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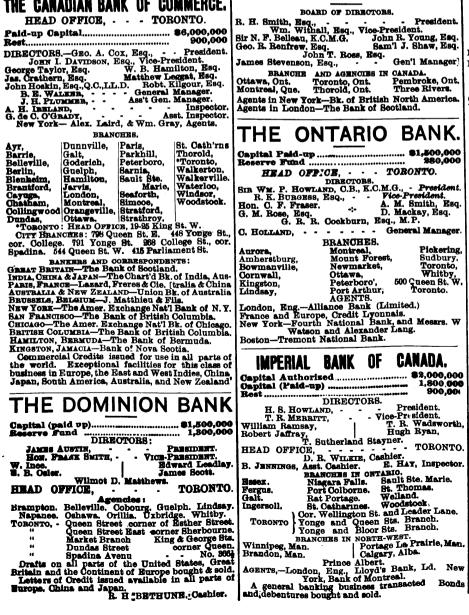
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THE sixth annual excursion of the St. Thomas Board of Trade was held on the 13th. This was an occasion when the members, for once, were not the bored of trade.

J. J. GOLDEN, auctioneer, Winnipeg, who failed some time ago, had his stock advertised for sale yesterday.----In the same city Robert Tindal, expressman, etc., has been sold out by the bailiff.

IN July, Halfpenny & Washburn, shoedealers, North Bay, held a meeting of creditors, and 65 per cent., unsecured, was offered. As they could not give the security demanded, an assignment follows.

THE prospectus of the British Columbia Paper Co. (Ltd.), just issued, states that the proposed capital is to be \$50,000. A site for the mills has been selected on the first rapids of the Somas River.

A NEW C. P. R. steamer is talked of for the local route between Owen Sound and the Soo. A few weeks ago some of the boats then on that route looked rather deserted, and an ad dition to the number would not seem to be warranted.

In Maskinonge, N. G. Lemyre, general trader, has assigned. He has been several years in business and was supposed to be doing well in a moderate way. His failure is, therefore, a surprise to local as well as outside people. He owes \$4,200.

A LARGE grower of grapes in Sandwich, Ont., says that the outlook for this fruit could not be better, and indications point to a very large crop. Continued drought, however, may turn the scales the other way. Corn, in this particular, is said to be suffering severely.

DAME SARAH ANN CARTWRIGHT, doing a hardware business under the name of G. Lepage, her late husband, has assigned, with liabilities of \$2,000, and assets nominally of \$3,300. She has carried on the store in a small way since her husband's death, in May, 1889.

A SMALL dealer in furniture in Montreal, J. B. Alarie, has assigned with liabilities of \$2,000 and assets \$1,500. He has been some years in trade, but has never proved much of a success, compromising in 1884 at 25 cents on the dollar. Since then he has had hard work to make ends meet.

CANADIAN creditors are not the only ones who suffer from small dividends. The Manchester Provision Trade Journal reports a case in which the liabilities were £186 1s. 7d., and the only assets £13 12s. 7d., deposited with the insolvent's solicitor as costs of filing the petition

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in bankruptcy. This man had commenced business as a grocer on a borrowed capital of £13.

WHEN the great firm of Frys & Chapman, Quaker bankers, of London, failed, a member of that society brought his money to the firm of J. Lloyd & Co. for safe keeping. "We think you are right," said Mr. Lloyd, "it is wiser to put thy money with a rich sinner than a poor saint."

IT would seem that the indications of a poor salmon catch in British Columbia might yet prove false. The Daily Columbian says that the outlook for a good pack is daily improving, and if the run continues as at present (August 5th) the season will not be without profit to the canners.

ONE George Bertrand, a retail grocer in Montreal of some 10 or 12 years standing, and who has all along done a very fair business, has got into difficulties through investing too much in property, and has assigned. His total debts are \$39,841, of which \$26,200 is made up of mortgages.

WE learn that J. G. Somerville, who has been in general business at Fitzroy Harbor for quite a number of years, has assigned, but his liabilities are not very heavy. He has been unsuccessful once or twice before, and though latterly running two stores the amount of business done was small.

OTHER minor assignments in Ontario are H. H. Hulse, dry goods dealer, Sudbury; A. M. Spafford, grocer, Trenton, who is chiefly indebted to a local firm; J. Rosart, fruit dealer, Hamilton; E. S. Platt, merchant, Campbellford, and R. J. Thomas, grocer and shoedealer, who came from Shelbourne to Brantford in April last.

A. S. LANGEVIN, a retail dry goods dealer of East Montreal, has assigned, with liabilities of \$15,000. He failed before in October, 1888, when he settled at 50c., payable in 4, 8, 12 and 16 months. This he carried through, but his credit has been restricted, which, with the keen competition in his vicinity, his present stoppage is not a surprise to the trade.

SHIPPERS are asked to notify the freight department of the G.T.R. of their wants in the matter of cars. There are anticipations of a heavy autumn trade, and with proper organization and co-operation on the part of officials and shippers, it is hoped that the company will be able to move forward the freight with as little delay as possible. We shall be glad to hear of no cause for complaint by vexatious delay, as in former years.

Leading Wholesale Trade of Toronto,

It is 33 years since Mr. P. Sheedy, a popular member of the staff of Messrs. McMaster & Co. in this city, first connected himself with that firm. Upon his retirement the other day the principals marked the event with an address expressive of their high esteem and accompanied it with a gold chain. The employees added a handsome gold watch.

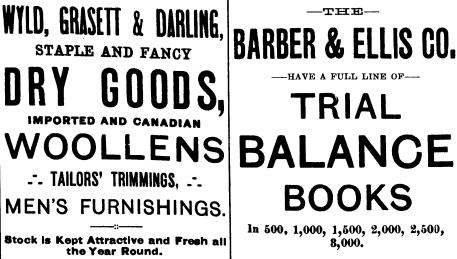
A NIGHT watchman named John Calahan, in the employ of the Hamilton Street Railway, has been arrested for extensive stealings from the company. For six years past he has been able to open the combination safe, from which he took, during that time, something like \$15,000. He has made restitution of \$12,500, which was at his credit in several banks in Hamilton.

A QUEBEC customs' officer has detained the schooner "Ann Prudence," hailing from St. Jean, Island of Orleans, having on board the following smuggled liquors : 25 barrels gin, 7 quarter-casks gin, 13 octaves gin, 10 octaves brandy, 227 cases brandy, 12 green cases gin, 33 cases champagne, 4 cases assorted liquors, and 1 case Oporto wine. Value \$6,000. The vessel has evidently been misnamed.

