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## mercantile \$ummary.

Messrs. Todd \& Son, of Galt, have shipped, within a week, 14,000 bushels of bariey by C. P. R.

At Amherst, N.S., the Bunk of Nova Scotia's new building is nearly enough finished to show that it will be one of the handsomest structures in the province.
According to the Canadian-American, Manitoba potatoes are being sold in Chicago. Several large consignments have been received from Brandon and Winnipeg within the past ten days.
A meeting of the wheel and spoke manufacturers of Ontario, was held at the Grigg House, London, on the 28 th inst., for the purpose of considering matters affecting their trade. Mayor Scott, of Galt, presided, and representatives from all sections of the province attended.

A new brunswick firm, D. W. Hoegg and Co., of Portland, has parked this season 288,000 cans of corn, and 150,000 cans of beans, peas, etc. Their salmon pack has been unusually heavy, and lobster pack an average. A large market for their baked beans is found in Canada West.
The latest " Yankee notion" is that used by western shop-keepers in giving away a piece of music, some instrumental and some song music, with a purchase from their stores. " The idea," says an exchange, " draws lots of trade, particularly if you do not advertise the fact but just slip the music into the package. Suitable masic can be bought with the storekeeper's advertisement printed on the back.

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Seven thousand railway ties were sold in Brandon recently for timber dues. They only brought $\$ 5200$, or just about enough tc cover the dues and the wages of the men who brought them down the river to Brandon.
Moncton, N.B. is having a bailding "boom." The total expenditure for the season is about $\$ 70,000$, including $\$ 9,000$ on charch extension and improvements, $\$ 12,000$ on new railpay shops and $\$ 7,000$ on the basement of the new Roman Catholic church, to cost, when completed, $\$ 40,000$.

A despatch to the N. Y. Times states that the grape crop in the Hudson river valley this year is the largest ever known, and the frutt has not yet all been marketed. Tons and tons of big, juicy, fine-colored Concords are still stored in coolers, cellars, storehouses and barns. Three weeks ago when the markets were flooded with Concords the wholesale price in the fruit growing sections averaged 2 cents a pound. Now they are worth from 3 to 5 cents, and later on will command still higher prices. Large quantities of wine are being made, particularly on the west bank of the Hudson, and the vintage is said to be excellent in body, aroma and color.

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A Guelph firm has received a car-load of Quebec onions.
A company with $\$ 50,000$ capital is being organized in Montreal to make pressed briok and tiles.
The creditors of R. J. Smith, harness maker, Napanee, have offered his stock for sale. In the same place J. F. Whelan's stock of groceries has been disposed of by the sheriff.-W. H. Crow, grocer, Chatham, whose difficulties we have already noticed, has since made an assignment.
S. A. Findlay, general storekeeper, An. caster, has sold his business to Thomas Postans.-Cole \& Burk have bought the grocery stock of J. J. \& J. Cochrane, at Colborne-_In this city, Jos. Ruse has sold his piano and organ business to J. S. Powley, of Belleville.——Staebler \& Morlock, general storekeepers, Tavistock, are about dissolving partnership.
Some weeks ago we noted that Thomas Gillies, liquor dealer, had come from the country to this city boping to better his chances for making money. Now we learn that he is asking oreditors to accept 15 per cent. of their claims in settlement of accounts. This, it is the opinion, they should refuse, though they may be compelled to accept even less in the event of the business being wound up.
In 1880 Jos. Broadbent, builder, London, failed. Obtaining his discharge in the fol. lowing year he has since found it difficult to make "ends meet" and has again assigned. -In the same city J. E. Platt, druggist, also failed a few years ago. Now the bailiff is in possession at the instance of his landlord. -Smith \& Adams, grocers, Oshawa, have been doing business on but little capital and have at length assigned.
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Is Woodstock, Geo. J. Mason, Jr., dealer in stationery, makes an-assignment to the sheriff. He has been in business less than a year.--John Harvey and J. B. McQueston, of Hamilton, have both assigned. Last week we noted their troubles in connection with the Hespeler Woollen Manufactory.
A supplement to the eighteenth annual report of the marine department has just been issued. It contains among other things the report of the St. John, N. B. Pilot Commission for the year 1886. The gross earnings of St. John pilots for that year were \$23,725.64, an average per man of $\$ 679.87$.

Since 1883, when he failed in business, Chas. Humphries, tea dealer, Guelph, has not made any progress and now he has again as. aigned.-In Napanee, P. S. Hicks, grocer, has made an assignment to the sheriff. His liabilities are a little over $\$ 1,000$ and his assets half that sum. - A hotel keeper in this city, named W. R. Over, lost his license some months ago. This has compelled him to make an assignment.

Ir's an old fashioned looking journal, the Algoma Gossip, but the editor is evidently a very ingenuous as well as a practical individual. This is why we think so: The McAlpine Tobacco Company, of Toronto, have sent us a circular about the tobacco manufactured by them. If they want a reliable opinion on its quality they would do better by sending a caddie. Just at present we think it the worst of its kind.

A cargo of tea, per sailing vessel, reached St. John from China last week. The schooner "Eltie," which arrived there from New York on the 25 thth, brought 3,029 packages of tea, valued at about $\$ 40.000$, imported from Foo Chow by Messrs. Hall and Fairweather, Turnbull and Co., and Harding and Hatheway, Saint John Merchant. This is the largest shipment of tea brought there for some years.

A company represented by a Mr. Greathead, C. E., of London, has made a proposal to the Dominion government to complete the subway across Northumberland Straits between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Tne proposition is to take the P. E. Island Railway off the hands of the government and operave on a tariff to be approved of by the Dominion authorities, and the Canadian tressury is to be asked to contribute a subsidy of $\$ 200,000$ per annum for fifty years.

Dubing September, says the Call, there passed through Winnipeg for eastern points, 312 cars of wheat and 90 cars of flour, and from the 1st to the 21 st of that month the shipments were 1,229 cars of wheat and 101 cars of flour. Besides the above a large amount of other Manitoba produce, such as cattle, oats, potatoes, etc., has boen sent east. The wheat and flour trade has just got fairly started, and the export business during the next two months will be heavy.

A fine steam propeller was recently launchod at Cleveland. Her full length is 312 feet, beam 40 feet, hold 24 feet. The Cleveland papers are wrong, however, in saying that she is the largeat vessel afloat on fresh water. The "Susquehanna," out for a year, is 322 feet long, 40 feet in beam, $25 \frac{1}{2}$ feet in hold ; and the "Owego," to come out in a couple of weeks, is 354 feet long, 41 feet in beam, $25 \frac{1}{2}$ feet in hold. Her screw will be 14 teet in diameter, with 16 feet pitch. Her engine has cylinders of 24, 38 and 61 inches, with 42 -inch stroke. The commerce of the Great Lakes needs large boats in

The Chatham Manufacturing Co. has made, during its last year, 1,800 waggons, and sold 1,500 . It has just made a shipment of waggons to British Columbia, another to Winnipeg and a third to St. John, N.B. A sample waggon has gone to Buenos Ayres, South America. An order from the North West has been received for 500 wagons. The company also makes lumber, ship planks and timber.
Ewen's cannery, situated on Lion's Islaud, below New Westminster, B. C., which the British Columbian says is generally acknowledged to be the finest and most complete in the world, finished work for the season on the 25 th inst. The catch has been very successful and the total pack amounts to 22,000 cases, a large increase over that of last year. The capacity of this cannery in 1,800 cases per day, which is probably the largest on the coast, if not in the world.
Canadian manufactures may well live in hopes of as cheap fuel as their Pennsylvania and Ohio neighbors. Some men boring for water on Angus Courtney's farm near Courtright, Ont., last week, struck a vein of natural gas. All that night, the gas was escaping with a roar, and gravel and sand were blown out of the well all night long, to the height of 50 feet. Several acres in the neighborhood were covered with the sand, which in the vicinity of the hole is over two feet deep.
Quantities of lamb are being sent to Boston from Saint John. At first, in 1882, it went by steamer, now it goes in refrigerator cars over the New Brunswick Railway, to the extent of 400 carcases per week. Sometimes live lambs are sent, both being brought from P. E. Island. The Sun says that the following are the largest shippers and number of carcases exported so far: M. and J. Kane, 4,000 carcases; John McDonald, 3,000; Hayes \& Layden, 2,000; David Keefe, 2,000; McGrath Bros., 2,000; James Scallen 500 ; Total, 13,500 carcases.
A novel plan was undertaken last month to supply needed conveniences in Souris, P.E. I. A committee was struck, $\$ 300$ in money rais ed, planks, etc. bought, and then, says the Summerside Journal, " about 100 men turned out and laid the sidewall; iron posts were procured and 16 street lamps placed in position so as to light the streets on dark nights." Souris is the chief fishing port of the eastern end of the Island, has an excellent harbor, and has shipped $\$ 60,000$ worth of mackerel to the States within the last quarter. Mr. Owen Connolly, of Charlottetown, has extensive premises there, but is reported closing out his branch ; Matthew, McLean and Co., probably have the leading trade. McDonald and McDonald are also leading merchants.

