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-THE Sun Life Assurance Co., Ottawa, now occupy their new building at the corner of Bank and Spark st. that city.

—Rich Mica has been discovered in the neighborhood of Kazabazus, Ottawa Co. The mine is turning out mica large enough to cut 14x22.

—The annual convention of the Dairymens Association of the province of Quebec was held at Roberval on Wednesday, 3rd inst., and succeeding days.

-The American Tobacco Co., have distributed a large quantity of tobacco among the soldiers who have returned wounded and who are at the hospitals and on hospital ships.

—An action has been commenced against the Dominion Savings & Investment Society, London Ont, by David Johnson of Mersea, to recover possession, or in lieu thereof damages, for appropriation of a lot in the latter place.

—The contract price for the repairing of the British ship Cromartyshire which collided with the ill fated Bourgogne is \$30,000, N. Evans & Sons, Dartmouth N. S. are the successful tenderers. The vessel which is at Halifax is to be delivered to its owners by Sept. 10th.

—A STRICT look out is being kept by the Glasgow Customs against Continental goods for Canada being shipped from the Clyde with the view to securing the rebate of 25 per cent. on British goods entering the Dominion.

—A wholesale publishing firm in Berlin is about to issue a Chinese newspaper. The journal will be printed in the Chinese language, and is to represent European industries in the Celestial Empire. At least, so says the prospectus. There can be little doubt however the Colonial Party in Germany is behind the scenes, and in this event it will require a search light to find any European industry represented in the organ except those purely German.

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—Engineering work is in progress at Shawenegan Falls, on the St. Maurice river, 20 miles from Three Rivers, in preparation for electric power works. The engineer in charge is Mr. Black C. E. who is fast rising in his profession.

—Per ship "Roanoke" which sailed from San Francisco early last month for New York, 685,351 gallons of California wine were sent. The largest previous shipment in one bottom was in 1891, when but 317,307 gallons were taken. So large a cargo, as the present one will involve quite an exceptional demand for foreign labels.

—TALK promises to be cheap in London, Ont. The Bell Telephone Co., it is stated, will shortly commence upon a war of rates with the People's Company. The cut in rates will mean a loss in revenue of from \$4,000 to \$4,500 a year. A fifteen years franchise was recently granted the Peoples Co., by the City Council.

—The Guelph Mercury has changed hands after thirty-six years covered by the editor, Mr. James Innes, formerly M. P. for South Wellington, and nearly twenty-five years by the retiring publishers: Messrs. Innes & Davidson. The valedictory address of our appreciated contemporary gives surety that the paper has fallen into worthy hands. This is the one element of satisfaction in an otherwise regretted severance.

—An eminent English divine exhorted his congregation recently to deny themselves for one week of tobacco, alcohol and amusement, and devote the money so saved to replace the cathedral organ at a cost of \$15,000. The "self denial" week produced \$150 only. This is either evidence of the deep rooted nature of the drink traffic in this particular parish—the cathedral city of Norwich—or a remarkable example of decorum and sobriety.

A writt for \$10,000 has been issued against James Leggatt and James Robinson wholesale boots and shoes, Montreal, by W. E. Brown of Ottawa. Plaintiff was arrested at the instance of Messrs. Robinson and Leggatt in August, 1897 charged with fraud in connection with the sale of certain goods to Saunders Bros. of Smith's Falls. No evidence being adduced to convict him, the case against him was dismissed Mr. Brown now seeks to recover damages for this imprisonment.

—Now, Switzerland has prohibited the importation of American fruits, with the view of keeping out the San Jose scale. The Swiss Bundesrath in its anxiety to keep a dreaded scale away, may succeed in prohibiting also a welcome scaler it invites. A tourist boycott would effectually convince the little Republic, that the risk of the San Jose pest is inconsequential compared with the loss in revenue from absence of American travel.

....The immense trade of England and the United States with tropical and subtropical countries according to a statistical authority in the London Times, expresses the strongest argument why both should act in unison in the threatened combination of powers to wrest trade predominance from the Anglo-Saxon people. In 1896 this trade amounted in the case of England, approximately to £138,000,000 (\$690,000,000), and in case of the United States to £70,000,000 (\$350,000,000).

—The newer constructions of the whaleback type of vessels being built at West Superior, have been modified from the original snout form of bow—resembling a cigar end—to the conventional bow as adopted in the now familiar turret ships doing service on the Atlantic, examples of which are engaged in the Sydney, C.B. coal trade sailing to and from Montreal. This is a compliment the originators of this class of vessel have made to Tyne builders who first made the improvement.

—Dominion Alliance officers claim to have "complete know-ledge" of the plan of campaign of the liquor associations. It is to "belittle the plebiscite, bribe the press and bulldoze the politicians," The discovery is very commonplace. Even the liquor interest, reckless as it is, should blush to be accused of resorting to such clumsy expedients upon so important an issue. The plebiscite campaign apparently is determined to leave us a legacy of "moonshine" even if it fails to leave us a legacy of "moonshining."

—The promoter of a company at Boston U.S., formed to extract gold from salt water, has skipped out to France with a considerable sum of the capital paid up. There had been over 2 million shares subscribed. When this scheme is successful the company should branch out into making cucumbers from sunbeams for which extension they could secure all the necessary capital. We gave the people of Boston credit for more sense than to be victimised by so transparent a fraud.

—Hon Jos. Chamberlain is the moving spirit in a plan to found a University in Birmingham, for which already nearly three quarters of a million dollars have been subscribed. England's midland city has been manufacturing brass idols for the heathen in foreign lands so long a time, that it is no more than proper it should identify itself in the work of re-claiming them. We can imagine however the despair of "Fuzzy Wuzzy" in his attempt to conceive of the benignity of the "GreatWhiteMother" who rules over him, when a man from Birmingham brings him to earth with a Birmingham bullet, and another man from Birmingham leads him to Heaven by virtue of a Birmingham "Degree." He will be apt to think it "Brummagem."

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-GRAПАМ & Co. evaporators, Belleville, are said to be desirous of locating a factory in the State of New York.

-THE stock of J. A. Vandervoot, gents furnishings, Belleville, insolvent, has been sold to N. B. Gould, of Port Hope. The price paid was 40 cents in the dollar.

-As a result of the war revenue tax which requires a two cent stamp to be placed upon every check or draft drawn on a U.S. bank. Canadian banks along the Eastern Township border are opening quite a number of accounts with Americans,

-A GOOD deal of stir is being made on the continent just now over the frequent adulteration of artificial perfume bodies and their allies with acetanilide. Vigorous attempts are being made to stop this sophistication.

-GOYERNMENT ownership of railroads in Japan is being roundly denounced by the press of that country as a "standing disgrace." It protests most vigorously against entrusting any more roads to government management. Every country it would seem has troubles of its own in State railway affairs.

-THE Anglo-Colonial Chemical Company, Limited, of London England, wish protection in the Cape for a new method for producing an artificial scent or musk-like substance. Provisional protection has been granted for six calendar months from May 27.

-An extensive Californian dealer in cutlery states that no Traveller representing British firms ever visits San Francisco. "Sharp of Sheffield" is being cut out of quite a few markets nowadays. He will not, so to speak, put his nose to the grindstone and adapt himself to new conditions. German goods make a better show and command a readier sale, though they do not wear so well as the British article.

-A POWERFUL syndicate is being formed in London for the development of the rubber forests of Eastern Bolivia. Part of the plans of this syndicate is to build a railroad from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to navigable water on the Rio Paraguay. This would be an important link in the long talked of transcontinental line from Rio de Janeiro to the west coast of South America.

# PURE OAK BELTING

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-EXPORTS of salt from Great Britain are larger, owing to the improved demand from the East Indies. In June 71,815 tons were exported against 47,221 tons last year. Cement totalled for same month 31,995 tons against 32,138 tons. This last it is probable will steadily grow under the influence of the 25 per cent discrimination now levelled against the Belgian article in

-The large amount of cotton that passes through San Francisco from the Southern States consigned to Japan, indicates clearly the extensive and growing operations in cotton spinning in the Mikado's realm. The amount of cotton received at San Francisco from November 1 to December, 7, 1897, was 30,550 bales, while the entire shipments for the year ending October 31, 1897, only amounted to 37,000 bales. Thus it will be seen that the tonnage handled\_during\_the short period above mentioned was entirely out of proportion to the tonnage handled during the previous 12 months.

-THE hitherto unavailable forests of the extreme northeastern portion of Russia in Europe are about to be made accessible, and within a very short time the fine redwood trees of those virgin forests bordering on the Arctic circle will be put upon the English and other European markets in the shape of sawn deals and battens. The exploitation of these forests, which are situated in the eastern portion of the district of Archangel has long been under consideration. An experimental cutting of 10,000 logs has already taken place, and sales have been made to Holland, the freight paid for the conveyance of the wood to a Dutch port being 42s. 6d. per standard.

-The "North Western Lumberman" remarks as to the forthcoming International Commission to be held at Quebec. "While lumbermen have received assurances from high authority that no direct assault upon the lumber tariff is meditated, it is well known that American Commissioner Kasson has been making exhaustive researches into the question of lumber rates and it is among the possibilities that the lumber tariff may come up for active discussion. There is also a growing belief that some sort of tariff concession is the only quid pro quo that the U.S., has to offer Canada for what it expects in regard to sealing.'

-THE London "Timber Trades Journal" relates the story of an award of £110 made in favor of an employee under the Employers Liability Act, which still further goes to prove the lot of the British employer under the new law, a very hard one indeed. In the claim for damages, plaintiff explained that defendant had a horse which had a trick of shaking its head and suddenly rushing to the side of the road, in one of such rushes he was knocked down and had his leg broken. Plaintiffs lawyer characterised the accident as a "defect in defendants plant," and the jury took the same view. The ingenuity of local suits to recover damages for sidewalk injuries, pales before this ex. ample of adroit pleading. And yet our "Blackstonians" are fairly subtle,

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-THE Mining Press gives descriptive details of a new telephone box by which the calling of Hello! and Central! will be abolished. The apparatus allows of any number being signaled by pressing buttons marked with numerals. Until the speaker is through he can prevent his being cut off, and when through he cuts himself off without any action by the central operator. Such an apparatus would be a great improvement by expediting connections and making telephoning a quieter operation.

-St. John N. B. correspondence states: It is said there is an excellent prospect of the investment of British capital in the proposed Cushing pulp mill here-James McKinlay has removed his spoolwood factory from Kent county to Redbank, on the northwest Miramichi, in Northumberland county - Surplus stocks of timber have been cleaned up from the yards and the wharves, and the mills have all they can do to keep the ships busy as they come.—Over 3,000 bales of wood pulp were shipped from port Medway N. S, to Cardiff recently from the mills at Milton and Mill Village. The pulp was valued at \$21,063. The steamer took also 200,000 feet of deals.

-Tue much applauded civic business management of Glasgow, in so far at least as the ownership of electric railways is concerned is exploded. A report to the Massachusetts Legislature by "One Who Knows," states that "a study of the Glasgow management is one of the clearest exemplifications on record of the incapacity of a city to deal as thoroughly with such undertakings as private companies. The Glasgow experiment is a failure because 1, the service is very limited compared with that in American cities; 2, the wages paid are far lower than in America; the profits to the municipality less than a private company could be made to give; 4, the horse-car still rules, whereas in America motor or cable railways are practically the only ones. Hamilton, which has been more thoroughly canvassed on the question of municipal control, than any other city of the Dominion, would seem to fully realize the Glasgow "bubble." The other day ratepayers there defeated the by-law to purchase the street railway by a vote of 2,043 to 264. Alderman Lamb must be rudely awakened to the fact that his flock are not sheep.

THE increasing use of the long distance telephone between New York and Chicago has practically ruined the business of one railroad, which used to run a daily "limited" between the two points in 25 hours. Brokers and grain men who demanded quick transit to put through important business, paid the price willingly, but now all this is changed. Says the American Manufacturer commenting on the fact. "A broker or grain dealer in Chicago, having something big on hand, does not take the limited for the east now. He simply telegraphs to New York asking for certain information, and adds: 'Call me up by long distance telephone and give me your answer.' The whole costing three or four dollars, against the expense and loss of time of a 3 day trip formerly." This is a striking illustration of the effectiveness of new inventions to supersede the old. The world moves in thesedays. Inventions tread so close upon each other, as to almost. become the boasted vanities of an hour.

-Tue failures announced in the United Kingdom the first half of the current year ing bankruptcies and 1,768 2,450 deeds 4,455, including of arrangement. To the financial wholesale and manufacturing group 264 bankruptcies and 249 deeds of arrangement, or a total of 509 failures, are attributed, and 2,195 bandruptcies and 1,514 deeds of arrangement, or a total of 3,709, to the professional and retail group. The number of failures in the wholesale group shows a tendency to increase compared with the corresponding period last year, especially in the London, Manchester and Yorkshire districts. During the first half of the current year 940 limited companies have been wound up 522 voluntarily,.. 233 on account of liabilities, 130 for the purpose of reconstruction and 61 with order from the court.