THREE failures are announced at Woodstock this week. An old American soldier named E. Willis has been dealing in cigars in a small way without capital. He now owes \$900, and has nominal assets of one-third this sum .-J. B. McCullough, confectioner, after being six years in business, had his premises seized by his landlord for \$500 rent and has assigned. Creditors' chances for a dividend are not bright.

R. NEWLANDS, tobacconist, Kingston, inherited \$3,000 or \$4,000 from his father some five or six years ago, and commenced in the above business, succeeding G. A. McGowan. He has been steady and attentive, but has proved a poor manager, and has now got to the bottom of his pile. He has been trying to arrange with his creditors at 20c. on \$, but evidently without success, as we now hear of his assign. ment.

THE Canadian Pacific Railroad, through the Collector at Bath, Me., a few days ago made application to the Treasury Department, Washington, to remove a water tank used by the company to a more convenient location on the American side. Acting Secretary Nettleton has informed the collector that if the tank is moved it will be dutiable as merchandise imported into the States. The railway people will keep the tank in its present locality. Verily there is precious little give and take about some governments.



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PRICES ON APPLICATION.

According to the Owen Sound Times local mills have already shipped, this season, about 2,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber. Boston, Buffalo, and Halifax have been the chief points to which the consignments were made. Some, too, have gone to Great Britain and European markets. One dealer has sent forward six car loads of oak to Germany within a few weeks. This timber was obtained in the Penetanguishene district.

THE merchants of Windsor figure that they have taken in \$60,000 of veterans' money during the week. They also rejoice in that they have disposed of all their old shelf worn goods, which have been carried off as Canadian souvenirs. One would think that so much filthy lucre would, to some extent, heal the wounded feelings of loyalty caused by the appearance of so many stars and stripes during the Grand Army meeting.

A FIRM of hardware dealers in Owen Sound, A. K. Bishop & Co., are in trouble, and an assignment has been made. — In November, 1889, G. J. Lenentine, general storekeeper. Springfield, bought a stock of goods valued at \$5,000, paying \$2,000 cash, and giving mortgage as security for the balance. At that time he was evidently in good shape, but now an assignment has been made.

THE sheriff is in possession of the assets of A. W. Emerson, general storekeeper, Bothwell. He has been about four years in business, and, considering his personal habits, it would be surprising to hear of his success.— In Hamilton, C. W. Atwood, jeweller, started business two-and-a-half years ago with \$1,000 capital. Already an assignment has been made, with liabilities of \$2,500, and nominal assets \$500 less than this sum.

A JUDGMENT delivered on the 10th inst. by Judge Palmer advances another step the tedious litigation in the Parks & Son case of St. John, N.B. He has decided that the bank acted without proper authority, skill and diligence, and that the sale of cotton was made at 1½ cents less than might have been obtained for it. He also decides that 590 pounds was deducted from the whole weight without warrant, and the bank must be held liable therefor.

BASS, RATTCLIFFE & GRETTON, brewers, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, have begun a suit in the United States Circuit Court against A. Q.Wendell, of Boston, Mass., for the alleged infringement of their trade mark upon bottled pale ale. Wendell is alleged to be using the plaintiffs' label upon another

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> THERE are four small failures announced in this city this week. Of the number Ben. Bache, grocer, has been a long time in business, and at one time it is stated that he had a fair surplus. But considering that he has at least passed his seventieth year, it is not surprising that, with the keen competition of younger men, his profits should diminish. An assignment has become necessary. Another grocer, named W. K. Fisher, doing a small trade, has also assigned. So have W. H Potter, tailor, and the Metropolitan Publishing Co., which was organized a year ago, succeeding George Patterson. It was said to have been established in the interest of the Third party, whose organ, the *Nation*, has suspended.

ONE morning lately, says the Kingston Whig, a demure little American lady dropped into an up-town clothing store, and after looking over some ready-made clothing for gentlemen, made a purchase and requested a room in which to put them on. The astonished clerk complied, and in due time the purchaser reappeared quite composed, and, with a word of thanks, departed down the street, looking very much the same as when she entered. The curiosity of the storekeeper was aroused, and following, at a respectful distance, he saw her board the Cape boat on her way to the land of uncle Sam. No information is to hand of any person's detention at Cape Vincent for smuggling, and the conclusion is that the tricky little Yankee presented her husband with a suit of good Canadian tweed duty free.

VICTORIA, B. C., looks for much benefit to result to the city from the three days' tournament of the North Western Firemen's Association to be held there. To the tradespeople the *Times* tenders this good advice, which should be pondered over by those in other places: Of course the immediate profit will accrue to the storekeepers and hotels, but we must try to make Victoria profit by it in more than an immediately pecuniary sense. Let there be none of those high prices of which Queen's birthday visitors so louldly complain, for such complaints result most detrimentally to the city. Storekeepers, restauranters and hotel-keepers should be content with a fair profit, and not look upon tourists and holiday visitors as very desirable victims to be fleeced.

A WOBLD'S FAIR big-tree committee has been scouring the Puget sound region of Washington for monstrous growths, the Northern Pacific having offered to haul to Chicago the largest stick of timber that can be found in the State. The committee, says the N. W. Lumberman, has measured a good many firs; some standing in a bunch were 10, 11 and 14½ feet in diameter, six feet from the ground, and 100 feet to the first limb. Those of another group were not over nine feet in diameter, but from 350 to 400 feet high. A single tree, of similar diameter, is said to be 200 feet to the first limb. On the north fork of the Nooksack, is a perfect spruce, said to measure 14 feet in diameter, and on the south fork there is a cedar tree, blackened by fire, that is 21 feet in diameter. The same journal furnishes its readers with an illustration of a pine stump 10 feet high and 25 feet diameter, on which are standing and seated 78 persons.

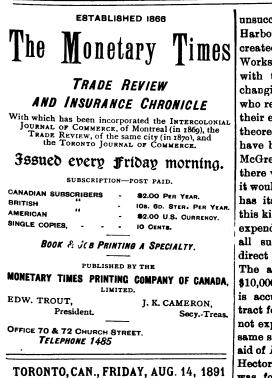
SPEAKING of the recent failure of Nesbitt Bros., in Woodstock, the Sentinel-Review says : "Both members of the firm have earned the reputation of being able and pushing; and they have a good reputation both locally and abroad. After years of ceaseless effort they have had to assign. All their hard work and push has not been able to cope with that curse of trade in Canada-too much credit. It has ruined many other good firms before." The liquor business of this firm suffered heavily during the years in which the Scott Act was in force in Oxford. Since its defeat they were not able to regain their former position About two months ago they disposed of their grocery business. This was expected to have afforded them considerable relief, but evidently it did not, for they have assigned with nominal assets of \$57,000, about \$20,000 of which is book debts and \$12,000 in stock, probably too large. Their direct liabilities are about \$41,000.

