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Notice is hereby given that a dividend of Three per Cent. upon the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has this day been declared for the current half-year, being at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and that the same will be payable at the Bank and its branches on and after WEDNESDAY, the lst day of DECEMBER next. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th November next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. A. A. ALLEN. Cashier.

A. A. ALLEN, Cashier. Toronto, 98th October, 1896.

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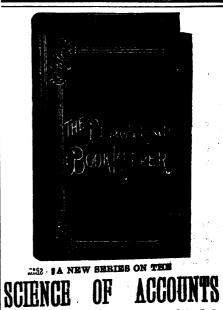
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We beg to call attention to the superiority of our Jolette and Le Brabant Kid Gloves over other makes, at the same or similar prices. The continued increase of sales we consider positive proof that the goods give general satisfaction. Special attention is called to the uniformity and regularity of quality contained in each package.

LARGE STOCK ALWAYS.

Arrangements are now made with the makers to carry a stock in Montreal to supply the trade at all times.

Prices from stock will always be the same as for import orders.

Parties wishing to place orders in advance, can depend upon them being carefully and promptly filled.

JOLETTE BRAND.

A careful examination of our Jolette Glove from stock, (that is comparing ours as received from stock with the actual stock delivered by other firms), will we consider, satisfy any judge that the Jolette Brand is the best value in Low Kid Gloves in this market.

EXPERIENCE.

Our experience in the Retail Branch, where we have sold the **Jolette** and **Le Brabant Kid Gloves** for so many years, enables us to speak with confidence of the merits of these goods.

LOWER GOODS.

We could offer what would be, and what is by many considered a very fair Four-Button Kid Glove, at from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per dozen. But the retail experience teaches us that common Kid Gloves are a great injury to a business.

INCREASING DEMAND.

The demand for both Jolette and Le Brabant is increasing every season, which (as before stated) is proof positive of their excellent value.

RETURNING.

Firms that stopped buying the Jolette and Le Brabant for a while, are again keeping them, another proof of their value being right.

SAMPLES.

In consequence of no two pair of Kid Gloves being exactly alike, and the difficulty of procuring skins of uniform quality and thickness, sample pairs or even sample half-dozens selected to take orders from, prove too often very deceptive, even when no decption is intended by the importer. This difficulty is obviated in the case of our Kid Gloves, as they are becoming as well known to the trade and to the public as the standard makes of Spool Cotton are.

SPRING PRICES.

Our prices for the Spring cannot be given at present, on account of the downward tendency of the Kid Glove market. But the prices will be as low or lower than goods of commoner grades in the market.





Sole Agents for Canada: GEO. D. ROSS & CO.,

648 Craig Street, Montreal.

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Mercantile Summary.

WE have the following from Port Arthur, under date of 9th inst: "The business of the town is fair, the silver mines are being rapidly opened and developed and are turning out well. Crops in Oliver township, the neighboring farming community, have yielded very well, but we are much in need of a grist and flouring mill for their development."

"Am well pleased with your paper and always look forward to the day of its arrival with pleasure," says Mr. Weismiller, of Kippen. "It deals with all the prominent public questions in an independent, reasonable and brief yet business-like way—giving the reader in a few lines what occupies columns in our dailies. I wish you the success your efforts deserve."

MR. EDWARD PETTIT, of Norwich, writes to inform us that "the Bungay Mfg. Co. of Norwich (implements), have voted to wind up as a company and have appointed a liquidator in the person of myself. The company are abundantly able to meet all liabilities and also to pay the stockholders nearly the full amount of paid-up capital. The business will be carried on under a different style in future."

The commercial, as distinguished from the social aspect of a matter is illustrated in the following rapid change from an angry prohibition to a civil invitation: Head of the house (to young man at front door)—Haven't I told you, sir, never to call here again ? Young man—Yes, sir; but I haven't called to see Miss Clara this time. I have a two months' gas bill to collect. Head of the house (in a milder tone)—I see. You will please call again.

A MANUFACTURING firm in St. Hyacinthe, in a letter dated last week says: "Everybody here seems to be busy and doing so well that several new stores have been opened this season in buildings which had been vacant for years; in fact we do not meet any more the placard "Store to let" in St. Hyacinthe. Besides there have been a great many new buildings erected in and around the town this season, which is a pretty good barometer of prosperity."



THERE is nothing that will injure the trade of a grocery store quicker than loafers, says the Chicago Grocer. The presence of these persons is likely to create a feeling amongst the customers that there must be something wrong about the proprietor who will allow such pests around. Ladies especially are apt to become disgusted with a trades man who will allow them to be subjected to the annoyance. Since loafers can do no possible good, and are a serious damage, get rid of them at once.

A TRADER in Huron County finds his trade showing a considerable falling off during October and November. "This may be attributed to exhibitions, fall fairs, fine weather, low prices for grain and cattle, and the scarcity of money, increased by farmers holding two and three years' wheat in their granaries. The holding of wheat cannot go on much longer, as most of farmers will be obliged to sell this year and realize the folly of their course. A very encouraging feature in the retail trade now is that stocks on their hands are increasing instead of depreciating in value."

THERE was a large attendance of shareholders at the first annual meeting of the Port Elgin Brush Company, held on the 27th Oct. From the report we learn that a dividend of eight per cent. had been declared for the year, and an additional eight per cent. was carried forward to Rest account. The president stated that while Ontario was their chief place of trade, Manitoba and Quebec provinces have contributed largely to their sales, which during the year have been increased monthly; last month's being nearly four times as great as the same month of 1885. "Our brushes and brooms, said the president, are popular with the trade, commendations being received from all parts of Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec." Testimony of a most favorable character as to Mr. B. B. Boyd's management, is found in the fact that there is not \$200 in overdue debts on the company's books. The old board of directors was re-elected by acclamation.

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THE first through train to the Pacific from Toronto, via N. & N. W. and Ontario Junction road, will leave to-morrow night.

A BRUCE county manufacturer writes : "The writer has been a subscriber to your valuable paper for at least the past twelve years (formerly as one of a firm of general dealers in Walkerton), and would not be without it at double the price."

A LETTER from Alliston regrets the death of A. M. Kirkland, late Manager of the Bank of Hamilton at that place. He was formerly connected with the Ontario Bank in the same town, and also the Merchants Bank at Orangeville. He was buried at the Toronto Necropolis on Thursday, 4th inst.

THE brigantine "Nyanza," owned in Liverpool, N.S., is ashore on Cacineras Reef, Cuba, bound for Vera Cruz with a cargo of patent fuel. She is likely to be a total loss. Insured in the Nova Scotia Marine office for \$2,660 and in St. John offices for \$5,375.

THE last vessel of the season to leave the port of Newcastle, N. B., was the Norwegian barque "Dagmar," which cleared last week. No more are expected to arrive this season. Three ships and a steamer, now loading with wood at Chatham, will clear in a short time.

FREE fish has stimulated the Maritime fisheries, as is well known. Nine seiners now go out of Alberton, P. E. I., where seven years ago there were none. Ten years ago there were but nine vessels engaged in Prince Edward Island fisheries. Now there are 53 vessels, with 7,000 fathoms of seines.

THE steamer "Miranda" on her last trip to New York took shipments of fish from Halifax, amounting in value to about \$16,000, and the steamer "Merrimack" on her last departure for Boston took about \$5,000 worth. It is said \$25,000 worth of fish for the American market was sent from Halifax last week.

WE are told that Mr. A. J. Westland, of Ridgetown, who has had eight years experience in private banking, and Mr. A R. Nicol, of Tilbury Centre, intend opening a private banking office in Comber on Dec. 1st prox, the style of the firm being "Westland & Nicol, Bankers." Mr. N. is to act as manager.

A TRACT of land on the western shore of Cayuga Lake, near Canoga, has been leased to Rochester parties for the cultivation of frogs. The raising of frogs for the New York market has come to be a recognized industry. There is a large frog farm in the neighborhood of Waterloo and several in Canada, and still the demand is greater than the supply.

THE American steel rails market is strong. The New York Commercial Bulletin says : "The latest allotted production for 1887 1,000,000 tons has been so far sold that an increase to 1,250,-000 has already been asked for and will probably soon be made in order to facilitate the consummation of business now in treaty. As the fact would signify, the greater portion of 1,000,000 tons has been sold. This places the industry in a position never before reached.

FROM Haliburton, which is in the lake and forest district of Ontario, among the unpronounceable Indian names, and far back of the University town of Coboconk, we get a cheery letter from a store keeper. He says : "I consider your paper will pay for itself in information gained by reading it. Trade here for the past year has been better with me than the year previous. On Nov. 5th there was about \$1,000 worth of raw furs sold by the trappers, Messrs. Lech, of Peterboro, Martin, of Toronto, and other local buyers bought the lot each netting about an equal purchase. Prices paid were good."

THF position of hide inspector for this market has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Jno. C. Howe, who has had experience in the leather trade, which will prove valuable to him in his new capacity.

WM. OSBORNE, dry goods dealer, is in difficulties. He has been in business about three years in this city, and is now preparing for a meeting of creditors. He is considered honest and is likely to obtain a compromise.

C. B. SLATER, general agent at Wapella, Man., claimed a few months ago to be worth \$17,000. Under these circumstances it would seem a little strange that he should have disappeared suddenly, as he is said to have done. -L. D. McPherson, a tailor in Winnipeg, has assigned.

JAMES CASSIDY, carriage manufacturer, is reported to have left St. Catharines, with creditors in the lurch to the extent of over \$2,000. To realise this sum they have nominal assets of \$1,000. There is no apparent reason why such a course should be adopted, after showing a good record for several years.

Among the changes in the staff of the Bank of Commerce we observe the appointment of Mr. William Gray, formerly of the head office staff and lately manager of the Barrie branch, to the position of Inspector. His successor at Barrie is to be Mr. H. H. Morris, at present accountant of the Hamilton branch.

A SPECULATIVE builder named George Tasker, who has not, we are told, been in the country one year, has succeeded in getting into the confidence and credit of a number of persons who probably now regret it. He was advanced not only material but money as well, and is reported to have left this city with wages and other bills unpaid.

Common courtesy may be used to excellent advantage in business, whether a man be a city or a country merchant. By courtesy we mean that politeness and affability which attracts, wins and retains friends. It is a quality that merchants should cultivate and develop in their characters. It will only help them in obtaining the favor of the public and will put them on a solid footing with the influential people in the town.

PARNEY & DUNCOMBE, who kept a general store at Waterford, were supposed to have a lot of property and were even considered in good circumstances, but surprise the community by making an assignment to the sheriff. As yet it is not known what their liabilities are.--At Bayfield, Isaac Reid, dealer in stoves and tinware, has assigned with small -The tailoring stock of Alfred liabilities .-West, Chatham, will be sold by tender on Saturday next.

THE retail grocers in Winnipeg have for some time been discussing the advisability of forming an association, and an organization me completed last evening by the election of the following officers: President, C. D. Anderson; vice-president, J. W. Horne; secretary, A. Fraser; treasurer, John B. Bell; board of directors-W. Hunter, J. K. Wright, George Adam, J. W. Winram, J. E. Weldon, W.E. Hodder, John Dysart. The association has already a membership of about forty.

S. G. BEST, who began the boot and shoe business in Cobourg in September last has already assigned. He appears to be of a roving disposition, as he was in business in Guelph, then Trenton, now at Cobourg.----The creditors of W. R. Anderson & Co., dealers in tinware, etc., at Collingwood, had a meeting when a state of affairs was submitted, showing has nominal assets \$2,000 less. Mr. Anderson offers to pay 50 per cent., half of this will be secured.

SINCE the opening of the new bridge at St. John, both freight and passenger traffic has greatly increased on the New Brunswick and Intercolonial railways. From October 31st, 1885, to same date this year, the number of freight cars that arrived and departed from St. John on the I. C. R. was 37,854, and on the N. B. R. 12,774; making a total for the two roads of 50,628 freight cars. The passenger cars inwards and outwards, same period numbered 15,848 and 11,601, making a total of 27,-449.

THE "Arctic," the last of the Dundee seal and whale fishing fleet, arrived in the Tay on the 14th inst. The statistics of the year's work show a gross money value amounting to £65,-195, as against £97,503 last year. The returns of the Newfoundland seal fishing, says the Glasgow Herald, are stated at £25,899, as against £47,320; those of the Greenland seal and bottle-nose whale fishing at £1483, as against £25,019; and those of the Davis Straits whale fishing at £37,813, as against £25,164 last year.