-THE following statement shows the quantity of lumber and. other products shipped from St. John, N.B. to United States ports from June 1 to July 17, compared with the same period in

14,012.396 7,705.489 Long lumber..... Lath ..... 10,989,000 41,593,500 17,915,750 Piling (pieces)..... 5,658

This year's shipments for the period named it will be seen are, on the whole, less than half as large as those of the like period in 1897, and that year was one of small trade in comparison with former ones. In fact, Maritime trade with the United Statesthis year is a mere bagatelle. Shipments to transatlantic portsalso show a marked reduction, though large exports made the comparison more favorable than it was before. Taking the period from April 1, and leaving out from each period the small quantity of deals taken by regular steamers, the comparison of shipments to transatlantic ports is as follows:

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#### GROCERY NOTES.

Saigon advices state as to rice that demand has largely subsided and were it not for high rates of exchange prices would be relatively cheap. The following is a statement of this year's exports of white rice, cargo rice and paddy:

	Total
Destination.	Piculs.
Hong Kong	3,745,800
Singapore	104,650
Sourabaya	55,850
Europe	1,354,500
Japan	1,843,200
Tonkin & Annam	41,000
Vladivostock	22,950
Noumea	. 14,800
La Reunion	50,700
Total	7,233,450
Same period last year	6,541,200

Very little business in prune futures is reported at the coast, and opening prices have not been settled. In some sections the crop is assured, but in others the outlook is constantly changing from bad to worse.

If Spain really means peace at this time, and peace is con cluded before September, it will have a decided influence on the sugar situation and in the direction of lower prices. Peace now will mean a very fair crop of sugar in Cuba for export from December to July, and will enlarge the supplies of cane sugar sufficiently to cause a general lower average for all sugars. Added to this, viz., the prospect of the Cuba sugar coming forward under reduced duties and the tremendous stimulus that will be given the island in the direction of cane culture during the coming years, this will be sufficient to revolutionize the whole sugar producing industries of the world.

The salmon catch on Naas and Skeena Rivers and Rivers Inlet totals 128,000 cases as far as yet heard. The pack is better than last year.

London advices state that the future of pepper appears to favor a "bull" movement, and the opinion is given that operators who secure lots during a temporary reaction or in a dull moment will make money in the end.

The present Louisiana rice crop will be more than twice that of last year. Next year the crop is destined to be again doubled if the present prices are maintained, all of which means that the day is near at hand when the United States will make all the rice which she needs.

The new crop of currants in Greece is going on well, and exporters in Patras are now cabling over their offers for shipment during August. Prices, as was expected, have opened on a moderate basis. Advices by mail to the 15th July report the crop as rather a large one, decidedly above last year.

The crop of Sultana raisins, so says a Smyrna letter dated 13th ulto., promises to be about ten per cent greater than in 1897, and will be ready for shipment somewhat earlier than last year.

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It is understood that the direct steamer from Bussorah for New York with new crop Persian dates will sail either October 1st or October 14th and will arrive there within thirty-eight days. The vessel, it is understood, will be the "Laristan."

Advices from the other side are to the effect that the crop of Grenoble walnuts this year will be very short, probably not more than 50 per cent of the output in 1897. Naples, on the other hand promises a good crop.

-THE Bank of British North America declared an interim dividend on 2nd inst., of twenty-five shillings per share, at rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable 7th Oct.

-The vote on prohibition is to be taken on the 29th September next. We doubt it's being a heavy one for either side, as little interest is being taken in the plebiscite as it is not expected by any one to lead to any form of legislation. It will satisfy curiosity and there it will end.

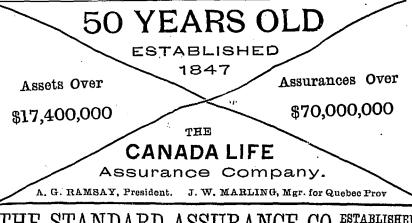
-Great Britain imported in 1897 41/2 millions of cwts. of live cattle and sheep, 14% millions of cwts. of dead meat, the value of all which was \$357,500,000, and these imports provided 54 pounds per head of the population, the total consumption being 122 lbs. per head.

-Oun prohibition contemporary The Royal Templar Advocate made a bad break in its August number. It said: "Oddly enough simpletons seldom touch alcohol." The inevitable inference is, that those who demand prohibition are desirous of making everybody act like "simpletons!" For the prohibition organ this is a shocking admission to make.

-The Imperial penny postage rate will be established on 9th Nov. next. It is expected that a reduction will also be made in the rate for internal letters. It would be unsatisfactory to pay 3 cents postage on a letter going say to a place within walking distance while letters for Great Britain only cost 2 cents. The rate will have to be reduced also on American letters. These changes will reduce the postal revenue heavily and not increase it as penny postage did when first introduced.

-The rate of taxation in Belleville next year will be 23 9-10 mills. The figure seems high, but it all depends upon the assessment valuation system in vogue in that city whether it is more so than in other places. We believe Belleville is lightly assessed compared with some places where the rate of taxation is nominally lower. A by-law granting a bonus of \$50,000 towards a rolling mill enterprise will be submitted to the ratepayers on 30th inst.

-The attention of general storekeepers and drygoods merchants generally is directed to the advertisement of "Drygoods Business for Sale," to be found in another column. The proprietors have made a handsome fortune from the business, and are now willing to retire and allow some one else a similar opportunity, The locality is a prosperous one, one not subject to the vicissitudes of trade so often to be experienced in certain manufacturing districts.



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#### THE QUEBEC COMMISSION.

The Joint High Commission which has been appointed to consider the questions at issue between Canada and the United States, will hold its inaugural meeting at Quebec on the 10th inst. The Canadian representatives are: Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Sir Louis Davies; Sir Richard Cartwright; and Mr. John Charlton M. P. With them will be associated Lord Herschell representing Imperial interests, and Sir James Winter, premier of Newfoundland who will watch over the interests of that colony. 'The United States representatives are, the Hon. John W. Foster, Senators Gray and Fairbanks, and Messrs. Kasson and Dingley. The questions upon which they will deliberate are: (1) pelagic sealing in Behring Sea and the Pacific Ocean; (2) fisheries on the coasts of the Atlantic and Pacific; (3) inland lake and river fisheries; (4) the Alaskan boundary question; (5) alien labour laws; (6) the transportation of goods in bond through United States and Canadian territory; (7) armed vessels on the lakes between Canada and the States; (8) mining rights of American and Canadian citizens when each operating in the territory of the other; (9) reciprocity; and questions relating to the treatment of criminals arrested outside the country in which their offence was committed.

These nine questions will afford a wide scope for prolonged discussions. In the case of several of them the debates will turn upon the interpretation of existing treaties, and less formal international agreements. In others the commissioners will consider what policy

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is desirable for the future on the part of one party or of both those represented. The Commission will have no powers other than advisory, so that whatever may be their report, the whole of its clauses will have to run the gauntlet of debates in the respective legislatures of Canada and the States. The prospect then of a final settlement of the more serious questions is very remote. In respect to some of them we see no sign of any prospect beyond what is presented by hope, the pictures of which are apt to be works of imagina-

The rights of Canadians to pursue ocean sealing operations is beyond dispute. They were so declared by the International Arbitration Conference at Paris. These rights it would be treasonable now to relinquish. Canada, in this respect, has no rights in any degree different to those enjoyed by the States, and by all other nations. If all other nations were to agree to abandon pelagic sealing, then Canada might consider whether she should join in such a general arrangement. But, for Canada to vote herself outside the whole world as the only nation without the right to catch seals in the open ocean, would be an act so pusillanimous as to cover her name with shame.

If the decision of so important a tribunal as the Paris International Arbitration Commission is to be set aside merely because its judgment was adverse to the claims of one party to the arbitration, the proceedings of such a body are rendered farcical. International disputes would become interminable if they were liable to be re-opened by the losing party to an arbitration. When the conference about convening has decided upon one of the questions in a manner adverse to Canada, this Dominion, under such a flexible arrangement, could demand another conference to re-consider the decision, and so the business in dispute might go on for ever. Nothing could be more fatal to the plan of submitting international disputes to arbitration, instead of the arbitrament of war, than the recognition of the claim of one nation to have any decision against it reconsidered by another set of arbitrators.

As to our fishery rights on the Atlantic coast, they have been again and again passed upon by international tribunals, and no disputes could arise if the principles they laid down, upon which Canadian rights are based, were honourably observed by American fishermen. Whatever rights over and in waters under our own jurisdiction might be conceded they would be liable to be infringed upon by foreign fishermen. When we stop such audacious infringements there is sure to be a great outcry against us, and this would be worked up by politicians into a demand for some further limita-

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tion being placed on Canadian rights. By receding from our position, under such pressure, we should invite further encroachments. The time might indeed come when the very existence of a Canadian fishing fleet would be regarded as offensive to our neighbours, just as they regard our catching seals in the deep sea, which is equally open to all nations, as an unfriendly act. There is a limit to the granting of concessions. and of self sacrifices which no nation can pass without dishonour, and incurring the contempt of other nations. Canada has every desire to avoid friction with her neighbour in her fishery operations, but there is a time to say to the perpetual "forward movement" of aggressors, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed."

As to the mining rights of any foreigners who begin work in Canada they are such as Canadians enjoy, there is no discrimination against aliens—and it is for the Parliament of Canada, or the Provincial Legislature, to say what these rights are. The question is not one for an international commission, as it pertains strictly to the domestic government of Canada. The boundaries of Alaska question is a scientific one, not political and should be left to scientific experts. As to alien labour laws, there is ground for work by the commissioners, but the only rational arrangement would be to abolish such semi-barbarous, Chinese-like laws.

The bonded goods question is an appropriate one for the commissioners to consider, and if they show common sense they will decide in favour of each country allowing goods in bond to pass through the respective territory of each country under as easy conditions as possible. Lake and river fisheries certainly require better regulations. Our neighbours have been so loose in their restrictions as to times for fishing that they have almost destroyed their own inland fisheries, as an international fishery commission reported a few months ago. If Canada does not enforce the close time regulation her lake and river fisheries will also be destroyed. As to reciprocity the commissioners will come to no agreement, unless the Canadian representatives barter our national honour and rights for trade concessions, which would be no form of reciprocity, and certainly no compensation for so humiliating an exchange. The only form of Reciprocity which can be honourably considered by Canada would be mutual concessions in regard to Customs duties. This Dominion has no territorial rights to sell-"What we have-we'll hold."

While we should hail with the utmost satisfaction more neighbourly relations being established between Canada and the States, we are not sanguine that any practical arrangements will arise out of the Quebec Commission which will bring the two countries under such mutual conditions as will obviate all chances of future disputes. A good talk, however, all round will do no harm, and our foreign visitors will no doubt carry away pleasant memories of Canadian hospitality.

#### THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF ESTABLISHED.

On Monday last, the 1st inst., the preferential clauses of the Tariff, as finally amended came into force. In anticipation of the preference being withdrawn which was accorded up to that date on goods from Germany and Belgium, there were large clearances of goods late in July. The reduction of 25 per cent on British goods however, took place on 1st July, so that the change on, 1st inst. was the cancellation of a preference, not its extension. During July Germany and Belgium goods had enjoyed a preference of 25 per cent equally with British goods, under the preferential clause of the Tariff of 1897. That Tariff was framed without any intention of placing those countries under privileged conditions. It was, however, discovered that certain commercial treaties made between Great Britain and Germany and Belgium, would not allow of any British colony making any such discrimination in favour of the mother country. Such being the situation the goods of Germany and Belgium were ranked with those of Great Britain for tariff preferences until the treaties in question were abrogated, which they were on 1st August upon the maturity of a year's notice. When the decision of the Imperial Government was made known that Germany and Belgium must have the same treatment from Canada as Great Britain, so long as those treaties were in force, the tariff was adapted to the conditions which would arise when those treaties were cancelled. Under the amendment so made last Session the preference of 25 per cent is confined to goods from Great Britain and most of her colonies.

The misunderstanding which existed when the preferential clause of the tariff of 1897 was framed, owing to which Germany and Belgium secured privileges they were not intended to enjoy, has been made a basis for vehement attacks upon the Finance Minister and his colleagues. That he mistook the nature of the treaties of Great Britain with Germany and Belgium was decided by the Home authorities. But his interpretation was a reasonable one, though technically erroneous. If every statesman is to be discredited because his reading of a treaty has turned out to be mistaken, there would be a long list of distinguished historic characters whose reputations would suffer. Treaties are drawn in the phraseology of legal documents, and we are all too familiar with the various interpretations placed upon their meaning even by judges.

What effect the tariff of 1897 had upon the Customs revenue will be learnt when the full returns of the past fiscal year are issued, and what the effect on the revenue and on the trade of Canada the regulation will have which came into force on the 1st inst., will not be known for a length of time. We trust however it will be such as to do no injury to our manufacturers, nor to the general mercantile interests of the Dominion. Our friends in Great Britain are enthusing over it and behauding Canada most eloquently, as well they may, for we have given them a preference of 25 per cent over other nations without securing from them any reciprocal return.