An illustration of the different feelings which competition will sometimes engender is furnished in the case of Siegel, Cooper & Co., the extensive dry goods firm in Chicago, who were burnt out the other day. Promptly after the fire Mr. H. Lazarus, of the "Fair," wrote expressing his sympathy, and proffered any assistance, in the way of office room, in his power. This was accompanied by the wish that their past energies would be rewarded by a new location quickly acquired. Another ormpetitor, knowing that there was only one building vacant suitable for the purpose of storing the saved goods and others on the way for the fall trade, secured an option on it and demanded a bonus for it from Siegel, Cooper & Co. This piece of apparently jealous spite is given prominence in the New York World under the heading of "Gentlemen vs. Cut-throats" side by side with the good Samaritan spirit displayed by the other house. It is to be hoped the temporary misfortunes of the firm did not compel them to accede to so selfish a demand.



THE MONETARY TIMES.





THE SITUATION.

As a result of the Tarte investigation the head of the Public Works Department has fallen. The sun of Sir Hector Langevin goes down in a cloud; his long public career has an inglorious end. The charges against him were that he took money from public contractors for political purposes: to carry elections and sustain newspapers, one of which was owned by his son-in law. It was proved that contractors for public works subscribed heavily for political objects in which the fate of the Government was bound up. Sir Hector Langevin read a statement before the investigating committee, having previously given in his resignation, in which he denied nearly every charge in direct terms. He said he should have resigned sooner if charges had in the first instance been made directly against him, instead of being levelled principally at Thomas McGreevy, a Member of Parliament and a close friend of the Minister of Public Works. Engineers and clerks in the Department unduly favored contractors, and received gifts in return for these crooked services. Besides these flagrantly corrupt practices, a minor offence was committed by permanent clerks in more than one department, in which they acted in contravention of the statute law. No permanent clerk in any department is entitled to receive extras, no matter how long his hours of work at certain times may be. Extra clerks do not come under the prohibition, and permanent clerks sometimes received pay in the name of others. Sometimes, generally, perhaps, they did the work for which they were paid, and it was almost invariably done by some one. Several of the minor offenders have been suspended, and others may possibly follow. The exposure ought to lead to the erection of new safeguards against these several forms of corruption and wrongdoing.

Langevin. And on some points it was not cal channels. The charge is made in con-

unsuccessful. He showed that the Quebec Harbor Works being under a commission created by law for that purpose, the Public Works Department had very little to do with the details. The reasons given for changing the engineers for these works, who resided in England and did not get out their estimates as soon as they should, were theoretically valid, whatever there may have been behind in the mind of Mr. Thos. McGreevy, one of the commissioners. That there was no crookedness in the commission it would be difficult to believe. The lesson has its uses, and it is that commissions of this kind should not be entrusted with the expenditure of large sums of public money ; all such expenditures should be on the direct responsibility of the Government. The admission that Sir Hector received a \$10,000 loan from Thomas McGreevy, who is accused of being a partner in the contract for the harbor works, and that he did not expect to repay it, is fatal. From the same source came a large subscription in aid of Le Monde, a newspaper owned by Sir Hector's son in law. Thomas McGreevy was for years a stand-by when political subscriptions were wanted; he was a close friend of the Minister's, at whose house he used to stay every year, when attending his duties as Member of Parliament. But the ex-Minister professes to have known next to nothing of what his guest was doing in connection with several matters on which guilty knowledge is charged. His accusers probably stretched the truth a good deal, exaggerated, and even invented; but when every allowance is made, there remain elements of grave doubt and suspicion which the defence has not removed.

A draft lease of the Toronto Street Railway to the Kiely Company has been prepared, Mr. S. Blake and the city solicitors having given it their attention, the charges against aldermen in connection with the lease having assumed no substantial form. At this point Mr. E. A. Macdonald comes forward, and in a letter to the Mayor says he is "at liberty to formulate and prefer charges of malfeasance in office against certain members of the Council," and that such charges will be placed before the Mayor early next week. " The document will aver and set forth that at least eight members of the Council were influenced by illegal and improper means to vote for the acceptance of the Kiely-Everet tender." On the mere credit of Macdonald, we should prefer not to believe any charge of the kind; but why did some one pay him \$4,500 to withdraw a suit in which similar exposure was threatened? He also promised silence if he got \$15,000, but failed to get it. Now he What does again threatens exposure. it mean? In the face of such a challenge, even from such a source, we think on the whole it would be best that the facts should be looked into.

Corruption scenters have found a new field of exploit. It is broadly charged that railway subsidies, instead of being used for the purpose for which they are granted, An able defence was made by Sir Hector are sometimes in part diverted into politi-

nection with the subsidies voted by the Quebec Legislature to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway. A large amount is represented as having been diverted, and it is more than insinuated that some of it went to pay the debts of Premier Mercier. The charges are now in course of investigation by a committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa, a bill having been introduced to authorize the transfer of the road from one company to another. The Bank of Ontario, which had advanced money to carry on the work, objects and alleges that the subsidy had been corruptly manipulated. In this way the enquiry arose. When an enquiry was threatened the promoters asked leave to withdraw the bill, on the assumption that this would remove the ground for investigation. The bill was not allowed to be withdrawn, and the enquiry went on against the protest of the Quebec Government. Practices similar to those charged were likely to be the result of such dealings between bonus beggars and bonus-grantors. No direct value is given for the money received; the amount is handed over to those who ask it, generally not the most scrupulous of mortals, and no further questions are asked. No steps are taken to see whether the bonuses are applied to the purpose for which they are granted. This is true not less of municipal than of government bonuses. There is a story, never contradicted, we believe, that the municipal bonuses given to a railway built over twenty years ago all went into the pockets of the chief promoter. As a rule, nothing of this kind would be possible. and the majority of railway bonuses were probably applied according to the intention of the grantor; but the nature of the transaction makes division of part of the bonus an easy matter. There is a temptation, too, to commit this form of abuse. The recipients of the bonus can afford to give away a part of what costs them nothing, and there seems to be little doubt that in some cases corruption in this form has been practiced.