THE Halifax police have for some time suspected the existence of an illicit still in the north end of that city, but could not find it. One of the Dominion detectives, however, was more successful, and on the 12th inst. he arrested a man named Thomas Kent, who resides in a house on Macara street. In the cellar of the house was found a "worm." Kent was taken to the police station, and declared his innocence, alleging that he had let that part of the house, in which the worm was found to two men, and that he had an agreement to that effect.

BUYERS of boots and shoes are bearish as ever in the matter of prices, says the Boston Recorder, and some go so far as to insist on lower prices in spite of the advance in wages and in some grades of leather. This is probably intended as on offset to the advances asked by some of the manufacturers, and as a compromise last year's figures will no doubt be accepted. "The makers will manage in some way to take a little value out of the goods to save themselves from loss. It is certain that there will be a good demand, for there are no stocks to speak of left over from last year."

Something new in the way of transmitting news is reported from France. A curious invention, called the "typo-telegraph," is now being tried in Paris by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. It has been submitted by M. Etienne de Fedor, and it is intended to be devoted chiefly to press messages. The article of a paper or journal which is to be forwarded by telegraph to another journal is first set up in ordinary type in a column and then stereotyped. The block is then sent to the telegraph office and serves as original of the message. M. Fedor claims that the rapidity of the transmission may reach 1,200 letters per minute, or about 14,000 words per hour. The principle is not new, but this may be a successful application of it.

A REMARKABLY small concern to have three partners is the Meaford confectionery establishment of Lamb, Day & Marshall. It is not surprising that a bailiff should be in pos session and that he should sell them out and break up the concern.—John D. Brodie, a general storekeeper away back in the woods, on the Nipissing road, after being storekeeper for less than a year has assigned.----Reynolds Bros., general storekeepers at Walkerton, have liabilities of \$7,300. To pay this sum the firm suspended payment and are trying to arrange

their affairs. They were never considered a strong firm.—.W. E. Burgess, shoe dealer at Wallaceburg, who had been doing a nice little business for some years has recently come to grief and made an assignment.

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SMOOTHING the surface of water in a gale by means of oil poured upon it has been successfully tried upon the ocean, and shipwreck averted by its means. The like was tried on Lake Superior last week by Capt. McArthur, of the steamer "Bessemer," which had a very stormy passage down Lake Superior, and parted her rudder chains. The steamer "Blanchard" went to her aid and found her rolling heavily and seas sweeping entirely over her. Realizing that it would be impossible to splice the rudder chains while the steamer was lurching so badly, the captain had a barrel of oil brought on deck and its contents were llowed to trickle over the bows through a

small tin can. The effect was almost instantaneous, the waves soon flattened out and as long as the oil was used the steamer rode easily.

SEVERAL changes among business people are noticed at Alton, Ont.; Mrs. Smith has sold er stock of groceries to D. McLean. Α. Dick, general storekeeper, is selling off and R. Houston has bought the butchering business f Jos. Lemon. The stock of L. Mooney & Co., tailors, at Cornwall, is to be sold by their trustee.---J. E. Arnold, Forest, has had to bear to see his stock disposed of in the same way.----At Glencoe, Geo. Collinson has bought the grocery stock of Geo. Parrott, and W. G. Burrows that of Wm. Rockett .----W. McMillan, of Ayr, has sold his stock of groceries to W. D. Stewart. ---- At Brantford, A. Fair has sold the grocery part of his business to James & Deming ----- The stock of Dodd & Bro., London, is advertised for sale .-—The Galt Co-operative Co., has sold out .--A. G. Ault, Seaforth, has done likewise .--Walter Grant, in this city, has sold his business, which is a grocery one, to McAuliffe & Co.

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO. The next PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, TORONTO, on

BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, TORONTO, on Thursday next, the 25th, November, 1886, at 8 p.m. A paper will be read by E. B. C. CLARKSON, Esq., F.C.A., entitled

Esq., F.C.A., entitled Bookkeeping as Adapted for General and Country Storekeepers."

By order. EDGAR A. WILLS, Sec'y-Tress.



SPECIAL ATTENTION TO Red and Alsike Clover Seed, Timethy Seed, &c., &c. Correspondence invited.

An arrangement which is sure of the hearty approval of the many officers of the institution to whose service he now returns, is that by which Mr. J. H. Plummer is made assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Doubtless the Merchants' Bank of Canada, in which he occupied a like position, will be sorry to lose him. Leading citizens of Montreal, who know him best, regret in his departure that of a good citizen as well as a good banker. It was in 1867 that Mr. Plummer began his banking career with the Commerce. Since then he has filled successively the position of Manager at Barrie, Brantford, and Ottawa, and has been Inspector at the head office. He left the service of the bank to engage for a few years in the liquidation of the assets of a large lumbering concern at Bay City, Michigan, in which the bank was interested. Having completed this work, he accepted in 1881 the position with the Merchants' which he is just vacating. We learn that the growing importance of the business at the Toronto Branch of the Commerce now demands the exclusive attention of Mr. J. C. Kemp, who, in addition to its duties has for some time been performing those of assistant to the general manager in the head office.

News from the north shore of Lake Superior states that the Silver Mountain property known as the East End Mine has proved so satisfactory that Mr. Frank Tobin, of Liverpool, England, has bought the mine on behalf of an English company. The capital of the company is \$500,000, all paid up, and the purchase price is somewhat over \$150,000. The chairman of the company is Mr. J. A. Tobin, one of the leading directors of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, and on the board is Sir Alexander Galt. Active operations will be begun at once. A portion of the machinery is purchased and large orders have been given for supplies. The work will be carried on under Capt. J. Tretheway, formerly of Silver Islet.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

N. & F.; Charlottetown.-Have sent you a copy of by-laws and act of incorporation.

J. H. D.; Saint John.—Cannot print them all, but hope to insert some of the replies to examination questions possibly in the present issue.

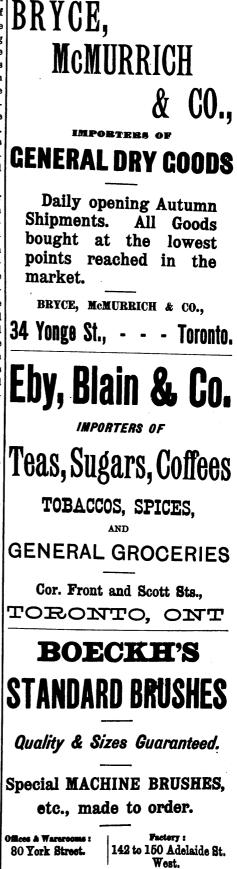


B. P. & Co.; Montreal.-We have yours of 15th, and comply with your request.

W. F. H. ;--Will send your letter to a bookseller, who may write you in reply.

A. K. B.; Brantford.—If the Institute be willing, we shall be glad to devote some space to the matter.

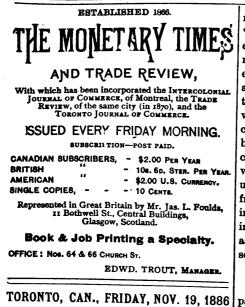
TELLEB;—(1) The Bank Statement for Oct. arrived just as we were going to press, too late for comment in this issue. (2) We always do include Provincial with Dominion loans under that heading.



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THE SITUATION.

Dominion Surveyor General Deville, speaking of the result of the surveys in British Columbia, says the resources of the Province have been greatly underestimated; that the timber wealth is enormous and the extent of land adapted for agriculture greater than has been heretofore supposed. He has a high opinion of the province as a fruit growing centre, Of Banff, the site of the new national park, he says the scenery is unrivalled; and he thinks the Canadian Pacific railway the most stupendous monument of engineering skill which the world has yet seen. This is loud talk, but it cannot be much too loud to express the actual facts. The climate of British Columbia is greatly in its favor, and must aid in attracting capital and industry to assist in the development of its agricultural, mineral and forest resources.

A disability under which Canadian ship owners have hitherto labored, has been removed. Engineers' certificates granted by the Dominion authorities were not recognized in England: and Canadian ship owners were in consequence liable to be put to inconvenience and loss. On representations made by our Minister of Marine, the Imperial Government has agreed to recognize second-class engineers' certificates granted by the Dominion, when used on sea-borne British vessels.

While boycotting, in Ireland, goes on without stint, the courts in the United States have invariably, when the question has come before them, done their best to stamp out the practice. The result, reported by the New York Commercial Bulletin is that "that form of oppression, so far as the city and State of New York are concerned, no longer offends the public sense of justice and individual freedom." We are further told how this result has been attained : "Boycotting has been adjudged a State prison or penitentiary offence." And the Massachusetts' courts are in accordance with those of New York. In a judgment delivered by Chief Justice Bingham, at Plymouth, Mass., the o her day, it was laid down that "a combination

right "---the right of buying and selling-"is an unlawful combination," "Every employer," the Chief Justice said, "has a right to employ whom he chooses, and every manufacturer has the right to buy and sell from and to whom he pleases, and to use in any lawful way any material which he may choose to buy." And if a combination to an unlawful end be "effected by threats of intimidation, there may be a conspiracy." Boycotting by an individual is equally illegal: "any man who undertakes to prevent the manufacturer from buying what or from whom he pleases. interferes with a legal right." If boycotting, in Ireland, were met by as firm a hand as it is in the United States, we should soon hear the last of it.

The object of the strike in the Chicago packing houses-a reduction of the working day to eight hours-has not been reached. The men struck in an irregular way, without the sanction of the central authority of the Knights of Labor, and Mr. Powderly ordered them to resume work. Some reluctance was shown at first, by several of them, but the order has been obeyed, notwithstanding the complaints made about an iron-clad agreement imposed by the employers. The temper in which strikes originate is not one that inclines to obedience, even to the officers of the order to which the men belong. The irregularity of the strike, in this case, proves how much better it would have been if the rules of the Order had been obeyed; in that case, there would have been no loss, moral or material. The moral loss, in this instance, was far greater than the loss of wages, during the cessation of labor.

The inundation committee of the city council of Montreal has been advised by engineers, whose opinion was asked, to try to keep the channel of the St. Lawrence clear of ice, between Sorel and Three Rivers, by means of tugs. The committee sanctioned a vote of \$2,000 for the purpose, apparently on the supposition that the government might be induced to aid the experiment. According to the engineers in question, the cost of the test would be \$5,000. Donbts were expressed by some members of the committee whether the undertaking was feasable, but finally all but one were willing to see it tried. Alderman Mooney, the dissentient, put his faith in dynamite, the use of which would undoubtedly be effective in breaking up the ice.

The Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic railway, according to President Washburn, is not expected to reach Sault Ste. Marie, from the west, before the 1st January, 1888. The American company, he says, is working in hearty accord with the Canadian Pacific, and no one more fully appreciated the necessity of making an early connection than the President of the Canadian company. "The opening of a through line from Minneapolis and St. Paul," President Washburn thinks, will " create an absolute revolution in the transof persons made to interfere with that portation system of the North West, and Pacific railway company come by cable :

make Montreal one of the most important of Atlantic seaports."

Somebody has been trying to get up a timber panic, at Minneapolis, on the strength of the statement that a Canadian syndicate is arranging " to gobble up " the vast timber belt in the northern slope of Minnesota, comprising about one-half of the State. This area is represented as embracing about five hundred millions of feet of pine. A prominent local lumberman, Col. B. Platt Walker, pretends that a clause in a recent Act of Congress, providing for a commission to treat with the Indians now occupying these lands for their removal to White Earth agency, was secured in the interest of the Canadian syndicate. We were not aware that Canadian syndicates were so potent in the legislative arena at Washington. Imagination has probably had much to do with giving shape and form to this latest of timber "gobbles."

If a telegram from Winnipeg may be believed, a novel effect of prairie fires has been noticed. The statement is that some carloads of wheat, on arriving at Winnipeg, were found to be absolutely worthless, owing to an acrid taste imparted to it by the smoke of prairie fires. It will be fortunate, considering the extent of the damage that might otherwise be caused in this way, if there should be found to be some mistake or exaggeration in this sweeping statement. Wheat has often, before now, been fumigated by the smoke of prairie fires; how comes it that we now hear for the first time of the fatal effect of such fumigation? This, at least, is singular, if not a reason why we should look upon this new story with scepticism.