Under the heading of "A Modern Factory," the Hamilton Spectator gives a description of the new buildings of the Canada Screw Company. They are strikingly different from the conventional type, and are designed to promote economy of manufacture. "The main buildings are long, low and broad two story brick structures, a heavily timbered and planked roof of moderate inclination. The windows are arranged in couples with mullions in center, giving an area of glass equal to nearly two-thirds of the total wall surface, very effectively lighting the interior at all points. The ground floor is macadamized and concreted, capable of supporting extreme weights in every part, thus obviating the customary special foundations for individual machines." The main staircase is also constructed of solid concrete. The second floor is built to carry 1,000 pounds to the square-foot without defleotion. Some years since, the American screm
company bought the property of the Canada screw company of Dundas, which was unable to compete with foreign rivals) and transferred a portion of their equipment from Providence. R. I., to Dundas, adding from time to time such additional branches of manufacture as the Dominion required, until the adoption of the new duties, together with free raw material. This company will introduce the new process of rolling the thread on the screws under the Canada patents of the Harvey process (now controlled by the American screw company) for the English patent of which the Nettlefolds, of Birmingham paid a large sum. They will also have the right to use the American company's recent improvements on this rolling process, etc.
As eastern journal has discovered, what the western ones knew pretty well before, that "there is a flourrshing little manufacturiug town in Ontario named Preston. The popalation of the town by the last census was only 1,669 , bat the local newspaper boasts that it does more manufacturing in proportion to the population than any other town, small or great, in Canada. Eighteen concerns, including distilleries, rolling mills, wagon works, furniture, agricultural implements, knitting mills, woollens, cigars, carriages, boots and shoes, founders, mouldings, brushes, \&c., employ 514 hands. The town debt has been reduced from $\$ 45,000$ to 8,000 , and within a year a town hall built, costing 5,000 . The deposits in savings' banks are 50,000 ." The people in Preston work, whether with hands or head or both; they work with sense and enterprise, and they also know how to economise. Hence the prosperity of the community.

## INSURANCE NOTES.

The Union Mutual Life has recently made the following changes affecting its agencies in Canada : Mr. James C. Benn, who represented the company in Massachusetts and the Provinces for sixteen years, and who retired from its service about three years ago, will again represent it in Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia after December 1st, and Mr. R. M. Robinson, for several years agent of the company in Manitoba, has been assigned special work.

The following singular tire is reported in Insurance Gazette of Ireland: "At the shop of a dealer in spectacles at Torquay, the sun's rays became focused through the glass of a pair of spectacles which were suspended in the shop window, and thus ignited a blind. The fire and smoke, filling the window, attracted the attention of a passer-by, who entered the ahop and aroused the proprietor. The fire was promptly extinguished."
Most policies run from twelve o'clock, nooli to noon of the day of expiry. Some English policies cover from date to date, both day inclusive. This makes them cover from the beginning of the first day to the end of the last, patting 366 days into an annual policy. $0{ }^{6}$ of our British neighbors, says the Insurance Monitor, recently experienced an infelicity in this connection. A risk burned at nine o'olod on the night of the last day of the term, whid under the ordinary policy would have sulu nine hours before. The exasperating feature of the case was that the risk had been marked to drop at expiration.

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It is intimated that the Equitable Lite will tollow the example of the New York Life and ereot a new building in Montreal. The Liverpool and London and Globe will probably enlarge its Montreal office in the near future.

Recently the board of marine underwriters, of Philadelphia awarded $\$ 12,000$ salvage to a number of tugs and wrecking crews against the English steamer "Benison," which struck on a shoel, while bound from Huelva, Spain, to Philadelphia, some months ago.
Berlin is said to have the largest fire brigade in the world in proportion to population, its firemen numbering 850 . It costs $£ 60,000$ per annum. Whilst the brigade of London, with five times the population numbers 600 firemen, at a cost of $£ 50,000$ per annum.
Two English insurance managars are at present in America. Mr .L. C. Phillips, of the City of London Insurance Company, is on a tour which will embrace Manitoba, British Columbia, California and Texas. Mr. David Lawrie, London, Manager of the Fire Association of England, is at present "doing" th States with Sir Robert Fowler, chairman of the London Board.

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Farmers in Western Ontario are taking an interest in measures for the insurance of thorough-bred animals. According to the Seaforth Expositor, a meeting of the owners of thorough-bred horses was held last week in Exeter, for the parpose of organizing a Branch Company to insure entire horses and other stock. The company is to be conducted, it seems, "in connection with the Usborne and Hibbert Matual Fire Insuranc Company." There was a good representation of those in. terested from all the surrounding counties. It was unanimously resolved to establish the Branch, and a committee was appointed to draft rules and prepare the necessary forms.

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## THE SITUATION

Canada has one other boundary, that on the eastern border of Alaska, to ascertain, on the ground. Preparatory to this, interesting accounts of the Yukon country are brought by Dr. George M. Dawson, assistant director of the geological survey, who has returned from a six months' exploration, in that region. The exploration was both geographical and geological, on the upperpart of the Yukon river. At the same time, Mr. Ogilvie, of the Dominion Lands Branch, began an instrumental survey from the sea coast, by way of Lewis river, up the Yukon to the 141st meridian, the eastern boundary of Alaska. Dr. Dawson's party proceeded up the Stickeen river as far as Dease Lake, which they descended as far as the Dease and Laird river forks. The survey of the Laird and Mackenzie rivers being part of the plan, Mr. McConnell here separated from the rest of the party to enter on that work; Dr. Dawson going up the Laird into Lake Francis, after which he made a portage of fifty miles to the Pelly river, down which ne proceeded till the Lewis river was reached, and which he descended. He went altogether a thousand miles north of Victoria. Mr. Ogilvie will winter on the Yukon, continuing his survey next season as far as the Mackenzie river, on which McConnell is expected to winter. The Yukon is navigable for light draught steamers from its mouth to Lewis river, and after an interruption of three miles, again to the eastern base of the coast range. Stretches of open grass country are found on its tributaries; and though it is Well adapted for fur-bearing animals, Indians are rare. It is expected that the information obtained respecting the country will be of service in settling the Alaska boundary.
The gold bearing region, in the Yukon conntry, is found to be of vast extent; in length not less than five hundred miles, by a width yet to be determined. Miners have for some years been working the placers toand there; and Dr. Dawson thinks there
are about one hundred of them in the vicin. ity about one hundred of them in the vicin-
peod Forty-mile creek. As the country produces no supplies, the miners have to
deppad upon what they can oarry in. As
always happens in such cases, the miners have found it necessary to make regulations among themselves for the settlement of disputes about claims. Quartz mining belongs to the future ; prospecting for quartz has yet scarcely begun. The value of this region as a mineral country has yet to be determined; all that can be said at present is that gold has a very wide distribution and the prospect is good. According to Governor Swinford, of Alaska, many of the miners at Forty-mile creek are Americans; and he adds that if any attempt be made to subject them to miners' license under the Canadian law, the miners will resist and bloodshed will ensue. But nothing of this kind will be done till it is ascertained that this location is in Canadian territory. The question of boundary between Canada and Alaska should be settled as soon as possible; but it seems that the U.S. Congress has not given the neces sary authority to enter on this work.

Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour, who retires on account of ill-health, will be succeeded in the command of the Pacific squadron by Rear Admiral Heneage. Though the change is in no way connected with the Alaska fishery troubles, the new admiral intends to take a cruise, in his flag ship, around Behring's Strait. He is reported to have said that he should not permit British sealers to be interfered with, when three miles from the coast. He also says that he heard, at the Admiralty Department, before he left England, that the question of the Alaska fishery will come before the fishery commission. Governor Swineford, of Alaska, in his annual report, shows how the Alaska company lords it over a region in which it has no special rights. "The fur trade of Alaska," he says, "is practically monopolized by the Alaska commercial company, which does not confine its operations to the Seal Islands, leased to it by the government, but holds possession of most of the Aleutian chain and the greater part of the mainland as a principality of its own, over which it exercises undisputed sway." The time cannot be far distant when other citizens of the Republic will dispute this usurped control. The company holds the Indians in a condition of practical slavery. It boycotts gov. ernment officers sent to the islands, when they refuse to do its will. It kept paid agents at Washington to bolster up its monopoly, and in every way blocks the wheels of progress. These complaints thus officially made, must attract the attention of Congress if the national interests are to prevail over those of a private corporation.