An attempt is being made at Ottawa to compel the Government to divulge in advance the lines within which it will conduct the negotiations for reciprocity, next October, at Washington. The treaty, if made. must of course be laid before Parliament for ratification : but the information asked for could not well be given, and if it could it would be wise to withhold it. We know from statements already made over and over again, on the responsibility of the Government, that anything like the acceptance of the American tariff by Canada is out of the question. Acceptance of unlimited reciprocity is not now in question; that question was put out of the way by the direct vote of the electorate. We also know that the Americans will not assent to a revival of the former reciprocity treaty or agree to a treaty limited to raw produce. But these are the two extremes of the reciprocity problem, and between them there is ample room for action. On a previous occasion, when the late George Brown was negotiating, a middle course was found. A middle course can be found again if both parties are

done or suggested before. It is true that the present Canadian Government is not expected that we should take a lesson from the one that appealed to the electors on Blaine for our mutual benefit, and they see the question of our trade relations with the United States, but it is bound to respect the verdict then rendered, and it could not, if it would, accept unlimited reciprocity without being guilty of an act of bad faith; it accepted the trust reposed in Parliament, and must carry it out according to the electoral decision.

Soon after Sir John Thompson's accession to the Ministry of Justice, it looked as if a change in the veto policy hitherto pursued would be made. On the Jesuit bill, the new Minister argued as if it were sufficient for a measure passed by a provincial legislature to be constitutional to save it from liability to disallowance. Probably the measure under discussion had something to do with his attitude on the veto question. Then the Church of Rome, a power in the land, did not desire the right of disallowance to be exercised. But now it invokes the veto, and the Government brings in a bill which will enable the Supreme Court to take evidence on the right of Roman Catholics in Manitoba to maintain the Separate School system. The bill recognizes two sets of bills on which the veto may be exercised, bills respecting which some constitutional question arises, and bills which may be vetoed on grounds of public policy. If, for instance, the Supreme Court should declare the Manitoba School Bill to be constitutional, the veto could not be exercised in reference to it, though an appeal to the Privy Council would be in order. This would save the Gov. ernment from the responsibility of exercising the veto. Where a bill involves political questions, the responsibility of determining the public policy will not rest with the Executive, for, though the Supreme Court may be heard upon it, the judgment will be merely advisory, not obligatory.

A statement comes by cable that the British Government has refused its assent to the West Indies being erected into a confederation, but that it is anxious to see them united by closer trade ties to Canada. These statements may be true, though it is difficult to believe what we hear of a projected West India confederation for the the people of Sheffield. first time, when we are told that it has been rejected. Great movements are not made must have been, if it ever existed at all. A colonial agent, not named, is credited with the statement that "the idea of the present [British] Cabinet is to make the West Indies dependencies of Canada." This is clearly an invention, a pretence arising out of a desire to see closer trade relations between the two countries. The West Indies would not agree to become political dependencies of Canada, nor would Canada be willing to accept them as such. The framer of the story adds that there is deep discontent in the islands with British rule. Uneasiness over the economic condition created largely by the competition of beet sugar there is, and we may expect to

willing, though it may differ from anything treaties. The new Canadian sugar tariff has disappointed the sugar colonies. They now that nothing can be done without a re-imposition of duty on foreign sugar.

> In the free list there are no less than thirty-nine articles which the United States is entitled to send into Cuba and Porto Rico under the commercial treaty with Spain. Among them are woods of all kinds, and many manufactures thereof, including almost everything except furniture; lard, butter, cheese, fish in every form, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat and flour made therefrom; vegetables and garden products, fresh and dried; bran, hay, straw for forage; trees, plants, parden seed, tanbark, implements, utensils and tools for agriculture, the arts and mechanical trades. Practically everything which Canada could supply to Cuba and Porto Rico are taxed, while the American products are admitted free. This must be more or less felt. These treaties somewhat narrow the space in which Canada can cultivate commercial relations, and they tell no less adversely to the British West Indies.

THE UNITED EMPIRE TRADE LEAGUE.

One advantage which the members of this League have over the Imperial Federationists : they know what they want and tell us in terms that we can understand. Col. Vincent is founder of the United Empire League, its secretary and the chief expounder of its principles and aims. His plan is simply a return to preferential duties within the Empire; that the colonies shall favor British manufactures in comparison with foreign, and that Great Britain shall favor colonial produce. To do this the colonies would have to put discriminating duties on foreign manufactures, and Great Britain would have to tax foreign flour and provisions while admitting the produce of the colonies free. Col. Vincent began by telling us that be was authorized by the working men of England to propose this change. But by the time he got to Halifax, he admitted that he could speak only for his own constituents,

Here is the way in which he puts the ase : The British Empire embraces onein the dark, as this confederation plan fifth of the surface of the globe, covering 11,000,000 square miles and having a population of 350,000,000 souls. It produces everything that can minister to the wants of man. And he tells us to make this test: "Hold a balance in your hand; place in one scale 350,000,000 people with all their markets, under the British flag. Place in the other scale 60,000,000 people in a territory smaller than our own [Canadian ?] and a foreign flag. Hold the balance fairly in your hand, and has any one a doubt but that the foreigners' scale will rise high into the air ? " But is this the only alternative ? Must we have preferential trade with either Great Britain or the United States?

not more to be hoped in the future from the cultivation of trade with every country that is willing to trade with us on reasonable terms? It may be convenient for Col. Vincent to use commercial union as a buffer to set off the superior attractions of his own scheme, or what he presents as such; but suppose we point to the facts that the Canadian electorate and Parliament have refused to accept preferential trade, in this wholesale form, with the United States, and that there is no prospect of this decision being reversed; that the alternative which he suggests is fanciful and unreal; what could he say in reply? The present aim of Canada is to get a reasonable commercial treaty with the United States, and if we fail in this, it will be soon enough to consider seriously Col. Vincent's scheme of preferential trading under a United Empire League. It is something to have a scheme of this kind in reserve. For the present it may be put on the shelf. If the Americans prove reasonable in the coming negotiations it may remain there; if they do not, it may be taken down and examined with a view to extracting from it any good which it may be found to contain.

The fault of the commercial unionists is that they make propinquity everything, and speak as if no trade could be equally valuable with that which is near; the fault of Col. Vincent is that he talks as if the 200,000,000 of distant Hindoos could be made as good customers to Canada as the inhabitants of the United States. He places the two in opposite scales and treats equal numbers as of equal value. This is a delusive process. Equal numbers do not imply equal values as customers. Great Britain, with a population of less than four-sixths of that of the United States, makes from Canada larger purchases. But no other part of the Empire buys nearly as much, man for man, as the United States. Equal numbers in the contrasted figures presented by Col. Vincent represent such unequal capacities of purchase as to have no value, and can only be misleading in a comparison. What can the millions of Hindoos whose labor brings only a few cents a day buy from Canada? They do not need our wheat, for they produce a surplus themselves. They would not take our manufactures, for they can buy British on better terms. When the elements of trade exist, distance can be overcome ; but when you reach poor customers, at whatever distance, you will find a million of them go a very short way compared with an equal number of more prosperous people.

