Stephenson and Thomas Skinner.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXCLUDED.

The Diseases of Animals Bill, to which we have referred on several occasions, has now become an Act of the British Parliament, having passed both Houses. The only amendment of importance was one rendering the Act inoperative until the beginning of 1897, the bill as passed being substantially the same as already reviewed. It provides, it will be remembered, for the permanent exclusion of foreign cattle from Great Britain, Canadian cattle also being included in the prohibition on the allegation that pleuro-pneumonia exists in this country, and even the vigorous protests of the Canadian Government, and the reports of experts declaring the country to be free from the disease, have apparently been of no avail. The bill passed, but not without sturdy protests by friends of Canada in both Houses of Parliament. The Rt. Hon. James Bryce said that the existence of pleuropneumonia in Canadian cattle was extremely doubtful, and that the permanent exclusion of such cattle would be an injury to the Dominion. The bill, he said, was wanton and needless. Baron Herschell, in an effort to protect Colonial interests in the House of Lords, offered an amendment, providing that on petition of both Houses, the Privy Council should have the power, if satisfied that the cattle of a coun-

try or colony is free from disease, to admit cattle from such sections. This met the same fate as a number of other similar amendments-defeat. It was believed by some of our local exporters that the bill was simply a political move to secure the votes of the rural classes. As passed, it is really a protective measure for the benefit of Irish and English cattle raisers. Whether it will afford them all the protection they now anticipate, remains to be seen. Certainly, local exporters are not as downcast as might have been expected and in fact one expressed the opinion that the law would not be actually enforced. It has been said that "a coach and four horses could be driven through any Act of Parliament," and this Act may not be as stringent when read as a whole, as appears from the meagre cabled details. One result of the passage of the measure may be the stimulation of the business in dressed beef exporting. Some such scheme as lately suggested by Prof. Robertson, the Dairy Commissioner, may be revived, but in this case it is to be hoped that the most objectionable features, such as we have pointed out in previous articles, may be eliminated. There really seems to be a good opening now for Canadian dressed beef, particularly if special care is exercised as to quality and shipping, and the trade conducted by business men on a business-like

RAILWAY RATES.

The entrance of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., into the Traffic Association has again drawn attention to the question of railway rates. Already rumors are rife of certain American roads having violated the spirit of their agreement, by making specially low rates in some cases, and these have been met by equally low if not lower rates by some of their their competitors. The "stockholder" has compiled the following average rates for freight per ton per mile, of the principal roads, including Canadian Pacific, and compared them for the past two years:

RATE PER TON PER MILE.

	1894.	1895
	cents.	cents.
Canadian Pacific	0.870	0.850
Penna, Eastern Lines	0.585	0.568
Chicago B. and Q	0.911	0.886
Missouri Pacific	0.965	0.988
Union Pacific	1.072	1.032
Pittsburg & Lake Erie		0.675
Texas and Pacific		1.110
Col. Hock. Valley & Toledo	0.607	0.580
Lake Shore	0.572	0.561
Michigan Central	0.687	0.617
Nickel Plate	0.534	0.518
South Pacific Atlantic System	0.948	0.912
" Pacific "	1.317	1.260

If 1894 showed averages improved over previous years, the declines for 1895 would be less worthy of attention. But the fact is that in 1894, most of the roads above named scored their lowest averages up to that date. The showing for 1895 is relieved by two increases only, out of thirteen items—those of Missouri Pacific and Pittsburg and Lake Erie.

From the above table it will be seen that Canadian Pacific cccupies a satisfactory position, all things considered. The decline in the average last year was small, and from reliable figures we learn that this decline has already been more than recovered. The increases last year only affected a minor part of the business represented, as will be seen from the following table, but this year, increased averages promise to be rule, with a very few exceptions. Of course, senseless rate cutting might even yet bring down this year's average, and in the one or two exceptions referred to, have already done so.

TONS MOVED ONE MILE.	
1894.	1895.
Canadian Pacific	1,490,639,847
Penna., Eastern lines 6,927,195,092	8,173,218,403
C. B. & Q 1,770,402,607	1,822,046,436
Missouri Pacific	1,608,150,603
Union Pacific system 1,469,684,703	1,468,573,281
Pittsburg & Lake Erie 500,619,334	612,617,475
Texas & Pacific	443,488,440
Col., Hock, Val. & Tol 354,495,583	369,716,443
Lake Shore	2,475,757,178
Michigan Central	1,487,989,830
Nickel Plate	1,024,736,918
So. Pacific, Atlantic sys 942,257,088	1,020,926,360
So Pacific Pacific sys 1.532.388.122	1.709.148.881

TEA IMPORTS FROM JAPAN.

The Yokohama Chamber of Commerce has compiled a useful table of statistics of the export of tea from Japan to America for the season 1895-6. This includes the period from May 1st 1895 to April 30th 1896, and the figures given are significant showing as they do an increase as compared with the previous seasons. The total exports to this continent, including of course Canada amounted to 48,800,-266 lbs. 29,908,123 lbs. being shipped from Yokohama, 18,-826;303 lbs. from Kobe and 65,840 lbs. from Nagasaki. Of this quantity Canada alone received 9,245,822 lbs., 6,500,277 lbs. coming from Yokohama and the balance from Kobe. Quite a number of steamers carried tea to Canada, but by far the largest proportion was brought by the Canadian Pacific "Empress" line. The "Empress of Japan" carried 1,056,187 lbs. the "Empress of India," 913,375 lbs., and the "Empress of China" 767,592 lbs., a total of 2,737,154 lbs., or nearly 30 per cent. of the whole. The total receipts in Canada from Yokohama for the past four seasons, and the total shipments from Yokohama were as follows in lbs -

1895-6. 1894-5. 1893-4. 1792-3. Canada..... 6,500,277 6,234,027 6,908,137 6,972,064 Total Ex-

ports.... 30,639,065 29,406,552 29,131,381 29,346,987

The new season, which commenced May 1st 1896, has not so far been as successful as in previous years, the shipments to all points showing a decided falling off. From May. 1st to June 6th the shipments to Canada from Yokohama were 494,216 lbs., compared with 571,477 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1395; 1,042,588 lbs. in 1894; 846,532 lbs. in 1891; and 1,130,997 lbs. in 1890. The falling off may presumably be attributed to the smaller crop as already spoken of in the Journal of Commerce. The vessels now en route to or arrived in Canada with tea are the "Empress of Japan" 281,756 lbs. SS. "Olympia," 24,516 lbs. and SS. Assoun," 88,160 lbs.

THE LAURIER ADMINISTRATION.

The Laurier Administration took office on Monday afternoon last. The portfolios have been allotted as follows: Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Premier and President of the Council; Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice; Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Hon. W. Paterson, Controller of Customs; Hon. Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, Controller of Inland Revenue; Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance; Hon. W. Mulock, Postmaster General; Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia; Hon. J. I. Tarto, Minister of Public Works; Hon. Sydney A. Fisher: Minister of Agriculture; Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State; Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. Messrs. R. R. Dobell and C. A. Geoffrion, Ministers without portfolios. On Monday the portfolio of the Interior had not been allotted. Mr. J. D. Edgar will be Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mr. L. P. Brodeur Deputy

Speaker. Senator Pelletier will be Speaker of the Senate. Parliament has been formally prorogued till August 19th, when it will meet for the despatch of business. The necessary bye elections in the constituencies made vacant by the acceptance of office will be held at once. The new Ministry is remarkable in that it embraces no less than five ex-Premiers of Provinces, and that three of the most important portfolios—Justice, Finance, and Railways and Canals—are held by men who have never sat in Parliament, and who do not yet have seats in Parliament.

CANADA'S MARINE.

The growth of Canada as a marine power has been marked of late years, and according to the latest blue book of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, she now stands fifth among the maritime nations of the world, a position to be proud of. Canada's merchant marine is larger than that of either France, Italy, Russia or Spain. The principal figures follow:

		Sailing	Total net
	Steamers.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British	7,290	8,823	9,650,257
United States		8,839	1,850,416
German	. 966	1,281	1,549,983
Norwegian	601	2,976	1,532,192
Canadian Registered	. 1,718	5,444	825,837
French	660	1,658	731,564
Italian	226	1,788	705,488
Russian	. 345	1,768	514,319
Swedish	542	1,537	486,506
Spanish	. 424	1,022	473,855
Dutch	. 220	661	386,548
Greek	. 117	1,161	334,012
Danish	. 274	873	308,953
Turkish	88	1,004	244,841
Japanese	. 344	255	218,990

The next six in order of tonnage are Austrian, Brazilian, Chilian, Belgian, Portuguese, and Argentine. The figures for British ships, include of course those of her colonies. It will be seen also that Norway and Sweden jointly are entitled to second place, their combined tonnage being 2,018,-698 tons.