In Newfoundland there is a government savings' bank; and it is managed in a way that, in some particulars, may be presented as an example. The deposits are not absorbed in ministering to the necessities of the government; they are employed in a way to bring a profit, which goes to the sinking fund created to pay off the public debt, $\$ 290,000$ of which has been extinguished out of this source, and during the current year this amount will be increased by the addition of $\$ 30,000$. Thus the capital remsins intact, and continues to pro-
duce a revenue to the owners and a profit to the government, after paying interest to depositors. The rate of interest paid is three per cent., and this fact accounts for the profit that is made. Though the general revenue of the province is liable for the deposits, it would be an improvement if some special security were given. The amount at interest steadily increased from $\$ 1,219,789$, in 1880 , to $\$ 1,789,054$, in 1885 , though last year there was a slight decrease of $\$ 37,441$. Distress may occasionally visit the island, but with this amount in the savings' banks, it is clear that it cannot be general among the industrious class.

Since the discussion on commercial union began, the statement has been made, in very positive terms, that western American farmers are so prosperous that they have been able to pay off their mortgages. This statement has met an official contradiction in the report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for 1886. This report shows that, far from being out of debt, western American farmers and eastern too, for that matter, are carrying heavy loads of mort. gage debts. Every third farm in Illinois is mortgaged, the loans bearing from six to eight per cent. interest. In Kansas every other farm is mortgaged, and the rate of interest paid is from six to ten per cent.; besides which there are chattel loans carrying interest from ten to eighteen per cent. In the old State of New York, the proportion of farms mortgaged-three tenths-is but little less than that in Illinois, but the average rate of interest, five and a half per cent., is lower. From twenty to twenty. five per cent. of the Missouri farms are mortgaged at an average rate of eight per cent. interest. The rate of interest on mortgages in Kentucky is seven per cent. And there is a form of mortgage, in some of the States, which, so far as we know, is unknown in Canada : mortgages on the growing crops. In Soutt Carolina alone, this form of indebtedness aggregated $\$ 8,500,000$ in 1885, and this is by no means the maximum figure, the amount having been $\$ 3,500,000$ higher in 1882 . The Georgia farmers pay fifteen per cent. interest to the banks; and in Florida the same class pays from ten to twenty-four per cent. on a large amount of indebtedness. Forty five per cent. of the Alabama farmers are in debt without any available means of payment, and the interest they pay ranges from eighteen to twenty per cent.; they are obliged to buy store goods on credit at twenty-five to forty per cent. above cash prices. Of the Mississippi farmers onethird are hopelessly ruined, and another third owe debts which they may be able to pay. The Louisiana planters pay from fifteen to twenty per cent. interest. These facts show that American farmers are a long way from being free from mortgage debt. On the whole, their condition is cer tainly worse than that of Canadian farmers, and the burthen of interest they carry is greater.

The council of La Chambre de Commerce, the French Board of Trade, of Montreal, has passed a resolution esking the government to tix the ratee of fare on Canadian
railways, at two cents for first and one cent second class, palace sleeping car fare at one dollar for twelve hours. The example of several States reducing rates to two cents a mile is adduced as a reason for a reduction to one cent a mile, second class, here. The demand for a one cent rate is more likely to rperate against any reduction than to secure what is asked. In approaching such a question as this it is fair to consider whether the railway companies are in a position to bear without serious injury any sweeping reduction of fares.

## FIRE UNDERWRITING.

The sensible and much needed action of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, in classifying cities, towns and villages for insurance purposes, in accordance with the character of the means provided for extinguishing fires, has been the means of stirring up municipal councils as to the necessity of improving their fire appliances in the interest of their constituents. Several places have of late secured a water-works system, of greater or less efficiency. Places provided with water-works are divided into three grades, A B and C, based on the water supply and attainable pressure, combined with the efficiency of means available for the proper working of the appliances for extinguishing fires. Places in class $A$ are required to have a paid fire brigade, maintained exclusively for fire purposes, an electric system of fire alarm, and horses kept always in readiness to transport firemen and apparatus to fires. The requirements for $B$ and $C$ classifica. tions are correspondingly less exacting.

Places having steam fire engines with proper water supply and the necessary requirements for efficient working are put in class D. Places which have hand engines or chemical engines of standard capacity, the proper water supply and the necessary appliances required for working the same are in class E. Places having no means of fire protection are in $F$, the lowest of these classes.

A chemical engine has been found an excellent means for extinguishing incipient fires and with little loss to goods as com. pared with what the loss would have been if water were used instead. A chemical engine is an excellent adjunct to other appliances, especially in water-work towns, in which the loss by water is often greater than from fire. For this reason places are raised one letter when they add a chemical engine to their other appliances. We are of opinion that the general use of these ma. chines ae a means of preventing large fires is only a matter of time. The chemical ongine in this city has disarmed the strong prejndice it at first encountered, by its remarkable success in fighting the fire fiend in that part of the city to which its operation is confined.
The improvement now being made in special risks, with the view of obtaining lower rates of insurance, under the system of schedule-rating, recently introduced by the Board, together with the improvements made in so many places, in fire preventive and fire extinguishing appliances, must of necessi y lessen the ratio of fires.

The frequent fires in woollen mills have in almost every case been caused by the picker not being in a separate building. So much has this been the case, that many of the companies decline to write on a woollen or knitting mill when the picker is in the mill. An extra charge of one per cent made by the underwriters in such a case has led in many instances to the picker being put into a separate first-class building, thus reducing the fire hazard to the company and the rate to the assured.
The discrimination made in wood working risks-the most hazardoas of all specials -in regard to the position of the boiler house, the means of heating and lighting, and the construction and location of dry kilns, have resulted in very many instances in causing improvements in all these particulars. A reducti $n$ in the rate of insurance is now made for every improvement effected on a risk with a view of effecting the fire hazard.

We are gratified to hear that risks that had been placed in American Mutuals and underground stock companies when the system of schedule rating was first introduced in Canada, and as yet misunderstood, are now being placed in board companies. A word of caution is necessary against insuring in any company not licensed to do business, in Canada, unless intending assurers are thoroughly satisfied as to the financial standing of such company. A cheap article, so-called, very frequently proves to be a dear one, and in no case is this more apt to be true than that of a cheap insurance company. A company may have ample capacity for accepting premiums that may not always have the will or the ability to pay losses.

## RAILWAY MANAGEMENT.

A conference, with an eminently practical object, was held in New York during several days of last month. It was that of some thirty members of the Association of North American Railroa 1 Superintendents. The object of the gathering, and of the association, was to elicit, by conference or correspondence, the views of members as to the best means of enhancing the safety of travel, of economising material, of facilitating transport and of improving train service generally. The Baltimore \& Ohio the Lehigh Valley, the Chicago and Rock Island, the Atchison and Topeka, the Char. leston and Savannah, the Boston and Lynn and many other roads were represented.
The committee on roadway made recommendations with respect to the extension of lines, the establishment of freight yards and the improvement of road-bed. It was recommended by the committee on machinery that the standards recently adopt. ed by the Master Car Builders' Association be chosen. The committee on frogs recommended that all frogs should be made of rails, and that all frogs for use on main tracks should be made of spring rails. The committee on transportation recommended that in the case of one road being called upon to transport the trains of an adjacent road, by reason of accident or otherwise, a regulated cost for such accommodation
should be established; that in the case of
freight cars being uncalled for by the consignees after a lapse of forty-eight hours a charge of 50 cents per day for each car should be collected as storage; that a system of train record should be establish. ed. For instance, a train leaves New York for New Orleans. The superintendents of the several roads over which such train passes must keep a permanent record of everything that happens to that train. Thus the responsibility of delays or accidents will be definitely fixed.

It is much to be desired that conclusions reached, upon such important questions, after ample discussion by practical men, shall be so formulated as to become the guide for American railways generally. The influence of the larger roads upon their connections may do much to bring about such an understanding. The committee also submitted some twenty-five questions relating to rails, joint fastenings, ties, spikes, ballast, elevation of rails on curves, square and broken joints, track braces, shimming, rail-spreading, guard rails on bridges, road inspection, patrolmen, and section men. These questions are to be printed in circular form and sent to each member of the association with the request that he answer fully. The object is to arrive at some conclusion as to what is most beneficial in railroad service and to adopt a general standard in the matter of all the questions.