When a nation depends largely, as Great Britain does, on supplies of foreign food, it needs to be sure of its sources of supply. Col. Vincent is good enough to credit Canada with ability to supply England with the wheat now obtained from the United States. In the coming time this will be not only possible, but easy; but at present it is impossible. The time when this will be possible will be hastened, he believes, by preferential trade within the Empire. To facilitate this change, the first thing to be hear that it is heightened by the Blaine Is no other course open to us? Is there which stand in the way, treaties with Beldone is to secure the abrogation of treaties

gium and Germany. A resolution to this effect, moved by Principal Grant, received the approval of the Halifax meeting. This meeting appears to have been influential, and Col. Vincent may fairly claim to have made a decided impression on the audience. Whether we agree with him or not, we may thank him for presenting an alternative scheme which, though it is not entitled to take precedence of reasonable reciprocity with the United States, will deserve consideration should the coming negotiations at Washington fail.

AN EVIL IN THE FLOUR AND GRAIN TRADE.

The dry goods trade is not the only one in which the evils of the credit system are found to be a formidable barrier to a healthy condition of affairs. The flour and grain business has for a long time past been endeavoring to resist its inroads, and the remarks of President Goldie at the annual meeting of the Dominion Millers' Association, in this city last week, was a timely and vigorous protest against what he none too strongly termed a curse.

There was a period in the history of the industry when sales were made on a cash basis. A sight draft on the purchaser went forward at the same time as the shipment. Of course it was only reasonable to expect that the buyer would defer payment of the draft until the stuff arrived. This, in the case of consignments to the Maritime Provinces, should not, it is claimed, be longer than thirty days; less to points nearer home. But just here is where the abuse crept in. In order to postpone payment as long as possible the consignee's request to hold the draft gradually extended from 30 days to 40, 50, 60, and even 90 days. There are instances in which the shipment had arrived many days before the draft was finally paid. The banks had no means of knowing of the arrival, and were, apparently, quite willing to hold, with interest accruing at the expense of the drawer. We are told of one instance of this kind in which a prominent Western Ontario firm sent forward some cars of oats to a point in New Brunswick. The same old excuse of "hold the draft; the stuff hasn't arrived yet," was given day after day, until enquiries by the firm led to the discovery that the cars had been lying on the track at their destination for two months. Meantime interest charges had mounted up to nearly \$100, and the market had declined ten cents a bushel. The sole aim of this unscrupulous person was not merely to get a long credit, nor was any objection made to quality. He was undoubtedly calmly watching the course of prices, and these proving unfavorable the shipment was rejected. The shippers had no alternative but to simply pocket the loss, for the man was found to be financially irresponsible. It is strongly hinted that the lastnamed motive has not a little to do with the undue delay in paying drafts on the part of certain other lower province dealers. This, if true, is a rather serious reflection, and its effect upon the reputation of those who are guilty of such an ing admitted to do business in Massachu- dence and respect."

action is deservedly bad, but at the same time the natural tendency is to bring unmerited blame upon the trade in general.

There are said to be dealers outside of the association, and some in it, too, who in their anxiety to make sales have taken advantage of the present situation to perpetuate the evil by agreeing to this most unreasonable credit. Others again, who set their faces bravely against it, find they lose business by so doing, but, nevertheless, have the grit to keep their flour and grain rather than sanction the They must pay cash to the practice. farmer for the grain, and are on safe ground when they expect the same, or its equivalent, from those to whom they sell. Failure to conduct the business on this basis is exceedingly dangerous. Through this, as Mr. Goldie pointed out, millers frequently became involved in debt and entirely depen dent on the prompt payment of others. It followed that a single failure would often involve many solvent business men. The trouble is most pronounced in consignments to Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Some have found Quebec buyers to be particularly unreasonable in this respect. Mr. Goldie's proposition would seem to supply a remedy. He suggests that the bill of lading should not be given up until the sight draft accompanying it is paid, and that the name of the bank should appear on the bill of lading and that the banker be notified, as well as the consignee, when the cars arrive. By this means pay. ment, upon receipt of the consignment, is ensured, or failing this the shipper will be in a position to know just how to act under the circumstances. It is earnestly to be hoped that the committee appointed to consult with the banks and obtain their co-operation may be entirely successful-This accomplished, it lies with members of the association to be a unit in their endeavors to put into force the new, and by far the safer, practice. Here is an opportunity for them to show their loyal support "in every constitutional measure for the advancement of our interests, prosperity, and welfare," which was the closing sentence in the address of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Meldrum.

AN IMPORTANT INSURANCE DECISION.

In the State of Massachusetts the Commercial Upion Assurance Company has been fined \$500 for violating section 20 of the Insurance Laws of that Commonwealth, in which it is enacted that "no company shall write more than ten per cent. of its surplus as regards policy holders, as arrived at by the Massachusetts Insurance Depart. ment, on any one single risk or hazard." The risk in question was that of the Geo. F. Blake & Co. Pump Works at Warren and Cambridge, in Massachusetts. The company issued a policy of \$858,000, covering the property of this firm, subject to a coinsurance clause, and of the total amount of this policy a sum exceeding ten per cent. of its assets in that State was covered on one risk. The company had re-insured in various other companies in good stand-

setts. The portion of the risk carried by it, and for which it was directly liable, was \$15,000, or 1¹/₂ per cent. of its net surplus to policy-holders. This the Commercial Union considered a compliance with the law of Massachusetts.

The Insurance Department of that State does not, however, recognize re-insurance in other good companies as a reduction of the company's liability in such a case. This appears to us a somewhat novel decision, and if upheld will cause no little stir in the insurance world. The practice of companies writing large lines on various manufacturing risks, and then reducing their direct liability to at least 11 per cent. of their surplus, as regards their policy holders, will have to be abandoned. All the other companies transacting business in Massachusetts, and that are doing the same as the Commercial did in this case, will, in like manner, be amenable to a fine. If the Insurance Department is determined to enforce the law as now interpreted by it a revolution will follow, causing the cancellation of all re-insurances conflicting with this clause.

The companies in which the re-insurances were effected being in companies admitted by the Insurance Department into the State as perfectly solvent, it seems strange that re-insurances in such companies were not valid in reducing the direct liability of the Commercial Union.

THE RELATIONS OF DEBTOR AND CREDITOR.