The total number of vessels on the register book of the Dominion on December 31st 1895, including old and new vessels, sailing vessels, steamers and barges was 7,262, measuring 825,836 tons register tonnage, being an increase of 17 vessels and a decrease of 43,788 tons register as compared with 1894. The number of steamers on the registry books on the same date was 1,718 with a gross tonnage of 247,007 tons. Assuming the average value to be \$30 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada on December 31st last, would be \$24,775,080. The number of new vessels built and registered in the Dominion of Canada during the last year was 250 measuring 16,270 tons register tonnage. Estimating the value of the new tonnage at \$45 per ton, it gives a total value of \$732,150 for new vessels.

THE BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

The forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held at the offices in London on the 2nd inst. The report adopted states that the total receipts from all sources during the year ending 31st March, 1896, have reached the large sum of \$72,819,000, exceeding by more than five hundred thousand dollars the aggregate receipts of all the incorporated building societies in the United Kingdom—numbering 2,414. The deposits received during the year amounted to \$64,075,000, and the subscriptions to \$1,040,235, and, after allowing for withdrawals, a net increase is shown over the preceding year of \$5 714,160—bringing up the total liabilities on subscriptions and deposits to over \$40,000,000. The amount invested during the year in the purchase of Government and other stocks has been \$10,488,

000, and the sum standing to the credit of these funds, including \$3,039,220 cash at bankers, now reaches the total of \$39,174,300, which amount is exclusive of \$3,053,430 balance due on mortgages, making the total assets \$42,227,730. Of this amount \$11,339,000 are inscribed in the books of the Governors and Company of the Bank of England; while the amount invested in consols and other British Government securities is \$7,859,000. The accession of members during the year number 2,207. In the banking department 2,039 current accounts, and 7,964 deposit accounts have been opened. The number of shareholders is 12,076, current accounts 16,679, and depositors 46,306. At the close of the year there were 61,114 shares in existence. It is interesting to observe that since its establishment, the Society has returned to the shareholders and depositors more than \$831,-000,000, the whole amount having been repaid upon demand. The amount advanced to borrowers has been \$14,138,000, and the amount of interest and bonus paid to investors and depositors is nearly \$15,000,000. The balance in excess of liabilities is \$1,852,000.

SUGAR.

Considerable interest is still being manifested in the position of sugar, particularly in view of the continuance of the revolution in Cuba. Locally, after a period of extreme dullness, due in a measure to the election excitement, the past couple of weeks has witnessed somewhat of a revival of activity. The demand for fruit preserving purposes, is mainly responsible, and as this is being quickly supplied, the prospects for a continuance of the activity are not over bright. Consequently prices are not quotably changed, but if anything have a slightly weaker tendency. The statistical position of raw sugars shows little change, save that beets are decidedly weaker. Cane sugars are firm, Centrifugal in New York being quoted at 3gc or within 1c of Montreal refiners' prices for granulated. The beet situation in Europe is evidently disappointing to holders there, judging from a report of E. Kynaston. He says that Europe is still over supplied with sugar, but small stocks in the trade, and an anticipated demand from America, may help them-somewhat. Attention is also drawn to the position of Cuba's supplies both from now to the end of the year, as also to the possible crop for 1897, which bids fair to be on an equally reduced scale with that for this year. In fact for all practical purposes, Cuba may be said for the time being to have ceased to be one of the sugar producing countries worth reckoning with. The reduced stocks in that island are of some moment to the American refiner, who, having now swept up other cane countries, will have to seek his sugar in Europe. Mr. Kynaston points out that American receipts so far, show with what ease Cuba's deficiency has up to the present been supplied, and it is on this account that disappointment has resulted to speculators, who would not realize the fact that there were other places besides Europe that grew sugar, and the long delayed European purchasing for American account has wearied them out with the result of a veritable collapse in the beet market. Many have held the opinion, and justly so that extensive shipments from Europe to America would only take place in the last month or two of the season, and it is clear that if they are to take place at all, then will be the time. It remains to be seen, however, if this will be found necessary to keep the United States refiners going, and much depends thereon.

CAMPHOR.

Reference has bee made in our former issues to the position of the camphor market and the price advances arising out of the Japo-Chinese war. The British Consul at Tainan, a shipping port in the island of Formosa, has forwarded additional information, relating particularly to recent legislation by the Japanese. He points out that within the past

ten years the total annual exports of camphor from Formosa have increased from 1,334 piculs to 39,547 piculs. The Japanese Governor of Formosa has now issued a proclamation relating to the exploitation of camphor lands, to be observed by all natives of Formosa. The principal provisions of it are the following: All lands for which no title deeds can be shown, as well as mountains or forests, are Government property. No one, except those who hold licenses from the old Chinese Government, is allowed to cut down trees or distil camphor. Those who hold such licenses must submit them to the Japanese authorities for verification, and give full particulars of the size of their claims, the number of trees, the location and number of the stills, the number of hands employed, maximum and minimum daily output of camphor and the route by which the gum is brought to the port. If no such particulars are given, or the genuineness of the license is doubtful, the stills may be confiscated and the license will be void. This proclamation will affect all foreigners trading in camphor, inasmuch as the distillation can only be carried on by native intermediaries. Just what effect this proclamation will have on the local market, remains to be seen. It is believed, however, that it will curtail the annual export materially, and consequently strengthen prices in all foreign markets.

CROP REPORTS.

Crop reports were published this week relative to the condition of crops in Europe and the United States, and were generally just about what had been anticipate. In Europe the weather during June was generally favorable to grain throughout Europe. Average crops are indicated for the United Kingdom, Belgium, Russia, Germany and Spain. While for Austria, Bulgaria, France and Roumania the reports are still more favorable. The French wheat crop is expected to suffice for home requirements. The hay shortage in the United Kingdom, due to the long drought, is less than expected.

In the United States the Government report gives the average condition of winter wheat as 75.6 and spring wheat as 93.3. Last month the averages were 77.9 for winter wheat and 99.9 for spring wheat, so that the decline in condition was not nearly so severe as had been anticipated by certain speculators. The condition on July 1st for the past six years of all crops is given in the following table:—

CONDITION OF ALL CROTS.

1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.
Corn	99.3	95.0	93.2	81,1	92.8
Winter wheat	65.8	83.9	77.7	89.6	96,2
Spring wheat	102.2	68.4	74.1	90,9	94.1
Oats96.3	83.2	77.7	88.8	87.2	87.6
Rye, winter83.8	82.2				
Rye, spring98.6	77.0	·			••••
Barley88.1	91.9				
Potatoes99.0	91.5	92,3	94.8	90,0	95.8
Cotton	82.3	89.0	82.7	86.9	88.6
Tobacco	85.9	81.0	93.0	92.7	91.1

The condition of rice is given at 82.9, apples 64.6 and peaches 51.8. Using this Government report as a basis for calculation, the estimated crop of corn is 2,154,600,000 bushels as against an actual crop of 2,151,138,580 bushels in 1806; 1,212,770,000 bushels in 1894; 1,619,496,131 bushels in 1893; 1,628,464,000 bushels in 1892, and 2,060,154,000 bushels in 1891. The estimated winter wheat crop is 262,131,000 bushels, and spring wheat crop 172,545,000 bushels, a total of, 484,776,000 bushels, as compared with an actual total crop of 467,103,947 bushels in 1895; 460,267,416 bushels in 1894; 396,131,725 bushels in 1893; 515,949,000 bushels in 1892, and 611,780,000 bushels in 1891. The total wheat acreage is 34,619,000 acres as against 34,047,332 acres last year.

NEW BUTTER MAKING PROCESS.