## KEEPING ACCOUNTS.

An agricultural paper in urging its read. ers to keep accounts, has: the following hit at the customary neglect of farmers to systematize their operations and keep track of expenses: "Thers are farmers who investigate the details of their business so little that they cannot tell what branches of it bring them a pr fit and what are carried on at a loss. They know, in a general way, whether they are as well off at the end of the year as they were at the beginning, but they cannot just tell where the loss or gain was made. If a strict account be kept in detail, it can be easily told whether a particular crop costs more than its value in the market, and thus the farmer is enabled to decide intelligently what crops his farm is best adapted for. Lack of business methods causes many a farmer to go from year to year making little or no headway, and claiming that farming does not pay." If it would be an advantage to a farmer to know how much he spent on ${ }^{2}$ particular field and how much return he got from it, is it not equally true that there are many besides farmers who would be vastly the better of having a careful account kept of the income and outgo of particular departments?
Not many stock-raisers can tell what it costs them to raise a horse or steer and prepare it for the market. But mand. facturers have perhaps the most need to systematize their affairs in such a way that they can tell the cost of their product Many of them, we are convinced, anderestimate the cost of their out-put, and because of this are disappointed at the results of their yearly balancing. The results of their yearly balancing.
"little things" may escape their notice;
the expenses that are regarded as "not worth counting," make a hole in the profits; or, where allowance is made, by rule of thumb, for certain items, it is not done by any proper rule, and therefore the true cost of an article cannot be learned.

THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF MOUN. TAIN SCENERY.

This may strike most people as an odd way to put it. Mountains are certainly not fit for ordinary settlement; but they may have a commercial value for all that. Switzerland is almost full of mountains and draws crowds of tourists from all parts of Europe and America to see and climb them. Probably half of the whole business of Switzerland arises from her mountains. Anyone who has been there can certify to that.
But we are just realizing that we have a Switzerland of our own in the Rocky Mountains and British Columbia. Every feature of the Swiss mountains is to be found there. Travellers will recall, with delight, the exqui-. site valley of Interlaken, with the snow-capped peaks of the Bernese overland close by. We have a veritable Interlaken at Banff; indeed, in many respects, Banff is superior to Interlaken, for in combination with its mineral springs it is both Interlaken and Baden. We might put Saratoga in this list, too, considering the new hotel just built by the Pacific Railway Company. The Swiss Matterhorn is reproduced in a range which towers over the Bow River valley within a mile or two of this very hotel. All the tremendous features which make the Matterhorn famous are reproduced there. We have the Jungfrau range over again in the heart of the Selkirks, where the Hermit mountain towers over all her neighbors, and all are snow-capped. The famous Mer-de-glace, that wonderful sea of ice near Mont Blanc, is more than paralleled by the magnificent glaciers underneath Mount Sir Donald. The Kicking Horse Pass and the passes and canons of the Fraser and Columbia are quite as grand as the great passes which have made the Swiss mountains historically famous for centuries.
So then, we have actually got a Switzerland of our own in the North.West and the Pacific Slopes. And just as Switzerland supports an immense population out of her scenery, and does constantly increasing business with tourists that swarm over her hills and valleys-so doubtless will Canada. There is no reason why there should not be thousands and tens of thousends of visitors visiting these mountain regions every summer. Instead of one large hotel we may expect, before long, to see five and twenty at least, with little settlements of shops springing up about them exactly as they have done at Thun, Interlaken, Lucerne and other places in Switzerland. Why not?

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## BOOTS AND SHOES IN THE U. S.

In two recent issues the Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter has this to say of the trade which it represents :
The shoe manufacturing industry is certainly in a strong position. The great majority of the manufacturers have as many Orders as they can fill, at prices which afford them fair profits, and from customers of whose ability to pay they feel very little doabt. There is reason to believe that few of the goods thay have sold will be carried over to
another season. It is one of the favorable features of the traffic that jobbers and retailers are so cautious to avoid baying any larger sapplies than their business calls for.
Speaking of prices the same joarnal continues : We are in an era of low prices. Pretty much all kinds of staple merchandise are oheap, and shoes are certainly no exception to the rule. The wonder is that they should be so good and so inexpensive, and at the same time that the manufacturers of them should be realizing fair profits. The explanation of this is, in part, that the trade is pursued with nice economy and remarkable skill. Everything in the way of material and labor is atilized to the fallest extent, and so much ingenuity is displayed in the adoption of styles that scarcely any goods are made that do not find a ready market.

## DRY GOODS NOTES.

An encouraging state of business is shown by the October dividends of the various Fall River Corporations. Indeed, they give good reason to anticipate a continuance of the fairly profitable business of the past year. The annual reports presented at the October meetings have been especially encouraging, and stockholders generally are pleased with the year's returns. The dividends declared during the year by twenty-one corporations, with an aggregate capital of $\$ 10,560,000$, reach a total of $\$ 226,050$, or an average of over 2 per cent.

Flax growing in England, says the Standard, will probably receive a great impetus if a new system of preparing the fibre introduced by Mr. Henly, of the Flax Mills, Long Melford, Suffolk, prove successful. With the use of a small breaker, costing only $£ 15$, any farm laborer can prepare flax for the spinner, dispensing with the scutching process, so that growers can be independent of local flax works, which are few and far between. In Long Melford ninety acres of flax were grown, in order to give the new system a commercial trial; it is expected that a much . larger area will be grown next season. This is an experiment deserving the attention of those in our North-West who have been looking into the subject of flax growing.
La Compagnie Manufacturiere du Chambly is sought to be incorporated in Quebec. Messrs. T. S. Willett, B. Willett, of Chambly, Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau, Raymond Prefontaine, M. P., J. M. Fortier, and George W. Parent, of Montreal, are the parties. Its object being to construct dams across and along the rapids of the Richelieu river, in Chambly Canton, \&c., in the counties of Rouville and Chambly, to create water powers to be owned by said company, which it will work or have worked by others. (1.) To produce and furnish electricity for the lighting of streets or buildings. (2.) To pump water by hydraulio process or otherwise. (3.) For manafacturing parposes generally.
The Canada Cotton Company has deoided, we understand, to pass dividend for the current half-yearly period.
A frim of New York importers has been in ligation with the U. S. Government for the last twenty-five years endeavoring to recover upwards of $\$ 18,000$ duty alleged to have been wrongfally levied on sixty- $\ddagger$ wo lots of mousseline delaine. It appears that these importations, made from France in 1857, 1858 and 1859, were subject by the then collector of customs to an ad valorem duty of 24 per cent. The firm, Messrs. Lachaise \& Fauche, contend.
ed that the goods should be olassified as manu. factures of worsteds, at 19 per cent. Last week a verdict was rendered giving the plaintiffs the amount at stake, together with interest from 1857. This decision, it is said, will bring about a settlementin eighteen other cases now pending, and involves something like a quarter of a million doHars, which the public Treasury will have to pay.

## TIMBER AND LUMBER NOTES.

The Fredericton Gleaner understands that one of the heaviest lumber operators on the upper St. John is in serious trouble with the American customs' authorities for making alleged false entries at the customs' office, Fort Kent.
Owing to the excessive lowness of the water in Chats Lake, Messrs. McLachlin Bros. have been compelled to shut down their steam saw mill which will lessen their cut by at least a quarter.
A great disadvantage under which the lumbermen of the North Shore labor, says the St. John Sun, is the distance which vessels carrying lumber to the United States have to pass over before reaching their destination. Were the long and dangerous sail around the coast of Nova Scotia abolished by the construction of the proposed ship railway across the isthmus which connects that province with New Brunswick, all the wood now wasted in the manufacture of deals in the shape of slabs and edgings, could be profitably converted into laths, pickets and other short lumber. As the matter now stands, it does not pay to ship short lumber from the north to the States. On the Restigouche as well as on the Bonaventure there are large quantities of the finest cedars. Hundreds of millions of white cedar of large size on the Bonaventure River.
A man from Michigan, who was admitted to the Royal palace, at Amsterdam, Holland, passed-if he or the newspapers don't liethrough a door hung on brass hinges and secured by a brass lock, made in a Massachu. setts factory, and saw the following farther evidences of the spred of United States art and industry in the old world :-A chair from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a spittoon (he called it a " cuspidor,") from Baltimore, stood near. Over the mantel, which was of American design, hang a landscape by a Philadel. phia man, Thos. Moran, and upon it were a Colorado stag vase and a box of Michigan tooth-picks.

## ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

E. R.; Ottawa.-It is necessary, according to a recent circular, to make such declaration. We do not know that, as you seem to suppose, it is necossarily an expensive operation. The Provinoial Treasury circular is as under:
"Every incorporated company carrying on any labor, trade or business in the Province of Quebeo is required to file with the prothonotary of the Superior Court, and with the regis. trar, a declaration of the corporate name, when and how it was incorporated, the date of its incorporation and where its principal place of business within the province is situated. Any company neglecting to make such deolaration as required by the law, is liable to the penalty imposed by the act 45 Vic., chap. 47."
B. ; Guelph.-(1.) We understand that depositors and note-holders of the Bank of London were to be paid on lst November current. At Petrolia by the Bank of Toronto branch:
at Ingersoll, Brantford and Watford by the Traders' Bank branches and at London by the bank itself. (2.) There was another meeting of the Ontario Investment Association on 27th October, and a motion carried relating to compromising with debtors. An adjournment took place to 15 th November.

Advertiser; New Glasgow, N. S.-No such company in Canada so far as we know. Ask your friend in New York about the matter.
J. J.; The terms are among those of electric or telegraphic nomenclature. A recent scientific dictionary or the latest cyclopedia will give you the mean!̣ng of "Ohms," "Watts," and "Amperes."

## CHARLOTTETOWN BOARD OF TRADE.

At a recent meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, the following were among the recommendations brought forward for the consideration of its members:

A real estate agency, for promoting the immigration of agriculturists;
The establishing of steam communication between Charlottetown and Pugwash, Tatamagouche, Bay Verte, and River John;
The extension of the P. E. Island railway along all the wharves of Charlottetown;

The erection of a grain elevator ;
The erection of a first-class hotel;
The passing of a new joint stock companies act;
The removal of swinging signs and posts from the streets; and the improvement of sidewalks.
The board is of opinion that the present telegraph service is unsatisfactory. Notice was given that at the next meeting, to be held November 7th, Mr. Farquharson will move a resolution in regard to unrestricted reciprocity with the United States.

Winding Up.-We understand that the Equity Life Reserve Fund Association, of this city, Mr. Arthur Harvey, president, and Mr. H. Theodore Crawford, late of Hamilton, seoretary, has ceased to do business. It appears that an arrangement has been made with the Temperance and General Life Assuranoe Company to accept so much of the business now on the books of the Equity Life, as can be transferred to that company ; or which upon re-examination of the lives it will be willing to accept. We imagine it will not require mach persuasion to induce insurers in the Equity Life, which has no guaranteed capital, nor anything to meet its liabilities except suoh a part of the premiums as is not exhausted in the management, to be transferred to a company such as the Temperance and General Life, which has a guaranteed capital of $\$ 100,000$, with $\$ 60,000$ paid up. One after another of these assessment concerns passes away, and still some gullible persons will continue to insure in such companies simply beoause they promise "cheap" insurance. We anslysed the Equity six months ago and showed its inherent weakness. The public is slow to learn, but we are able to report that it is progressing in that direction. If there is one thing more than another that should be rendered secure, it is the provision weare making for those we leave behind us; and if we desire to keep them from depending on the cold charity of the world when we are gone, we need something more durable than an assessment company's promise to pay.
-There was a continuation of the weakness in prices on the Toronto Stock Exchange until the beginning of the month, when, money being more readily procurable, a decided improvement set in. Quite a number of shares have been, we believe, taken off the "street" for investment during the recent decline. As a matter of fact bankers were not disposed to purchase for speculators at all. The market has been "mixed," Bank of Montreal falling $1 \frac{1}{2}$ further, while other bank shares are stronger. Federal, after falling $1 \%$, to 95 , closed at 98 . Commerce stiffened up again, gaining $1 \frac{1}{4}$ to 1184 bid. Dominion and Central are each $1 \%$ higher, and Hamilton advanced $2 \%$. Insurance shares also joined in the rise, British America selling up $2 \%$ to 95 , and Western $4 \%$, to 127 , which is still offered. Consumers' Gas rose $4 \%$ with no stock offering at present. For loan societies' the enquiry was a little better, Peoples' rising $1 \frac{1}{2}$, to $115 \frac{1}{2}$. London and Canadian was very weak, falling $7 \%$ from the last sale, to 145 , and closing 148 asked. Outside of these there was very little doing. At the close the "Bulls" were decidedly in the ascendant.
-At an auction sale of sealskins held in New York on Friday last the prices obtained were so low that about one third was withdrawn. There were offered 500 Alaska, running from 40 to 60 inches, and 1,200 Copper Island of the same size. Many of the latter were withdrawn. Copper Island seals sold from $\$ 10.50$ to $\$ 25.00$. The Alaskas averaged about the same, three lots of 54 -inch skins, however, bringing the very good prices of $\$ 32$ and $\$ 34$. The firm, on whose account the sale was held, said that the low prices were a sure sign that small skins were not wanted. About $\$ 30,000$ worth was sold.
-The exports of Canadian products from the port of Hamilton to the United States during the month of October last were of the value of $\$ 111,774$. Chief among them were barley, eggs, and wool. We give the leading items:

| Barley. | Value | \$39,658 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eggs |  | 15,869 |
| Wool | " | 13,902 |
| Lamber | " | 6,275 |
| Horses. | " | 5,952 |
| Household | " | 8,319 |
| Apples. | " | 3,729 |
| Cattle | " | 2,625 |
| Malt | ، ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 1,487 |
| Skins | " | 1,194 |
| Sheep | " | 1,132 |

-For non-payment of annual dues, ninety members of the New York Produce Exchange have been suspended. This action has, we learn, caused much comment on 'Change.

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ONTARIO INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION.
The adjourned meeting of shareholders of the Ontario Investment Association was held in the Board of Trade room, London, on the forenoon of Tharsday, 28th ult. There were present :-Messrs. W. R. Meredith, Thomas Long, J. H. Flock, John Labatt, F. A. Fitzgerald, Col. Walker, John Hunter, John Mills, R. M. Meredith, W. W. Fitzgerald, G. F. Jewell, A. Booker, Arthur Wallace, John Wright, Archdeacon Marsh, W. P. R. Street, W. J. McIntosh, John Johnston, Hagh Macmahon and others.

In the absence of Mr. Macfie, who was ill, Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald was elected chairman. He explained that in view of the great opposition manifested at the last meeting the directors had taken no aotion towards a settlement.
preferring to wait and see what circumstances would bring forth. The action of their Eng lish creditors was being awaited, but he supposed Mr. Sorley had not got home yet, and what action they intended taking could not be known.
Mr. W. R. Meredith stated that Mr. Street had obtained an order from the Judge for an examination that would lead to the winding up of the company, and the appointment of a liquidator if granted. Mr. Street was not anxious to go on with his motion, but desired an adjournment. He had some proposals to read to the meeting. The first was from Mr. T. G. Blackstock, suggesting as a method of settlement that a syndicate of loan companies in Canada were willing to assume the liabilities and assets of the company, exchanging for its debentures their own at 4 and $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., collecting the mortgages and assets as rapidly as need be, and winding up the affairs, paying over to the shareholders every cent realized over and above the debts. He had seen a number of representatives of companies in London and elsewhere, who were willing to go into the undertaking for the purpose of keeping up Canadian credit in the London market. He further stated that the interest and debentures due in England in a few days would be met by money already sent home, amounting to about $\$ 35,000$.
A long letter on Mr. Sorley's side of the question was read, the chief point of which was a request that the directors would execute a document relieving those debenture holders who accepted their dividends from any prejudice as to future action on their part.
A document agreeing to guarantee debenture holders against any prejudice in future actions, from their acceptance now of the interest on coupons now out, was considered.
Mr. R. M. Meredith was opposed to handing over $\$ 35,000$ on such terms, under something like the nature of a threat.
Mr. Street declared that he, and not Mr. Sorley, was the aathor of the suggestion. It was no threat. He felt that it would be an advantage to the company in coming to an agreement if this were carried out.
Mr. W. R. Meredith said the agreement should be executed on two grounds: first, the money was due to these people, and it was only just that they should get it. The other only just that they should get it. The other
reason was that such a motion would help the reason was that such a motion would help the
company in any future settlement negotiations or legal actions.
An amendment by Mr. R. M. Meredith to the effect that the money be paid without condition whatever, was subsequently withdrawn, and a resolution passed instructing the direotors to execute the document.
On the letter from Mr. Blackstock, Mr. Thomas Long, of Collingwood, stated that he did not altogether agree to the principle of compulsory liquidation set forth in that, neither had he consented to act as a liquidator. He thought if there was no benefit for the companies it was strange that they should take the position they did. But it was explained to him that instead of cash they redeemed the Ontario Investment Association debentures by their own, and in renewing the good mortgages occasionally, \&c., they would extend their own business, and so make it up in that way. He thought the scheme a good one. He urged peaceful measures; and had been thinking of a proposal that the debenture holders appoint a man themselves, send him out from England or Scotland to act as liquidator; to act in harmony with the committee of three, and by a friendly liquidation of that sort save all they could for the Company's stockholders. He would go in favor of pany's stockholders. He merk scheme or his own, or a modification of either or both, which ever would be acceptable to Mr. Sorley and his clients.