#### BISMARCK.

The late Prince Bismarck was a remarkable illustration of an historic phenomenon of supreme interest and perplexity. History affords many instances of conditions existing in a nation which demanded for its welfare the services of a ruler, or statesman, or soldier, or political leader gifted with extraordinary qualities. The question is at times of crisis asked, "The hour has struck—where is the man?" and the man needed usually appears. The gravest disasters which have befallen nations have been caused by some crisis arising, or conditions developing, without the man appearing on the scene with the requisite genius to avert the threatened danger. If Spain had had such a statesman she would not have been humiliated.

When Otto Von Bismarck was a young man he was more renowned for his animal vivacity and strength than his wisdom. Germany was a mere name, it represented no organic political entity it was a congeries of independent States. The territory now comprised in the German Empire was much in the same political condition as England was before William of Normandy the Bismarck of his time—consolidated the nation by the force of his iron will. After a stormy career as a student he entered the profession of law, and held several minor official positions, which showed that he was backed by official influence. He then adopted the life of a country gentleman, his family having several estates, one of which he inherited on the death of his father in 1845. He had already sat as a deputy in the local Diet. In 1847 he was elected to a seat in the Provincial Diet of Prussian Saxony. In those years he seems to have been a strange compound of Squire Western in coarseness and bibulosity, and of Gladstone as a model of domestic virtues and devotion to public duties. When a member of the Prussian Diet, in the days of Frederick William IV, he won that monarch's friendship by his uncompromising hostility to popular movements towards wider liberty. His idea was identical with Cromwell's that a Parliament should be absolutely under the ruler's control. When the various States of Germany were seething with intrigues each looking for supremacy, Bismarck entered the Diet or Congress of Frankford where he won his spurs in a contest with the famous Metternich and Gortschakoff for whom he proved more than a match in diplomacy. Then, and for years later, he gave intimations of his having conceived the idea of uniting all Germany under one ruler, the King of Prussia. In 1862 he was appointed President of the Ministry which body he dominated by his great mental power and iron determination. His old time jealousy of Austria was one of the causes of the war with that power. This conflict ended in a large accession of territory to Prussia, and the advance of that kingdom to the great position for which Bismarck had plotted and fought, as the supreme representative of Germany and as the centre of that unity of hitherto dissevered States which became under his manipulation, the Empire of Germany. Following the humiliation of Austria at Sadona came the humiliation of France at Sedan, both victories being chiefly attributable to the organizing genius of Bismarck directed to the one aim of his life the unification of Germany. After Sedan came the intensely dramatic incident of the King of Prussia being proclaimed Emperor of Germany in the palace of Ver-

sailles. That event was the culmination of his career. Since then his life has not been happy, in a political sense, his domineering habits and temper were resented by the present Emperor who caused his great Chancellor and the creator of his Empire to retire into private life where, like a caged lion, he fretted against the bars which restricted his power. He has had however the consolation of knowing that the whole people of Germany regarded him with a reverence and gratitude which probably were never exceeded in depth and universality in any nation. It is mere vanity to moralize over so extraordinary a life. Revolutions, it has been said, are not made with rose water, nei ther are empires founded on rose leaves. The Sermon on the Mount is not yet a code of international law. The policy of men like the dead hero moves on like a cannon-ball, which treats every obstacle without respect. The circumstances, and the opportunities, and the duties, and the temptations of his life were unparalleled. Prince Bismarck may be regarded as an instrument raised up by Providence to accomplish a work which was grievously needed in the interests of civilisation. The wretchedly chaotic political and social condition of Germany when divided into two score of petty States was an obstruction to the advancement of Europe. Out of that chaos of confusion and weakness he evolved order and strength. The monument of Prince Bismarck will remain while lasts the German Empire.

#### THE NAPANEE TRIAL.

The Napanee bank robbery case is being tried at Napanee before Mr. Daly, a local magistrate. Those indicted are, Holden, Pare, Mackie and Ponton. The two first are professional criminals; the third is a local innkeeper, and the last was a teller in the bank when the robbery took place. Pare seems to have turned Queen's evidence in order as he said, "to save himself." In giving his evidence he resented being classed as a mere "crook," saying with pride, "My forte is cracking safes, I have opened combinations without any outside assistance." So ingenious a person deserves to have a government appointment conferred upon him, tenable for life, say, as caretaker of a cell in the Kingston penitentiary. This professional burglar has filled a position of this kind twice, so his experience in this, and other situations, such as several police court jails, eminently qualifies him for filling the place if not to his own, at least to the public satisfaction. It is an outrage upon the public for men of this class, who actually boast of their eminence as criminal experts, to be given such short terms of imprisonment as he has experienced, and such as are passed, as a rule, on the most dangerous characters. Had an adequate sentence been passed on Pare when it was known, as it was known, that he had decided to live by "cracking safes," the Napanee bank robbery would never have been perpetrated, nor a number of others which he admits having been engaged in. As to the other prisoners we must suspend judgment; but as Pare has swaggered about his crime in open Court he has passed judgment on himself, and though he has done so "to save himself," it is to be hoped the outcome of the trial will be that society will be saved from the very serious danger of his presence.

—The city of Hamilton by a popular vote has decided not to purchase the local street railway from which the city now decives an annual income of \$16,000.

# OPENING OF ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The extraordinary Session of the Ontario Legislature called mainly to amend the election law as it stood before the last election, was opened at Toronto on the 2nd. inst. by the veteran Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Evanturel was elected Speaker of the Assembly after highly eulogistic speeches from the Attorney-General, Premier Hardy and Mr. Whitney, leader of the Opposition. The House had only been gathered a brief time when Mr. Whitney opened a rattling fire upon the government under circumstances which he said were "unparalleled not only in the province of Ontario, but in any country or colony which has been, is now, or forever will be again under British rule, and under the system of responsible government as we have in Canada." These circumstances were, the absence of two Ministers who had been defeated at the polls and the presence of two-thirds of the members despite their right to their seats being protested. Mr. Whitney is evidently a fighter, who, though not as able as Sir. William Meredith was, is likely to be far more effective as Opposition leader. The "Speech from the Throne," as the Lieut.-Governor's address is erroneously styled, there being no "throne," or even a representative one in a Provincial Assembly, was longer than any we remember. But Sir Oliver was never a miser with words, and he no doubt felt, that in a Chamber he had dominated so many years, he was at least entitled to liberty of speech. He opened by a graceful compliment to the retiring Governor-General and Her Excellency, saying, what all will approve, "Their Excellencies' sympathetic participation in all philanthropic movements and benevolent enterprises, their hearty co-operation in all good work, their patriotic devotion to Canada and their constant study of Canadian interests will always be gratefully remembered by the people of this province." He passed on to make references to the abundant harvest; the San Jose scale; the good roads question; the state of the lumber trade; the preservation of pine lands; the election petitions; and the recent Privy Council judgment on certain fishery questions. The text was long enough for a sermon in the dog-days, but it is always interesting to hear Sir Oliver's views, even when stated at greater length than is usual on such occasions. His eminence as a constitutional lawyer caused marked attention to be paid to the passage in which he stated the reasons for calling an extraordinary Session. Although a Lieutenant-Governor is understood in the "speech from the throne" to be merely the mouthpiece of the Premier, we know Sir Oliver Mowat too well to believe that on such a question he would utter views from which he dissented. His words are therefore worth recording as the controversy will become of historic interest. Sir Oliver said in regard to the House being summoned to declare, or to amend the election law:

"In view of the great number of election petitions awaiting trial, it is desirable to facilitate their disposal by the courts and to lessen the expense and labor of the trials as far as may be practicable and so that they may if possible be disposed of by the time this assembly may again meet in the early part of the coming year. To this end a bill will be submitted for your consideration, making provision for the speedy determination of the question if the right of electors to vote who have been called upon or appointed by the returning officer or deputy returning officer under the election act to act as constables or special constables on election or polling

day, or to perform other work or public duties connected with the election, and for other purposes."

The non-committal nature of the above is very noticeable, and will, no doubt, be regarded as significant.

#### THE ERIE CANAL IMBROGLIO.

The war with Spain which is the absorbing topic of discussion in the American journals these days, owing largely to the bearing it is likely to have on the November congressional elections, has diverted public attention in a large measure from what is now styled the "Erie Canal Scandal." Some four or five years ago the people of the State of New York by a popular vote consented to expend nine million dollars to enlarge the canal, and make it nine feet deep on its whole length, that sum being the cost as estimated by the engineers. The work went dragging along until at the last session of the New York Legislature it leaked out that while the work of deepening was not near finished the money voted was wholly so. It was then stated that it would take at least six or seven millions more to complete the work. Of course there was consternation, and another vote by the people was suggested. As both political parties-or at least their prominent men-had benefitted from the expanditure on the works, there seemed to be a determination to keen the question back until after the Fall elections when the Governor of the State and the members of the Legislature will have to be elected.

In the meantime a commission of enquiry was appointed to search out the cause of the flagrant discrepancy between the first estimate and what would be the actual cost. That commission has not yet completed its work, but from time to time reports have been published of what it has discovered. Some of the information given out is not without interest in other countries where large works are proposed and started on what frequently turn out to be similar misleading estimates. The engineers and other principal officials concerned stated in their evidence that they knew at the time the estimate they made was entirely insufficient to complete the work. In palliation of this they declared that they had been forced by the politicians to make it as they did because they feared if the real cost was submitted the people would not vote the requisite amount. One of the chief engineers told the commission that his original estimate was sixteen millions, and now he estimates that twelve millions more will be required to complete the work in addition to the nine millions the deluded people voted. It is not often that such a gross misrepresentation of the probable cost of a public work is met with, and it will be curious to see how the people of the State of New York will deal with the matter when it comes be-

It is evident that for years to come the world-famed Eric Canal will be out of the running as a dangerous competitor for carrying the grain trade of the West. We clip the following from the New York *Herald* which is the latest that paper has to say on the subject.

"We have all laughed at the chap who compiled a treatise on Chinese metaphysics by the simple process of taking "China" and "Metaphysics" from his encyclopædia and combining the two. The Eric Canal Investigating Commission is to emulate him. The official engineering geniuses who estimated that the

nine millions already dissipated would complete the improvements to that canal are now guessing that seven millions more will suffice, while another State official thinks twelve millions more will be needed, and the commission is said to have split the difference, and its report will formally "estimate" the cost at ten millions. Meanwhile, as the result of bungling and pilfering, the great commercial highway of the Empire State is going to the dogs, and of forty-two million bushels of grain received at New York in the last seven weeks only five millions came by canal."

This record shows how undesirable it would be for canal extension to be made the joint work of Canada and the States. There would be a great probability of similar financial blundering, or worse, to that which has created the Eric Canal scandal. The people of Canada will do wisely to avoid so serious a risk.

#### ENGLISH WOOLLEN TRADE.

The reports brought by recent visitors to England on their return to Canada are, as a rule, only reliable when the traveller testifies to some branch of business of which he has practical knowledge. Such an observer comes into direct contact with manufacturers; he has tested market conditions by purchasing and trying to purchase goods, thus he has looked facts squarely in the face, and his reports have a value which cannot be accorded to those based upon the general gossip of the dinner table, or the street.

A merchant who has come direct from the seats of the woollen manufacture in England, who has been doing business there quite recently, as he has for some years past, reports there being considerable depression caused in part by the Spanish-American war, and partly by the competition of Germany, which in woollen goods is becoming very aggressive and enterprising. Having bought a certain class of woollen goods this summer in Germany such as the Yorkshire mills once had a monopoly of, he ascertained the reason why the German makers were able to cut out the British. The secret was in the working up a cheaper class of wool as a backing to the cloth by which the required thickness was given to it without affecting its appearance..... It is not expected to be so enduring as the English article, but in these days buyers do not value a capacity.. of "endless wear" as they used to do and a lower priced article which looks as well, and answers the needed purpose for a reasonable time, is more appreciated than a dearer one which lasts so long as to be a weariness.

A manufacturer of the article referred to was shown a sample of the German made one which was selling much below the price of his own, and depriving him of old-time customers. It was suggested that he should adopt the German process. To this he replied: "I have made these goods all my life, and my father and grandfather did so before me, and I am not going to change my methods for anybody!" Such obstinacy is unfortunatly characteristic of British manufacturers. As the Germans care not a straw about old methods, but adopt any by which greater economy is secured, which helps them to secure orders, they are crowding out English goods. Our informant declares that the lower price of goods "made in Germany," such as those referred to, will enable him to pay the higher duty on them, and still import them at less cost than similar woollen goods made in Yorkshire. Our preferential tariff will tend to encourage British manufacturers in

this obstinate policy, and so will play into the hands of the German manufacturers. These form one of a class of goods which it will be as "easy as rolling off a log" to enter as of British make, as the extra duty on them will tempt English exporters to buy the German article and invoice it as home-made.