An invention, which bids fair to revolutionize the manufacture of butter has been introduced to public notice. By the new process, butter, it is claimed, can be produced in one minute, and some dairymen of experience who have given time and attention to the matter, assert that it will make

great changes in the industry in this country. The inventor is Herr Salenius, a Swedish engineer, and the process is now in successful operation in Sweden, Finland and England. The butter is made from sterilized milk, the milk being heated to a temperature of 160 degrees, and then suddenly cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees by means of small cooling frames through which iced water is constantly run. The cream which rises, is taken by a skimmer and raised to the churning chamber of the machine. The cream is then forced into a tube which is perforated with tiny holes, and. emerges with great force on to each layer of fresh cream as it rises, converting it into butter by concussion. The butter is then in the form of granules and is drawn into a tube, where it is mixed with buttermilk. After a thorough mixing, it is put under pressure in a butter worker and almost all the buttermilk is squeezed out. The butter is then placed on ice where it is kept for two hours. It is then worked over again and made up. The actual time consumed in making the butter, from the time it is put into the cream skimming chamber of the machine, until it is taken out in the form of butter, is a fraction over a minute. In addition to the saving of time, it is also claimed that the process is so rapid that there is little or no chance for any germs which may be in the dairy, getting into the butter, as the extreme rapidity with which the machinery inside the chamber moves, forces most of the air out. When the butter is once made, there is little or no danger of any germs getting into it, and the sterilizing of the milk before it is put into the machine kills any germs which may be in it. The machine from this description seems to deserve the appellation of "wonderful," conferred upon it by some enthusiastic dairymen. One authority says that if it can be put into dairies and creameries at a reasonable rate, and is shown to be the good thing claimed for it, it will no doubt soon get a trial in this country. If there is one thing that Canadian farmers require more than another, to-day, it is ability to produce good marketable butter quickly in all seasons.

COAL IN ALGOMA.

It is reported that an extensive coal deposit has been discovered in the Algoma district, Ontario, which will materially affect not only Algoma but the whole province. At the instigation of a certain syndicate composed af Canadians and Americans, a member of the faculty of the Toronto School of Science has been making a careful inspection of the district and with gratifying and important results. The coal deposits discovered by the man of science appear to be situated within thirty miles of Sudbury and at a convenient distance from the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Covering an extensive region, there is little reason for doubting that the deposits will prove very abundant. The quality of the coal is described as good, and of a nature well suited for the re quirements of the manufacture of iron, of which mineral, as all the world knows, there are rich stores in Algoma. This district, once despised as a barren and dreary wilderness, promises to be one of the most valuable in the Dominion. Its lakes and islands are the summer resort of thousands of Canadians. But now that its picturesque and physically bracing attributes are backed up by coal and iron, to say nothing of nickel, the interest taken in Algoma will be decidedly material as well as æsthetic.

—The fruit prospects in Nova Scotia indicate an abundant crop. The apple orchards in the Annapolis Valley and in Kings County are looking very promising indeed. Gravensteins, Baldwins, Russets, and Ripstone as well as many other varieties promise to load down the trees, and are developing rapidly.

—The Allan Steamship Co. has won its suit against the Ocean Transportation Co. The Allan line claimed indemnity for rescuing the passengers and crow of the Dominion Line steamer "Mariposa," wrocked off Grassy Point, near Forteau, Labrador in September last, the court to-day held that under the contract

of carriage the shipowners were not under obligations to forward wrecked passengers to their destination.

—The Deer Park Mine near Rossland, B. C., is the scene of the latest sensational "strike." While stripping the surface about 400 feet south of the shaft a new parallel voin was discovered. Assays from several average samples returned values of \$12 in gold and 3 per cent. in copper. The Deer Park shows the largest vein of solid sulphide ore in the camp.

—The German manufacture of wire nails, the chief seats of which are in the Rhenish provinces and Westphalia, as well as in Hanover and Silesia, has within the last 15 years increased to such an extent that it covers not only the ever-growing home consumption, but it also has augmented its exportation by about 250 per cent. In the year 1880 only 1,045 tons were produced. In 1890 the manufacture rose to 41,040 tons, whilst in the past year it reached 56,424 tons.

—Three years ago irrigation was almost unknown in the Northwest. Now there are in Southern Alberta and Western Assiniboia alone over 125 ditches in work, besides many others under construction. A recently completed ditch over six miles in length and from 10 to 15 feet in depth is the unaided work of the Blackfoot Indians of the Blackfoot reserve. It heads in the Bow River about four miles south west of Gleichen, and waters several beautiful flats many square miles in extent in the wide valley of the Bow River.

—The exports of the products of the forest from St. John, N. B., to the United States for the first week of July were 3,000,000 feet of long lumber, 3,320,000 lath, 2,725,000 shingles, 700 cords wood, and a cargo of piling. A small cargo was shipped to the Canary Islands, one of 206,000 feet of deals and some small lumber to Grenada, West Indies, and one of 368,000 feet of deals to Santos, Brazil. About 5,000,000 feet of deals cleared for British ports, together with a couple of steamer cargoes.

—The situation in the lobster market seems to be peculiar. All the large canners have sold up even beyond what they intend to pack; now that the season is about over, it is almost impossible to make a contract, or find a nice lobster on the market. There has been the lightest pack for years. On account of the scarcity of the fish, a number of the Canadian lobster packing houses are shutting down. Lobster packers of Portland have withdrawn offers to sell. It is the impression that these goods will command a very high price. It is rumored that the catching of short lobsters for the past few years is the chief cause of the present scarcity. The season closed on July 1.

THE FIRE RECORD

At Chatham, Ont., on the 12th, fire damaged a shoe store owned by Peace, Van Ganten's jewellery store, Richard's confectionery store, and Johneke's furniture store. The upper stories of the four buildings were gutted and the goods below nearly ruined with water. - The house of Francis Marquis, at Seven Islands, Que., was destroyed by fire on the 10th. Most of the furniture was burned.-The residence and outbuildings of E. E. Dodds at Canton, Ont., together with their contents, were completely destroyed by fire on the 10th. Loss about \$4,000; insurance \$2,000 .- The Zurich Woollen Mill at Zurich, Ont., operated by Johnson Bros., together with its contents, which included 15,000 pounds of wool, was totally distroyed by fire on the 14th at 9 a.m. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. There is no insurance. The fire was caused by a heated shaft.—The works of the Canadian Bridge and Iron Co., Montreal, were burned out this week.-Wm. Buck, a manufacturer of stoves at Brantford, Ont., suffered from the effects of fire this week, but he was insured.-The stock of tobaccos carried by P. J. Talger, Ottawa, was damaged by fire and water on the 13th. He was partially insured .- \$10,000 damage was done to the McMillan estate, the old Morton distillery property, by fire on the 15th at Kingston, Ont. The western malt house of L. H. Clarke was consumed and thousands of bushels of drying grain destroyed. The buildings and contents were destroyed.-Mickle, Dyment, & Son's barn and stables at Severn Bridge, Ont., containing a large quantity of hay and oats, were totally destroyed by fire on the 15th. - Wm. Phelps' brick dwelling in Thurlow, Ont., was burned on the 12th lnst. Loss \$2,500; insured for \$1,800 on the building, and \$400 on contents.—A store in Hamilton, Ont., owned by J. Mills and occupied by George Davis, confectioner, together with stock, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$400 on the 14th. Covered by insurance.

BUSINESS CUANGES.

ONTLRIO-Wm. Noble, saloon, Hamilton, business transferred to his son; Thos. Young, carriages, Listowel, dead; W. E. Sanderson & Co., painters, etc., Peterboro, sold out forrent; E. Roblin, tailor, Picton, sold out to G. Fralick; D. W. Burt, livery, Stratford, sold out to A. Scott; Jas. Craig & Co., grocers, Trenton, moving to Kingston; P. E. W. Moyer, publisher, Berlin, dead; W. G. Ashley, men's furnishings, Kingston, stock transferred to mortgagees; Oram & Moore, publishers, Kingston, dissolved; J. Twohey, livery, Lindsay, sold out; W. E. Hiscott, music, London, out of business; A. & S. Nordheimer, planos, London, closing this branch; A. D. Richard & Son, dry goods, Ottawa, estate sold; J. W. Wright, agent, Ottawa, bailiff in possession; W. J. Jeandron, manfrs. agent, Toronto, out of business; Jas. Kelly, tailor, Toronto, dead; J. W. Fear & Co., hardware, Waterloo, sold out; American Fire Co., Toronto, seeking incorporation; Anglo Canadian Mining Exchange, Ltd., Torono, seeking incorporation; Davidson & Hay, Ltd., wholesale grocers, Toronto, incorporation granted; Dominion Paving & Contracting Co., Toronto, seeking incorporation; D. Dobie, dry goods, etc., Wallaceburg, auction sale of stock; C. Stonehouse, dry goods, etc., Wallaceburg, succeeded by Stonehouse, Sons & Co.; H. E. Guppy, grocer, Windsor, sold out; John Learock, fruit, Brockville, begun business; S. Rumford, harness, Ingersoll, sold out to W. Morrison; W. A. Deeks & Son, blacksmiths. Kingston, effected extension of time; Standard Fibre Lining Co., Merritton, seeking incorporation; Owen Garrity, hotel, Orangeville, succeeded by G. Gillespie; Aaron Ross, grain, Port Perry, dead; Wm. Widdicombe, baker, St, Catharines, moving to Merriton; Geddes Bros., dry goods, Strathroy, opening a branch at Sarnia; Bowmanville Rubber Company, Ltd., Bowmanville, applying for incorporation; Weston & Doyle, general store, Frankford, dissolved, Geo. Weston continues; Cataract Power Co, Ltd., Hamilton, incorporation granted; Jas. McEvoy, hotel, Morrisburg, succeeded to W. H. Sherman; Erie Iron Works Co., St. Thomas, stock for sale 22pd; Victor Oil Co., Ltd., Toronto, incorporation granted. Walsh Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto, applying for incorporation.