Mr. Street said he wasacting for Mr. Sorley at present, not for the debenture holders direot He thought Mr. Blackstock's scheme was the best yet proposed. The question was whether the debenture holders would be satisfied without security. Their money had not only to secure the present debts, but also any future claims that might arise through law suits or otherwise.
Mr. W. R. Meredith thought compulsory liquidation was to be avoided and thought Mr. Long's proposal the best and fairest for all parties. With regard to Mr. Street's objection as to the small representation the deben
ture holders would have on the board, he sail ture holders would have on the board, he they would alway have "the whip hand,"
could force the immediate liquidation of their claims at any time. So far as the suits of the dissatisfied shareholders were concerned, they need have very little fear on that account. He did not suppose that men who had sat and voted at the general meetings, and drawn dividends for five years, were going to escape the responsibility of membership now. The scheme struck him as favorable, and if they could be put into the shape of a proposal could be put into the shape of a proposal
would, he hoped, appeal to the sense of fair play and justice of the British bondholders.
Mr. R. M. Meredith believed that it would be better to carry out the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company proposed transaction than the proposals of Mr. Blackstock. He was sorry those gentlemen who had entered suits against the association were not present at the meeting. He considered that the grounds upon which they based their arguments were all mythical, and when brought before a judge would be overthrown. He mentioned one in particular-Mr. Josiah Blackburn, who, he said, based his claim for immunity from payment on the grounds of fraud. It was, he argued, ridiculous to suppose that a man who was as conversant with the business and standing of the association as Mr. Blackburn should make such a plea. If it was legitimate for him to do so, it would also be for the other shareholders.
These proposals were then laid over for fature consideration.

Mr. Wallace said that the only wonder to him was that the association had hung together as long as it did, when it was considered that so many of the shareholders and directors had borrowed from the association funds to so large amounts in excess of their paid up stock.

In reply to Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Jewell stated that Mr. Crawford had 3,236 shares- 618 paid up and 2,628 accumulating. Against this he had borrowed some $\$ 78$ 000 -nearly $\$ 50,000$ in excess of the amount paid in. Continuing, Mr. Jewell said that he would not like to give any definite opinion on these transactions until he had made a more complete investigation, for they were very of Mr. Crawford, in contracting a loan while he was acting in charge of the office as vice president during the absence of president and manager. He said that another peculiar thing in connection with the manner in whlch the business of the company was conducted was the way in which stock was changed from name to name within a very narrow range. As an example of this he quoted from Mr. Henry Taylor's account, in which several names were used. His reason for this was that to have a very large amount loaned in his own name would not look as legitimate as if spread over various names, and he (Taylor), might have thought it would lead to investigation. By this he did not infer that there was any collusion between these men and Taylor.
Mr. Wallace asked that the names of all having made loans be published. Mr. R. M. Meredith objected that this would not be doing justice to honest men.

Mr. W. R. Meredith advised that instructions be given to the board to enable them to settle with those who were not able to pay the amount of their indebtedness. He moved that the directors be authorised to enter into any such agreements as they may see fit for the settlement or compromise of the claims of the association against any one, not being a director, who may be indebted to the company for calls or otherwise.
Mr. James Griffiths seconded the motion, and the chairman also spoke in favour of the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.
The question of filling the vacancies on the board was left to the directors.
Mr. W. R. Meredith said that he had receiTed a communication from Mr. Taylor asking for a copy of Mr. Jewell's report.

Mr. Wright-He has a right to be given the same show as others who were in every way as
bad. bad.
Mr. R. M. Meredith-He has seen the report through the press, and also has had two dirthree solicitors and a similar number of directors running and carrying the news to him. Mr. Wright's object was to obtain a little cheap sympathy for Taylor.
Mr. W. R. Meredith-Oh, give him the reports. Don't pass judgment on a man until Mr is given British jnstice.
Mr. Wright-Others can go to the office of the
company and examine the books and report for themselves, but he is deprived of his

Mr. Wallace-He has far too mach freedom where he is. (Hear, hear.)
Mr. R M. Meredith
Mr. R. M. Meredith said he had been requested to ask what should be done in the way of punishing Taylor and others who had stolen from the funds of the association, but he would advise that it be laid over until the next meeting.

This was concurred in.
Mr. W. R. Meredith stated that Messrs. Parfitt and John Fergason, who were appointed on the directorate at last meeting had refused to act.
After several nominations had been made, all of which were withdrawn, the board was empowered to elect two gentlemen to fill these positions.
On motion the meeting adjourned until November 15th.

THE PROBABLE LUMBER CUT.
The following is a carefully prepared estimate of the out-put of logs which will be got out in 1887-8. The gentleman who prepared it is himself engaged in the lumber trade and knows of what he speaks.
Beginning with the Ottawa and its tributaries the following is the calculation :

Feet.
Canada Lumber Co.
Bronson \& Weston.
Gilmour \&
McLaughlin Bros.
J. \& B. Grier $\qquad$
Richard White.
Booth \& Gordon.
Hurdman Bros.
Hamilton Bros.
Perley \& Patte
E. B. Eddy..
A. Barnet .

Thistle \& Fraser
.....
on french river.
J. McLean.................. 60,000,000 60,000,000 70,000,000 75,000,000 45,000,000 20,000,000 $20,000,000$
$50,000,000$ 30,000, 00 50,000,000 60,000,000 15,000,000 200,000, sqr 150,000 , eqr

Now
$4,000,000$
7,000,000
Cow York \& Tonawandz Lumber
Company.
parry sound
Beck \& Bates
J. R. Booth.

Alex. Frazer
S. McKay

7,000,000
apitae.
$3,000,000$
$4,500,000$
6,000,000
2,500,000
4,000,000
5,060,000
2,000,000
A. Coburn \& Fraser.

Timmins \& Gorman
John Dolan
$100,000, \mathrm{sqr}$
$30,000,1 \mathrm{lg}$
$3,000,000$
sturgeon river.
J. R. Booth

Booth \& Hal
J. R. Booth, (Deschenes Creek).

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1,000,000
$1,000,000$
$6,000,000$
Besides the above, Mr. Campbell, of South River, has a mill in full operation under the superintendence of Mr. Fred. Thomson, which next season when in fall blast will have an output of two millions and a half feet.
The above does not by any means represent all that will be done in the Ottawa lamber world for the year 1887-8. The above table represents the cut of the chief firms, bat there are many smaller concerns which will likely turn out between ten and twenty millions.
In the Parry Sound distriot, nearly all o Mr . Booth's cut will be done by jobbers, and in fact the same may be said of the other firms there. Everything promises well for the season, and if there is an ample but not too much of a snowfall the work will go ringing along.

This year, owing to the extreme lowness of the water, many improvements have been made on creeks and other mall tributaries, in order to facilitate driving, and the lowness of the water gave the lumbermen an abundance of opprrtunity to make the improve ments thorough and permanent. These improvements will be a great aid in getting the season's out of logs safely out to the main streams. With the exception of what will be cut on the Whanapitae, all this vast quantity of lumber will come down the Ottawa; the
Whanapites out taking the watarway of the

French river, lakes, and St. Lawrence river to market.-Ottawa Journal.

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 2nd, 1887.

-A company called the "Spa Springs Co., limited," has been formed for the purposes of bottling and exporting the mineral waters of the Spa-springs, also for erecting and conducting a hotel and curative establishment in connection with the springs, which are in Annapolis, N.S. The head office of the Spa Springs Co., is at Halifax ; capital $\$ 50,000$, in $5000 \$ 10$ shares ; and the incorporators are B. W. Chipman, J. E. Chipman, H. L. Chipman, H. Woodbury and F. Woodbury, all of Halifax.