" It is charitable to make allowance for the struggles of a merchant who is in difficulties to keep himself from going under, but if he so far forgets what honor requires of him as to declare in writing or orally that his means are greater than they actually are, or conveys that impression either by speech or silence, he forfeits all claim to the sympathy or forbearance of his compeers. If he borrows money when he cannot possibly be ignorant that he can never pay it unless he borrows more to pay it with, he is simply practicing upon the generosity of friends, who must sooner or later lose their property because of their mistaken faith in his integrity, and who will naturally and properly condemn his dishonesty in obtaining money by false pretences. There is only one square, manly course for a business man to pursue when he is in straits, and that is to show his hand and meet the consequences. If his affairs go wrong and he is unable to meet his obligations, that is a misfortune which has happened to many. It is retrievable and does not impair his good name. But if he swerves from the strict line of integrity, he throws away what he can never get back. Losses of fortune are often recovered-of reputation, never. There are not riches enough in the universe to compensate a man for the shame he must bear, if he possesses ordinary sensibility, in being constrained to shun association with his former friends and acquaintances, because he knows that they know that he is undeserving of their confi-

The foregoing words are from the Boston greater part of fine asbestos fibre adapted for are to be shod each year; for each pair it is Shoe and Leather Reporter. They were prompted by the unexpectedness of some recent failures in the States, and the marked discrepancies they revealed between the representations of debtors while incurring obligations, and the discoveries of investigators after the liabilities could no longer be concealed. It often happens in this country that a man's true financial position has been concealed from himself and his creditors through his own ignorance of how to keep a systematic and intelligent record of his business. We know of some manufacturers and others doing a considerable trade whose methods of bookkeeping are so crude that their present worth must be a matter of uncertain guesswork. Shrewd men, too, in many ways, but who are so shortsighted in this particu. lar that they do not see the importance of having everything relating to their affairs in such a shape that their books will readily tell the story. Years ago when competition was less keen than to-day, a man could afford to do this with some impunity. Profits were then large enough to cover a multitude of sins in keeping close track of expenses, stock taking, and bad debts. Not so now. Everything is cut fine. He must know where every leak is. What each item costs him. That his stock doesn't bear a fictitious value. How much he is paying in interest, and many other things which count in the long run. Our chartered accountants can tell of numberless cases in which the tangled record of a business was an important factor in bringing about failure. Relying upon imperfect methods of keeping accounts, it is little wonder that many men are deceived as to their real standing, and have by this in turn been betrayed into giving a false impression to creditors. Certainly merchants owe it to those from whom they buy to be frank as to their progress or otherwise. Wilful concealment or misstatement of such is dishonesty pure and simple. Amongst other questions which a leading dry goods firm of London, Eng., asks from those seeking credit are these: Do you keep a set of books? Do you keep a cash book? When was stock last taken and books balanced. A merchant's books, if properly kept, ought to indicate his financial standing, and should misfortune happen to come, there is less likelihood of its having been delayed and intensified than would be the case through culpable negligence or blissful ignorance of this most essential part of any merchant's or manufacturer's business. Good book-keepers there are in plenty, and the expense of one would prove a profitable investment to many who are to day depending on their own dangerously rough-and ready method of arriving at results.

THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY.

Great interest continues to be manifested in Canadian mining circles, says the Quebec Chronicle, in the rapid development of the asbestos mines of the Eastern Townships, especially in portions of the townships of Thetford, Ireland, Coleraine and Wolfestown.

spinning came from Italy and Corsica; its price ranged from \$250 to \$300 a ton. The recent discovery of immense quantities of the valuable mineral in the Province of Quebec has almost revolutionized the trade. The output of the Canadian mines, which are all comprised in a very small circuit, has increased from 50 tons in 1878, to 8,000 tons in 1890, and prices have advanced until, notwithstand. ing the largely increased production. No. 1 Quebec asbestos now commands almost as good a price as the best Italian. This is not only due to the superior quality, but to the variety of new uses to which it is applied and which are increasing almost daily. The commoner grades continue, as before, to be manufactured in steam packing and fire proof building felt. The spinning and weaving of the finest quality of the fibre has been so improved that, from being employed for drop scenes and other heavy stage paraphernalia, it has now come to be used for the manufacture of stage dresses for the ballet. Though it was known some decades ago that there was asbestos in the Eastern Townships, it was only within a few years, in Thetford and Coleraine, that the abundance of the deposit was discovered. Now there has sprung up in each of those townships populous mining villages, from which large quantities are almost daily shipped to Boston.

The profits from some of these mines are said to be very large. Thus, the Johnston-Irvine mine at Thetford, which some years ago might have been bought for \$5,000, now returns to its owners—Judge Irvine, of Quebec, and Mr. Johnston, M.P. P. - an annual profit of \$100,000, producing as it does the finest quality, a large proportion of which sells for from \$275 to \$300 a ton. The method of mining is the crudest and most elementary imaginable. Veins of the fibre are blasted out of the surface rock, and workmen with hammers separate the rock from the pure asbestos, which is at once sorted into grades for shipment. Some of the finest mines in Coleraine, formerly the property of Dr. Reid, the pioneer miner of asbestos in this country, have been disposed of at a high figure to the Wortheims, of Frankfort, Germany, the largest manufacturers of and dealers in asbestos goods in the world. They are now about introducing improved machinery from Europe, not to increase the production, but to lessen its cost. The miners have an understanding amongst themselves to keep up the price of the raw product by allowing the demand to regulate the supply. Within the last few weeks there has been an attempt in Europe to reduce prices, manufacturers having quietly accumulated a certain amount of the mineral in excess of present requirements. The miners are equal to the emergency, however, and are storing the output of their mines here instead of shipping it on consignment. The principal asbestos miners of the Eastern Townships are the Wortheims, the Bell Company of London, Eng., Irvine & Johnston, Capt. Williams, the Scottish-Canadian and Anglo-Canadian Companies, Ward Bros., A.H. Murphy and Frechette.

FACTS FOR SHOE MEN.

The magnitude of the shoe industry in the States is illustrated in this way by the Shoe and Leather Reporter : The census of 1890 reports the population to be 62,480,540. Annual increase in native population, two per cent.; of immigrants, something like half a million Up to within a very few years by far the persons. Hence 1,749,610 more pairs of feet

estimated that three pairs of shoes are needed, making a total increase every twelve months of 5,248,830. This year the population may be reckoned at 64,230,150. They may be expected to use 192,590,450 pairs of shoes, costing to produce, on an average, \$1.15 a pair-\$221,594,017. Add the manufacturers' profit, 5 per cent.; the wholesalers, 10 per cent.; the retailers, 25 per cent., and the aggregate annual expenditure for shoes by consumers is \$319,926,869, independent of what they pay for rubbers, which will swell it to \$350,000,000 or thereabouts.

At a club dinner of shoe men in Boston recently the badges were made of ooze calf, in twenty-four colors, and the waiters wore handsome caps of white ooze. The menu was of leather, printed in gold, and the cigars were inclosed in a leather case.