QUEBEC-J. E. Renaud, agent, Joliette, removed to Montreal; Louis Robitaille, drugs, Joliette, dead; Gagnon & Monast, grocers, Montreal, dissolved; Holmes Elec. Protec. Co. of Canada, Montreal, Henry Ward appointed liquidator; J. D. Larcheveque, baker, Montreal, bailiff's sale advertised; M. Renaud, cigars, Montreal, bailiff's sale advertised; Miss Zoe Begin, millinery, Quebec, removed to St. David; Wm. Michaud, drygoods, Quebec; Lelavre & Taschereau appointed curators; Alph Labine, general store, St. Come, sold out; Mrs. Jos. Charette, gen'l store, St. Elizabeth, sold out; N. Champagne, builder, St. Elizabeth, given up business; F. Forget, shoes, St. Elizabeth, dead; Arthur Robitaille, grocer, St. Folise de Valois, given up business.

Manitoba & N.W.T-R. Douglas, harness and shoes, Deloraine, sold out; I. Brennan, shoes, Winnipeg, auction sale adver tised.

NOVA SCOTIA-A. B. Baxter, hotel, Canning, dead; J. P. Wallace, grocer, Halif x, begun business.

NEWFOUNDLAND-Patrick Farrell, grocers and liquors, Harbour Grace, dead.

LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended July 15, 1896.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$800 and upwards, and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$550 and upwards :

WRITS ISSUED, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

July 9.

men, \$2,000. Buffalo, N. Y.—J.

-J. R. Stratton et al vs C. H. Clementie.

Bolton Tp-W. H. Westover vs John Connelly (Dmgs).. 500 Buckingham-Frontenac Ln. & Inv. Soc. vs Saml. Brad-500

ley, \$1,518. Montreal—J. A.

Drummondville—M. Desilets et ux vs Norbert Lafond... 875
Levis—A. Robitaille et al vs J. B. michaud et al, \$353; Hon. A.
R. Dickey, pro Regina vs J. E. Roy. \$500.
Montreal—J. Fletcher vs A. Berthiaume, \$3,075, J. P. Cooke et
al vs E. W. Beuthner, \$465; City of Montreal vs Dme. M.
L. Crevier et vir, \$387; R. Prevost esql. vs Dme. J.
Demers et vir, \$444; J. L. Marchaud vs Dme. G. Lambert,
et vir, \$850; E. DeLongchamp vs F. W. Newman, \$3,000;
L. A. Drapeau vs J. Pominville, \$366; V. J. White vs J.
B. Wood, \$1.794. B. Wood, \$1,794, ac—Hon. A. R. Dickey, pro Regina vs N. K. Ken-Quebecnedy, \$1,833. St. Barnabe—H. E. Hart vs P. J. R. Bellefeuille et al... 3,062 St. Perpetue—Hon. Ls. Beaubien vs P. Houle....... 10,000 July 13. seau, \$580. ec—Banque du Peuple vs F. X. Drouin, \$372; Banque du al, \$1,218. July 14. July 14.

Montreal—R. S. Williams & Son Co. vs D. W. Allen, \$301; J.
Courtemanche vs. J. Desautels, \$1,000; D. H. Elliott vs
W. Fawcette, \$1,660; F. L. Belque et al vs Dme. M. Fauteux et al, \$334; J. W. Shaw et al vs P. Hortie et al, \$347;
Credit Foncier vs V. Legault et al, \$2,768; A. G. Tomson
vs M. J. McGrail, \$343; H. Archbald vs H. Perron, \$408.
Quebec—Hon. C. A. P. R. Landry vs Alph. Kirouac ... 504
St. Elphege—Credit Foncier vs G. Parent ... 1,756
St. Nicolas—Credit Foncier vs Antoine Roy ... 1,419
St. Sebastien—Credit Foncier vs M. Raymond ... 4,831
Weedon `Centre — H. Hanning vs Tanguay & Lemieux
(Dmgs.), \$900. Weedon Centre — H. Hanning vs Tanguay & Lemieux (Dmgs.), \$900.

New York—L. Blais et al esql. vs J. D. Pare.................. 1,848 WRITE ISSUED, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. July 9. Alliston-E. E. McMulken vs J. C. Hart et al, exrs., \$710; M. J. Alliston—E. E. McMulken vs J. C. Hart et al, exrs., \$710
Hogarth vs J. C. Hart et al, exrs., \$355.
Brighton—Hastings Loan & Inv. Sey. vs G. W. Short.
Darlington Tp—J. & E. Henderson vs Alex. Riggs.....
Lanark Tp—Rev. B. Piere vs Chris. & Jas. Trodden.....
Metcalfe Tp—E. Rowland & Co. vs Wm. Winter et al..
Niagara Falls—C. Miller vs Silas Emes & J. Hawke....
Toronto—Henderson & Small vs C. T. Harding, \$570; A
vs Jno. Poucher et al, \$435; A. Miles vs David W
al. \$502. 521 485 3,812 vke \$570; A Wilson et al, \$502 Windsor-J. Nelson & Bros. vs J. R. Campbell et al.... July 10. 490 M. Greenway, \$600 tion—Hamilton Homestead L. & S. Scy. vs Ellen & J. E. Hamilton-July 13. Cardinal-Annie McCullough vs Jas. McCullough...