#### MERCANTILE DEPREDATORS.

If such infamous characters as Dick Turpin were to re-visit the scenes of their criminal enterprises they would probably write themselves down as fools for having run such risks as they incurred to raise money. A man with the instincts and principles of a highway man or pickpocket needs no longer have a Black Bess, a mask and a blunderbus to enable him to carry on his depredations on the purses of the innocent ones who possess what he covets. Last week we gave an instance of the manuer in which robbery can be carried on in a public thoroughfare by a person who, whileplotting and thieving, may still retain his position as a citizen without any risk of being shot or hung like many a highwayman was for crimes no worse. All he has to do is to open a store, worm his way into the confidence of merchants by a dexterous use of a little cash, and a plentiful supply of gall, then to secure their goods, turn them into money, and leave lamenting those whom he has deluded and cheated. Another plan which has been recently practically illustrated in this city, is to open an auction-room, invite consignments of goods for sale under the hammer, then sell them, clear out, and leave the owners without any returns, or means of recovering either their goods or their money. Of course it may be said that such a proceeding puts the perpetrator within the pale of the criminal law. But, as in the case to which our attention has been drawn, the person so defrauded may have no means to enter a prosecution, nor even to engage a lawyer to watch his interests in the matter, as all his resources may be in the goods left for sale, of which he has been robbed.

In comparison with men who are guilty of such crimes Dick Turpin was a respectable character. He made no professions of honesty; he went out on the highway under no cloak of being an ordinary trader; everybody knew him to be a thief; he was rather proud of his reputation as a criminal; he had "the courage of his convictions," as we say, and faced the risk of death in every operation in which he was engaged. Turpin was a scoundrel but no sneak. The men of today who share his principles but lack his courage and his frankness, who are at war with society as much as he was, are really the more dangerous enemies of the two. A traveller in coaching days could shoot a highway man at sight, and be publicly applauded for the deed, but the mercantile highwayman of to-day is hedged around by legal protection. His crime may be proved "up to the hilt," the perpetrator may make full confession, but as the law stands he can look his victims calmly in the face and ask: "What are you going to do about it ?" As a rule the doing about it is an expression of the victim's willingness to settle the matter on the criminal paying back a fraction of the proceeds of his robbery--which is practically compounding a felony.

We speak plainly as it is time some plain speech was indulged in as the immunity now legally enjoyed by

those who prey on wholesale merchants is blunting the moral sense of the community by familiarity. But that some deeds, now too common, are felonious is indisputable. A trader who knows that he will not be able to pay one-fifth, or less, of his debts, who is daily expecting a demand of assignment, and yet secures goods, not for sale in the ordinary way across his counter to retail buyers, but solely to hypothecate, or sell for cash at far less than cost, commits a felony in fact whatever such a crime may be in law. In other countries such a villianous abuse of credit renders the wrong-doer liable to severe punishment. Owing to the scandalous confusion existing in Canada in our laws relating to insolvents, this country is a happy hunting ground for mercantile depredators who use, or rather mis-use credit as an instrument of fraud.

#### LOCAL VERSUS NON-LOCAL DIRECTORS.

Judging from remarks made by the chairman at the annual meeting of the London & Yorkshire Bank, Loudon, Eng., the question of local versus non-local directors has excited some attention in England. Some years ago there were no banks doing business in the provinces, or the "country," as the English phrase is, which had their head office in London. There were however several country banks whose chairman resided in the metropolis, whose influence there was valuable, but who took no part whatever in the ordinary duties of a director. Several such officials were hereditary chairmen. Their fathers, or grandfathers had been private bankers whose business had been taken over by a joint stock company. The name of the old banker was a financial strength to the new company, so one of the family was always elected chairman in order to retain the prestige of the name. There are country banks in England which have been joint stock institutions for sixty or seventy years, which even to-day are frequently called by the name of the private banker whose business was purchased long ago, although no trace of this name is in the bank's present title. In other cases the founder's name is part of the title, and the family is associated with the bank although no member of it is engaged in its management.

Owing to changes in English banking there are now a number of banks with head offices in London which are really country banks, so far as their main connections and business are concerned. Thus we get a somewhat new feature in England, a bank having a country business managed by a Board of Directors meeting in London, who are not locally connected with the district in which the bank chiefly operates. Thus we have the London & Yorkshire Bank, which has no Yorkshire directors, the Board being made up of London men.

This system having been criticised by the chairman of a local West Riding bank the Chairman of its London rival retorted: "Him that hath riven breeks, let him keep still." He asked whether the idea of the necessity of a local board was not obsolete, and do not practical results refute such a theory? He made this bold declaration "the largest, strongest, most prosperous and best managed banks in England are amongst those managed from London without local directors." It was affirmed also that "such banks had the public preference, as they secure greater privacy, and impartiality, and customers feel that the man at a distance

is free from local prejudices, local influences and local gossip." What the man on the spot said to this we are not advised, but he could make, in our judgment, a very strong plea for the superior advantage of local directors. Of course, as the London Chairman said, "London is not a long way off from any where in these days." It seems to us, however, more reasonable for men who are residents in the district where a bank's business is chiefly done to have a better knowledge of the local customers, and of local conditions, and local requirements, than one who has no local knowledge, connections, or experience.

Given two men of equal general qualifications as financiers it can hardly be disputed that if one has also local experience he will make a better director of a local bank than the one who has no local qualifications. A non-local Board must rely more upon the local manager than a Board familiar with the customers and the district. Our banks which have important branches in other cities usually secure a local director, and, we believe it would be acknowledged by their colleagues, that such local directors render valuable service owing to their local knowledge. Notwithstanding his sneer about the alleged "riven breeks" of his rival, we are disposed to give a verdict against the London Chairman, and the remarkable success of banks in Yorkshire with local directors is convincing evidence of the system having been for long years a success, while the direction of a country bank business by a London Board is as yet only on its trial.

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

An interesting correspondence has been published between the Colonial Office and Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, which shows that strained relations have existed for some time between the Imperial Government, the governor of that island, and the Local Legislature. The Legislature of Newfoundland some time ago entered into a contract by which . practically the public works of the island and a large share of public property were placed under the control of Mr. Reid. Under this contract the railway, telegraph and other public services were handed over to a private firm, which also was invested with proprietory rights over the mineral and other lands hitherto held by the local government. It has been said indeed that Mr. Reid was made by the contract practically the proprietor of Newfoundland, so extensive were the concessions made to him. Of course the contract provided for his handing over a certain amount of revenue to the island authorities. The contract was much like a farming out by the government of the public works and public properties to a private person for a consideration, and so relieving the government of the work and responsibilities of their administration. The arrangement was certainly a highly peculiar one as it was a practical abandonment of one of the most important functions and responsibilities of government and their investment in a private person. A staff of public officials thereby became the servants of a contractor, and the public, instead of having to deal with the government in respect to a variety of services, now have to deal with Mr. Reid. The bill confirming this contract was passed by a large majority of the Legisla-

It was a highly popular measure as the people of Newfoundland thought the work of developing the resources of the island, and managing the public services would be far more efficiently performed by a wealthy and enterprising contractor than by government officials. There is good reason to believe that this judgment is sound. A railway, telegraph and other services are more likely to be managed with economy, energy and respect for public necessities and conveniences when made private enterprises than when controlled by government officials. Some years ago a wealthy and experienced contractor offered to take over the entire municipal works of a western city in Canada, and to guarantee for one-half their ordinary cost to the ratepayers, incomparably better public services than had ever been rendered under corporation management. He made this offer after a thorough investigation, and expressed confidence in its proving for him a very profitable contract while saving the ratepayers not less than one-half of their taxes.

To this abdication of their functions by the government the Governor of Newfoundland so decidedly objected as to refuse his signature to the bill legalising the contract. Appeal was made to the Colonial Office and a lively correspondence ensued, which ended in Mr. Chamberlain instructing the governor to sign the bill, which however he condemned in good set terms. He gave way on the ground that the bill had been so emphatically approved by the people and the Legislature that although, in his judgment most unwise, it was not desirable to veto a popular vote. The working out of this remarkable experiment in farming out public works will be watched with great interest, the general conviction being that in the hands of so enterprising, so able and so wealthy a contractor as Mr. Reid the island will develop rapidly, and its public services be well and economically performed.

#### WHO WERE THE GUNNERY EXPERTS.

We had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman this week, one directly and thoroughly informed in regard to the crews serving on the American war vessels engaged at Cuba and at Manilla. He declares that the gunners whose precision as crack shots has made such an impression, especially in naval circles, as it did on Cervera's fleet, were all Britishers who had received their training in the old land. He was positive that if the U.S guns had been wholly in charge of Americans, the firing would have been too wild to do any damage, except to an occasional fish on which the cannon balls alighted in their watery career. It is one of the well-known tests of a good administrator that he selects able assistants. The American government is entitled therefore to much credit for its excellent judgment in confiding its guns to expert Britishers whose wonderful skill as marksmen is recognised all over the world. Where those clever fellows would be in case their native country needed their services is in no doubt; they would fight for the "old flag" against any foe. The Emperor of Germany recently said, "Spain deserves to lose her Empire, as she cannot shoot straight." It has cost Great Britain millions to train a staff of expert gunners, and she will run no risk of losing her Empire from the defect of Spain. Her guns may ever be relied upon to "shoot straight," and to shoot, as the song says, till "we conquer again and again."

#### THE HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

We reproduce from one of the daily papers—which is the same report as that given by all the English city papersthe proceedings of the Harbour Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday last. The resolution adopted is only what might have been expected from the Commissioners, and is entirely in harmony with the position that this journal has assumed all through the controversy-as far as the finances of the City are concerned. The matter of the high level now remains in the hands of the City Council. If that body is able to guarantee that the money required will be needed for flood protection, and be forthcoming-well and good-but under all the circumstances, surrounded as it is by legal restrictions, that guarantee may not be forthcoming. In any case this need not prevent the commissioners from commencing the work at once. It will require all this season and the next to bring the first pier up to the low level height before which time the City will have ascertained how it stands financially in the matter. At present it is admitted on all hands that the City's "million" has all been dissipated.

The probability of 16,000 ton vessels' becoming the ships of the future here, makes it all the more necessary to make an early commencement of the new works, even if they have to stop short at the low level. It is understood that this matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the City Council on Monday next. The following is the resolution defining the Board's position in the matter, and calling upon the city to carry out its share of the work:

"That the Harbour Commissioners, having had communication, 1st, of a report of the Finance Committee of the city of Montreal, of the thirteenth July instant, reconsidered and reaffirmed on the twentieth of the same month; 2nd, of a report of the Road Committee of the 21st of the same month; 3rd, of a resolution adopted, on the said twenty-first day of July, by the Council of the city of Montreal, in the following words:

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted with the following addition, that the city will have the option of doing the works mentioned in the report of the Road Committee, as soon as the necessary funds have been legally voted," hereby declare that they agree to the terms contained in the report of the road Committee, but they feel bound to make all due reservation as, to any parts of the above-mentioned reports, which might be interpreted as altering or modifying, in any way, the understanding between the two corporations, relating to the execution of the works of improvement in the harbour of Montreal

"The Commissioners, though willing to meet the wishes of the City Council in a fair spirit, feel bound to maintain rights and claims that they may have against the city of Montreal, both as to works already executed, and as to protected works to be completed, and to waive no parts of said rights and claims, and, in view of the fact that it is contended that the city has not any more the power to contribute \$1,000,000 to the harbour improvements, as it has exhausted its powers by by-law No. 174, the Commissioners expect that the City Council will, as soon as possible, pass a resolution agreeing to apply to the Legislature to be empowered to complete its contribution to the works of improvement agreed upon, to the above-mentioned amount of \$1,000,000."

#### BOOT AND SHOE MATTERS.

It is generally believed that with the exception of a few of the leading houses in the trade here, Quebec makers have been for years gradually drawing to themselves the manufacture of boots and shoes, especially those of the coarser kinds. This, while containing a modicum of truth, is not, however, so extensively the case as is claimed by certain manufacturers in the Ancient Capital, who will persist in making occasional visits to the staunch old houses in Montreal, and offering to sell them goods which they claim they can sell cheaper than their Montreal rivals can make them for themselves.

On a recent visit to the city one of them called upon one of our largest makers, offering to save him the trouble of manufacturing for himself—and enabling him to tie up his machinery as a certain other Montreal house had done. He

received as reply from his old boss-"If ever the time comes when I can buy goods from you cheaper than I can make them, I'll simply retire from the business." The ability and capital which distinguish the management of a few of our larger wholesale manufacturing houses in Montreal, will doubtless continue to maintain this as the great centre of the business for all time to come, notwithstanding the special advantages which Quebec claims in respect of greater economy in labour. It will scarcely be denied in this respect however that our western cities are wholly out of the running. Some changes that have occurred in our midst recently will probably place that part of the trade affected in a more favorable position than heretofore, we mean in respect of purchasing raw material. However successful travellers may be on the road in taking orders, whatever may be the volume of the turnover, the importance of buying to advantage at headquarters is no less to be considered.

These few cursory remarks are suggested by the failure recently in Quebec of one of the smaller houses there, that of E.R. Woodley who in common with some others, has been inclined to overrate the local advantages of the Ancient Capital in respect of the boot and shoe trade and manufacture. Mr. Woodley is descended from a family who had been for many years identified with that trade in Quebec, and finding an opportunity of buying in some machinery which had been offered for sale for some time past, he persuaded his maternal relative to advance him some money to buy the plant (that belonging to the Polleys), which he did for \$12,000. By the time he was ready to begin operations he had probably some \$4,000 to the good over and above. The machinery was estimated by experts at \$3,000 to \$4,000. Mr. Woodley succeeded in obtaining a small line of credit for one reason or another, but soon found that he had made a mistake in his calculations. Beginning in March last, he was unable to meet the demands upon him by the end of July, and it is now feared that, if wound up, the estate will pay little more than ten cents in the dollar of the liabilities, which are set down at about \$19,000. It is to be hoped that Mr. Woodley will profit by the lesson which he has so dearly bought, and that one or two others in the trade in Quebec may have a longer lease of life than would seem to be warranted by their (also) peculiar methods of business. But the horizon must be clear before the business makes satisfactory progress.