Probably, says the India Rubber World, the largest pair of rubber boots for actual wear ever manufactured has just been turned out by the Lambertville Rubber Company. One of the company's salesmen sent in a special order for a pair of hip-boots, the length of measurement of which caused some doubt. The boots were made only after the order had been verified, and measured forty-four inches from the top to the heel.

An American exchange considers the shoe store of to-day a great improvement on what it was a generation ago. The old-fashioned method of stringing shoes like fish, or crowding a case of them into a capacious drawer is pretty nearly obsolete. Though the term "shoe parlor" may be objectionable to plain folk, the name is not inappropriate from its air of tidiness and comfort. Still there are many modern stores that are far from being like a parlor. Such a thing as neatness and order are qualities which seem to be unknown to some dealers.

Castor oil bottoms, says Invention, form the most effective application to boots to keep them soft and waterproof. Thus treated they can be put away for months, and will be found quite pliable and comfortable when again taken into wear.

The Belgian police authorities have decided that the night duty men shall have their boots soled with india rubber.

One of the speakers at the dinner of the Narragansett Shoe and Leather Club, of Boston, said : Among the evils of our trade, the greatest one is that of dating ahead ; this is, no doubt, the greatest destroyer of profit and capital that we have. It is equally disastrous to the man who takes it as to the man who gives it, as it leads to overtrading, slow payment, the making of undesirable goods, failures and troubles of many kinds.

On the same occasion as the above another member of the trade said: If the boot and shoe men could form a club and study advertising as a science, it would give them a foundation on which to do business. A gentleman who makes stove polish, and has made a fortune at it, said to me : "A great many people can make as good polish as I can, but they don't know how to advertise it as well as I do."

"No, sir," said the shoe manufacturer, "I can't sell the goods at that price ; I'm a shoemaker, not a freebooter."-Shoe and Leather Reporter.

The first shoemaker in America was Abraham Lovering, who came over in the "Mayflower," carrying with him a full kit of tools and a number of pelts, out of which he made shoes for the colonists.

A poetical shoemaker hung up the following remarkable effusion on a board over his shop :

"Blow, oh, blow, ye heavenly breezes, Underneath these leafy treeses; Sing, oh, sing, ye heavenly muses, While I mend my boots and shoeses." - Chambers' Journal.

The Gummi Zeitung says that the main cause of the deterioration of the elastic in congress gaiters, so much complained of, is the carelessness of dealers in exposing either to the sun or artificial heat, and the use of oil in dressing the shoes. As a substitute for oily substances for application to patent leather shoes, a mixture of two parts of glycerine and one part of water is recommended. If dealers will bear these facts in mind they may be able to understand the cause of the breaking down of the elastic under the conditions named, without charging the manufacturer with carelessness and fraud.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Not only should merchants be careful to keep their business affairs, to themselves, but they should, says the San Francisco Grocer, strictly charge their employees to speak to no one, not connected with the establishment, about the business plans of the firm, or the condition of the trade of the house, if not satisfactory. A great amount of harm can be innocently done to the trade of an establishment by talkative clerks. Competitors are naturally anxious to get something of an insight into each other's business affairs, and there is no easier way to obtain such knowledge than from an over-communicative employee. Parties under different employers can drop very valuable information in the course of a conversation which, when repeated to the several proprietors, may be made use of in such a way as to play havoc with business plans. It is liable to prove far more injurious for employees to mention, even in a casual way, defects in the business, than for competitors to circulate any amount of unfavorable reports, as in the latter case very great allowances are usually made, which, of course, can not be expected in the former. Merchants who are most wise make sure that their business affairs and plans are not generally known.

INSURANCE NOTES.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

There was a fire in a store in a small town in New Jersey, and a New York reporter was sent to write it up. He asked a prominent citizen of the place if the fire was the work of an incendiary. "Dunno," said the prominent citizen ; "it might be, but my opinion is it was sot."-Men's Outfitter.

Representatives of the Insurance Age, Chronicle, Monitor, Insurance Times and Spectator, met on the 3rd inst. in New York, and put in the form of a resolution their sincere sorrow at the death of John H. C. Whitney, of the American Exchange and Review, Philadelphia. He was a veteran worker in the field of insurance journalism and a man of sterling qualities.

Insurance Commissioner Merrill has received reports for the past six months from the Massachusetts assessment and endowment corporations. The fifty-five companies have collected for their benefit funds \$8,949,511, and for their expense funds \$1,329,514. They have paid for expenses \$1,145,528, for sick benefits \$479,563, and for matured endow. powder. Its effects upon the human consti- wooden tie.

ments \$2,028,690. There are now outstanding 265,485 certificates, carrying liabilities of \$84,810,278, of which sum \$862,225 is overdne.

Speaking of the value to insurance companies of the art of physical diagnosis, the New York Medical Examiner says that in the year 1889 upwards of \$1,402,000 was paid to doctors by thirty American insurance companies.

A midnight fire well deserves the honor of being the latest thing out .- Baltimore American.

Mr. C. C. Hine, editor of the Insurance Monitor, has been appointed a member of the "Advisory Council of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition on Insurance Congresses." If ability be demanded of a character commensurate with such a striking title, Brother Hine may be depended upon to furnish it.

Tim: "Sure ye've a great head fer bizness. Gone and inshoored the furniture and lift out the harse and cart intirely !"

Bridget: "Hev ye no conshins, Tim? Is it the earth ye'd be wantin'? Shure the inshoorance com'ny must live as well as ourselves."—Insurance Chronicle.

In Milwaukee the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of New York has purchased, for \$300,000, a site on which it is intended to erect an eleven-storey building to cost about \$1,000,000.

OF INTEREST TO GROCERS.

A Brooklyn grocer offers seven pounds of sugar gratis with one pound of tea at 50 to 60 cents. The N.Y. Bulletin thinks that he is trying to outdo a competitor who gives away 34 pounds of sugar with tea.

The Louisiana Planter wants to know what the country is going to do with its annual production of some 9,000,000 gallons of molasses that are practically valueless. Some one has suggested that it would make a cheap and effective fuel for the refineries. During the eight months ending with June, France is said to have used in the manufacture of alcohol 25,000,000 gallons of worse molasses than is made in Louisiana.

Ambitious Youth .--- I see you advertise for a pushing young man. I would like the position. Grocer.-All right. Here are forty or fifty orders to deliver. You will find the pushcart at the back door.