WRITS ISSUED, ONT.	JUDGMENTS RENDERED B. C. July 13.
July 14. Alliston—W. McMulkin vs J. C. Hart et al exrs	Vancouver.—Eppins, Smith & Wiman Co. agt. C. Baker, \$46,662; Sarah J. Franklin agt. E. J. Clark, \$3,124; Northern Countries Invst. & Trust Co., Ltd., agt. Chas. Con- ley, \$2,710.
Rat Portage—A, Wilson & Co. vs W. D. Coate	Quesnelle—E. J. Fader agt Main Quesnelle Gold Dredging & Mining Co., \$5,174.
Toronto—Toronto General Trusts vs Jas. & J. Haverson, \$4,069; Farmers' L. & S. Co. vs Robt Henry, \$923; Farmers L. & S. Co. vs Geo. McGregor, \$539; Seottish American Invest.	Sandy Cove—W. H. Eldridge, general store 311 Bridgetown—E. A. Craig et al, blacksmith 357
Co. vs C. C. Mitchell et al. \$15,956. Trenton—M. Dafoe vs Allen & David Gilmour (Dmgs.) 2,000	JUDGMENTS RENDERED, N. B. July 13.
OttawaA. Masson vs W. H. Walker	St. John—Mullin Bros. & Co., rubber goods
Toronto—E. R. C. Clarkson, as trustee vs Commercial Union Assn. Co., \$2,500; E. R. C. Clarkson, as trustee vs London & Lanc. Ins. Co., \$2,500; Dominion Bank vs W. & D. Mc- Farlane, \$92,772; E. R.C. Clarkson, as trustee vs Phoenix Assco. Co., \$2,500; E. R. C. Clarkson as trustee vs Queens	July 13. Mount Stewart—David Egan, late gen'l store 6,010 CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Ins. Co., \$2,500. 	July 9. Cobourg—H. J. Snelgrove to S. S. Howell \$2,195 Ethel—Wm. Milne to Bank of Hamilton 3,379
WRITS ISSUED, MANITOBA & N. W. T. July 13. Wawanesa—T. Myers vs J. B. Chambers	Ottawa—Patk. Wall to H. N. Bate
July 15.	July 10. Blandford—Mrs. J. Laing so Knox, Morgan & Co. et al, \$2,577;
Glenboro—Merchants Bank vs J. W. Donahoe	Mrs. J. Laing to Knox, Morgan & Co., \$948; Mrs. J. Laing to W. H. Gillard & Co., \$880. Gananoque—J. B. Turner to E. S. O. Turner, as assignee 3.290
Coteau du Lac—I. L. Lafleur agt Dmc. L. A. Sauve \$ 324 Dunham Tp—F. H. Pickel agt Robt. Scott et al 418	Guelph—Hugh James to J. Hayden
Montreal—A. Senocal agt J. A. Beliveau et al, \$551; Banque Jac. Cartier agt Dmc. L. Bergeron, \$1,033.	\$1,483; David & Annie R. Little to Cathe. A. Robertson, \$2,115; J. E. McGarvin to Rhoda Reid, \$2,200.
St. Telesphore—M. Grace esql. agt Jos. Lalonde	July 18. Gravenhurst—John Sharpe et ux to L. Reinhardt 1,000
July 10. Louiseville—F.X. Dionne agt Ephrem Houde	Napanee—G. M. Elliott to Mary F. Daly
Montreal—J. Thibodcau agt P. Bellofeuille et al 309 July 13.	terson, J. Murphy and G. Lindsay, to MacLean, Roger & Co., \$1,669. Toronto—D. G. Chesnut to J. K. Macdonald, \$750; Wm. Gled-
Longuouil. A. Jarry agt. Rev. M. Tasse et al\$976 and \$976 Montreal—F. Sauvageau agt. Michael Carroll	hill to W. E. Oldham, \$678; John Perkins to Rice, Lewis & Son, \$5,764; Walter & Susanna Sterling to H. S. Mara, \$1,305.
St. Blaise—Perm Bldg. Scy. de Iberville agt. C. Bouchard et al, \$940.	July 14. Brantford—John McCann to J. W. Digby
July 14. Maisonneuve—J. T. Wilson et al agt. J. S. Bousquet 2,002 Montreal—II. S. McKee et al agt. Dme. J. F. Loranger et	Kingston—H. M. Roche to Vr J. G. Moyle
al, \$359. St. Henri—Hon. L. F. R. Masson et al esql. agt. Edmond Reoves, \$5,187.	Picton—A. J. Fralick to E. Roblin
Montreal—J. W. Shaw et al agt. Isaic Rivet, \$497; J. L. Reay agt. Thos. Taylor, \$3,310. Vaudreuil—Trust & Loan Co. agt. L. Z. Mallette	ford to Hannah R. McLeod, \$4,900. Windsor—John Allison to McKay & McNee
JUDGMENTS RENDERED, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. July 9.	July 15. Brantford—R. H. Constable to C. Cook, \$701; R. H. Constable to C. Cook, \$538; R. H. Constable to T. C. Somerville, \$1,420
Aylmer—Mary C. Laur agt C. B. & W. B. Laur	Chatham—Mrs. Annie Reid to Cathe. Williams
July 10. Harwich Tp—T. Fuller agt W. R. Mattice	Westport—A. M. Craig to R. Atcheson 600 —J. Forde to Balfour & Co. 4,306
Kenyon Tp—D. B. Maclennan et al, exrs. agt Jno. McDonald, \$1,626. Toronto—Endacett Bros. agt Stark Bros. & Co	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, N. S. July 9.
July 13. Glencoe—G. Dobie & Co agt. J. A. Leitch 1,470	Halifax—Bentley & Fleming, spar makers, &c., \$6,000; Patter son & Davidson, foundry, \$1,700. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, MAN. & N.W.T.
Peterboro—E. Hammel agt. H. T. & Ann J. Evans. 517 Toronto—Maggie Marshall agt. Wm. McBean. 317 Usborne Tp.—J. Paterson agt. John Willis. 3,220	July 13. Portage La Prairie—Central Elec. Co. to Great West. Ass. Co., \$8,500.
July 14. North Gower—E. McEvoy, admr. agt. Wm. Johnston 449 July 15.	Winnipeg—Flanagan & Co. to Union Bank
St. Thomas—McClary Mfg. Co. agt Risdon & Livesey 2,678 Waterloo—T. Kuntz et al agt F. Reinhart 574 Wellesley Tp—Ann McCutcheon agt T. & G. E. McCutcheon, \$909.	July 13. Vancouver—Atlas Canning Co., Ltd. to C. Nelson. Advances not to exceed \$2,600. Daddington, Bute Inlet—M. J. Blanchfield to Kate A. Car-
JUDGMENTS RENDERED, NOVA SCOTIA. July 9.	butt, \$1,000. Bills of Sale Province of Ontario. July 13.
Truro—J. D. Ross, late G. S	Lindsay—James Twohey to G. W. Ripley
Halifax—N. S. Gold Mines, Ltd., for \$403; F. J. Quinn. \$420. Windsor—John Cox, hotel, for \$8,015; J. W. Stephens, trader, \$875.	Port Arthur—F. H. Keefer to A. W. Doby
JUDGMENTS RENDERED, MANITOBA & N.W.T.	Antigonish—W. J. Landry, blksmith \$ 600
July 13.	July 15.

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NATURAL GAS IN HOLLAND.

The farmers in North Holland have come into possession of a very interesting source of lighting. About 40 years ago borings for water in the polders round the Haarlem lake, at farms below the level of the surrounding sea, brought up inflammable gas; but as this gave no light it was neglected. Now, however, this gas is being systematically bored for, and it comes up mixed with sweet water, making the water effervence. The effervescing water is brought under a gas holder, and the gas is liberated while the water flows on. About 6 culic feet per hour are thus collected from each boring, and the singular result is that many outlaying farms, away on the polders of North Holland, below sea level, are brightly lit up at night by incandescent burners.

Financial.

Thursday Ev'g., July 16th, 1896.

After a few days of dullness and comparatively steady prices, the local stock exchange has been the scene during the past few days of heavy liquidation in stocks with a consequent decline of several points in values. The liquidation was said to be on account of developments in American markets, where severe declines have taken place induced by developments at the Chicago Democratic Convention, and a fear that the silver men are gaining strength. The stocks chiefly affected have been Cable and Postal Telegraph, while Gas and the other stocks on the miscellaneous list declined in sympathy. The Street Railway stocks were on the whole comparatively steady, due chiefly to continued favorable reports of earnings, and although there was liberal selling, the offerings were well taken. Bank stocks have ruled quiet but steady. Towards the close of Wednesday a better feeling set in which was fairly well maintained on Thursday, "Wolff American" High Art Cylces.

"McCune" Cycles Highest Grades and Great Value.

"Commercial" Cycles Good Machines.

Also Juvenile bleycles on hand and "ADLER" Cycles "BOKER'S IXL" Cycles for Importation.