The assumption of the existence of an unusual degree of pauperism in London, England, is denied by the local government board in its reply to the statements of the Social Democratic Federation. The number of paupers, last month, was 22 in the 1,000 against 42 in October of last year. The board promises to aid the local authorities in relieving the poor.

The Court of Review, at Montreal, has decided that all who pay the city water tax are exempt from statute labour. This is a confirmation of the judgment of the Superior Court. Nevertheless the decision appears to involve an economic error. Statute labor is owing by citizens who pay no other tax, and the payment of another tax exempts from this. But the water rate is in no true sense a tax; it is simply a payment for value received. When the city establishes water works, it takes upon itself a commercial transaction; and the payment it receives for water is in no true sense a tax. The water rate could be converted into a tax only by charging for water whether it was received or not; and when there is no charge of this kind, the water rate collected by the city is no more a tax than it would be if the water works were under private ownership.

Two statements regarding the Canadian

that a large increase in the capital is contemplated, and that the details for joint working between the company and the Northern and the Pacific Junction railways have been completed. A confirmation of report, together with the particulars, is awaited.

MAILS AND FREIGHT FOR EUROPE.

Louisbourg has more than once been spoken of as the objective point on the Atlantic to be reached by the Canadian Pacific railway. If there were any object in getting the longest railway haul for the produce of the West, this would be intelligible. But railways, under pressure of competition, are obliged to reach the ocean by the nearest route : it is a prime condition of success. To do otherwise is to work against nature, to enter on an impossible competition of rail against water. It is perhaps natural that there should be a desire to continue the Canadian Pacific railway to Louisbourg; but if that place were made the chief Atlantic terminus, the road would be seriously handicapped, by having to prolong its haul in competition with Atlantic navigation.

If Louisburg were made the chief Atlantic port of the Canadian Pacific, Halifax and, louder still, St. John, would complain that the longest route was taken. But if an objection lies against the longest route, as it undoubtedly does, except for the rapid carrying of the mail, the conclusion must be in favor of the shortest route, though we should land by it at a foreign port. It is not treason to do business at a foreign port; the operation involves no transfer of allegiance, no weakening of national ties. The objection to going to a foreign port s that a national railway could not consistently end there. We built the Ganadian Pacific, it is said, for the purpose of having a line through our own territory, to the Pacific ocean, since such a line would render us independent of foreign caprice and tend to strengthen our nationality. This is true, though it is not quite the whole truth. Something more than this had to be done. We had to make our interior country accessible, and this was possible only by building a railway; does it follow that we must not reach the Atlantic ocean otherwise than through our own country all the way? The necessity of having a road on our own territory, by which we can, in case of need, reach the Atlantic, was one of the first wants felt under confederation; and to supply it we built the Intercolonial railway at a cost of something like forty millions of dollars. Being in possession of this national line, it does not follow that it would be wise to refuse the liberty of reaching the ocean, for commercial purposes by the shortest route; to refuse to do so would be a folly for which we should have to pay a heavy penalty.

If we are to establish a fast mail service with England it is plain that we must use the route which can be got over in the shortest time. But in the carrying of produce we must take the shortest rail route. Tt is a necessity of our position, against which no claim of an artificial character can stand.

go by Hudson's Bay, must reach the Atlantic, otherwise, by the nearest route. The competition of India in the production of wheat makes this absolutely necessary; on any other terms it may become a question whether we can compete at all, though the danger of things being carried to this extremity is perhaps not great. From Montreal to Portland the distance is only 287 miles; from Montreal to Halifax, by the short line, 714, and to St. John 463 miles. It is quite consistent with our allegiance as British subjects, and our duty as Canadians, to conduct our commerce on the best terms; indeed it is our bounden duty to do so. It is not, and cannot be our duty, to take the longest route, when the shortest is open to us. And it must be remembered that the course of the movement of freight is independent of the will of the government. No doubt the short route might be closed against us, in the improbable contingency of war, or even as a consequence of a quarrel with the United States over tariffs or fisheries ; but this is very unlikely to happen, and if it did, we could fall back on our reserved internal lines of communication. There is no inconsistency in providing ourselves with an intercolonial railway, and carrying our international commerce over the shortest route to the Atlan tic; there is no necessary connection between the necessity of having an interior line of railway in the west and making the most of the liberty of reaching the Atlantic through a foreign territory. We should not feel comfortable, and in fact we should not be safe, if this were the only line: the means of independence, in case of emergency is indispensable; but where two facilities are open to us we are under no obligation to make continuous use of the lesser of the two. A stage coach would be a good thing in the event of a break down of a railway; but it would be illogical and extremely inconvenient to make constant use of a stage coach, merely because it was available, to the neglect of railway facilities.

The future of St. John and Halifax are, in our opinion, in any case, assured; and the despondency which casts a gloom over their future is an enemy which it is desirable above everything to dispel. But commerce will take a circuitous route for the mere pleasure of passing through them; the affinities of commerce are not gratified at the cost of unreasonable and impossible sacrifices. The same reasons which will prevent Louisburg cutting the cities out, as the last point eastward of the Canada Pacific, for the shipment of produce, will prevent them taking the precedence of American ports which are nearer the interior. It is a question of geography, and the best solution of it is quite consistent with the duty which we owe as subjects of Queen Victoria and which we have to discharge as inhabitants of Canada.

But between the best route for a rapid mail service and the best route for the carriage of freight, there is a difference which is not always taken into account. The best mail route is that which has the longest railway and the shortest ocean distances;

has the shortest rail and the longest water distances. Freight will therefore not follow the mail, and it is a delusion to suppose that any Atlantic city which could secure the mail service would also secure the bulk of the freight. If a railway extended to Louisbourg, to Louisbourg the mail would go, if the mail service were done in the best way. But freight would not consent to pay a heavy penalty for the pleasure of accompanying the mail. It is folly to say that it makes no difference whether freight be hauled 2000 or 3000 miles; the cost of the extra haul is so great that, where competition is keen, the difference may be fatal to the longer route. We do not, we confess, understand why Portland should be made an Atlantic mail port for Canada, when Halifax is so much nearer to Europe.

GRAIN IMPORT AND EXPORT.

It is not usual, as newspapers have had occasion to learn, for the Ottawa authorities to make public official statistics of a particular fiscal year until after the first meeting of Parliament subsequent to the close thereof. But we find in a letter written to the Mail by Mr. Lawder, of Whitby, particulars of the Dominion exports and imports of grain for the year ended 30th June. 1886, which he says he got from official sources. We compare them, below, with those of the previous year :---

	Provious Jour :	
;	IMPORTS OF GRAIN.	
'	Fiscal	Fiscal
1	year	year
•	1886.	1885.
	Barley, bush 8,212	14,717
	Malt " 20,387	22,720
1	Wheat "	3,128,143
	Flour of Wheat bbls 215,391	565,562
	Indian Corn, bush4,528,878	3,508,529
	Oats " 220,001	314,922
	Peas " 4,298	2,739
	EXPORTS OF GRAIN.	
	Fiscal	Fiscal
	year	year
1	1886.	1885.
ł	Barley, bush	9,067,395
I	Malt " 284,443	374,961
I	Wheat "	5,423,805
I	Wheat Flour, bbls 415,397	161,054
	Maize, bush2,667,401	2,007,674
I	Oats "	2,359,002
I	Peas "	2,698,778

The value of these breadstuffs-which of these cities cannot expect that western course are mainly the produce of the harvest of 1884 and 1885 respectively-is very great. The money value placed upon them in the Blue Book for 1885 is nearly sixteen millions of dollars, (\$15,827,702;) that for last year has not yet been made public. But the number of bushels of grain or its equivalent, exported, allowing $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat to a barrel of flour, is found to be 25,061,905 as compared with 22,092,669 bushels in 1885.

STEAMERS AND THEIR EARNINGS.

It is not a small undertaking, nowadays, to make profit out of floating freight craft, sail or steam, whether on the lakes or on the ocean. So numerous have such craft become, the high seas being dotted or the harbors filled with "free lances" in addition to the many great liners, that it has for a year or two been a common com-The produce of the west, unless it should while the best freight route is that which owners that they can no longer make plaint amongst ocean freight-carrying ship

money out of their vessels. The reasons for this state of affairs are somewhat com plex. Judging from the balance sheet of a north country steamer, published recently by the *Neucastle Chronicle*, it is, as that journal remarks, not the low freights that render ships unprofitable, but the enormous charges for insurances, port dues, bunker coals and brokerage. The balance sheet referred to is for a period of seven months, ended in July.

. "During the period namcd, the steamer earned over $\pounds 4,300$, yet no dividend is available, and she carries forward only £155 as a balance in hand. What has become of her earnings? She has been running in the Mediterranean and Baltic trades, and had fair freights. She has carried rails to Venice from Antwerp at 18s. 6d.; coals from the Tyne to Stockholm at 5s.; and deals from Sulea to Plymouth at 40s. Why then is there no dividend? The reason is easily discoverable on inspecting the balance sheet. No less than £1,010 has been paid for insurance premiums during the seven months No less than £760 was paid in port charges, £506 for bunker coals, and £521 for crews wages, stores, &c., in proportion, during the voyage from Antwerp to Venice. Furthermore during the seven months, brokerage and commissions to charterers and brokers footed up to £217, and again there were various sums deducted from the freights for address commission amounting to £84. With regard to the price of coals £1 per ton was charged at Malta, £1 16s. at Adra, and £1 1s. at Dover."

After perusing this balance sheet it is no longer wonderful that freight ocean steamers so often fail to pay any dividends to the owners. The only matter of surprise is how they earn enough money to pay current expenses. As to floating craft on the great lakes, owners of these are, many of them, in despair as to the prospect of profit. Steam-craft are hard enough to manage profitably, even the numerous towbarges and their consorts; but sailing vessels are more hopeless. Iron and copper ore from Lake Superior yields a bare enough livelihood for freighters, but grain and lumber carriage is done at marvellously low rates, so numerous are the craft.

FAIR AND UNFAIR CO-OPERATION.

It is an attractive idea to divide with employes profits of manufacturing or merchandising if those employes have shown skill and faithfulness and have made it clear that by their efforts they contributed to the success of the business done. But many a factory would make shipwreck if it agreed in advance to any such bargain with its employes at large. Too many of these are mere time-servers, unfit to be rewarded in the same ratio with the conscientious and devoted workman who does his best every day and all day. Hence the experiment must be made with care. It appears to be a favorite idea of the Knights of Labor that "workers" ought to have, in addition to wages, part of the manufacturers' profits. The Philadelphia Ledger has this to say upon the topic:

"We have in mind two manufacturers who started about the same time with about equal capital, and who were compelled by trade-union rules to pay equal wages to their hands. One man carried on his business in a happy-go-lucky fashion, and obtained from it little more than a fair living for himself and family. The other made a close, scientific study of the materials with which he had to deal; all his waking hours were devoted to efforts to improve processes and open fresh markets, and the net result of this push and energy was that, in the course of years, he had acquired a fortune. The men who worked for B had no more to do with his exceptional prosperity than A's workmen had to do with the slowness of B's business. If a division should be made of the extraordinary profits due to B's business energy and forethought, it would be quite as reasonable to include his rival's workmen in the scheme as his own; indeed, the logic of 'brotherhood' would require this to be done. Sometimes men reap who do not sow; but not very often. If a close study is made of individual cases of manufacturing prosperity, they will generally be ascribed to some unusual inventive or administrative talent, combined with industry and thrift on the part of the owners; and these qualities, far from depriving others of their 'fair share of the fruits of labor,' have helped to give work and wages to scores of men who without it might have been unemployed."

-The practice of giving bonuses to manufactories, either by way of cash payment or in the shape of exemption from taxation, receives merited opposition from the Hamilton Times in the following remarks: "The proposal that Hamilton should grant bonuses, free lands or exemption from taxation, to induce manufacturers to locate within the city limits, which was casually discussed at a meeting in the Roval Hotel, is a bad one. The craze has taken hold of Woodstock, St. Thomas, Ingersoll and several other towns of late. to such an extent as to call forth a remark that one of the towns might better keep its bonus and give the town to a manufacturing company. A manufacturer chooses his line of business because he thinks he can do better for himself in that line than in any other line. Incidentally, his industry is beneficial to the whole community, and to the country at large; that is, if it is a self-supporting industry, adapted to the conditions of the locality in which it is established. But pauper industries are a gray horse of another color. Hamilton is better without them. The discrimination in their favor is a rank injustice to all industries which pay their way. Not only the workingmen, but the established manufacturers of Hamilton, will be heard from when any bonus or exemption schemes are proposed."