Liabilities are nearly \$20,000 and assets \$10,000. Among the principal creditors are: Mrs. Woodley \$5,800; A. Dion & Co. \$1,600; F. Gourdeau & Frere \$950; H.J. Fisk & Co. \$101; W. H. Polley & Co. \$480; Shaw, Cassils & Co. \$350; Sirois \$500; M. Lynch \$225; Quebec Paper Bag Co. \$200; Paul Galibert, Montreal \$600; L.H. Packard & Co., Montreal, \$300.

#### ONTARIO HEALTH REPORT FOR JUNE.

The June report issued by the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario shows an improvement over the returns for May this year, and for June 1897. The total deaths from contagious diseases reported were 222 compared with 212 in same month last year, an increase of 5 per cent. But as this year the population reporting is 10 per cent larger than in 1897, the proportion of deaths was really lower. It is satisfactory to find the mortality from scarletina, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, and typhoid much lower than in June 1897. The number of cases of these diseases in June last year was 83, and this year only 62, the decrease being chiefly in the two former, which will be ultimately stamped out by improved sanitary conditions. A striking illustration of the dependence of even those whose residences are perfect in this respect, and situated in a most healthy locality, upon the health conditions of their neighbours in crowded quarters of a city, has recently been shown. Scarlet fever cases have occurred in this city in residences which might be used as a sanitarium, the sanitary conditions of both of which are so perfect. But even into those houses this dread fever entered which was brought from an unhealthy district. Such incidents should impress upon all of our citizens the necessity

for their own protection and that of their families, of sanitary precautions being taken to prevent disease arising in any quarter of the city. So long as the drainage of any district is imperfect, and this and other sanitary conditions breed fever, no family is safe from risk of contagion. Every citizen has a direct, personal interest in the sanitary arrangements of the whole city being efficient, as the neglect of one liousehold is a menace to all others. Montreal is an exceptionally healthy city, but there are sanitary defects in our borders which demand correction, and the officials of the Health Dopartment need to exercise the most untiring vigilance in removing such evils as they well know are a public danger.

#### THE LOSS OF THE BOURGOGNE.

Two official investigations have been made into the causes of the Bourgogne catastrophe by which 575 lives were lost. The Canadian enquiry at Halifax resulted in a report charging that the vessel was a long distance out of the proper and the ordinary course of Atlantic passenger steamers, and that she was running at a most dangerous speed in a fog-in fact was making as fast time as though the air was clear. Had the Captain lived he would have been punished for such recklessness. The Canadian official, by whom the enquiry was conducted, recommended all steamers to take a more southerly course so as to avoid all risk of fog, though this would slightly lengthen voyages. The other enquiry was made by a French tribunal. The main question before it was, the conduct of the crew who stood charged with seeking their own safety wholly regardless of the passengers'. The fact that 100 of the crew found places in the boats and only 50 passengers seems to tell its own story. The Court at Havre has, however, concluded that there is no case against the crew. As a rule sailors are so brave in times of danger, and their heroism has been so frequently displayed that we are loathe to cast any reflections upon so gallant a class of men. The points of importance are the ones treated by the Canadian official, viz., the course ocean steamers should take to ensure absolute safety from fog, and the management of vessels when enveloped in fog, A more southerly course in one case, and slowing down in the other, are recommendations which will no doubt be earnestly considered by vessel owners and captains, who are even more interested in avoiding accidents than ordinary passengers.

#### OLD STAMP DUTIES RECALLED.

The oppressive stamp duties being imposed in the States to raise a war revenue have recalled to a writer in the Insurance Press, the exactions to which the pioneer promoters of life insurance in America had to submit, and against which they so vigorously and properly kicked. The imposition of these taxes upon residents in the American colonies lost them to Great Britain and divided the English-speaking people of the world. Taxes upon insurance policies were a part of the offensive stamp tax act. The tax remained substantially the same in England from the date of its original levy, in the days of George III, until after the middle of this century. The following are the figures, according to David Jones in his great work on "Annuities and Reversionary Payments":

From sums not exceeding £50	28.	61.
From £50 to £100	5.	0
" £100 to £500	10	0
" £500 to £1,000	20.	ō
" £1,000 to £3,000	30.	0
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More than £5,000	50.	0

also that the best end of it is given to large policies, while policies for such amounts as are commonly sold by our industrial companies are very heavily taxed. Compared to

these exactions the taxes levied during the civil war period were modest indeed; they ran as follow:

Sums not exceeding \$1,000	. 25c
From \$1,000 to \$5,000	50c
Above \$5,000	\$1.00

#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS OF N. Y. PAPERS.

What reliance is to be placed in the Special Correspondence in New York papers, is illustrated by the following incident. A Montreal citizen was recently waiting in the office of a prominent New York paper. He was within hearing of a voice which interested him as it was dietating to a shorthand writer a letter about Montreal. Next day he found in the paper this letter, part of which he had heard dictated was headed, "From our Special Correspondent Montreal!" Needless to say the news was stale, and the running comments on the men and the affairs of this city and country were just such as we might except from a resident in New York who is utterly ignorant of Canada and Canadians, who has no feelings, or interests in common with us, but who has the audacity to speak in our name in an American newspaper, and to represent himself as a citizen of Montreal. From such trash, unfortunately, a large body of the American people get their ideas as to our sentiments and doings.

—A correspondent asks for information as to the Act regulating the rate of interest recoverable by law. This act was assented to on June 29, 1897. It reads: "Whenever any interest is, by the terms of any written or printed contract and whether under seal or net, made payable at a rate of percentage per day, week, month, or at any rate of percentage for any period less than a year, no interest exceeding the rate of percentage of six per cent per annum shall be chargeable, payable or recoverable on any part of the principal money unless the contract contains an express statement of the yearly rate of percentage of interest to which such other rate or percentage is equivalent. If any sum is paid on account of any interest not chargeable, payable or recoverable under the last preceding section, such sum may be recovered back or deducted from any principal or interest payable under such contract.

—E. L. Black, sole owner of Black Bros., grocers, Amherst, N.S., is reported away, and attachments to the amount of \$3,000 have been taken out against him. Black has been conducting this business alone for the past five years; previously he was in partnership with his brother. It is said his affairs are in bad shape and that the estate will show a heavy loss.

—Among other small failures reported this week are:—F. A Graham, hotel, Brockville, after being in business since the spring of '96, coming from Peterboro—Mrs. G. A. Sweetman, hotel, Orillia—J. B. Boisvert, general store, St. Hilaire, Que—F. C. Barker, jeweller, Moncton, N.B.—M. Cayonette, shingle mnfr. St. Moise, (demand)—Jacotel & Frere, plumbers, Montreal, seeking compromise.

—Henri Eugene Bourdon, grocer, 156 Iberville street, Montreal has assigned at the instance of J. Zenon Ducharme, accountant, who has been appointed provisional guardian. Liabilities \$1,360. Bourdon has been in business in a simall way for some three years past. A seizure put into his place last month precipitated present trouble.

—HOUSEHOLDERS in this city and all over the country are justly complaining that the price of tread is being kept up at the very high figure it reached when flour was nearly double its present market value. Bakers must have been coining money during July.

—Mr. WM. C. McIntyre (McIntyre Son & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants), who has just returned from a trip west, speaks of the wheat harvest throughout Ontario as unusually abundant, and of business generally, and even real estate, in Toronto as showing marked signs of improvement.

—S. Johnson, grocer, Sudbury, Ont. is asking extension 3, 6, 9 and 12 months. He appears to have become overstocked and widespread. Beginning in the grocery line at Barrie Sept. '86, he sold out and moved to Toronto Jan. '90, a few months afterwards going to Sudbury.

—The creditors of the Berlin Brush Co., held a meeting on Friday last. A financial statement of the company's affairs was presented, showing a nominal deficit of \$1,650. The stock saved from the fire was purchased by A. Rudy, a retired farmer of Waterloo. It is not yet decided whether the company will resume business or not.

—The failure of the British Columbia Iron Works at Vancouver, which occurred about ten days ago, is more serious than at first thought, and there will not be an immediate opportunity of starting the works up again. The failure is a serious blow to Vancouver's trade, many local stockholders lose heavily.

—A FIRST and final dividend of 18½c on the dollar has been paid by estate Late Henry Porter Montreal; Kent & Turcotte curators. Receipts from sale of real estate, rents collected etc., amounted to \$5,767, and disbursements \$1,878, leaving \$3,289 to be divided among the creditors whose total claims amounted to \$17,420.

—ADAM REID, who has been connected with the life assurance business in Winnipeg for the past five years, has been appointed manager at Winnipeg for the Royal Victoria Life Insurance company of Montreal.

-No postage stamps will be redeemed by the Post Office Department after October 1st., according to a decision of the Postmaster general. The Post Office Department it may be said are licking things into shape at great rate—Next!

—Wadsworth & McDonald, general store, Boulter, Ont., held meeting of creditors on 30th ult., when statement submitted showed liabilities of \$2,700. The firm made an offer of 40 cents in the dollar. They have been in business since Nov. '94.

—AT a meeting of creditors of Wm. Foley, general store, Woodville, Ont., held last Saturday, statement showed liabilities of \$1,500. Foley came to Woodville from Lindsay in '94.

-Fenner & Co., drygoods, Toronto, are offering compromise 25 cents in the dollar. The business was formerly J. W. Fenner & Co. who failed Nov. '93.

-THE Kemptville Lumber Co., Kemptville, N.S., are offering 42c in the dollar secured-White, Fownes & Co., saw mill, St. Martins, N.B. are compromising at 25 per cent.

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Earnings 22nd to 31st July :

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1898	587,255
1897	655,707
Decrease	$69,\!452$

#### FIRE RECORD.

It is an old tradition among insurance men that large fires never come singly. This has been verified during the past week; three conflagrations having occurred in the city entailing loss estimated at nearly \$200,000. The precursor of the series of fires was the Montreal Linotype Co. St. Antoine street, which was burned down on the evening of Friday the 29th ulto., with a loss of about \$30,000. Insured as follows: Northern Insurance Company, \$7,500; Caledonian, \$5,000; London and Lincashire, \$1,250; St. Lawrence, \$5,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$2,502; British American, \$7,500; Manchester, \$5,000; Standard, \$3,000; Queen's, \$2,000; Alliance, \$3,000; Scottish Union and National, \$2,500; Norwich Union, \$2,500; Ætna, \$1,250.

On Wednesday afternoon, 3rd inst., Messrs. Peck Benny & Co.'s rolling mills, Mill street were destroyed with a loss of \$100,000. Insured in the following:—Royal, \$19,032; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$15,250; Phoenix of England, \$11,438; Phenix of Brooklyn, \$11,437; London Assurance, \$11,438; Ætna, \$9,913; Western, \$9,912; Commercial Union, \$7,625; Guardian, \$7,625; Hartford, \$7,625; Lancashire, \$7,625; North American, \$7,625; Union, \$7,625; Alliance, \$3,100; Northern, \$5,100; Norwich Union, \$6,100.

Thursday morning (yesterday) a large blaze occurred in the works of the St. Lawrence Cement Co. (branch of the Rathbun Co. Doseronto) on Notre Dame St., west, and the "dimension timber" saw mill of J. & B Grier. The buildings, owned by Estate Contant, were insured in the Lancashire & Queen's for \$2,500 each. The loss reported by the cement mill is about \$10,000 covered by insurance in the Royal, Union Commercial Union, and Liverpool London and Globe, \$2,500 each. Messrs. J. & B.

Grier's loss will be trifling, as the lumber destroyed was mostly mill waste, no valuable timber being injured.

Fire at Waterville Que., on 30th ulto, did \$15,000 damage to buildings owned by Mr. Gale, and occupied by Messrs. Adams & Anderson.

Ten four storey houses were burned down at Grand Mere, near Three Rivers, on the 28th ulto.

The Queen's Hotel, Ridgetown Ont., Mr. Roach proprietor, suffered \$9,000 damage by fire 28th ulto. Insurance \$1,400....

Godfroid Montpetit's, sash and door factory, N. Brays carriage factory besides private houses owned by A. Aumis; A. Castonguay; G. Labrosse, at Coteau Station, were destroyed by fire on 28th ulto. The damages amount to \$20,000 or \$25,000. There are not more than \$6,000 insurance; \$2,000 on factory, \$600 on G. Montpetit's house, \$1,000; on Labrosses's and \$300 on Castonguay's.

### DRY GOODS NOTES.

The Silk Association of America in council last week in New York, considered the question of samples. It was agreed to limit the giving of samples as follows: 4½ inch samples allowed on lengths up to 15 yards; 6 inch samples allowed on lengths 16 to 20 yards; 9 to 13 inch samples allowed on lengths 21 yards and upwards.