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and there were slight recoveries from the lowest level touched. The money market shows but little change from last week, the nominal rate for call loans still being 5 per cent., although private lenders are only asking 41/2 per cent., and it is said that loans have been made at this figure. The New York market has been very sick due to the "silverite" victory in Chicago. It is feared that the "free silver" party have gained sufficient strength to give them a fighting chance at the polls, and this is causing more uneasiness every day. On Wednesday the declines were so severe in the principal stocks as almost to precipitate a panic, due to liquidation, led by foreign houses. In London, American securities were very weak in contradistinction to Canadians, which were generally steady. One leading dealer is quoted as saying that with such uncertainty in the position, several London firms trading with America are curtailing their operations, and in at least one case business is only done on the express stipulation that, whatever happens, the transaction is to be settled on a gold basis. This reflects in a marked manner the feeling of distrust on the subject which is abroad. The stocks of the Mexican Railway, the Vera Cruz line have been rising on rumors that negotiations are proceeding for a resumption of pooling arrangements. The Paris Bourse has been dull, but steady, and the Berlin market firm. Added uneasiness has been caused in New York by the resumption of gold shipments on a large scale, and by the fact that the Treasury gold reserve is once more below the \$100,000,000 mark. Locally, exchange is quiet, and rates are as follows: Between banks-New York funds, 5-32 dis to 1/8 dis; sixtles, 9 7-16 to 91/2; demand, 9 11 16 to 934; and cables, 9 7/8 to 10. Counter rates were: New York funds, par; sixties, 9% to 9%; demand, 9% to 10; and cables, 10%. Appended is our usual comparative table compiled by Messrs. C. Meredith & Co.:

BANKB.	Shares.	Highest	Lowest.	Last year
Montreal	25	220	220	2201/2
Commerce	22	$124\frac{3}{4}$		136 1/2
Merchants	64	1631	162	1661/2
Molsons	1	180	180	178
Miscellaneous.			•	
Cable	700	151	140	1571/2
Can. Pacific	75	60	60	561/2
Gas	4819	182	173	204
Mt. St Ry	1214	209	207	201
Toronto Řy	1405	641/2	611/2	823/4
Bell Tel	10	155 19	155	1561/8
Telegraph	30	163	163	163%
Duluth com	15 O	41/2	4	638
Postal Telegraph	285	83 -	72	



MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE. Total for Week End-

Clearings. ing July 16, 1896. Balances. \$10,254,321 \$1,385,203 Corresponding Week of 1895..... 11,922,866 2,124,544 " 1894..... 12,252,665 2,731,789 " 1893..... 11,497,221 1,758,925

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Thursday Ev'g, July 16th, 1896.

Although in some lines wholesalers report a slight improvement in general business, the increased activity is by no means general. A great amount of interest is still being manifested in political matters, and as long as this continues to be the case, the prospects for a substantial revival in trade are not over brilliant. The announcement of the formation of the new Liberal Cabinet has been received with somewhat mixed comment. It is admitted on all hands that the combination is a very strong one, but the substitution of Hon. Mr. Fielding for Sir Richard Cartwright in the pertfolio of Finance Minister is not regarded as a favorable change. Mr. Fielding is said to be an even more pronounced free trader than Sir Richard Cartwright, and this is giving cause for added uneasiness in business circles. It is feared that Premier Laurier and Sir Oliver Mowat will not prove strong enough to prevent some radical tariff changes. This feeling is reflected in a dull, apathetic condition of business in those lines on which the duty is heaviest. Hardware and drygoods houses particularly are affected, the buying in most cases being from hand to mouth. Manufacturers, in consequence, are not feeling very cheerful, although agents of British manufacturers are very well pleased at the way things are going. Hides keep firm, as does also leather, although the local demand is not nearly so brisk as merchants would like to see, Boots and shoes have shown a little more activity, but orders for fall are still coming in very slowly. The grain and flour departments have been quiet this week, with no material changes to note in prices. In groceries the feature has been a continuance of the demand for sugar, chiefly for preserving purposes. The raw situation shows no change, but prices of refined here have again an easier tendency, granulated being now quoted at 41/4c to 43/8c, and yellows at 31/4c to 31/4c, according to quality. Canned goods are quiet, the new pack salmon offering only meeting with scant enquiry. New York advices say that the pack of Alaska salmon will probably be

much lighter than it was last year, and may cause higher prices. The rice, molasses and coffee markets are steady, calling for no particular comment. Dried fruit, both California and Mediterranean, is still very scarce, with a fair demand. We hear that a quantity of two crown raisins were brought here from Boston, but have already been all sold. Other lines are generally steady, and a fairly satisfactory business has been done. Collections generally are fair, although still only moderate in one or two sections.

ASHES—The market continues dull and prices have still an easy tendency. We quote, Pearls, nominal at \$4.60 to \$4.70, for first sorts, while pots are quoted at \$3.30 to \$3.40 for firsts and \$8.10 for seconds.

BOOTS AND SHORS—Little improvement is noted in the demand for fall account, and it is still nearly as extensive as had been hoped would be the case. Retailers report a fair week's business, principally in summer goods. Collections, generally, are fair.

CEMENT AND FIREBRICKS—Arrivals this week were 2598 brls. of Belgian cement and 102,000 firebricks; no English were received. Business shows no improvement from a week ago, the general aspect of the market being unchanged Prices range as follows: English cement, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Belgian, \$1.70 to \$1.80. Firebricks, \$15 to \$20 per thousand.

DRIED APPLES—A fair demand is still noted, with sales reported on the basis of gc to 31/2c.

Day Goods—Cautious buying on fall account is still the feature in the country, although, in one or two cases, travellors are sending in fair sized orders. It is anticipated that a decided improvement will be seen in this line of business in the near future. Manufacturers are fairly busy, but are affected, to some extent, by the uncertainty with respect to the Liberal policy on the tariff question. The appointment of Hon. Mr. Fielding to the position of Minister of Finance has not allayed the feeling of uncertainty to any marked extent, as it is admitted that he is even more pronounced a free-trader than Sir Richard Cartwright himself. Pending the announcement by the Administration of their proposed plan of action, business will be, more or less, uncertain.

Grain—A moderate week's business has been done and prices keep about steady. Some fair-sized sales of oats have been noted at 26c, while, in peas, there is little doing. The feeling is firm at 55c afloat. In other lines there has been just a little business on the basis of quetations. In wheat the export business has been fairly good, and we hear of sales of No. 1 Manitoba hard at 58c afloat Fort William, and 66c Toronto freights west. Buckwheat is quiet. Cable advices to the Board of Trade were as follows:—Cargoes off coast—Wheat, quiet and steady; maize, quiet. Cargoes on passage — Wheat steadier; maize firm. English country markets, wheat partially 6d cheaper. Liverpool spot wheat steady; spot maize firm. Futures, wheat steady, 4s 10½d July, August, Sept., Oct., 4s 10½d Nov.; maize firm, 2s 11d July, 2s 11½d August; 3s 0½d Sept.; 3s 0½ Oct.; 3s 1d Dec. Paris Wheat, 18.80 July, 18.35 August; flour, 37.70 July, 38.25 Sept. French country markets dull.

GREEN FRUIT — The advent of the warmer weather has stimulated the demand for lemons, which are now quite firm at the prices quoted below. For other fruits there is good demand, and prices hold steady at about the following range:

Oranges, Valencia, \$8 to \$8.50 for ordinary cases; Messina, per box, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Sicily blood oranges \$2.25 to \$2.75 for half boxes; lemons, \$2.00 to \$2.50 for choice and \$2.75 to \$3.50 for fancy. Pineapples 8 to 15c as to size; bananas, 75c to \$1.75 per bunch; apples, \$6 to \$7 for Rusrets and Spys; dates per lb., 5 cents; figs, 8 to 12c; tomatoes, Mississippi, in 4 basket crates, \$1.25; green peas, \$1.50; wax beans and green beans, \$1.50; strawberries, 0 to 0c per box; onions, new Egyptian, \$1.75 to \$2 per bag of 110 lbs.; Bermudas, \$1.50 per crate; cocoanuts in bags sell at \$4.00 to \$4.25 per 100; asparagus, Canadian, 75c per basket; gooseberries, 60c per basket; Southern cucumbers, per crate or basket; Southern cucumbers, per crate or basket, \$1.75; cabbage, \$1.75 to \$2 per crate; California peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.50; California apricots, \$1.25 to \$1.50; California plums, \$2 to \$250; Mississippi apples, per box, 50c; water-melons, 21 to 23c each; new potatoes, \$1.75 to \$2 per brl. Raspberries, 8 to 12c.

GROCERIES-A good business is still being done in sugar, but prices have again declined. The demand is chiefly for preserving purposes. The prices at the refineries are now as follows: Granulated, 100 brl. lots and over, 41/4c; smaller quantities, 43/ac; and yellows, 31/4c to 33/4c, according to quality. The raw situation shows no particular change from last week, and is reviewed elsewhere. The coffee and is reviewed elsewhere. The coffee market is quiet, with prices generally unchanged. In molasses there is a fair business doing, and some good-sized car-goes have recently arrived, the bulk of which, however, has been sold to arrive. Barbadoes are now quoted locally at 30c to 31c. New Orleans are scarce, and sell at from 28c to 30c in barrels. The syrup trade is quiet, with no particular feature. Teas-Cable advices report Indian teas as a little easier in price, with a fair business doing. Japan teas are now arriving freely, and some fair-sized transactions have been noted in the cheaper grades, locally. Black teas are quiet, with prices ruling un-changed. Dried fruit—We hear of a fair demand for Valencia raisins and corrants, demand for valencia raisins and currants, but stocks are still very light and insufficient for the demand. Californias are almost, if not quite, as scarce as Valencias, with a steady demand. Prunes are quiet and unchanged. Advices from the Mediterranean are to the effect that the growing crop is in a much better position than had, at first, been feared. The damage by frost has been generally over-estimated and the at first, been feared. The damage by frost has been generally over-estimated, and the yield will not be much below the average. Rice—There has been a good demand, generally, and prices hold firm at our quotations. In canned goods, the demand for salmon is only fair, while new fruit, including strawberries, has been offered this week, only a moderate business having been done. Vegetables were steady, though very quiet. been done. Veg though very quiet.