-Dry and pickled fish are in demand in Lower Province ports for shipment to the United States, West Indies, and South America. New England papers are deploring the small catch of mackerel by their fishing vessels and many skippers contemplate retiring from the business altogether.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

From the influential wholesale house of Messrs. Daniel & Boyd, Saint John, an intelligent view of the commercial situation is always o be expected. The view taken on this occasion is anything but a pessimistic one, as may be gathered from this letter, which doubtless embodies the opinions of the genial Senator Boyd: "1886 has been one of the best for business of some years past. There has been no "boom," but a quiet steady gain from month to month. In the absence of what was, in the past, our chief business of shipbuilding, and in view of the lessened exports of wood from New Brunswick, had it not been for the many factories which have sprung up; and some much enlarged of late, trade would have been dull indeed. The streets of St. John on a Saturday night, when the busy workers come out for their weekly promenade and purchases, reveal the numbers which are employed in these establishments, and from what part of our population the large expenditures come. The prospect, too, of having the Short Line railway from Montreal to us finished next year, making St. John one of the termini and winter ports of the C. P. R., fluding its most direct route to the Atlantic here, is most encouraging."

The manufacturing firm of Harper & Webster, at Shediac, N. B., say: "Our trade for the year now closing has been about as usual in volume, and payments have been quite as prompt as in the last two or three years. We think-judging from correspondence with our customers-that a more hopeful tone prevail amongst them, and they look forward with anticipation of better trade in the immediate future. Our farmers have just saved-upon the whole-a large crop, and they feel quite jubilant; and as a consequence, traders depending on them also feel well. Our lobster fishermen did not have a very bountiful catch this season, but upon the whole it was about equal to that of last year. Mackerel fishing was very profitable owing to the high prices ruling in the U.S.; nearly all of our catch was sent forward fresh-packed in ice, and our people were well rewarded for the venture. Should the fishery question remain as at present, it is likely this trade will be extensively prosecuted next year. We are sorry to have to report that the lumber business is still very much depressed, and manufacturers are sending very little to Europe, confining their operations to local requirements as much as possible."

The following is the opinion of a banker in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia: "There has, I think, been a slight improvement in business in this locality during the past season; and the fruit crop having been very abundant, with the prospect of good prices in the English market, a large amount of money must find its way here, to the relief of the farmer."

A grain dealer in the county of Grey, Mr. William Cook, of Meaford, says "I believe that trade is better than last year, crops are better, while prices are not so good. Grain is moving more freely this season, and the same may be said of cattle and sheep. Farmers do not seem to be doing much trading in the stores, which is an indication that liabilities were not met very well last year, and now they have to be met instead of buying fresh goods. I am looking forward to a pretty lively trade this winter."

This from a general dealer in Fort Erie: "Business is and has been very dull and money difficult to collect. I cannot see much just now to make it better."

From Port Hawkesbury, Cape Breton, Messrs. Peter Paint & Sons send their views: "Trade is vastly improved as compared with last year, we are now getting better prices for mackerel and herring, notwithstanding the duty, than we did previous to the abrogation of the fisheries clauses of the Washington Treaty. This is partly due to the short catch, and also to the efficient protection of the Fisheries by our government.

Strome and Whitelaw, general merchants at Brandon, Manitoba, write as follows on November 9th: "Respecting trade, it is not so brisk as twelve months back. Several causes may be named. The very dry season, producing light crops, the immense amount of damage by prairie fires, and the continuance of very mild weather even at the time of writing which is enabling the farmer, to plow on and not market their grain. We expect almost any day the cold weather, and then hope for a brisk demand for winter goods, in which next to nothing has been done so far."

A general dealer at Virden, Manitoba, responds thus to our enquiry as to the state of trade. "Locally speaking, one can hardly form a comparison just yet with other years. But certainly, business with the farmers will be restricted owing to scarcity of money, resulting from short crops and small prices; hence one cannot look for anything like what was even expected; but in the course of two months, one will be able to judge better. As it is at present, trade at this point suffers, owing to mild weather and lengthened fall."

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AS "HAWKERS."

The genial and persuasive travelling salesman may now and then be made acquainted with something he did not previously know, as when he learns that in the eye of the law he is his firm's agent, and that he may be vending his wares in prohibited territory to prohibited purchasers, in fact that he is a 'hawker.' It has been enacted that this last undignified term shall include "all persons who, being agents for persons not residents within the county, sell or offer for sale, tea, dry goods, or jewellery, for carry or expose samples or patterns of any such goods, to be afterwards delivered within the county, to any person not being a wholesale or retail dealer in such goods, wares, or merchandise."

For the protection of local tradesmen, power is given to councils of counties and cities and towns separated from a county, by the Consolidated Municipal Act of 1883, to put a restraint on trade by passing by-laws to license and regulate and govern hawkers or petty chapmen, and other persons carrying on petty trades, or who go from place to place or to other men's houses with goods, wares or merchandise for sale, provided the goods, wares or merchandise, are not of the growth, produce or manufacture of this Province, not being liquors, or who do the same by their servants or employees.

The County Council of the County of Waterloo passed a by-law under the authority of this act. At Galt, Mr. Richard Bassett, of the oity of London, commercial traveller, was convicted under the by-law of carrying and exposing, without license, samples or patterns of dry goods, to be afterwards delivered to persons within the county, not being wholesale or retailer dealers in such goods. It was proved that Mr. Bassett had exposed samples of cloth for suitings, but not manufactured clothing and had solicited orders for suits to be made from the same kind of material by his employer at London, who was not a manufacturer of the cloths of which Richard Bassett had samples, and that the samples were both imported and Canadian goods.

The conviction was quashed, the learned judge holding that cloths are dry goods, and if bales or large quantities had been sold according to sample to persons not wholesale or retail dealers, the defendant would have been liable to conviction under the by-law; but that it was not the intention of the act under which the by-law was passed to include in the term dry goods, clothing for which orders are solicited, after exposing samples of cloth from which suits are afterwards to be made up.

Under the same by-law, Mr. Robt. Marshall, a member of the firm of R. Marshall & Co., of the city of London, grocers, was convicted of selling from samples, without license, tea, to be afterwards delivered to parties in the county. This conviction was also quashed on the ground that a member of a firm is not an agent of the firm, and so not within th_{Θ} act. Marshall did not pretend that the persons to whom he had sold were wholesale or retail dealers. By laws under this act then, cannot be made to apply to members of nonresident firms, nor to commercial travellers for tailors, who sell from samples of cloth, suits to be afterwards made up. It has also been held in a case under a similar by-law of the County of Bruce that the defendant cannot be compelled to give evidence.

ATTEMPT AT FRAUD.

A cool and bold attempt on the part of a merchant to defraud creditors by a sham sale of his effects, was the basis of proceedings in the Court of Chancery last week. The case was that of E. R. C. Clarkson, trustee, who took proceedings to recover the estate of Leopold Davidson, of Camilla and Mono Centre, Ont., which had been sold by Sandfield Davidson-under power of attorney-to one Lefler for \$3,500 cash. Our readers will remember that we described at the time how Mr. Eby, of Eby, Blain & Co., and Mr. Alexander Boyd, creditors of Davidson, who visited his premises and obtained some \$70 in money from Lefler, were afterwards arrested on the charge of stealing this money, but the action was dismissed by the local magistrates.

Mr. Clarkson took proceedings to get the alleged sale of the estate set aside. Sandfield Davidson appeared at Osgoode Hall and swore that he had authority from his brother Leo. pold to sell the estate and that he had actually done so in a *bona fide* way to Lefler. He gave an exact description of his cellar at Camilla and said that the \$3,500 was intact on a certain beam therein. The Sheriff at Orangeville made a search, last Friday night, of the cellar, but, as was expected, found no money.

Chancellor Boyd, hearing this, ordered, on the 13th, the arrest of Sandfield Davidson for perjury, and judgment was delayed to give the prisoner an opportunity of producing the cash. But on Monday last, the money not being forthcoming, the Chancellor proceeded to give judgment. The whole affair was characterized as a fraud, the sale to Laffer being a perfect sham, and His Lordship said that but for the prompt and searching action of the trustee (Mr. Clarkson) the creditors would have been sheated out of their rights. The sale is therefore set aside with costs against Davidson & Leffer. An order was made to give up the goods in the two stores to Mr. Clarkson; and Sandfield Davidson now waits in jail on a charge of perjury. Lefter is said to have left the country. It is so far satisfactory to learn that one of the actors in such a scheme of plunder as this, is in custody. The assets may prove inadequate to meet claims against the estate, but the creditors did rightly to search out and expose so rascally a plot.

ONTARIO BUREAU OF INDUSTRIES.

The report of the Bureau of Industries of this province as to cereals, root-crops and fruit is pulished, under date 15th instant. quote: "Wheat, barley, oats, rye and peas, We were reaped and housed in fair condition, and the final report of yield differs but slightly from the August estimate. The wheat crop (18,071,142 bushels fall and 9,518,553 spring) is about 3,600,000 less than the average of five years; barley is only 50,000 bushels less, and oats is 3,330,000 more. Rye is diminishing in breadth and yield. The area in peas is steadily enlarging, being this year nearly 100,000 acres more than the average of five years, while the produce is 3,000,000 in excess of the average; the pea-bug has vanished from almost every section of the Province. The corn area is 20,-000 acres less than the average, and its yield is less by 1,000,000 bushels. The area in potatoes is 19,000 acres less than the average, and in the eastern counties of the Province the crop has rotted badly; the total yield is nearly 4,000,000 bushels less than the average of five years. Carrots, mangels and turnips vary but slightly from the average of area, but the yield of turnips exceeds the average of five years by 7,600,000 bushels. Fruit of all kinds has been fairly abundant, and in many sections there is a large surplus of apples damaged to some extent, however, by the great gale of 14th and 15th October. Live stock are in good and healthy condition, and the dairy industry is brightening with the improved prices for butter and cheese. The weather has been exceptionally favorable for fall farming, and correspondents report that all operations of the season are well advanced."

The yield of grain for the season of 1886 is estimated as in the following table :

	Grain.	Bushels.	Bush.per acre.
ļ	Wheat, fall	18,071,142	20.4
	Dealer Spring	9,518,553	16.5
	Barley Oats Rye	19,512,278	26.5
L	Rye		36.2
	Peas.		16.3
I	Corn (in ear)	10,043,734	22.8
	(12 Gul)	10,805,309	. 69.0

DOMINION COMMERCIAL TRAVEL-LERS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, the quarterly meeting of this Association was held in its rooms in Montreal. In the absence of the president and vice-president, the treasurer, Mr. Alex. Gowdey, occupied the chair, and there was an unusually large attendance of members. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

For President, Mr. D. L. Lockerby, elected by acclamation. For Vice-president, Messrs. Thomas Harris, R. C. Simpson, Fred. Birks and G. Piche. Messrs. Birks and Piche are. we understand, the candidates for the position, For Treasurer, Mr. George Forbes, elected

by acclamation. Mr. A. Gowdey was also nominated, but he declined nomination.

Caldwell, F. Gormley, S. J. Carter and D. S. Cormer.

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After some discussion as to whether the annual celebration should take the form of a musical festival or the usual dinner, it was decided to have a dinner with a hop or social afterwards, and a large committee was named to carry out the arrangements.

The annual festival will take place on Thursday evening, the 23rd December, and the annual business meeting on Saturday, the 11th December.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The new water works at Hull have been tested and found to operate satisfactorily and to afford substantial fire protection.

It is said that Eastport, Maine, which recently suffered so heavily from fire, had about \$100,000 insurance in wild-cat companies, not a dollar of which will probably be collected. If those who do not get their insurance would publish the names of the companies, it might save somebody else from getting caught in the same way.

The Ætna Life Insurance Co. gives an analysis of its well-tested renewable term Life Assurance plan in our columns to-day. These results of its actual experience will do to place over against those of any assessment society which has survived so long a period as ten years, and whose members fancy they have been getting cheap insurance.

An agitation is on foot in St. John, looking to lower insurance rates, and conferences have been held between the representatives of underwriters and the city authorities. St. John complains that Halifax is unduly favoured in this respect, but we must not forget that the water supply of the latter city is better than that of St. John, and under better control in case of large fires.