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## MONTREAL MARKETS.

## Montreal, 2nd Nov., 1887.

Asams.-Business has ruled rather quieter; receipts have been a little freer, and values have declined somewhat from those of a week ago, first pots selling at about $\$ 4.25$, for seconds $\$ 3.50$ would probably be a quotation, though there is little doing in them. In pearls we hear of no transactions.

Boots, Shoes and Leather.--The shoetrade presents no special features. In leather business moves slowly, and stocks of black leather show further accumulation, inducing considerable concessions to good buyers. Sole leather continues pretty steady, though the ower grades are in full supply. We quote:Spanish sole, B. No. 1, 24 to 250. ; do No. 2, B. A., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 210.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c. ; No. 2, 18 to 190.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 270.; ork sole, 41 to 45 c ; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37 c. ; ditto, heavy 31 to 420. Splits large 20 to 26 c. do grained 16 to 20c.; Calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; Calfskins, ( 35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80 c .; Imitation French Calf skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings 39 to 400.; Harness 24 to 330.; Buffed Cow, 12 to 15c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough 23 to 26c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.
Dry Goods.-Assorting trade is progressing fairly well, the orders, as a rule, being, however, of moderate dimensions. The weather has set in frosty and clear, and city retailers are reported doing pretty well, while in the country business is also apparently better, as remittances show improvement, though they cannot be called at all good. A good deal cf mutual recrimination being indulged in be tween Toronto and Montreal houses, as re gards heavy cntting in prsces, and we imagine there are grounds for the charge in both cases but not to the extent that some would have us believe. Manufacturers of domestic goods continue to be well employed, and in no line is there any development of weakness in prices The Canada Cotton Company has decided to pass its dividend about due.
Drugs and Chemicals.-Most lines of heavy chemicals are held very firmly, and stooks as a rule are lighter than usual at the season; sal soda more especially is scarce and may be quoted higher. In dye stuffis gambier is dearer at 6o. Quinine is even fiatter than before;
are without change. We quote:-Sal
Soda 90 to 95 c ; Bi-Carb Soda $\$ 2.40$ Soda 80 to 95 c . ; Boda Ash, per 100 lbs., $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 1.75$. Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs . to $\$ 1.75$ Bichromate . Botar 110 c . Cream $\$ 11$ to $\$ 13.00$; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 34 to 36 c .; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60 c. ; do. powder, 60 to 65 c. ; Citric Acid, 80 to 85 c .; Caustic Soda, white, $\$ 2.40$ to $\$ 2.60$; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c Bleaching Powder, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$; Alum, $\$ 1.60$ to $\$ 1.65$; Copperas, per $100 \mathrm{lbs}, 90 \mathrm{c}$ to $\$ 1.00$; Flowers Sulphur per 100 lbs., $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$; Roll Sulphur, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.25$; Sulphate of Copper, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 5.00$; Epsom Salts, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.40$; Saltpetre $\$ 8.75$ to $\$ 9.25$; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 55 to 65 c . Howard's Quinine, 70 to 75 c . Opium, $\$ 5.75$ to \$6.25; Morphia, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3.00$; Gum Arabic sorts, 80 to 90 c .; White, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.25$; Carbolic Acid 55 to 65 c . Iodide Potassium, 84.25 to 4.50 per lb.; Iodine, $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6.00$; Iodoform $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 700$. Prices for essential oils are : Oil lemon $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.50$; oil bergamot $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 3.50$; Orange, $\$ 3.50$; oil peppermint, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 5.00$; Glycerine 26 to 28 c.; Senna, 15 to 25 c . for ordinary. English Camphor. 40c. Ameri can do. 35c.

Fish.-Labrador herrings are selling freely still, and values are pretty steady at $\$ 4.50$ in lots, and from that to $\$ 4.75$ in a jobbing way : Cape Bretons $\$ 5.25$ to 5.50 ; green cod moving fairly at $\$ 4.25$ to 4.50 ; dry cod $\$ 4.10$ to $\$ 4.25$; N. S. salmon $\$ 15, \$ 14$, and $\$ 13$.

Furs.-First lots of merchantable - fall caught skins are now being looked for, and will be readily taken up, more particularly those furs entering into local consumption beaver is in very good demand. We quote for primeskins:-Beaver, $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4 \mid$ per lb.; bear, $\$ 10$ to $\$ 14.00$; cub do., $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 7.00$; fisher, $\$ 5$ red fox, $\$ 1.00$; cross do., $\$ 2$ to $\$ 5$; lynx, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 3.00$; marten, $\$ 1.00$; mink, $\$ 1.00$; spring muskrat, $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; raccoon, 25 c ., 50 c. , and 75 c . ; skunk, $25 \mathrm{c} ., 50 \mathrm{c}$., and 75 c .

Groceries.-No falling off in the demand can be noted, and the movement of most lines countrywards is of a steady satisfactory character. As regards sugars, our anticipations of last week are fulfilled, there being an advance of an eighth in granulated, refinery price now being 67 f. for largest lots, yellows firm at $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to $6 \frac{3}{8} c$.; syrups still scarce and dear ; molasses firm, fair lots of Barbadoes have sold at 37c., and we quote in an ordinary way 37 to 38 c ., a 500 -puncheon lot of Antigua is reported to have been sold at $32 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Teas are still in very fair demand, and steadiness prevails all around, the main enquiry is for mediam and low grade Japans. There have been a number of travellers representing English tea houses in town lately, but they did not seem to meet with much success in the way of orders coffees are in moderate request at unchanged values. Valencia raisins are pretty steady, though the impression prevails in some quarters that values will be easier upon arrival of cargo of the "Barcelona" shortly due, sales to arrive have been made at 7 c . in quantity. Currants are scarce just now and firm the bulk of the supply for this market is on steamer alone; Malaga fruit rather firmer

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Sultanas have advanced to 25/6d. at place of growth, and are likely to go higher. Canned tomatoes are moving pretty freely and are firmer at $\$ 1.30$ to $\$ 1.35$; lobsters and salmon in good demand at firm prices, mackerel very scarce.
Hides.-Business in this line is active, tanners buying more freely; green hides are firmer at 8, 7 and 6 cents for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Western hides are a little easier, Hamilt $n$ and Toronto selling at 81 to $8 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; dry hides $13 \frac{1}{2}$ to 14 c .; calfskins 8c.; lambskins dry
70 c.

Metals and Hardware.-There is a steady distribution of merchandise going on in these ines, and prices are steady all over, while tin has advanced considerably, quotations having reached $£ 118$ in England, being an advance of reached els in Oct 1st. Warrants have declined to 394 d . in Glasgow, but local values re as before. Tin plates and Canada plates are held at steady figures. We quote:-Summerlee and Langloan, $\$ 20.00$ to $\$ 20.50$; Gartsherrie, $\$ 19.50$ to $\$ 20.00$; Coltness. $\$ 20.50$ to $\$ 21$; Shotts, $\$ 19$ to $\$ 19.50$; Eglinton and Dalmellington, $\$ 18.25$ to $18.75 ; \mathrm{Cal}$; der. $\$ 19.75$ to $\$ 20.25$; Carnbroe, $\$ 19.50 ;$ Hematite, $\$ 23$ to $\$ 25.00$; Siemens, No. $1, \$ 20$ to $\$ 21$;Bar Iron $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.10$; Best refined $\$ 2.30$ to $\$ 2.40$ Siemens, $\$ 2.00$ to $\$ 2.15$; Canada PlatesBlaina, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Char coal, $\$ 5.60$ to $\$ 5.75$; Charcoal I. C., $\$ 3.90$ to $\$ 4.40$; do. I. X., $\$ 4.90$ to $\$ 5.40$; Coke I. C. $\$ 3.60$ to $\$ 3.75$; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c to 7 c ., according to brand; Tinned sheets coke No. 24, 61c. No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs ., \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, $\$ 2.50$; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50; Steel Boiler Plate, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$; heads, $\$ 4.00$; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.-Pig, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4$; Sheet, $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 4.50$; Shot, $\$ 6.00$ to $\$ 6.50$; best cast steel, 11 to 12 c .; Spring, $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$ Tire, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3.00$; Sleigh shoe, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$ Tire, $\$ 2.7$ Machinery Steel, $\$ 3.00$ to 3.25 ; In got tin 27c.; Bar Tin, 28 to 29c.; Ingo Copper, $11 \frac{1}{2}$ to $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; Sheet Zinc, $\$ 4.25$ to $\$ 5.00$ Spelter, $\$ 4.00$ to $\$ 4.25$; Bright Iron Wíre Nos. 0 to 8, $\$ 2.25$ per 100 lbs .. Annealed do $\$ 2.30$.
Oils, Paints and Glass. - There have been pretty liberal receipts of cod oil, and prices are rather weaker here, while in Nfld. they have advanced, we quote Nfld. cod oil 32 to $34 c$., Haiifax ditto 30 to 31 c .; steam refined seal 48 to 49 c .; castor oil 84 c . per lb.; olive $\$ 1$ for pure, linseed as last quoted. Turpentine has advanced as anticipated by us a fortnight ago and is firm at 55 to 56c. Leads and paints as before; glass very firm at late advance. We quote :-Leads (chemically pure and firstclass brands only) $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6.00$; No. $1, \$ 5.25$; No. $2, \$ 4.50$; No. 3, $\$ 4.25$. Dry white lead, $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; red do. $4 \frac{1}{4}$ to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55 c . Paris white, $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 1.15$; Cookson's Venetian Red. $\$ 1.75$; other brands Venetian Red, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.60$; Yellow ochre, $\$ 1.50$;