The large uptown retail houses are for the most part busy with semi-annual stock-taking. As far as the consumptive demand is concerned retailers are now experiencing the dullest period of the whole year; particularly is this noticeable among those houses catering to the better class of trade. There is some little trade coming to hand from those shoppers who make this city a stopping place on their way to some seaside or mountain resort, but even this demand is comparatively small and unimportant just at present.

In the Chemnitz mills the principal business at present is getting patterns ready for the new sesson. A few orders have already been received, but spring samples are not yet complete. A good season is expected in the export trade, plain goods taking again the lead in blacks. Blue shades will also receive a share of attention. In fancy hose the designs shown are in a variety of makes in stripe and check effects, in which some orders are now being placed in the better makes and qualities at satisfactory prices. The glove trade also promises to have a good demand in fabric goods of the leading makes.

Ayrshire lace manufacturers are rapidly making up the leeway caused by the strike. A good season with Canada and the Continent is looked for, the demand for net curtains being large.

The hosiery trade of the South of Scotland is very busy, with good orders on hand.

A movement is on foot in Toronto to appoint a special inspector of dry goods imported under the new preferential law, in order that there may be no evasion of the law through British exporters passing foreign goods through their hands and affixing a different label.

The indifferent demand for woollen and worsted dress goods in the States is disappointing manufacturers. Without making a definite prediction it can be stated that should there be no expansion of business by the middle of this month some two or three of the largest mills in the country are likely to shut down for a time.

Fall dress goods will be of subdued tones; a good future is predicted for vigoraux weaves and poplins. Then come epingalines, drap d'Paris, diagonals and whipcords in all the popular shades, all of which are promised well for fall. Crepons, are getting well under order, especially in blacks, with colors little sought after. Some importers will bring out fancies to some extent, but so far the tendency is for the plainer weaves.

Three of the ablest commercial men on the road for years representing two of our leading clothing houses, are making preparations for opening up on their own account.

One or two of the largest city wholesale dry goods firms are contemplating retirement from business. One of them may keep open in Quebec for a time. [The statement to the above effect contained in a French paper, is denied by the head of one of the firms pointed out. This denial willigive very general satisfaction in the trade.]

PERSONAL-Mr. Fred. Clayton of the Union Bank at Ottawa, has been transferred to the bank's branch at Quebec .- Mr. Lind. say Hamilton of the Bank of Montreal, Belleville, has been removed to the Winnipeg branch,-Mr. T. R. Billett of the Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg, has been appointed manager of the new branch at Fernie, B.C.

#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

Quebro-Leduc & Frere, contractors, Lachine, dissolved; Globe Spice Mills Co., Montreal, Berthe E. Monette sole owner; Lapointe & Co., contractors, Montreal, dissolved; Laurentian Hill Asbestos Co. Montreal, J. H. S. Cass, sole owner; Port Elgin Canning and Preserving Co., Montreal, Chas. D. Miller sole owner; W. G. Richot, contractor, St. Henri, A. Lecavalier trading under this name; M. Hicks & Co., auctioneers, Montreal, dissolved; M. Hicks continues under same style; Z. Paquet, dry goods, Quebec, J. A. Paquet registered as only partner; J. E. B. Campeau, general store, Rock Island, commencing business; J. Hope & Co., gen. comn. merchants, Montreal, W. Stanway sole owner; Kennedy Co. Ltd., clothing, Montreal, opening branch in Toronto; J. E. Parant & Co., drygoods, Montreal, Wilbrod Parant sole owner; F. R. Alley & Co., real estate, Montreal, Mrs. F. R. Alle; continues under same style; Gall, Schneider & Co., oils, Montreal, new co-partnership; Standard Electric Co., Montreal, dissolved; Jos. Donati & Co., jewelers, Quebec, J. Donati of this firm dead; B. Guimond & Co., shoes, Montreal, new co-partnership; Edgar & Roy, electric light, North Hatley, selling out to the Eastern Townships Light, Power & Carbide Co.; Ged, Herbert & Co., general store, St. Gregoire, new co-partnership; B. W. Allen, jeweler, East Farnham, commenced business; A. C. Savage, grocer, Magog, commenced business; H. Silver, painted grained lumber, Sherbrooke, commenced business.

ONTARIO-C. Drennan, grocer, Campbellford, dead; H. Southcott, drugs, St. Catharines, has sold Niagara branch; Waddell & Giles, teas etc., St. Thomas, F. J. Waddell continues alone; W. Stevely & Son, tins, etc., London, S. Stevely continues; A. T. Braithwaite, groceries & hardware, Lucan, sold out to D. J. McCosh; Maclean & Co., dry goods, St. Thomas, sold out to McGregor & Co.; James Johnston & Co., shoes, Kingston, advertise stock for sale; Phillip Young, dry goods &c., Merritton, has sold out here; P. M. Howard, general store, Hastings, sold out livery business: Mackinnon & Co., dry goods, Kingsville, moved to West Lorne; J. S. Munson, general store, Southwood, sold out to John Marr; C. J. McArthur, undertaker, Windsor, soldout to G. O'Dell; Stothers & Trealeaven, grocer, Dungannon, dissolved-A. E. Trealeaven continues; J. C. Laidlaw, grocers, Seaforth, moved to Toronto; Robb Bros., grocers, Seaforth, sold out to J. W. McCabe; B. Ibbotson, hardware, Toronto, dead; E. J. Thom, drugs, Palmerston, sold out to W. M. Parish.

NOVA SCOTIA-A. M. King, tailoring & men's furnishings, Annapolis, co-partnership registered; Mrs. B. P. Kiag, g eneral store, Shelburne, sold out to Young & Brace who take possession Sept. 1st.

MANITOBA AND THE N. W. TER.-R. S. Horne, B. & S., Dominion City, opening; E. E. Gendson, jeweller, Glenboro' opening; S. C. Ranson, implements &c.; Minnedosa, dead; G. Campbell, furniture, Moosomin, commenced business.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-Novin & Peterson, general store, Ashcroft, successors to Perkins & Peterson; H. G. Parson, groceries and liquors, Golden, Reported establishing a branch at Cranbrook; Baker Bros. & Co.; whol. liq. & com'n., Vancouver, dissolved; A. J. Hopkins, retires; Phipps, Aldrich & Co., whol. fruit, Vancouver, commencing business; J. R. Myers, brewery, Trail, business taken over by Youngling Brewing Co.; Mc-Dowell, Atkins, Watson Co. Ltd., whol. & ret. drugs, Vancouver, sold but Kamloops and Revelstoke branchs; R. D. Patterson & Co., grocers, Vancouver, sold out to B. D. Brown; L. White & Co , grocers, Rossland, closed out no successor; Ephraim Wright, grocer, Rossland, sold out to D. D. Burks.

New Brunswrew-L. F. West, general store, Harvey Bank, sold out to H. E. Graves; Kaplan & Ashkins, dry goods and clothing, St. John, dissolved-I. N. Kaplan continues and liquidates; J. B. Lorimer, grocer, St. John, dead.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-Murdock, Kennedy & Co., general store, Breadalbane, new co-partnership; Beer Bros., dry goods, Charlottetown, sold out to Seutner, McLeod & Co.

#### LEGAL RECORD, &c.

Week ended Aug., 2, 1898.

The following is a record of transactions and cases in our Canadian courts of law, comprising Writs Issued and Judgments Rendered for sums of \$300 and upwards, (Montreal, from \$175, and upwards), and Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale for sums of \$550 and upwards), as taken from the public records It will be understood that the actions or items do not necessarily affect the credit and soundness of the persons or concerns named, as they may have been paid or otherwise settled, and that good defences may exist in cases of writs. &c.

#### WRITS ISSUED, ONT.

July 28.

Arthur, \$667.

Toronto—M. J. Gray vs H. S. Gray, \$1,000; Quebec Bank vs Reid, Taylor & Bayne & Hugo Block, \$24,795: Trusts Corporation vs T. Sturgeon et al, \$2,912.

Chicago-Stratton et al, vs R. S. Latimer..... July 30.

...... Dunn & Co. vs Dominion Bank & W. J. O'Dell.

Aug. 2. Oshawa—E. M. Henry vs Kate Hall, \$1,085; W. H. Thomas vs
The Pedlar Metal Roofing Co., \$1,699. 1,989 400

The Fediar Metal Rooting Co., \$1,099.

Picton—R. Shaw vs S. J. Collier....

Sunnidale Tp—Hon. W. Mulock vs M. & S. Burkholder.

Tecumseth Tp—R. T. Banting et al vs J. Fildey.....

Toronto—Quebec Bk. vs Reid Taylor & Bayne.....

Vaughan Tp—J. Graham vs G. M. & Jane Arnold.....

Wiarton—W. Phelps vs Alex. McFarlane..... . . . . . 10,538 WRITS ISSUED MAN. & N.W.T.

### Okotoks-J. Linehan et al..... JUDGMENTS RENDERED, ONTARIO.

July 28.

July 30.

..... \$1,500

Hamilton Tp-Agnes Clarke agt Sampson & Elizth. Lukey

Lindsay—Ontario Bank agt Ed. Flood & John Dobson.. 1,598 Toronto—The Twentleth Century Churn Co. of Toronto, Ltd., agt W. White, \$316.

July 30. 

Aug. 2. Anderdon—E. Meloche et al exrs. agt C. E. Lafferty.... 2,926 Kingston—H. H. Wolff & Co. agt Kingston Vehicle Co. Ltd.,

Ottawa-Bk. of Ottawa agt A. A. Abbott, \$1,691; R. V. Sinclair

agt Altha Anne Brown, \$671.
Rat Portage—D. W. Thompson & Co. agt Geo. Barnes.. 983
Sturgeon Falls—Birkbeck Loan Co. agt M. D. Lapointe et al, \$609.

#### JUDGMENTS RENDERED, QUEBEC.

July 28.

Montreal—R. Neville agt H. W. Bode, \$593; Dme. A. Menard agt J. B. Devat, \$238; W. B. Lambe, esql., agt W. J. Gillam, \$200; Dme. A. Menard et vir agt G. Gravel, \$202; M. Leroux agt A. McCasham et al, \$200; W. B. Lambe, esql., agt N. Amer. Trans. Co., \$250.

Mount Carmel—Les Dames Ursulines agt H. Heon..... 2,666

July 28. Nicolet-P. Beaucage agt G. Beaucage et al.....

;	THE CANADIAN JOI	UKNAI
	St. Louis—N. Desjardins agt H. Pepin et al	821
	Montreal—A. Senecal agt A. Audette, \$277; Sun Life Assn. of Can. agt F. X. Gervais, \$1,038; A. Lariviere agt Goodrick, \$561; J. Brunet agt J. B. Graham, \$412; D. L. Foos agt Dme. J. A. Guenette, \$500; Dme. E. St. M.	H.
•	L. Foos agt Dme, J. A. Guenette, \$500; Dme. E. St. M. agt H. Hamilton et al, \$1,000; W. B. Lambe, esql. agt Park & Son, Ltd., \$600.  Aug. 2.	w. s
	Montreal—M. S. Street Ry. Co. agt Wm. Bellingham, \$284; T. Rose agt Daniel Cream, \$2,650; H. Tucker agt T. Duclos, \$203; M. L. Schloman agt A. McFarlane et \$638; L. J. Hamel agt Azarie Patenaud et al, \$523. St. Leonard—A. Meilleur agt Vanier Toussaint	J. A. V tal, 556
·:	EXECUTIONS QUEBEC.  July 28.	
	Montreal—C. Sheppard agt D. Beaupre, \$326; L. A. Wi agt J. Brownell, \$250; The Mont. L. & M. Co. agt Dent et al, \$580; The Mont. L. & M.Co. agt M. Cusacl al, \$1,822; J. Dumouchel agt L. J. Francois, \$427; F Germain agt Dme. E. P. Lamoureux, \$517; E. Lawlor Dme. P. Lamoureux et vir, \$5,194; J. Mayey agt F.	W. co k, et X.Z. e agt V
,	Morency, \$631; Dme. Rosalie Linsoges et vir agt J. Tr blay, \$333. Ottawa—W. B. Lambe esql. agt Pontiac Pac. Junct. Ry.	em- b
	\$1,251. July 30.	Z,
	Arthabaska—L. A. Stuart agt P. C. E. Clement et al  Montreal—M. Dasautels agt M. Renaud	525 n 221 to
	Aug. 2.	te
	Montreal—Montreal L. & M. Co. agt Wm. Dent et al, \$1,8 N. B. Desmarteau agt Chas. Parras, \$585.	522; iı C
	CHATTEL MORTGAGES, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.  July 28.	i:
	Hamilton-D. H. Long to Grant-Lottridge Brew. Co	2,750 1,000 B
	Lindsay—Tremont & Irene Crandell to C. S. Blackwell.	887 F
	Manyers—Mrs. Mary Kinsman to Wood & Kells Mildmay—Jos. Schuitzler to C. Schuitzler	887 d
ن	Ottawa—L. Laframboise to F. X. Demers	591 851 f 2,159
,	Toronto-W. J. Lillis to O'Keefe Brewery Co 2	2,842 i 1,225 i 557 l
-1	Collingwood Tp-J. Sheridan to Freehold Loan Co	6,069 d 1,085 ] Ltd.,
	Toronto—Wm Sprinks to Toronto Brew. & Malt. Co Walter's Falls—W. J. Shepherdson to J. Gardner Welland—W. M. German to J. E. Cohre	4,874 i 1,347 i 686 ;
,		2,200
,	Hamilton-Wm. Dornan & wife to Grant-Lottridge Brew.	1,488 <sup>2</sup> Co., 1
	\$1,190. Oakville—L. C. M. Bygrave to I. Warcup	5,000 1
	Ryerson—W. J. Shea to J. N. Fairbank	wat-
,	Chattel Mortgages, Man. & N. W T. July 30	
	Winnipeg—Manitoba Club, Ltd	57,512 2.
,	Slave Lake—D. Ferguson, Jr	3,300 6,370
	Halifax—Margt. Tully	877 800
	Bills of Sale, Province of Ontario. July 28	
	Canoe Lake—Gilmour & Co. to McArthur Bros. Co July 8	0.
	Chatham—John Abraham to Martha Abraham Goderich—W. W. Harrison to W. Ross St. Mary's—Archibald Baird to C. H. Elliott et al Aug. 2	1,000 574 700
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BILLS OF SALE, MAN. & N.W.T
July 30.
Winnipeg—John Snow \$ 725
BILLS OF SALE, N.B.
Aug. 2.
Edmundston—Miss Rose Hayes
St. John-Chas. Damery, \$1,300; Maritime Instalment Co., \$15,000.
BILLS OF SALE, N.S.
July 28.
Westport—W. J.Harriott

#### TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

The Winnipeg City Council has received two tenders for the construction of the proposed water works. The Pneumatic Enginpering company of New York, offer to do the work for \$131,866. W. F. Lee is the other tenderer; his figure is \$72,387.50. C. L. Parker, of Winnipeg, did not tender, but submitted a scheme for building as a public work under his superintendency. Winnipeg estimates to spend \$85,000 on a new system of waterworks. First tenders above were in one case not in accordance with specifications, and in the other above appropriation, hence new ones are invited. It has been recommended and indorsed to ask for tenders for a system of eight-inch wells, at 200-ft, inerval, 100 to 120 ft. deep, arranged so that it may be extended n depth, if necessary, at the diameter of 6 in.; these wells to be connected at a distance below the ground of 35 ft., with cast iron water pipe enclosed in a wooden conduit; all the wells to be connected with the main pipe and valved so that they may be shut off when necessary; all wells to be arranged so that the air pump system may be applied to them in the future if required; the pumps to be sunk into the ground to within proper suction distance of the supply pipe.

Hamilton ratepayers have voted down a by-law to raise \$50,000 for sewerage purposes.

The Sincennes McNaughton Co., shipowners, Montreal, have bought the steamer "J. K. Booth" from the Murphy Forwarding Co. Ottawa, and purpose to rebuild and thoroughly renovate her.

Extensive improvements are to be made to the Cowley property on Richmond Rd. Ottawa, which is now owned by Mr. Andrew Holland.

The Ottawa County school inspector recently made the following representations in regard to the schools under his care. Fitzroy No. 12—more modern desks and better floor wanted. Torbolton No. 1, building in bad repair; No. 3, new desks required, new maps. March No. 2, slate blackboard necessary. No. 5, general repairs needed. Huntley No. 1, desks; No. 6, maps and desks. Goulbourn (Union) No. 16, new school necessary; No. 10, juvenile desks; No. 14, new floor; No. 18, renovations and equipment wanted. Gloucester No. 8, several internal improvements. No. 25 (Janeville), new school wanted. Marlborough No. 6, bnilding needs renewal. Nepean (Ottawa East), larger building needed.

The tenders for the new freight shed and pler, to be built at Halifax were nearly even in the case of M. E. Keefe and John McInnis, viz., about \$45,000. Rhodes Curry & Co.'s tender was \$35,000.

The contract for the building of the new Presbyterian church at Rat Portage has been awarded to Messrs. Stevens & McKinnon. The contract price for the building alone without excavations or furnishings is \$11,600.

The orangemen of Rat Portage have decided to build a fine music hall. The building is to be fifty feet front and 120 feet long, and two stories in height.

The following building parmits were issued last week by the Building Inspector, Ottawa: Chas. Magee, 2 frame dwellings at \$1,500 each—Patrick Kennedy, on behalf of the Lutheran congregation a brick veneered school building. The estimated cost is \$3,200—Wm. Charlebois, alterations \$200—C. Nelson, frame house, \$800—John Ferguson, addition to the Grand Opera House at a cost of \$800—Robt. Fregin, frame dwelling, \$1,600—Thos. Bowes, frame dwelling, \$300—Thos. Ahearn, brick addition \$2,000. Total amount for the week \$12,000.

Mr. Archibald Lindsay, Aylmer, Que., has bought the old grist and saw mills formerly owned by Mr. Dowd, on the Lake shore. The old structure will be demolished and a \$10,000 saw mill will be built immediately.

Winnipeg purposes spending \$43,000 in asphalting Portage Avenue that city, from Main to Donald street. Other works proposed are, a granolithic walk, adjoining the Bank of Hamilton, estimated cost \$415. A sewer on Tache street estimated

cost \$1,000.
W. K. Baldwin, Baldwin's Mills, Que. is about erecting a building 40 x 80 feet and two stories high for finishing lumber.

The new railway between Woodstock and Brantford will be commenced September 15th, and completed by November 16th.

R. B. Hill is erecting a building at McGregor, Man. in which he proposes opening a furniture business.

Vancouver advices state building operations continue very active. Twenty lots for building purposes have changed hands at the extreme west end in the past week. Several more central business blocks have also been purchased and substantial brick and stone buildings will be built thereon.

A. M. Rowan & Co. St. John, N. B. have secured the contract for the rooting of the Mispec pulp mills.

An old mill at Bancroft, Hastings Co., has been purchased by two enterprising men who will fit it up for a first class roller process flour mill.

The Kaladar and Anglesea gold mining company will at once begin the erection of a separating plant on its property at Bridgewater, north of Tweed, Ont.

"David Richards and W. W. Doherty, of Campbellton, N.B., will at once rebuild their mills, which were destroyed by fire.

The report that the Ottawa Electric Railway Company intended purchasing the Gatineau Valley railway and converting

The officials of both com-It into an electric road is baseless. panies concerned deny the report.

The Stadacona Waterworks Co. of Montreal have been awarded the contract for the construction of a waterworks system at Gatineau Point near Ottawa.

The premises occupied by the Foresters' hotel on Rideau St., Ottawa, will be extended right through to George street next season. Mr. Robitaille, the proprietor, will also build a large music hall, dining hall and additional bedrooms and kitchen, after removing the sheds in the rear of the hotel.

The Lunenburg Gas Co., have decided to instal an electric plant on Mush a Mush river at the head of Mahone bay for the purpose of supplying Mahone and Lunenburg N. S., with an allnight electric service. An attempt is being made to raise the \$15,000 stock required. Should this fail, the amount will be borrowed.

What appears to be a valuable copper mine has been discovered near Wickham, Que.

The Rainy Lake Herald says that should the railroad be completed to that place it is said a large lumber company at Chippeway Falls will build a lumber mill that will employ 200 men.

Kenneth McDonald Ottawa will erect a fine new warehouse at the corner of By ward market and George street. The structure will be three stories high with basement and will cost. about \$10,000. F. J. Alexander has prepared the plans.

Real estate men who are interested in properties in Ottawa East report that since the village has decided to inaugurate a waterworks system, lots are in great demand, and that Ottawa East is on the eve of a "boom."

J. Gerhard Tiarks, architect, Victoria B. C., is calling for tenders for a two story brick building to be erected on Johnson street.

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Thursday E'vg. August 4th, 1898.

In the past week peace rumours have assumed a greater air of probability than ever before. Coincident with them there has been exceptional activity on 'Change. Whether these were cause and effect is however debateable. It is more likely for the harvest prospects, the plethora of money in hand, and the influx expected, to have started a more active movement than peace rumours. The New York market showed no sign of any stir from the latter cause. It is becoming more and more realized that so far as expenditures are concerned, there will be an enormous additional expense in the future over the ordinary ones in time of peace when the war is over. To keep the Cubans in order, and to control the Philli-pines, a large army will be needed which will be a permanent force, a standing army in fact equal to those of Europe. It is on the cards for insurrections to arise in

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Cuba and the Phillippines against the United States, which might keep Uncle Sam very busy for years in trying to quell. A leading feature in the stock market is the rage for mining shares. This kind of boom is not desirable, it will bring on a reaction, and some one will be hurt. It is expected on all hands that as the war is really over, there will be quite a slump in the New York Stock market. Toronto Street has passed the canket. Toronto Street has passed the century mark, quotations and sales having gone up to 101½. Montreal Gas has sold at 196¼; Montreal Street Ry, at 275½; Royal Electric 150½; Richelieu 100, Merchants Bank 178, and Pacific 84% with a tendency downwards. Money in London is easier. The local market rates remain at 4 for call loans, and 6 to 7 trade paper at at 4 for call loans, and 6 to 7 trade paper.

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The following comparative table for w. e. August 4th, is supplied by Chas. Meredith & Co., Stock Brokers, Montreal.

BANKS.	Shares.	Highest.	Lowest.	Average Last Yea
Montreal	13	250	248	2331/2
Jacques Cartier	65	111	111	
Merchants	150	179	178	175
Commerce	34	1411/2	1411/	180
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Can. Pacific		$84\frac{7}{8}$	841/4	7834
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Can. Pacific	1700	84%	841/	78%
Comm. Cable	485	1871/2		177 1/2
Telegraph	2	1781/2	1781/2	1731/2
Rich. & Ont	75	100	100	89
M. S. R	1646	2761/2	275	216%
" (New Stock)	355	272 1/2	271	20914
Montreal Gas Co	1241	1961	192	189
Bell Telephone Co	100	1821/	182	168
" (Rights)	10	67	64	
Royal Electic	100	160		140
Toronto St. Ry	5025	1015%	9716	801/2
N. Wst. Ln. Pref.	100	53	53	50 🔏
Dom. Cotton Mills	275	95	93 1/2	80
Dom. Coal Pdf	250	109 ½	4 1081	á
Peoples H. &. L.	25	35	93 ½ 108½ 35	40
West Loan Trust	40	98	98	
Champlain Bonds \$	32000	95	95	
War Eagle	6,600	2641/2	258	• • • •
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Brazilian exchange for the week ending the 3rd, is as follows:

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#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

MONTREAL, August 4th, 1898.

The course of the markets since the advent of August affords, tangible encouragement to those who look for an expansion this month. There has been no material change in the character of the general demand on spot or through the mails, but the orders placed for small to moderate sized quantities of merchandise have been more numerous. Market "ups and downs" are summarised as follows:—Butter, cheese, eggs, lambskins, teas, bran; firm and higher. Turpentine, flour, oatmeal, hay, honey, easier and declined. From reports coming forward from traveling salesmen, many out-of-own merchants are preparing for visits to this market, and by the middle of the month the influx of more distant buyers will be on a fair scale. These buyers will be concerned principally with new season dry goods, soon to form an extensive selecting assortmentin wholesale houses, who delayed importations waiting tariff preference clause to be operative.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—The former is fractionally higher than a week ago. Exporters are paying 16% to 17c for faney, which is as much as saying grocers jobbing quantities cannot be had under 17c to 17% c Cheese cables note a firmer feeling on the on the other side -marked by 6d decline. Tuesday in white, and recovery of same

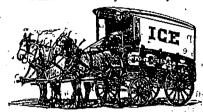
amount Wednesday, standing unchanged for both white and colored at close, namely 87s 6d.—This is reflected in more strength on spot. Western colored is quoted at 7½c to 7½c, Eastern makes 7½c to 7½c. There are some western holders wanting 8c, but so far this has not been concurred in. Offerings at Country Cheese Boards Tuesday last were:—Belleville, 79·16c; Ingersoll, 7½c, Madoc, 79·16c, Campbellford, 79·16c. Letters from United Kingdom speak of the excellent quality of New Zealand cheese offering, which Canadian cheese—men pronounce equal to Ontario make. In this connection it is recalled New Zealanders were educated in cheesemaking by Canadians. As a possible rival however, the Maori colony will be welcomed inasmuch as its competition will keep up Canadian quality to the top notch.

Boots and Shoes. — Fall business has given place in some instances to spring trade. This would appear to be very like rushing things, but the fact is that manufacturers for some years past have been more than ever convinced that spring trade is practically the whole of the boot and shoe business as it is now done. Hence some travellers are thus early out with spring samples. It is to be gathered from this circumstance that fall trade this season has been more or less of a disappointment. And for what remains, this will be negotiated in sorting up orders by mail. The evolution from the heavy fall boot season to the all year round, light sole footwear will, no doubt, from the experience of 1898, be popularly admitted in the trade, and serve as a future guide.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade orders of comparatively small size, or for quantities as may be required to keep up fair working stocks and assortments. Foreign advices quote opium and citric acids stronger, camphor oil, balsam capavi weaker. Norway cod liver oll is distinctly. firmer. The recent decline in American sugar of milk is directly traceable to various economies in the cost of production that have been introduced. Perhaps no single American industry has developed more rapidly or thoroughly, within a comparatively short space of time. Previous to 1890, practially all of the American demand was supplied by the European factories, whose products were imported free of duty, but United States manufacturers succeeded in getting a duty of eight cents per pound imposed, in the tariff of that year. and under this stimulus the American industry really had its birth, as a very little had been made previous to that date. It is now estimated that the American plants are equal to supplying not only the home demand, but that of Europe as well.