Several of the Lower Province marine companies and associations met with heavy losses last week, which seems to have been a boisterous one on our Atlantic coast. The Dominion Fishery cruiser "Acadia," lately the "Yosemite," narrowly escaped being wrecked last week, she having gone ashore near the entrance to St. Peter's canal. The steamer "St. Pierre' also ran ashore not far from the "Acadia," but also came off without injury.

The Briton Life Association, limited, which proposed to work the business of the Briton Medical and General at a fixed percentage, while taking over valuable connections as regards new business, has not come up to expectations and the shareholders' capital, with the exception of some £1,230, has been sunk in the attempt to reconcile two opposing interests. Yet the Briton Life is not without hope, says the London Review, of making headway in the future, inasmuch as it has its life assurance fund intact to the extent of £44,029, the only deficit, so far, being on the shareholders' capital account. A company, the revenue of which is £12,000 in premiums, may reasonably expect, by working with intelligent economy, to overcome its present misfortunes, and to present something like a satisfactory record in the future. The balance-sheet for the current year will show a very large reduction in expenses.

The Prince Edward Island Board of Fire Underwriters have notified the Summerside town council, that, in view of the unprotected state of that town they will consider at their next meeting, the advisability of inerty, or of withdrawing from the district alto- 2,225,000 feet of lumber, a quantity sufficient Aylesford, Nova Scotis. At the meeting, held

gether until a steam fire engine is provided and other improvements made in the fire department. In consequence of this, the Pioneer learns that \$1,100 has already been subscribed in S'side for fire engines. One gentleman put his name down for \$200.

The secretary of one of our home life companies, the Ontario Mutual, writes with enthusiasm. "Our business was never so flourishing as during the current year, and as it comes to us from every nook and corner of this broad Dominion, we are of opinion that general trade must have improved, and that it is to-day in a more healthy condition than for some years past."

TIMBER AND LUMBER NOTES.

We are glad to find it stated in the North Western Lumberman, that "Hemlock is gradually gaining ground. Every winter more hemlock is banked, and every year the objections to it are possibly a little less pronounced. It would show excellent sense if the people in the west would do away with their prejudice against a wood in favor of which so much can be said ; some day they will certainly be forced to use it extensively." Our contemporary reminds its readers that white pine will not last always, and when it shall have largely disappeared, hemlock will in a measure take its place. People will use it for dimension, barn and fence boards, and it would not be surprising if for the cheaper class of finishing.

A large timber deal was announced on Monday last. Mr. J. B. Booth, of Ottawa, has purchased the interest of Messrs. Barnet & Mackie in six limits in the Nipissing district, the price paid is said to be \$270,000.

The Manitoba and Ontario Lumbering Company intend going into lumbering on a very large scale this winter, says a Winnipeg exchange. Their limits are all on the Minnesota side of the boundary, but their mills are situated at Keewatin, whither logs are brought by Rainy River and Lake of the Woods. They will this winter cut probably 15,000,000 feet Last year it was only 6,000,000, and they have at their mills at Keewatin some 8,000,000 feet of logs.

A danger, hitherto unthought of, is now found to accompany the use of the band saw. It is the inflammable, almost explosive, character of the fine dust produced by the band. "Many substances," says the Lumberman, "when reduced to a fine powder become explosive. Iron filings burn instantly in the flame of a spirit lamp, flour dust has been the cause of many disasters, and it would not be surprising if danger lurked in the dust of wood. It is said that two or three disastrous fires which have recently occurred have been due to the presence of the finely comminuted particles thrown off by the band saw, and which were set on fire by an over-heated journal bearing." Owners of band saw mills should consider this matter, and do what they can by cleaning away sawdust each night, to obviate danger to their property from this unusual source.

Readers will recollect the big raft, which was put together at the Joggins by some of our Blue-nose friends, last summer. Its dimensions were colossal; the object of the experiment being to ship lumber to New York along the Atlantic sea-board to New York by towing this immense raft, and so reduce cost of transportation. Two or three months have now elapsed, and the raft is not launched; all efforts to get it afloat have failed. It contains

to fill 50 ordinary schooners. It was originally 55 feet broad and 36 feet high. It is now 62 feet broad and 31 feet in height. At high tide the water at the lower end of the raft is 19 feet in depth, and causes the structure to lift a trifle. The average price of piling cut and conveyed to the shore ready for shipment is 14 cents per foot. There is required to place it on board the vessel 21 cents, which includes the freight and the cost of discharging. This brings the cost of the piling delivered in New York, up to 32 cents per foot, and in addition the port charges and commission will bring the cost up to 41 cents. As there are about 50 ordinary cargoes in the raft, the cost of the lumber, if it had been carried in vessels, would have been at say \$825 per cargo, about \$40,000. "The raft, as it stood in August last, when it was first in readiness for launching, was \$13,-000, and the builder, B. B. Barnhill, lost something like \$5,000. Already about \$10,000 has been expended in attempts to launch it, which brings the cost up to \$23,000. From this it will be seen that the owners can afford to spend some thousands of dollars yet to launch the raft and land it in New York with a lesser outlay than would have been required had the lumber been shipped in vessels."

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

The property in Elora joining Mr. Bain's woollen mill, on which is erected a four story stone building, was last week transferred to Messrs. Dodds and Murray, who have been connected with the Guelph carpet factory. They will fit it with machinery for the manufacture of carpet yarn. The object of the removal from Guelph of this part of the manufactory, says the Express, is that " by coming to Elora Messrs. Dodds and Murray can manufacture to greater advantage, having greater capacity, being relieved of the high rents they require to pay in the city, and being at the same time convenient to the carpet factory at Guelph, the proprietors of which will be their principal customers."

The New York Health Department has seized and condemned 5,280 gallons of wine at the factory of W.E. Booraem, in that city, and has asked the board to authorize its destruction. Dr. Cyrus Edson reports that the wine is made by macerating low grades of dried fruits in water, fermenting the product, and then adding about four and one-half grains of salicylic acid to the pint as a preservative, In the doctor's opinion such wine is deleterious to health, and in this he is supported by Drs. J. B. Isham and J. B. Linehan. The matter was referred to the counsel of the department and the Sanitary Superintendent.

A general meeting of the stockholders of the Moncton Cotton Company was held on Tuesday of last week. The statement for the year ending 31st August shewed a profit of \$6,000, and the profits have since been accumulating at more than double this rate. The directors report heavy orders ahead, and confidently look forward to a dividend next year. The factory now gives employment to three hundred people.

The Ball Electric Light Co. has decided to establish itself in London. This company has recently closed contracts for plants at Chatham, Mount Forest, Aylmer, Uxbridge, Bowmanville, Brockville, also with the Northumberland Paper Company, of Campbellford, besides enlargements of plants formerly erected. The Company are working overtime and increasing its facilities for manufacture.

A fruit canning factory is projected in

last week, under the auspices of the Grange, it was decided to organize a joint stock company, with a capital of \$5,000, nearly \$1,200 of which was subscribed on the spot.

The work of building has been commenced on the dye house in connection with the Marysville Cotton Mill. The brick building which will be occupied as a store, instead of the wooden one now in use, is nearly finished. Both buildings are going up under Mr. Gibson's personal superintendence.

Before the opening of spring in 1887, says the Philadelphia Record, there will be between twenty and thirty new national organizations formed representing as many different lines of industry throughout the United States. The national organization of labor by individual crafts is one of the departures inaugurated at the last two National Conventions of the Knights of Labor. This departure has the deepest significance. Each craft will attend to its own affairs and perfect plans and establish rules for its own separate craft, but all will be subordinate to the General Assembly.

During the early days of this month important meetings of employers of labor in the United States, have been projected for the future calling together of employers for the purpose of organizing for mutual protective purposes. The combination of labor has become so powerful that employers feel no more time is to be lost, and many industries will be organized before the 1st of January. The objective point is not to antagonize labor, but to put themselves in a proper shape whereby they can deal more evenly with labor organizations.

Intelligence from New England manufacturing centres shows a liberal supply of orders for boots and shoes, cloth for winter and spring use, and for manufacturing products of a hundred varieties. The New England manufacturers are preparing to increase their capacities both by steam and water power, and already contracts have been placed with builders of engines and machinery for the increase of steam power. This is especially true in the larger mills.

Natural gas is being used as an illuminant in Pennsylvania, under several patents. The same amount gives more light than artificial gas. Plants can be erected at a small cost.

Co-operative manufacturing companies are springing up all over the Northern States, backed by the Knights of Labor. The General Co-operative Board of St. Paul has appropriated \$40,000 to co-operative projects.

The cotton yarn mills of Utica are running night and day, and have orders enough for a vear to come.

Six companies are piping gas to Pittsburg, having 107 wells. The lines are over 500 miles in length, and of this 2321 miles are in the city limits. The Philadelphia company owns 184 miles. In diameter the pipe runs from three to thirty inches. The lines are all connected. The maximum pressure in the city is thirteen pounds; in low pressure, however, it is only four or five ounces. The Philadelphia Company supplies 470 industrial establishments and about 5,000 dwellings, besides a large number of dwellings and industrial establishments outside of the city. It has a capital of \$7,500,000 and controls 54,000 acres of land.

The negro Knights of Labor across the border are trying to realize something of their connection with the Order. In parts of Arkansas and Texas they are asking \$3.50 per day for picking cotton. These are very extreme rates, but the planters have no immediate prospects for relief.

Delegates representing about 42,000 operatives engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, have formed an organization to be known as the Boot and Shoe Cutters' Inter national Assembly of the United States and Canada. The objects of the assembly will be to establish, as far as practicable, a uniform rate of wages; to secure for both sexes equal pay for equal work; to perfect a system of apprenticeship that will protect the journeymen and deal exact justice to all interests concerned; to procure a gradual and practicable reduction of the hours of labor; to abolish the system of contract labor in all shops, prisons and reformatory institutions, and to prohibit the employment of children under the age of fourteen years.

-Church fairs, with their grab-bags and other affairs of chance, are sometimes objected to by outspoken church-people amongst us. But we have not to complain of the lottery, on a large scale. In Quebec province, however, the lottery enjoys the sanction of the Church of Rome. The final drawing of Father Labelle's "Colonization Lottery" took place on Friday last in Montreal, when the reverend father announced that the colonization society realized no profit out of the scheme, so he is going to start a new one, offering \$50,000 instead of \$100,000. This is a most demoralizing business. The fence and walls of this very city have been placarded in yellow with the alluring features of such a scheme. There were two classes of prizes. In one class, for a chance in which the entrant must pay a dollar, there were offered some five thousand premiums, ranging from a professed value of \$10 in the shape of a silver watch to "a real estate" worth \$5000. In the other class, the awards ran from a lot of land worth \$2500 down to an alarm clock at a dollar; and to obtain a chance therein, the speculator had to risk only a quarter of a dollar. Such affairs should be put down. They pander to a weakness of human nature which aims to get something valuable for next to nothing. It is a gambling spirit which needs to be repressed rather than cultivated or encouraged under the shelter of religion or under the pretence of good works.

-" The music of the shuttle will then be heard for the first time in the land," says the Victoria Times with reference to the prospective opening of the woollen mill at New Westminster, the machinery for which has been ordered from Lowell, Mass. The journal named believes that a proposition is now before the Victoria City Council, from a gentleman in Ontario, to equip and operate a small mill in that place, and says : "It is possible that two one-set mills might succeed in British Columbia, but care should be taken not to overdo the business. The manufacture of wool will be profitable to the extent of the wool product of the province, but could not, in our opinion, be made remunerative if the raw material has to be imported. There is, we are informed, about 75,000 pounds of wool marketed in British Columbia every year. But with local consumption and a ready market, such as mills would produce, the yield would no doubt rapidly increase."

-New Brunswick four per cent. debentures have recently been disposed of at 98 and 99 in St. John. Nova Scotia four and a half have been sold at 104 and 5% debentures at a rate to yield 41. All bank stocks in the Maritime Provinces appear to be steadily rising in price, and we are told that the demand is in excess of the supply.

Apples continue to be shipped from Halifax in large quantities. Five special trains recently passed over the Windsor & Annapolis Railway with several thousand barrels of apples to be sent forward to the London market. Shippers are getting good reports, and what is better, profitable returns, from Britain, where the best brands are now selling at from 18 to 20/ per barrel.

Correspondence.