FLOUR—Apart from a small local business, market is very quiet. We hear of no further sales on export account. Prices are somewhat irregular. The meal market is quiet, and no anticipation is looked for in the immediate future. In the feed market the feature has been the active enquiry for bran and shorts, and prices have, in consequence, advanced, as compared with last week. There is a good business doing in this line.

Hors—Business in hops is still very small, and we hear of no change in prices. Choice hops sell at 6c to 7c, while other grades can probably be obtained as low as 4½c.

HARDWARE AND METALS—No changes in prices are to be noted since those mentioned in our report last week. While the market holds firm there is no actual improvement to note in the volume of business, and none is, apparently, expected for some little time to come. The English

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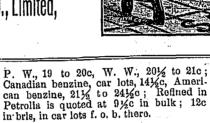
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market is reported very firm. It is expected that advances will take place in sheets of all kinds, and a decidedly upward tendency is noted in tin plates on account of an advance in tin plate bars. Ingot tin is steady. Collections, generally, are steady, and appear to be fairly satisfactory to merchants.

Hides and Tallow—The position of hides, while firm, is about the same as a week ago. The demand is fair with a few moderate sized sales noted for Quebec account. Western reports speak of firm markets, and, consequently steady prices. Receipts are fair for the season and being fairly well absorbed by tanners. Green beef hides are quoted at 6c. for No.1,5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3. There is no improvement—in the demand for tallow, and good rendered is quoted at 3½c per pound. An American report said: For common dry hides there continued a very quiet market, as tanners are taking advantage of the financial situation and appear very indifferent in their operations in the hope of obtaining supplies at concessions. Stocks, however, in importers' hands are very limited, and as receipts are small there is no pressure to sell and prices are firmly maintained. For city slaughters there is a slightly easier market for native steers. As intimated in our last, salters found it necessary to accept 8½c for native steers, at which prices we hear of sales of 2,800 hides; banded stock is well sold up and steadily held at uncanged quotations. For butt brands 8½c was quoted; for side brands, 7½c, and for Texas, 8½ to 8¾c. Calfskins were in slow request, but no changes were made in quotations.

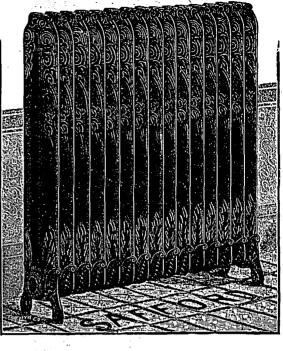
LEATHER—We hear of no particular change in the leather market, business on local account being still very quiet, with no change in prices. A few orders are, of course, being filled all the time to meet immediate requirements, but, apart from this, the local business is small. English demand is as good as ever, the export business continuing to be the most gratifying feature of the market. Prices are firm in England, and some good sized quantities of black and sole are being shipped each week.

Petroleum—A steady business is being done in petroleum for the season of the year, merchants considering it quite satisfactory. Prices are steady as follows: Canadian refined, 15½ to 16½c; American



Paints and Oils—A steady business is being done, generally with prices ruling on about the same basis. Linseed oil and turpentine are a shade weaker, with only a moderate demand. Paris green is still meeting with a small enquiry, but we hear of no change in prices. Business this season has, it is said, been much smaller than in former years, due to the protracted cool weather, which prevented the necessity for its use in country districts. Good castor oil is still as strong as ever, and it is possible that a further advance may take place. It is understood that several-weekswill elapse before the shipment, recently made from India, will arrive here. Collections are fairly satisfactory, although there is still room for improvement in one or two sections.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS-The egg market still keeps very firm, and good pickled stock sells well at about91/2c to 10c in jobbing lots. Smaller quantities sell up to 11c. The cheese market continues easy tone despite the continued firm appearance in the country. Advices from the other side still report dull markets and prices unchanged. The English cable re-mains the same at 34s 6d for both white and colored. It is somewhat difficult, in and colored. It is somewhat difficult, in the absence of influential business, to give an accurate range of prices, but the following are generally quoted: Finest Quebec, 6½ to 65%c; medium, 5½ to 6c; finest Ontario, 6¾c to 7c; medium, 6c to 6½c. A report from Utica, N.Y., referring to the cheese situation, says that at the cheese board there, an unexpected advance was reported. No definite reason could be assigned for this although it was said that reported. No definite reason could be assigned for this, although it was said that a good portion of the inspiration care from Canada, as a buyer who had taken the bulk of the cheese at Watertown, on Saturday, at 6%c for Montreal account, paid the highest price realized at the Utica market. Conditions in the country make an advance seem reasonable, for make an advance seem reasonable, for feed is said to be poor and yield of milk has fallen off during the last couple of weeks. The butter market is about steady with no material change. Creamery sells from 16c to 17½c, and townships from 14½ to 15c, while good Western is worth about 13c to 131/2c, and lower grades 11c to 12c.





In provisions the feature is the slightly improved demand for canned and smoked meats, but business in pork is still very small. Prices remain about the same. Advices from England continue to record the favorable reception of Canadian peafed bacon there.

Wool—A slight improvement has been noted in the demand during the past few days, and some fair-sized sales of Cape have been made at 14c to 16c per pound. Other lines show no change.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

(Revised by Telegraph).

TORONTO, July 16, 1896.

There is a moderate trade in wholesale circles. In no particular line is there any activity, but in some departments travellers are meeting with a little more success. As a general rule there are few changes in prices quoted. Seasonable drygoods are in demand and a fair number of orders are being taken for winter goods. Groceries and hardware quiet. Payments are only fair, and generally speaking bad. Money market is unchanged. Call loans are quoted at 5 to 51/2 per cent, and prime paper is discounted at 6 to 61/2 per cent. Sterling Exchange firmer while New York drafts are still at a big discount bebetween banks. The feature in the stock market is the drop in United States issues Cable and Postal. The former sold down to 141 and the latter to 72%. Western Assurance easier at 1561/4, and Toronto Ry., at 621%, C.P.R. 59, Gas at 199, General Electric 70, Toronto Electric 12934, Dominion Tolegraph at 122. Bank shares dull NAMR.

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BUTTER, &c. - Trade is dull and prices steady. Choice qualities of dairy in fair demand. The best dairy tub jobs at 121/2 to 14c, inferior 6 to 9c. Creamery rules at 15 to 1616c. Cheese dull at 71/4c to 8c in a jobbing way. Eggs easy at 9 to 91/2c per dozen in case lots.

DRESSED Hogs - Receipts continue very light and the demand is slow. Choice fresh bring \$5 to \$5,25 in small lots.

FLOUR AND GRAIN -The flour is dull and prices easy. Ontario patents sold at \$3.85 and straight rollers at \$3 to \$3.15, Toronto freights. Manitoba patents are quoted at \$3.75 and strong bakers at \$3.50. Wheat is easier, new red selling at 59, and old at 61 to 611%c west. New white 60c and old at 62 to 62 1/2c west. No. 1 Manitoba· hard is quoted is 58c affont Fort William and 62c Midland and at 66c Toronto freight. Barley is purely nominal. Oats steady at 18c for white outside, and 17 to to 171/2c for mixed. Peas sold outside at 44c, and corn is quoted at 27c west. Bran dull at \$8.50 west. Oatmeal \$2.50 to \$2.60.

GROCERIES - Trade in sugar is less active at lower prices. Granulated sells 4%c and yellows at 3% to 4c according to quality. Dried fruits firm, with currants 4 to 41/2c, Valencia raisins, off stalk 41/2c to 41/2c and selections 6 to 61/2c. Canned vegetables firm; peas, \$1.00 to \$1.10; tomatoes 85c; corn 55 to 70c. Rio coffee 17 to 20c. New Japan teas are selling well for medium grades.