FEED.—Market has advanced \$1 per ton on both Ontario white wheat bran and Manitoba at \$13 per ton, shorts \$15 to \$16, mouille \$17. Stocks of bran in Manitoba are very light, and a good demand exists there at \$11 with 50c ton less in large lots. The demand for hay is slow, and as stocks of poor quality are heavy, dealers are disposed not to refuse business on close

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margin. Shipping hay at \$4 to \$5, No. 1 good to choice \$8 to \$9, No. 2 \$5.50 to \$7.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A larger movement characterises the flour market than for for a week past, some 3000 sacks having changed hands and at easier values than last writing. Ontario flour lower at \$4.50, Manitoba patents steady \$5.30, strong bakers \$4.90. Rolled oats have declined 15c at \$3.60 to \$3.70 brls, and in bags \$1.80.

Hardware and Metals. — No further change has been made in prices of rope. Manilla hemp continues firm in tone at the London market, and is reported by cable as showing a little more activity. Sisal hemp is aso firmer in tone on reports of buying at Progresso, but values remain unchanged. The general fall trade is opening up. North West orders so far to hand promise auspiciously. The depressing hot spell of late, and its concomitant in the way of the troublesome fly, has extended sales of screen wire past the usual date. Spelter is firm at \$5.35 to \$5.60. Ingot tin steady at 18c. Strip tin 18½c. There are indications that copper will show material improvement and advance in price before long. The foreign copper movements for all Europe for the first six months of this year, shows total supplies of 114,281 tons, and total deliveries of 118,135 tons, compared with 105,950 tons of supplies, and 108,240 tons deliveries for the same period in 1897. This shows an increase in supplies of 8,331 tons, and an increase in the deliveries of 9,805 tons. Consumption of copper in England for the first half of 1898 is returned at 45,429 tons, which includes sulphate exported, against 46,527 tons for the first half of 1897. French consumption same period this year estimated at 22,215 tons, against 20,642 tons first six months of last year. German copper consumption, first five months of 1898, is returned at 27,741 tons compared with 24,802 tons in 1897. And this represents only foreign copper. The total consumption of these three countries is estimated, therefore, at the average of 16,787 tons per month, or 201,444 tons per annum.

Provisions.—Smoked meats are fairly active and firm, but for pork, the request is only moderate. Chicago provisions on Wednesday were weak and declined all round. Pork 30c to 32½c closing \$8.87½



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September and \$8.90 for December option. Lard broke 15c, closing \$5.75 August, \$5.20 September and \$5.25 October. The feature of Liverpool market same day, was a decline of 6d in long cut heavy bacon at 31s, long cut light at 30s 6d, short cut light at 30.

SCRAP METALS ETC.—Iron and copper scrap are weaker. Wrought iron No. 1 and Machinery iron No. 1 have declined 50c a ton from \$12.50 to \$12. There is talk of the possibility of cheaper rubber scrap in consequence of a mooted consolidation of Boston Rubber Companies, which if it comes about would practically put the corporation in a position to buy more cheaply, and per contra, oblige dealers who do extensive business with the several Boston Co's at present acting independently, to accept lower rates.

GROCERIES. — London cable advices on sugar are unfavorable noting as they do further declines in beet and cane. In New York refiners have reappeared on the market, but holders of muscovados are indifferent to close business at ruling prices. The pacification of Cuba in relation to sugar supplies will likely have a marked effect on raw supplies in the coming months. The approaching crop year in the island will doubtless be largely amplified, and under U. S. control future extension on a large scale is already making European countries apprehensive. Locally values remain unaltered. Standard Granulated 43c.; Dutch 4½c.; yellows, 39-16c. The tea market evinces similar conditions to those which have been gone over latterly in this review. Holders of common Japan want 13c. for round lots, and 17c to 21c for medium grades. Kobe advices of late date confirm the report that the Tea Growers' Association stopped 3rd crop picking 30th ult. This will appreciate values of bulk of teas yet to come into Canada this season. In coffees, Maracaibo has sold to small extent at 15½c.; Santoo, Sc to 11c. Rios 7c to 10c. The crop movement of Brazils to July 30th, shows a decrease of 216,000 bags as compared with last year, and 63,000 bags against '96. The canned goods market this year promises to be uniform all round in respect to higher prices. The "veracious" statements "being made as topack prospects, however, are not swallowed by every one, and hence, whilst packers make believe they don't want to sell, dealers don't want to buy either. All vogetables are "sky high." That is an old story. Now, canned fruits are to be dearer, particularly peaches, and, as for salmon, brokers'coast advices (sometime be, is said, pigon holed) represent imminent famine. We shall see what we shall see. Rice is dull. Louisiana crop is double that of last year, and it is promised when the next century dawns, America will cease to import foreign. Nothing of interest has turned up in molasses, spices, etc. Dried fruits are seasonably out of consumption. To

California and Southern fruits were held this week, and prices on the whole were satisfactory, California peaches brought 80c to 95c Georgia peaches \$1.35 to \$1.60 per box. Bartlett pears \$1.25 to \$1.70 plums 80c to \$1.45. First receipts of California grapes sold for \$1.05. Canadian apples \$1.50 to \$2.75. The hot weather as expected has improved values of lemons, good selection now bringing \$4. Oranges howover failed to improve under the same conditions, prices remaining as formerly at \$2.25 to \$3. Cherries and raspberries are nearly over, values ranging between 8c and 9c a quart. Blackberries 5½c to 6c quart box, gooseberries 50c to 60c for 10 quart basket. Later Canadian fruits are beginning to arrive more freely. Blueberries now here show fine quality at \$1.50

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a box containing about 22 quarts. dian peaches 35c to 40c for basket containing dozen quarts. Bananas are somewhat neglected at the moment, other fresh fruits getting preference. They sell at \$1.25 to \$1.60 a bunch, water melons scarce and in good demand at 80c each. Outremont musk melons are only in small compass as yet, and these are high at 35c to 60c.

LEATHER AND HIDES .- The strong features which have been transparent in leathers for some months past, appear to fail to influence jobbers very much and these, whilst a little business has been ventured upon by some, appear generally to be waiting for a lower scale of prices. What prospect there is of this is not very clear. Tanners in some cases shut down rather than work with the poor hides recently offering, which at the price put profit out of the question, and in most cases restricted their output to the lowest possible. Leather men who have studied conditions maintain that leathers are in shorter supply than for years past, and that sooner or later this fact will be recognized and the higher basis of values be concurred in without a murmur. Contemporaneously with the advent of a new month, lambskins have been advanced 10c at 40c.

PRODUCE. - Fine selected new laid eggs are gradually stiffening, and it is not unusual for 14c per dozen to be paid. Straight candled eggs however seem all that most buyers require at 10c to 11c. Inferior grades are almost neglected. We quote No. 2 candled at 8½c to 9½c, Prince Edward Island 9½c to 10c. Beans are slow at 95c to \$1 for choice hand picked and 5c less for prime per bushel. Heavy clover crops suggest cheap honey. The first fact has this week confirmed the latter fact, and prices are lower namely, 9c to 10c a pound for white clover comb, and 7c to 8c for dark, 6c to 7c for white, strained, and 4c to 5c for dark. Maple syrup has run its course, and quotations, whilst obtainable cannot be any longer given with accuracy. Price is what the buyer chooses if he must have it and is not over chooses, if he must have it, and is not over scrupulous in seeing that he gets it-the genuine article.

# TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. (Revised by Telegraph).

TORONTO, Aug, 4, 1898.

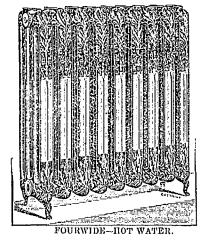
General trade is quiet, without special feature. There is a fair sorting-up demand for summer fabrics, and prices generally are sustained. A large autumn trade is expected, and money is likely to rule easy. Rains have improved the outlook for spring crops. In groceries and hardware business is of moderate proportions. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 61/2 per cent, and call loans are obtainable at 4 per cent. Sterling exchange continues easy. The stock market is active, with an advance in many securities. Cable advanced 5 per cent, with sales at 187, Toronto Ry., higher at 101 1/2. Western Assurance 166, Toronto Electric 136%, General Electric 120, Hamilton Electric 73%, C.P.R. 84%, War Eagle 263, Imperial Bank 2021/4, Hamilton 1861/4, Dominion 2541/4, Commerce 142, Western Canada Loan 125, Canada Landed 921/2.

BUTTER, &c - The butter market is quiet, with prices generally firm for the finer qualities. The best tub is quoted at 121/2 to 14c, and pound rolls, at 15 to 16c. Inferior large rolls are quoted at 8 to 10c. Creamery firm at 17 for tub and 18 to 19c for rolls. Cheese rules steady, with job-bing lots at 8c. Eggs unchanged 10% to 12c per doz. in case lots according to quality.

DRESSED Hogs -Offerings small, and prices firm. Small lots bring \$6.50 to \$7.25, according to quality.

#### MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT-THURSDAY, AUG. 4, 1598

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FLOUR AND GRAIN—The flour trade is quiet with prices easy. Straight rollers \$3.40 to \$3.50 in wood middle freight and \$3.20 to \$3.25 for new. Manitoba patents dull at \$5.25 to \$5.30 and strong bakers \$4.85 to \$5.00. Bran \$8.50 to \$9 west and shorts scarce at \$13 west. Wheat is dull and prices lower, Red winter is quoted at 65 to 66c west, and new white at 64 to 65c west. No. 1 Manitoba hard 90 to 91c afloat Fort William and 97 to 98c Toronto. Oats quiet, with white selling at 26c west and 27c east. Peas in better demand, with cars quoted at 53 to 54c west. Corn is easier at 38 to 33% ewest, and 40 to 40% con track Toronto for American. Barley, buckwheat and rye are nominal.

GROGRRIES—Trade is quiet, with prices unchanged. Sugars are steady, granulated selling at 43% to 43% and yellows at 35% to 4c. Coffee is unchanged at 8 to 12c for Rios and 224 to 25c for Porto Rico. Teas are quiet, with Japans in fair demand, and firm. Canned goods firm. Tomatoes are 75 to 80c

peas 70 to 75c, corn 65 to 67c, beans 60 to 70c, salmon (Cohoes) 95c to \$1.00. Molasses unchanged New Orleans 28 to 45c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk 4½ to 5c, selections 5½ to 6½c and layers 6 to 6½c. Currants, 5¾ to 6c. Dates 4 to 5c. Figs 4-crown, 10 to 11c.

LEATHER—Business is fair, with prices generally unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS—The hide market is dull, with prices unchanged. Cured are quoted at 9½ to 9½c. Green brings 9c for No. 1, 8c for No. 2, and 7c for No. 3. Caliskins 9c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2. Sheepskins \$1.15 to \$1.25. Lambskins and pelts 40 to 45c Tallow quiet at 3 to 3½c for rendered.

LIVE STOCK — The receipts of cattle were smaller this week, and the demand less active. Sales of exporters at 4½ to 4½c per lb. Stockers sell at 3 to 3½c; Bulls 3¾ to 4c according to quality. Butchers cattle about steady, choice selling at 4 to 4½c per lb., medium at 3½

to 3½c and common at 3 to 3½c. Milch cows \$25 to \$45 each according to quality. Sheep firmer, with choice ewes 3 to 3½c per 1b. and bucks 2½c. Lamb 5c per 1l. and spring lambs \$3.00 to \$400 each. Hogs higher at \$6.00 to \$6.10 per cwt. for the best, \$5.00 to \$5.50 for light, and \$5.00 to \$5.20 for heavy. Sows \$3.25 to \$3.50 and stags \$2 to \$2.25.

Provisions — Trade is fair with cured meats selling well. Mess pork \$16.25 to \$16.50 short cut \$16.75 to \$17 and shoulder mess \$14.50 to \$15.00. Bacon steady, with long clear quoted at 8½ to 9c. Rolls 8½ to 9c. Hams smoked 9 to 10½c. Lard unchanged at 7¾ to 8½c, according to size of package. Dried apples 3½ to 4c per 1b. Evaporated 9 to 9½c per 1b. Beans 65 to 85c per bushel. Potatoes 50 to 60c per bushel for new.

Wool—Receipts moderate and prices unchanged. Fleece is quoted at 16 to 16½c, and unwashed 10 to 10½c. Clothing wool at 17c. Pulled supers 18½ to 10c, and extras 20 to 21c.

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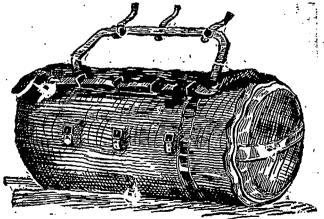
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