MATTERS IN PARRY SOUND DISTRICT.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

Trade is certainly improving in this district. It centres chiefly in Parry Sound, but since the establishment of navigation along the river Maganetewan thirty-five miles westward from the railroad at Burk's Falls, a large part of the district is being supplied in summer by from the railroad at Burk's Falls, a large part of the district is being supplied in summer by steamer through the locks at Maganetewan to Ahenic Harbor. Of course, Parry Sound, although the trade centre of the district, is only a summer out-let, and the reason why it holds the principal part of the winter trade is because its merchants, being able, stock up heavily at the close of navigation and job dur. house its merchants, being able, such a because its merchants, being able, such a beavily at the close of navigation, and job dur-minter to smaller concerns. To the heavily at the close of navigation, and job dur-ing the winter to smaller concerns. To the credit of the province merchants of Parry Sound, it can be said that prices fixed at close of navigation never change, neither because of scarcity nor higher city quotations, during the

Burks Fall's, about midway from Gravenhurst and Callander, on the railroad, bids fair to become, shortly, an important centre for the to become, shortly, an important centre for the trade of the east, but the present state of affairs may change considerably in the near future. We are encouraged to hope that the extension by the Grand Trunk of a road extension by the Grand Trunk of a road through here to the Sault may create a trade centre near our own handsome village, McKellar, and thus change, to some extent, the course of a large part of the trade of the Parry Sound District. There will be a contest some time soon between the different villages as to the location of the county seat and not as to the location of the county seat, and not only between the villages now existing, but by reason of the building of new railways it may be that other claimants will arise. The lumbe that other claimants will arise. The lum-bering operations are as brisk as usual and continue to be a great help to the progress of the settlers.

Crops were good last season. Grain of all kinds is well filled, hard and heavy. Beef is abundant and, much of it is as good as can be found anywhere.

More interest is being taken in wool-growing, so facilities for procuring and keeping sheep increase. The woollen mill erected ing, so facilities for procuring and according sheep increase. The woollen mill erected recently at this place has been sold to a firm in Wallacetown who will arrive, with their families and effects next week. The purchasers are practical men and it is expected that the are practical men and it is expected that the woollen business will be carried by them suc-cessfully forward. There is no other mill in the district and McKellar will therefore be a "woollen centre." Some of our people who own sheep are disposing of the commoner breeds and replacing them with South-downs. One of our neighbors, whose flock last year One of our neighbors, whose flock last year was not over one hundred, has brought in seventy-five Southdowns this fall to replace that number of inferior grades. This district is well known to be a most suitable place for sheep and wool raising and the mutton of this country is said to be superior.

The manufacture of cheese would also be found profitable here and the wonder is that no factories are yet started. McKellar has no factories are you opening for a physician. S. &. J. Armstrong.

VIEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

SIR,—Business for the present calendar year has been considerably better than during 1885. The stagnation caused by the completion of construction on the north shore division of the Canadian Pacific has about vanished, and business is steadily improving. Mining is to a large extent taking the place of railroading. There are a number of silver mines working within forty miles of Port

Arthur, and from all the evidence which can Arthur, and from all the evidence which can be gathered silver-mining in this district promises to be a permanent industry and legitimate business. The Rabbit Mountain Mining Co. has had a ten-stamp mill in ope-ration for several months past with satisfac-tory results, and at the Beaver Mine, princi-pally owned and operated by R. G. Peters, the successful lumberman of Manistee, Michigan, a mill with a capacity equal to thirty stamps is completed and will commence operations on Wednesday, 17th inst. A sale has this month been consummated of the east end of Silver Mountain for equal to \$175,000 cash. The mine has been stocked in Liverpool for £100,-000 stg., and incorporated as "The Silver mine has been stocked in Liverpool for £100,-000 stg., and incorporated as "The Silver Mountain Mines Co. (Limited)," and so favor-able was the report of the mining expert sent to examine property that shares are already at a premium. The first shipment of ore, about one ton, carrying 1,000 ounces of silver was made in a little more than a week after the English company commoned constituted English company commenced operations. These mines, the Rabbit Mountain, Beaver These mines, the Rabbit Mountain, Beaver Mountain and Silver Mountain, are at present the principal producers, although many other properties are being developed and several are in a position to produce good milling ore, as soon as the Beaver Co's. mill (which is intend-ed to be a custom mill as well) is ready to receive it.

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The most serious drawback to the develop-ment of the country is the want of cheaper and better methods of transportation to the mines. At present from Murills Station, 18 miles west of Port Arthur, the only means of transporting machinery and supplies is on the Government Colonization Road, which un-fortunately is only graded for 14 miles and you could not depict the condition of the road, if one might call it such, from there to Silver Mountain, say 12 miles—it will likely be com-pleted in the might call of the road of the road. pleted in the spring—and at present it is being chopped out as a winter road. The mines are scattered through large tracts

of magnificent farm land which is being taken up by free grant settlers and the cry, so often raised by eastern hewspaper men that we have no agricultural land near is being rapidly dispelled, and every year we have to import less grain, roots and vegetables from the east.

The Thunder Bay Colonization Railway is projected to run through the heart of the timber, agricultural and mineral belt, and it is timber, agricultural and mineral belt, and it is expected that the registrations which are now in progress will result in having the first 50 miles, which will go beyond the most distant mines now being worked, will be equipped by Dec. 31st, 1887. This railway has a subsidy from the Dominion Government of \$3,200 per mile for 86 miles, and will when completed connect with the American railway system at a point 125 miles from Port Arthur. Large quantities of pine are being taken out

Large quantities of pine are being taken out this winter, it is principally timber which the forest fires ran through last spring and unless cut this season would be worthless. It is a great pity that such an annual waste should occur as does by forest fire particularly in this district.

From this point—the gateway of Manitoba and the North-Western territories—the increase in the trade of that country can be plainly noted, and this season, for the first time in its history, wheat has been arriving here, during the season of its growth faster than the vessels can be found to carry it away. It is estimated that the elevator capacity (1,500,-000 bushels) will be taxed to its fullest extent

000 bushels) will be taxed to its fullest extent for storage purposes before navigation opens. It is gratifying to note that a very large per-centage of the wheat grades No. 1 hard; in fact of one train of twenty cars, nineteen, or 95% were of that quality. Barely a year has elapsed since the opening of the railway north of Lake Superior, and little more than four months since its opening to the coast, and day by day, the passenger trade can be seen increasing, while the pro-ducts of British Columbia and the teas of Asia almost daily pass our doors for either the Asia almost daily pass our doors for either the "all-rail-route" east or transhipment by the C. P. R. steamers at this point. These boats C. P. R. steamers at this point. These boats this fall have had more business than they could handle.

Our fisheries which at this point are very productive, have been unusual y good this year. Two large American firms, one that of year. Two large American nrms, one that of A. Booth & Sons, buy regularly here now, and the exports this season have been larger than ever before. The fishermen unfortunately are prevented fishing during this month by the close season.

THOMAS MARKS & Co. Port Arthur, Nov. 13, 1886.

A VOICE FROM ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times.

Sin,—It is due, that we should tell you, that we highly value your paper; and while it may be that we cannot always agree with some of the views set forth, we believe the paper must be very helpful to all who are in anyway interested in trade and commerce. As to the business situation we cannot divest As to the business situation we cannot divest our minds of the feeling that the statements you may receive from this or any other place in this vicinity will be more or less colored by you may receive non this of any cases plotted put in this vicinity will be more or less colored by the political as well as the business views of the writers. That trade in the wholesale flour, provision and grocery business (this being the business in which we are engaged) is in an unsatisfactory state cannot be denied, but those who are opposed to the present Government are inclined to eraggerate the depression and to attribute it in a large degree to the policy of the country, while those who are in accord with the Government are dis-posed to speak somewhat lightly of the depres-sion and to attribute it to other causes. Every business view in this part of the Dominion seems to take on a political complexion. Bearing this in mind we have to say that

Bearing this in mind we have to say that the volume of trade is not large, though perhaps slightly larger than last year, the profits on many classes of goods are almost infini-tesimal; and all the while the expenses of con-ducting business, though now large, seem to be continually increasing. The bright features paid and that failures are few and unimport-ant. But while this is the case we are imed with a conviction that many of our pre merchants are doing nothing more than stand-ing still, while no inconsiderable number we fear are falling behind.

An ardent protectionist we think would be likely to give you a more rose-colored view of the state of trade in this part of the Dominion and we have no doubt you will hear from some of them.

We are truly yours, TURNBULL & Co. St. John, N. B., Nov. 10, 1886.

To the Editor of the Monetary Times :

SIB,-Trade in the Province of Prince Edward Island has been very fair for the past summer but collections, so far, have been some summer but collections, so far, have been some-what slow, owing to the demand for oats and potatoes commencing rather late. Our crops are exceedingly good and the weather up to date very fine, giving farmers a good oppor-tunity for shipping. Prices for farm produce are low: oats, 28 to 30c.; potatoes, 16 to 20c.; although the low price for the latter will not let the buyers out. It is caused by competition in some localities. Hay is a good price and the fishermen have done very well. The only The only the fishermen have done very well. manufactories we have here are those of starch and cloth, both have had a good season's work, one mill of the latter sort—the Charlottetown Woolen Co.-although running full time and a great deal at night, cannot keep up with orders, and have just completed a new building and stocking it with nearly ten thousand dollars. worth of new machinery to try and keep up with the demand for their goods.

Yours truly,

NORTON & FENNELL. Charlottetown,

November 8th, 1886.

FORT QU'APPELLE, N. W. T.

Fifty-three miles from Regina is the snug little town named above, the English of which name is "Fort Who Calls?" Its right rests on Lake Echo and its left on Lake Qu'Appelle, on Lake Echo and its left on Lake Qu'Appelle, both beautiful little sheets of water. But prac-tical business men care little for scenery when they are on the commercial trail; and it was not the picturesque scenery of this valley that called this lovely little town into existence, but rather those influences which the far-seeing eyes of business men all the world over spy out in the name of TRADE. Thirty years ago, the Hudson's Bay Com-pany placed a trading post on this neck of land, and here is their post to-day, with its frontier-like palisades and the conventional warehouses with mudded walls and quaint roofs, in charge of one of their veteran factors, Archibald Macdonald.

The traveler who puts up at the Qu'Appelle House—a commodious hostelry with fifty rooms—and takes a view of this little town, is surprised at the business activity of the place. The town comprises about one hundred buildings of all kinds: it is situated on a wide neck of land between the lakes before mentioned. Strolling theraugh the place.

neck of land between the lakes before mentioned. Strolling through the place I note down the names of such firms as the Hudson Bay Co.; general store, Geo. Fisher, Sutherland and Atherton and Finnerty & Moore; drugs, &c., Joseph Tinkair and Hall Bros.; hardware, James Dillon; bakery, Hugh Noble; harness and saddlers, James Nixon; stationers, prin-ters and proprietors of the Qu'Appelle Vidette, Proctor Bros.; livery, Goldie Bros. and A. Atherton. The bankers are Crothers, Tregent & Co. & Co.

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars represent the sum of Qu'Appelle's trade last year Thirty miles of country are tributary to Fort Qu'Appelle. These thirty miles are well settled. In addition to this a large freighting trade is done with Prince Albert and Battleford.

ford. The people are a very good class; they ap-pear to be very hospitable, and they have un-limited confidence in their town. Mr. Mao-donald, factor of the Hudson Bay Co., pointed out on a map the direction of the proposed road which is to run north-east until it strikes the Hudson's Bay Railway, and south-west until it taps the new cattle country of Wood Mountain. By the articles of incorporation of the projected railway company, the road by expressed stipulation must be commence at Fort Qu'Appelle, and work must be commenced by Qu'Appelle, and work must commence at Fort yethe 1st of November, 1887. It has secured a land grant of 6400 acres per mile, and not a few solid men may be named amongst its projectors.

Four miles from Fort Qu'Appelle is the Industrial School, under the supervision of the Dominion Government. Sixty-three little Indian boys and girls find a home and training in this establishment, and they are progressing most favorably. The expenditure on this institution represents upwards of \$20,000; and as Fort Qu'Appelle is surrounded by a large Indian population, it derives a great deal of trade from this source.

Eighteen miles south-west from this is Troy or Capello on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Both places are connected by a daily stage. One time it was the headquarters of a considerable force of North-west Mounted Police, but now there are only three men; but it is study on good enthesity that a two will it is stated on good authority that a troop will be stationed here next season. During the insurrection last year, Fort Qu'Appelle was military headquarters.