HARDWARE - Eusiness is quiet, and prices generally are unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS-The market is a little more active and higher, cured selling at 51/2 to 63/4c. No 1 Green brings 51/2c, No. 2. 41/2c, and No. 3, 81/2c. Caliskins are firm at 6 to 7c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. Lambskins 35c, and pelts 15 to 20c. Tallow dull at 3½ to 4c and rough

Provisions-There is a moderate trade with little change in prices. Mess pork is jobbing at \$12.00 and short cut at \$12.50. Long clear bacon 51/2 to 6c, rolls 7c, and backs 9c. Smoked hams sell at 8½ to 9½c. Lard is quoted at 6 to 7¼c. Potatoes, new, 60 to 65c per bushel,

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LIVE STOCK-The export trade in cattle . is dull, but prices rule steady on more limited receipts. Exporters sold at 31/4 to 35%c per lb. and occasionally 334c. The best butchers bring 8 to 31/30; medium butchers at 23% to 25%c, and inferior at 134 to 2c. Calves steady at \$2.00 to \$4.00 each and milch cows \$20 to \$30 each. Sheep dull at 2\(\frac{3}{2}\)c to \$30 each. Sheep dull at 2\(\frac{3}{2}\)c to 3c per lb, and lambs \$2.00 to \$3.00 each. Hogs are steady, the best selling at \$4.00 to \$4.12, thick fats at 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)c, stores at 3\(\frac{5}{2}\)c to 3\(\frac{3}{2}\)c, sows at 2\(\frac{3}{2}\)d to 3c, and stags at 2c per lb.

Woon-The market is a trifle firmer at 18 to 20c for fleece, 20 to 21c for clothing and 15c for rejections. Pulled wools 10 to 20c, and extras 21 to 21½c.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT—THURSDAY JULY 16, 1896.

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IRON PRODUCTION IN JAPAN.

Although the Japanese propose in the meantime to import the materials required for the making of locomotives and the building of ships, they do not mean to be content with that, but intend to go into the manufacture of iron and steel. According to a recent announcement in the Official Gazette, the Imperial Diet has approved of the appropriation of over400,000,-000 yen (nominally £800,00) for establishing an iron foundry, or, more correctly, works for the production of steel. It is expected that the works will be completed by March, 1899, and it will be started in the following month. The Gazette, with the usual Eastern exactitude, gives the numbers and salaries of the members of the staff, from the president with a salary of 4,000 yen per annum down to the clerks with 30 yen per month. Altogether there are to be 82 officials of various grades so that the establishment ought to be well looked after. Two foreign experts are to be engaged for a period of four years. The estimated output of the works is 60,000 tons a year at first, to be gradually increased as the works develop. The 60,000 creased as the works develop. The 60,000 tons will consist of 35,000 tons of Bessemer steel, 20,000 tons of Siemens-Martin steel 4,600 of wrought tron and 500 tons of crucible steel. It is expected that the establishment will not be in full working order until April, 1900. The enterprise is being undertaken with great deliberation, and there can be little doubt that in the not very far distant future Japan will be able to supply the iron and steel which is required for the numerous engineering projects which are being put forward, and of which the Japanese have already given proof of their ability to successfully carry out.

DRAPING VEILS.—In draping veils the chief consideration is a stylish and graceful effect, with always the comfort of the wearer in mind. For summer wear the

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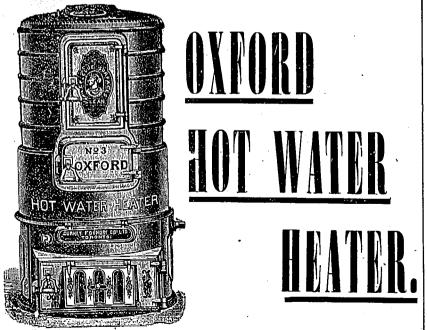
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TORNADO RISKS.

The recent tornada in St. Louis has been exercising the minds of the underwriters. A committee of companies writing tornado insurance held a long session recently and indications point to the fact that all the companies will be forced to promulgate the 20,50, and 80-cent rates. The companies that have not authorized them are receiving no new business, and much of their old business is being cancelled at short rates and rewritten in companies which have adopted the new regime. Canada may have a few disadvantages, but tornadoes are not among them.

Must Assess.—The Winthrop Mutual of Boston, which reinsured in the Scottish Union and National, has, by a vote of its directors, decided to levy an assessment upon the policy-holders. In a circular issued the Winthrop states that "at the time the reinsurance was effected the management expected to be able to close up the business of the company without this assessment, but losses, occurring previous to the reinsurance and reported afterwards, have compelled us to take this course." The assessment is a great surprise to the street and is causing a deal of comment. The Winthrop's directors include ex-United States Senator Dawes, A. W. Beare, collector of the port of Boston; ex.Governor Claffin, Torrey Cady, John Shepherd, President Jackson of the National Bank of North America, and many other leading men. The Winthrop assessment to each policy holder will be "not less than 75 per cent, of one premium."

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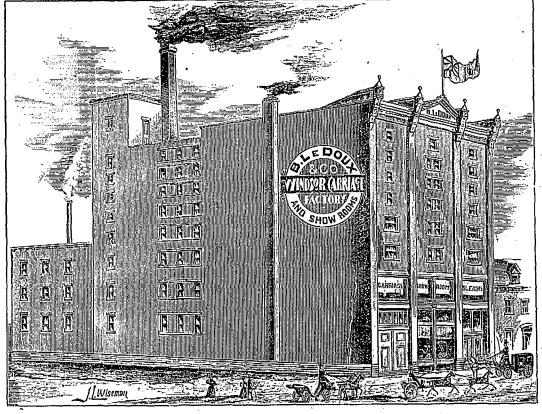
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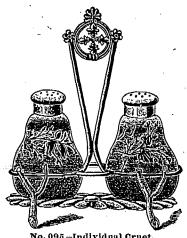
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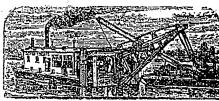
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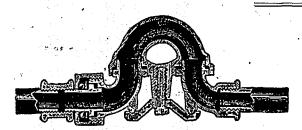
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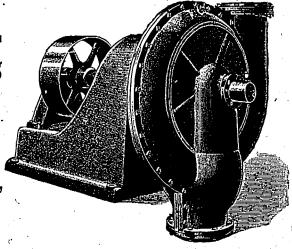
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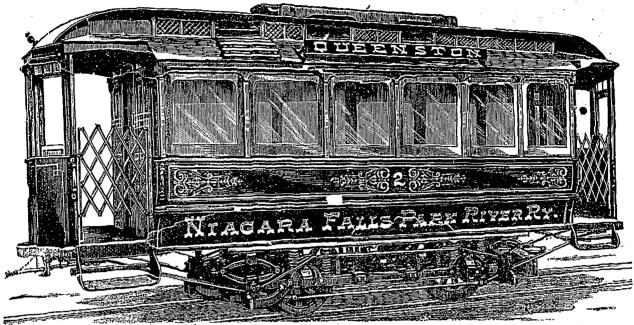
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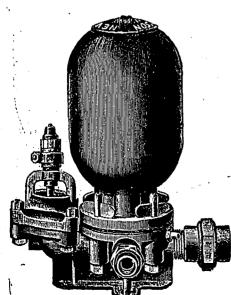
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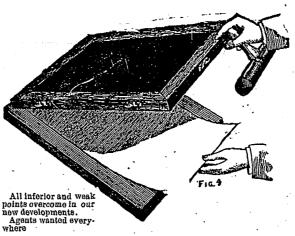
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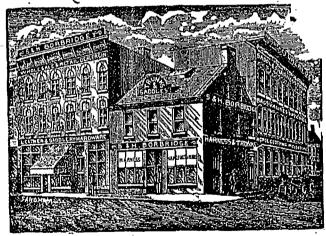
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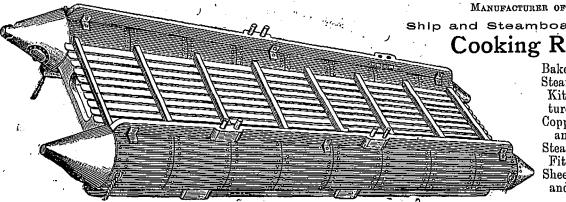
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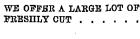
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