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Wool.-The market in this line is dull and without activity. Values show little change. We quote greasy Cape 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $15 \frac{1}{2}$ c.; Australian 15 to 19 c ; domestic unassorted 22 to 23 c .; fleece 23 to $24 \frac{1}{2}$.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, November 3, 1887.
Drvas and Chemicals.-Amongst the advances in this department we notice ergot, camomile flo vers, and balsam copaiba. Glyerine still maintains its previous firmness, as does also gum arabic. Quinine has declined. The New York Commercial Bullitin says: Quinine is neglected, buyers refusing to entertain offers of round lots that are made

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loz. tins, the latter a new style of packing.

Fiss.-With the exception of a few trout there is no salt fish in stock. The close season for fresh is now on and netting will not be resumed until December. Port and Doyle have large supplies in the freezer. Fresh salmon and white fish are worth 6c. per pound. Smoked ciscoes are coming in freely, the catch being good and the demand brisk. The price to the retail trade is $\$ 1.25$ per 100 . There are very few Labradors on market, being mostly bought up on American account. There are also no fresh salt herrings in stock. but will be soon, the fishing having commenced.
Flour and Meal.-There has been a fair demand for flour with the feeling quite steady. Superiors and extras, to outside points, have had the call at prices unchanged from a week ago. The demand for meals is only of a retail character. There is still a scarcity of bran, and holders are asking $\$ 13.50$ to $\$ 14.00$.
Grans. - This market has ruled steady with not much variation in prices. The demand is principally from millers who are buying as requirements necessitate- Barley is moving freely in car and large lots at our quotations. Peas are firm and very few offering. Buyers quote 60c. for No. 1 and 58 for No. 2. Oats are in moderate demand at 34 to 35 c ., and rye is wanted at 60c. Corn nominal. The receipts of flour at Buffalo by lake during October, compared with receipts for like month in 1886 , show an increase of 8,678 barrels. In wheat there is a decrease of 8,678 barrels. In wheat there is a decrease of 422,034 bushels, with increases in corn of 160,187 bushels, in oats of 905,110 bushels, in barley of 342,185 bushels, and in rye of 30,324 bushels. The total increase for the mols. Up to the 1st of November this yea there is a decrease in flour of 456,214 barrels, and in grain of all kinds an increase of $8,599,298$ bushels.

Groceries.-Some houses report business only moderately good. Since our last report granulated sugar has been advanced an zc. and now stands at 74 to 73 sc . There is not so much moving as a week or so ago. In teas the movement is quite brisk, the preference being shown for medium young hysons and congous. Good drawing teas are still hard to get. Speaking of this trade the latest London tea letter of Lewenz \& Hauser Bros. says: "The unsold stocks at Shanghai amount today to over five million pounds, and at Foochow to some eleven million pounds, and the great bulk of these is of low quality. At present the export from China to London is still some twenty-seven million pounds short ; this deficiency would have Leen much reduced but for the checking influence of the low prices reached here, as the cutting rates in home freights (now 15/- by str. from China to London) brought about by the breaking ap of the "conference" arrangement, and the ensuing freight war in the carrying trade, were about to give a new stimulus to shipments. Coffee still oontinues very scarce and high. But from the New York Times we learn that " cheap prices seem again imminent. 'The various grades at the Coffee Exchange have already cheapened from 150 to 300 points, or from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 3 cents a pound since warm weath er, and now range from about 14 to 16 cents for the speculative grades. It does not appear that the crop has been much larger than asual, but foreign dealers seem to think that too high a range of prices prevailed in the summer." Fruits meet with good enquiry There is nothing under $\$ 2.60$ in London lay sell freely at 6 git. Cloves are extremely scarce, and 30c. is the best figure. Canned goods find ready sale at unchanged quotations. Payments are not at all up to the mark, and houses which have at other times an unusnally prompt class of customers find these now compelled to ask favors.
Hardware.-Considerable activity is reported in ingot tin, which is now quoted at $£ 124$ per ton costing $27 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. to import. New York markets today were 28c. cash. Ingot copper has also advanced $f 4$ per ton, and pig lead about 15s. per ton. Therefore all metals are
much improved in tone here. The New York Times of the lst says:-"Tin and copper have been bounding upward on the Metal Exchange. French speculators are behind the advance in both metals. The price for tin a short time ago was $22 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. and for copper $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. When the French clique began to buy, the English bears made a strong resistance, but they have been badly routed. It was considered marvellous a fortnight ago when tin touched 25 c . a pound. That was the highest price for five years. Copper also made a slight advance. Beginning last Tuesday, the upward move ment became steady and resistless. Yesterday tin sold at 27 for spot at the opening of the market and touched 281 on the second call Copper open at 11.75 for spot. On the firs call $250,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. were sold at 11.95 to 12.25 . and after the call $75,00 \mathrm{lbs}$. sold at 12 to $12 \frac{1}{4}$. On the second call $200,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. sold at 12.10 to 12.35, and after the call $375,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. sold at 12.25 to 12.40 . Bulls expect that copper will be worth $13 \frac{1}{2}$ c. a pound before this movement ends, an advance of about 30 per cent. in a fortnight." Canada plates are unusually active in consequence of scarcity of stock, but there has been no further advance this week. there has been no further adoch higher in foreign markets, but the effect is not yet felt here to a proportionate extent. If prices of ingot tin are maintained, and it is considered likely that they will be, tin plates must be advanced. We have no change to make in manufactured goods.
Hides and Skins.-A steady demard for hides is reported with no accumulation of stock, and prices as previously quoted. Calf. skins continue nominal. Another advance in lambskins is announced, and they now stand at 80c. They are in usual supply and find an active sale, being about the only item on the list to which this remark can apply. Tallow is still very dull.

Lumber.-Trade in lumber continues active and would be very much better if the means of transportation were more efficient. There is no marked improvement as yet in the supply of railway cars, and in many cases both building and manufacturing operations are at a standstill awaiting material. More than usual care seems to be taken at present with regard to extending credits, and collections are on the whole satisfactoxy. Among city retailers the feeling is hopeful, and stocks on hand are much lighter than at this time last year. There is no great scarcity in any line except long bill-stuff, which it is almost impossible to get, now that most of the mills are closed. As far as can be ascertained the "stringency in the money market" cry is not affecting trade to any extent, except, perhaps, by inspiring a greater degree of cantion among the dealers, so as to make themselves as independent of their banks as possible.

Provisions.-Supplies of butter have increased and values are consequently easier. Fine qualities range from 19 to 22c. There is no demand for other grades. Cheese is dull say $11 \frac{1}{2}$ to 12 c . ; some forced sales of summer goods have been made at 10 to $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. In hog products the supply of dong clear has been better and prices not so firm. say $8 \frac{9}{4}$ to 9 c . Lard is without change. Hams quote at 12c. New cure mess pork $\$ 17.50$. Eggs are steady at 19 to 20 c . The receipts of dressed hogs have been heavy and sales were made to day at $\$ 5.75$ to 6.00 . Cranberries meet with ready sale at $\$ 8$ to 9 per bbl.; $\$ 2.50$ per box of 24 quarts. Supplies of poultry have been very liberal. Geese are worth $5 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 c . per lb. Tur-
lo chickens, 30 to 35 c . for choice stock; scalded or stale lots sell for what they will bring.
Wool.-In fleece values continue nominal in the absence of any demand. There is a moderate enquiry for palled from the factories at prices somewhat easier. We hear of no special features in foreign descriptions.

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