There is a flour and grist mill in full running order in Qu'Appelle, which has a capacity of 75 barrels a day. It is owned by a local company, the chief member of which is Mr. Joyner, a brother of the hotel proprietor. The mill is a busy hive running night and day. For many weeks during the past summer it was kept running 18 hours a day. NEEHACOLE.

FATAL TO THE SALMON INDUSTRY.

ANOTHER BATCH OF FICTITIOUS BRANDS.

ANOTHER BATCH OF FIGTITIOUS BRANDS. Evidence accumulates in relation to the packing of fall fish on the Columbia river, that seems to warrant most vigorous effort to for-over prevent a recurrence of this most outrage-ous practice. First the fish is not suitable for human food, and never should be parmitted to go into consumption under the label of salmon. It is said to be principally dog fish. Whatever it is, its appearance is enough to condemn it, and the surprise is that any manufacturer or the dealer will be party to the production or dis-river canner informs us that these fish are caught in the bayous and sloughs along the upper river, in shallow water, and are only just alive when taken. That they are not from the taken from the warm water two or three months. He further says that after they are taken from He further says that after they are taken from He further says that after they are taken from the vater they are diseased and covered cannery. That they are diseased and covered with slime when caught, and after the long journey, are in a wretched condition, and only is the cooking process temporarily prevents a putrid odor. This statement is borne out by the fact that reputable agents in this city, have

refused to handle the product in this market. Some of the canners refuse to put a label on the product at all, for fear it may be traced to their canneries.

In justice to the great salmon industry of this coast, we propose to denounce this trash in proper terms, and so far as they come to our knowledge to make known the names of the canners who put up this fish and the brand under which it is placed on the market. The two brands which are already known to us, are the "Jumbo" and the "Veteran" which are handled in Astoria by Elmore, Sanborn & Co. We learn also, that this stuff is being shipped to Western and Southern markets, to go into competition with genuine Columbia river, Sacramento river and Alaska fish. It is an outrage on dealers in the por-In justice to the great salmon industry of fish. It is an outrage on dealers in the por-tion of the country, to which it is sent, and a greater outrage on the salmon industry of this coast. Consumers who purchase a can of this dog fish, branded salmon, will not be likely to soon again purchase any salmon product.-San Francisco Grocer.

FIRE RECORD.

\$500; Mrs. Walker, \$500; Kobert Hanbridge,
\$400. Alex. Kennedy, \$300; G. E. Pringle,
\$300; H. & D. McLeod, \$200. --- Perth, 4th.
County Attorney Mallock's barn burned.
Oil Springs, 4th.—The public school consumed.
—Carleton.—B. McGowan's house damaged
\$600 innerance \$200 --- Avlmer 5th B A \$600, inusrance \$200.—Aylmer, 5th.—R. & N. Conroy's docks at Deschene Lake, totally destroyed, insured.—Dresden, 5th.—Lewis' wagon shop destroyed along with a number of wagon shop destroyed along with a number of stores as follows; —Lewis \$1,100, insurance \$1,500; Barton's skating rink, \$2,500, insur-ance \$1,800; Hare, \$3,000, insurance \$1,500; Fire hall and contents, \$1,100, insurance \$500; Reid, \$500, no insurance; Hazzard, store and dwelling, \$2,500, insurance \$800. Other buildings about \$5,000. —Goderich, 5th. —D. Patterson's house damaged. —Bay-field, 5th. —W. W. Connor's barn and contents burned. —Toronto, 7th. —R. West's cedar block yard, destroyed, loss \$1,000; insured. —Arthur. —Wm. Jessop's house and barn consumed, loss \$3,000, insured in Nichol Mut. \$1,000, and London Mut. \$1,200. — Elderslie. —M, McConnel's barn and contents consumed. -M, McConnel's barn and contents consumed. -----Fort William, 11.-J. Ryan's dwelling gutted.----Trenton.-Blain's furniture store -Dovey's saw mill consumed; loss \$8,000; insurance \$3,000.--Toronto, 15.-G. A. Wal-

insurance \$3,000.—Toronto, 15.—G. A. Wal-ton's pattern shop damaged, \$1,200 insured in L. & L. & G., building damaged \$200 insured. —Varna, 15.—Jas. Wanless' house damaged. —Battersea, 16.—Ten buildings destroyed, loss \$3,500, no insurance.—Vittoria, 16.— John Machan's barn burned, loss \$400, no in-surance — Rowmanville, 19.—Housen's gen surance.——Bowmanville, 12.—Hewson's groden Hill, 10.—Jas. Dwyer's woollen factory destroyed, loss \$25,000, insurance \$7,000.— -Ġar-Hamilton, 12.—James Hannah's house slightly damaged.—Watford, 12.—Collier's blacksmith shop and Laird's showroom ad-joining consumed. Collier loses \$1500, insur-Joining constanted. Conter loses \$1000, insur-ance \$300, Laird loses \$400, insured \$300.____ Ottawa, 12.-Chas. Demerais' house at Ironsides destroyed. Southwold, 13. - Ewen Mc. | gated.

Intyre's barns totally destroyed, loss \$4,000, insured \$1800 in Southwold Mut.-13.—The Arkell woollen mills, occupied by Mc-Murchy & Hillis, consumed. Arkell loses \$5,-500, ins. \$2500, McMurchy loses \$1200, insur-Guelph,

OTHER PROVINCES — Havelock, Kings Co.. N. B., 4th.—R. G. Thompson's barns burned, loss \$2,000, no insurance.— Dalhousie, N. B., 4th.—Fire destroyed twenty-two dwellings and 4th.—Fire destroyed twenty-two dwellings and stores, loss about \$80,000 insurance small. —Bayfield, N.B., 4th.—H. G. Wall's saw mill consumed, loss \$1,500, no insurance, Battleford, N. W. T., 4.—The Police Barracks, Town Hall, Agnew's, McDonald's and Baker's stores burned.—Windsor, N. S., 6th.—The chasse factory and four tons of cheese destroy. cheese factory and four tons of cheese destroy. cheese factory and four one of cheese desurvy. ed, loss \$1,700, partly insured.—Holland, Que., 4th.—Caswell & French's lumber mill consumed, loss \$10,000, insurance \$4,500.— Montreal, 6th.—H. E. Chabarsol's residence in St. Jean Baptiste burned along with Bryson's honse adjoining. Bryson loses \$1,800, and \$1,500 ; no insurance.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17th, 1886.						
STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average 86.
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-A statement which appears in the Halifax Chronicle indicates the utter failure of Ameri-Chronicle indicates the after failure of Ameri-can mackerel fisheries, but a great haul was made in the North Bay. The total quantity of mackerel landed at all New England ports of mackerei landed at all New England ports last week, says that journal of Nov. 9th, was 2,959 barrels, against 10,147 barrels for the corresponding week last year. The catch to date, as made up by the Boston fish bureau, is 78,703 barrels, of which 14,776 barrels were taken on the American coasts, and 63,927 bar-rels were brought from the North Bay-Can-adian waters. For the same pariod in 188K adian waters. For the same period in 1885 the catch was 327,005 barrels, and in 1884 415,993 barrels. Remember these figures. To November 5th:

of mackerel on their own shores, but succeeded of mackerel on their own shores, but succeeded in taking 63,927 barrels in Canadian waters, outside the three-mile limit. The Boston Journal reports that prices at outports have stiffened up a little, the latest at Gloucester being reported at \$16 per barrel; sea-packed, inspected cargo lots sold there at \$25 to \$30 for extra No. 1; \$16 to \$20 for ordinary No. 1; \$12 to \$15 for No. 2, and \$8 to \$8.50 per barrel for tinkers. Boston dea ere have not changed their prices since last week. We hear of occa-sional small lots of No. 3 selling at \$8.50 to \$9 their prices since last week. We hear of occa-sional small lots of No. 3 selling at \$8.50 to \$9 per barrel, but nobody has any stock of this description. A few old No. 2 can be still ob-tained at \$9 to \$11 per barrel. No. 2 are firm at \$13 to \$16, with very few offering under \$14. Ordinary No. 1 ranges from \$18 to \$20. Extras take a much higher range. take a much higher range.

-Letters Patent have been issued to the North-West Buffalo Breeding Company, with a capital stock of \$75,000. The incorporators a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are Samuel Lawrence Bedson, Stoney Moun-tain; Hon. John Norquay, Hon. Thomas Howard, Winnipeg; W. R. Bell, Indian Head; A. F. Eden, Manitoba. Mr. Bedson has made experiments in crossing the buffalo with west-ern cattle, which lead him to think that a new and valuable breed of animals may be propa-

-Many members have signed a petition asking the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade to submit for ballot the repeal of the Trace to submit for ballot the repeat of the rules providing for the maintenance of a mar-ket department. The object is to kill bucket shops throughout the country. By the pro-posed plan the tickers' service in Chicago would be dispensed with altogether in grain and provision speculation and the present system of market reports from that city dis-

The Sherbrooke Gas and Water Company has elected Mr. R. W. Hall, president; Messrs. R. W. Heneker, T. J. Tuck, J. A. Archambault and W. C. Lyford, directors; E. F. Water-house is Sec. Treas.

-A partner in the firm of Messrs. Peter Wright & Son, of New York, who have acquir-ed the old Inman Line of ocean steamers, stated that it is their intention to have built several fast steamships of the most approved nattern

-A shipbuilding firm on the Tyne has booked an order for six vessels.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, November 17th, 1886. There are no features of a especially novel character to be noted in the trade situation. Some falling-off is observable in the movement of metals and heavy hardware, but grocers, dry goods, and most other lines have been rather benefitted by the change to more wintry weather. On the whole there is a satisfactory distribution in progress. Payments are reported by wholesale merchants as being very fair.

Asures.-Shipments to Britain have been considerably more free since a week ago owing considerably more free since a week ago owing to close of navigation, and stocks in store are now pretty well reduced, consisting only of about 400 bris. of pots, and say 20 of pearls. Receipts are small, but market a shade weaker quotations being \$3.75 to \$3.80 for No. 1 pots; econds \$3.40; pearls nominally \$5.50 with little doing in them.

DRY GOODS.—The atmospheric change, since last writing, to bright cold weather, has benefitted retail affairs in both city and country, and our wholesale friends are satis-fied with the volume of trade passing. Travel-lers' orders are improved, and a good many spring goods are being sold, payments too show a further improvement, and are at the moment very fair indeed. There is continued firmness in most lines : advices to hand from DRY GOODS.-The atmosphericfirmness in most lines; advices to hand from Europe state that there can be no question that the high prices of the finer dress goods will be fully maintained till after the spring trade at any rate.

trade at any rate. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade continues of a satisfactory character, and values generally ls tend to firmness. Glycerine continues to strengthen, present quotations showing an advance of 50 per cent. upon prices of firmer. We quote:—Sal Soda, 90 to e firmer. We quote:—Sal Soda, 90 to strengthen, present 100 lbs., \$1.75; Bichro-mate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8 to \$9.00: tals, 31 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 80 to 90c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 90; Caustic Soda, white, se Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$2.75, according to lot; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.75; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; American Quinine, 65 to 70c.; Howard's quinine, 70 to 80c.; Opium, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Morphia, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 80c.; White \$1 to \$1.10; Carbolic acid, 45 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per lb., Iodine, \$5.00; obj. 100 to \$4.00 per lb., Iodine, \$5.00; oil bergamot \$3.25; Furse-Advices received from country traders show that raw furs are being freely collected. Receipts in towns are increasing, and the DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.-Trade continues of

FURS—Advices received from country traders show that raw furs are being freely collected. Receipts in towns are increasing, and the quality shows material improvement. A slight

lull has come in the local demand, owing to the late wet weather, but the snow and the late wet weather, but the snow and cold temperature of the moment will cause a renewal of the demand. Prices are as before. We quote :--Beaver cause a renewal of the demand. Frices are as before. We quote :--Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear \$12 to \$14; cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; fox cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$3 to \$4; marten \$1 to \$1.25; mink, 75c. to \$1; muskrat, 10c.; rac-coon 50 to 60c.; skunk 40 to \$1.00 as to quality; otter, \$8 to \$10.

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otter, \$8 to \$10. FISH.—A moderate trade is doing at prices quoted. - Genuine Labrador herrings \$5.75 to \$6.00; inferior brands so-called \$5 to \$5.50, Cape Bretons \$5.00 to \$5.75; dry cod \$2.90 to \$3.25; green ditto., \$4.00 to \$4.25 for No. 1; No. 2 \$3.00 to \$3.25; mackerel scarce at \$6.50; North Shore salmon No. 1 \$17.00, No. 2 \$16.00; British Columbia do. \$14.00; lake trout \$3.75. trout \$3.75.

GROCERIES .- The closing of navigation and advent of more wintry weather has induced a brisker movement in this line, and a good trade is being done. Payments are well spoken of. Sugars remain at the same level, refinery or. Sugars remain at the same level, refinery price for granulated in lots 6c.; there is no surplus stock of yellows and sales for the season are reported heavy. Syrups are scarce and are picked up as fast as produced; mo-lasses firm, 33c. being rock bottom figure, and there are some who say price will be 35c. ere long. There is a considerable advance in Valencia mission in cutical markets in New Valencia raisins in outside markets, in New York ²/₄c. per lb. and in Denia 3/- a cwt.; locally asking price is 6¹/₄c. for good fruit. It is claimed that all the fruit worth shipping has left Denia. Currants firmer in England, prices here as hefore. The market to 5¹/₄c. The prices here as before; prunes 41 to 54c. The quotations at hand of Eleme raisins show higher values than Valencias, and there has not been work high the state of the higher values than Valencias, and there has not been much disposition evinced so for to going into them. Teas present no specially new features; the New York market is report-ed firm for all grades. Locally there is a big enquiry for Japans at 17 to 19c., which can't be met, as the goods are not obtainable at that figure. Rice firmer in England, locally no change. Canned goods of all kinds are as dear as ever, \$1.45 to \$1.50 is asked for tomatoes, corn \$1.40, salmon lobsters, etc., as last quoted. Spices and tobacco show no change. change.

HIDES.—The demand is not specially active. Green are selling at 84c. per pound for No. 1. Some Winnipeg hides have lately been received and sold at 94c.

LEATHER AND SHORS .- Matters in these lines have quieted considerably since last writing and the "swamp" has resumed its normal phase. Shoe manufacturers in a good many cases are preparing for stock taking and are not buying any large parcels. Leather prices remain steady and stocks are in good shape; shipments of splits continue in fair quantities to England, but will likely diminish with closing navigation. Prices same as last week.

METALS AND HARDWARE .- The movement has grown quieter somewhat since this day week, navigation being virtually closed, and higher fall freight rates by rail having gone into effect. Consumers in the country, however, are not stocked ahead, and a fair distribution is looked for as likely to continue through the wintor. The important time market in Britain chores winter. The iron market in Britain shows no specially new features; stocks of pig iron in Glasgow are 30,000 tons less than a month in Glasgow are 30,000 tons less than a month aco, and the tone of the market is towards firmnees; warrants are cabled at 32/. Fin-ished iron is much firmer in Britain, but local quotations are not affected as yet. Canada Plates could not now be imported at prices rulling here, they are 7/6d. a ton higher at home, and this with the high freights of the moment would bring cost up very considerably. Tin plates as before; copper very firm in the States. We quote: --Summerlee, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Lang-loaf and Colthess, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Shott, \$1.65; Best Refined, \$17.50; Carn-broe, \$16.50 to \$17.00; Hematite, \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$18.00; Bar Iron, \$1,60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$12.55 to \$2.40; Penn and Pontpool, \$2.50. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 56. to 7c, according to brand; Tinned sheets, ooke, No. 24, 6jc : No. 26, 7c, the usual extra of rarge sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 bs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., aco, and the tone of the market is towards

\$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron; \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50: best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3c to 33c per lb. Ingot tin, 25c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

Dright from wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.40, per 100 Ibs. OTLS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Fish oils show more firmness; steam refined seal has been sold at 50c. for strictly pale. We quote 50 to 52c.; ordinary pale can be had at 42 to 43, straw 36 to 38c. Nfd. cod oil is worth 41 to 43c.; good Gaspe has been sold at 36c. in round lots. Linseed 60 and 63c. for raw and boiled in small lots; olive and castor as before; turpentine 56c. Leads, colors and glass unchanged. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5₁c.; red do. 4₁ to 4₁c.; London washed whiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break. SALT.—We quote prices ex-wharf yet, but

SALT .--- We quote prices ex-wharf yet, but next week will see stocks in store. There will hext week will see stocks in store. Inere will be no further receipts this season. We quote coarse elevens, 49 to 52c.; for twelves 47 to 49c.; factory filled \$1.15 to \$1.20; Eureka and Ashton's \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00 rock salt \$10 a ton; Turk's Island 30c. a bushel.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TOBONTO, 17th Nov., 1886.

Very conspicuous features on the Toronto Stock Exchange have been the advances in Western Assurance and Bank of Montreal shares. The publication by the latter of the statement of profits for the past half-year led to a decided "Boom," buyers advancing 9 per cent. to 236 ex dividend, after which it eased off to 2341 bid. Commerce and Toronto in sympathy rose 3 per cent., while Ontario was the only bank stock which declined in price. Except Commerce and Standard all bank shares are now quoted ex dividend.

The reported excellent condition of Insurance business brought about an active enquiry for these shares and Western rose rapidly 121%, to 1671 bid at the close. British America also sold up to 127, a rise of $5\frac{3}{4}$, closing lower at $125\frac{3}{4}$ to $127\frac{1}{4}$. Dominion Telegraph strengthened to 87, an improvement of 2%, but Canada North-West was again weak and had a further fall of 1-6. Loan Societies' shares were quiet and firm.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- The advances noted in our last are well maintained. Quinine is still firm and advancing. Santonine is a shade easier. Annise seed and Carroways are higher. Glycerine is quoted at 22 to 25c., and Morphia Sul. at \$1.45 to \$1.60. Trade is fair



prices are high. Next week will see the market supplied.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-This market is still in a depressed condition, and very little flour, ex-cept for local bakers' use, has changed hands. Prices remain the same as last reported. Both oatmeal and cornmeal have moved to a fair extent but at unchanged quotations. Bran is in demand at our figures.

GROCERIES.—Nothing of an important nature has transpired since our last review. Both currants and raisins show more firmness and a slightly better demand as the holiday season approaches. Sugars may still be bought at previous prices although such is the state of this market that refiners show no wish to make sales. Other articles call for no special mention. Payments are slow as reported by some houses. In exceptional cases there are no marked complaints heard,

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GRAIN. - Transactions in wheat have been of a limited character during the past week, with very light receipts. Prices show no of a limited character during the past week, with very light receipts. Prices show no change, those printed in our last still ruling for both Fall and Spring. With liberal sup-plies barley is easier all round and closes dull inclining to still lower prices as the closing of navigation approaches. No. 1 bright is quoted at 61 to 62c.; No. 1, no change; No. 2, 54 to 55c.; No. 3 extra 50 to 51c.; No. 3, 43 to 47c. There is a scarcity of oats and 31 to 32c. would be paid. Peas are firm and in request at 52 to 55c. Rye and corn are nominally the same as a week ago. same as a week ago.

same as a week ago. HAY AND STRAW.—Farmers are bringing in large quantities of hay which find ready pur-chasers at our figures. Loose new timothy \$14 to \$16; clover \$9 to \$12. For bundled straw the price is \$11 to \$13 and loose \$6 to \$2

HIDES AND SKINS.—Supplies of hides are becoming more plentiful, but there is still a well maintained demand at unchanged prices wen maintained demand at unchanged prices for steers and green cows and 9½c. for cured and inspected. There is very little doing in calfskins which continue dull and easier, say 10 to 12c. for green calfskins, and 11 to 13c. for cured. A carload of rendered tallow is re-ported sold at 4§c.

ported sold at 4§0. LEATHER.—Whatever the cause, whether the recent failures in the East and the lack of confidence engendered thereby, complaints are heard that the business of the month, so far, is not up to the mark of former similar months. This applies all round except, perhaps, in the case of prime good harness which finds ready sale at our quotations. Payments, on the whole, are being fairly well made. The price of hides has also weakened, but leather men think that the raw material should be still lower to leave a fair remuneration for the lower to leave a fair remuneration for the trader.

PETBOLEUM.-Matters in the producing **CETROLEUM.**—Matters in the producing country are reported to be in an encouraging condition. The quality of the oil shows im-provement being freed, by the new process, from sulphur it is in a better position to com-pete with its American rival. The price of crude is stiffer and the refineries have all that they can do Constations in this market con they can do. Quotations in this market con-tinue to be 18c. for 5 to 10 barrel lots of Canadian, and 184c. for single barrels. Car. E. P. CLEMENT.

bon safety is bringing 20c., and the two brands of American 24 and 27 respectively. Eccene Paul Frind & Roose, rules steady at 30c.

PROVISIONS .--- Only a small proportion of the receipts of butter can be classed as choice for which there continues to be a good enquiry. Buyers are quite indifferent about medium and inferior grades both of which are negelected. inferior grades both of which are negelected. There is a firm feeling in cheese and 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}c$. is obtained in a jobbing way. In hog products business is somewhat lighter. Long clear commands $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}c$. and lard $9\frac{1}{4}$ to 10c. Dress hogs, on farmers' market, sell for \$5.50 with a tendency to easier figures. The season for hams being now over there are but few lots for hams being now over there are but few lots changing hands. Other articles under this heading as previously reported. WOOL.—Latest mail advices from London,

Eng., say that since the public auctions of 2nd ult., there has been complete stagnation in 2nd ult., there has been complete stagnation in that market and business done quite insigni-ficent. Matters are also quiet in the manu-facturing districts at home and abroad and prices of wools and stops show a decline. For the future, however, the outlook is more re-assuring, stocks being by no mean heavy and considerable shortsge in the River Plate clip is look for. The next sales have been postponed from the 23rd to 30th inst. In the local market things are quiet, but prices are local market things are quiet, but prices are firm and unchanged. Supers and extras are most in request, but not much foreign wool is moving.

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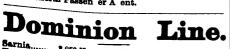
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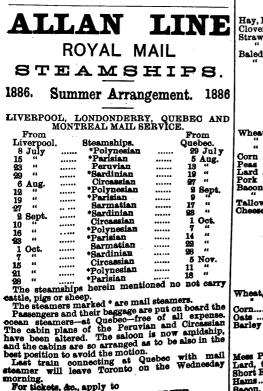
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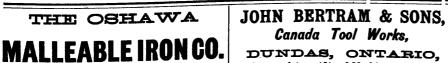
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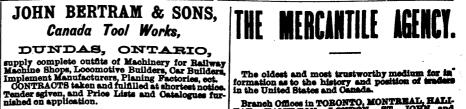
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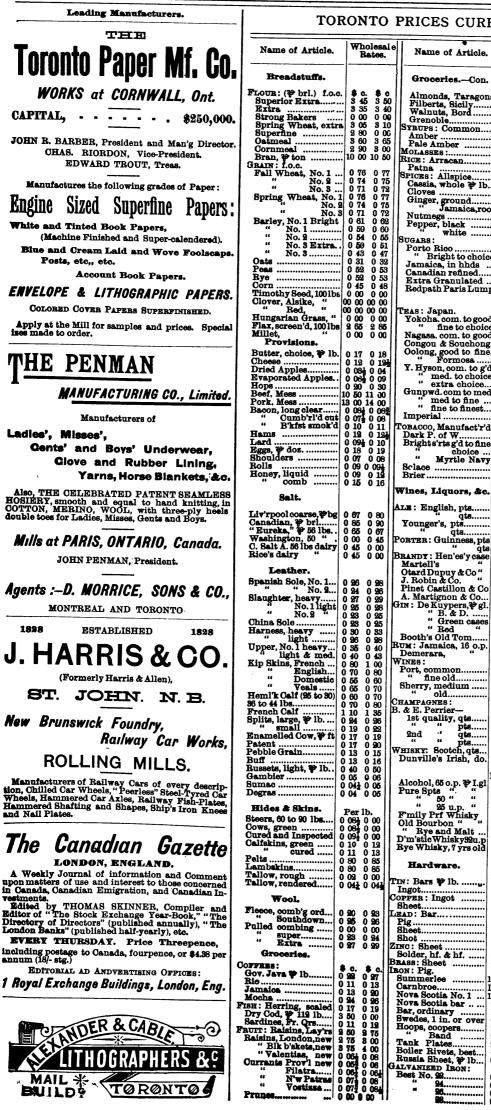
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