The San Francisco Merchant advises grocers who carry foreign fruits to take pains to see that all mussy or over-ripe fruit is removed at once from their display, as it not only detracts from the general appearance, but attracts swarms of flies, making the place so uninviting that would be customers scarcely give a second glance, and pass on to some other place, if such is to be found, offering a more tempting supply. Even certain varieties of fruit in excellent condition will at times attract flies, and it is best to protect such fruit by screens or otherwise. Considerable profit can at times be made on retailing fresh fruit, but it is undoubtedly one of the most troublesome articles of produce to handle, and many grocers refuse to carry it on this account.

A new substitute for tea and coffee is being experimented with in Brazil. It is the fruit of a tree, and is about the size of a walnut and contains five or six seeds. These seeds are roasted, mixed with water, and dried. Before being used they are ground into

tution are said to be similar to those of tea and coffee, and the aroma and flavor are not disagreeable to the taste.

The Montreal grocers' picnic has been voted a great success.

Customer to down-town grocer-"How much is that melon?" Grocer-" Fifty cents." Customer-" Well, cut a slot in it till I see if it's ripe." Grocer hotly-"I'm no slot machine."-Exchange.

Much of the vermicelli exported from Chefoo (China), according to an official report, is not vermicelli in the European sense of the word. The bales of beautiful, clear, white strings, which are classed as vermicelli in the native oustoms returns, are manufactured, not from wheat, but from beans. It much resembles isinglass, for which, unfortunately for the consumer, it has occasionally been sold. It is impossible to melt it down by boiling. Being neither isinglass nor vermicelli, it has found little favor in Europe, but it is largely consumed in China, and finds its way to the homes of Chinese emigrants in Canada, the United States, Australia, and other lands.

Several Sheffield grocers have been fined for selling adulterated coffee. One sample contained 30 per cent. coffee and 70 per cent. chicory. In another the proportions were 33 and 67 per cent. respectively. A third was composed of equal parts of each.

" I'm on to you," said the fly to the fly-paper in the grocery store.

Hill, the millionaire president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was at one time a clerk in the general store of Passmore & Co., Rockwood, Ont.

A firm in Janesville, Ind., is said to have a peculiar method of doing business. The two partners divide the cash each night, and each morning put an equal amount in the drawer. Each partner is charged up with the amount he credits to customers, and if the bill is not paid it is his individual loss. It is said to work well, as they make money and never had a cent owed them for more than two weeks.

MANUFACTURERS' NOTES.

The Philadelphia Record speaks of an oil well which has recently been struck, and that outdoes the wonderful spouters on the shores of the Caspian Sea. It is in Hancock county, Ohio, and has an indicated capacity of production equal to 40,000 barrels per day. Its owners think it safer to keep a part of this "indicated capacity "stored in the ground, where it will not break the market, burn up or evaporate. They only let it spout according to their judgment of what the traffic will bear. They are probably wise in their generation, provided they can keep other well-diggers from tapping their source of supply by putting down new wells in its proximity.

An American exchange draws attention to the interesting and practical experiments which are being made in Philadelphia by the Reading Railroad Company to determine the value of steel ties as compared with wooden. A section of track has been laid with steel rails and ties on a stone ballast. The tie is flat-topped, and hollowed beneath, the idea being that the ballast will work up into it and give it solidity, with a consequent gain in smoothness of travel and diminished wear and tear on rolling stock. Should the experiments realize the expectations confidently entertained, there is some probability that there will be a general supersedure of the old

Shareholders expressed their satisfaction at the progress indicated by the statement submitted to the annual meeting of the Hess Mfg. Co., held in West Toronto Junction on the 3rd inst. Mr. Wm. Hess was re-elected president.

A company with a capital stock of \$200,000, of which half has been paid up, has been formed in Detroit to manufacture Tomlinson's hoopless barrel. It is to be hoped that it will prove a more successful venture than the illfated Anchor Mfg. Co., which, but for bad management, might have been a prosperous enterprise to-day.

The Glasgow and Montreal Asbestos Co. (limited), has been organized with a capital of \$350,000. It is intended to operate the Martin mines in Coleraine Township, province of Quebec. -and the Fraser mines in Beauce county.

Peterboro' ratepayers are to vote on a bylaw to grant a bonus to the Patterson & Corbin Co., which proposes to establish street-car works there. The firm binds itself to pay \$300 a week in wages.

In these days of rigid economy every partiole of material must be made to "count," says the *Manufacturers' Gazette*, and there is very little of anything allowed to go to waste. There is a new use for the hair which is taken from hides. Formerly it was of little value, and was practically worthless. By a new process it is taken from the hide by a machine, which at the same time cleanses it, and it is then baled and sent to the factory, where it is utilized in making cloth "all wool and a yard wide."

At a meeting in Philadelphia on the 6th, of manufacturers of wrought iron pipe and boiler tubes, the present deplorable condition of the trade and the low prices now ruling were discussed. It was thought that unless better prices can be obtained the ultimate result will be not only the shutting down of a large number of mills, but also a reduction in wages and of general expenses necessary to meet the present ruinous competition.

DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

GREEN V. BUGGLES.-The defendants, representing \$713,700 of debentures out of a total issue of \$825,000 secured by a mortgage on a railway and other property, signed a memorandum reciting that there were \$50,000 of outstanding claims for labor, materials used, and right of way, and proposing to borrow not exceeding \$50,000 to pay the same and to enable the company to operate without embarrassment therefrom, and secure the persons advancing such money by a lien on the railway and property, which should have a preference over the claims of the subscribers as holders of such bonds, and agreed that whenever the mortgage was foreclosed the sum of \$50,000 and interest should be first used in payment of the advances so made. The plaintiff advanced through an agent the \$50,000 to the company. The mortgage was foreclosed and the property sold, and the proceeds paid into court to abide the result of this suit. Held that it was no answer to the plaintiff's claim to say that the agreement was one which could only be acted upon by the party advancing the money, when it had been signed by all the holders of the \$713,700 bonds; that, looking at the whole of the agreement, it appeared to be the clear intention that each bondholder when he signed, bound his share for a proportionate part of the advance. That

went to pay debts owing by the agent of the plaintiff in connection with the road, and as his agent had acted under power of attorney and had full control of the moneys, the plaintiff could not recover that amount, but was entitled to recover \$43,569.24 and interest, and that there must be a reference to ascertain what proportion of this amount of \$43,569.24 and interest should be paid by each of the subsoribers to the agreement, or should be paid to the plaintiff out of the share of each in the fund paid into court.

MCARTHUR V. FLEET.-Robert Clouston, by his will, after certain legacies, gave the remainder of his money and stocks, share and share alike, to his six children, naming them, " or to their respective issues with survivorship between the different lines, under this limitation, however, that none of his said children should ever enjoy more than the interest or dividend of any part of his or her legacy." Held that the bequest to the six children, share and share alike, would of itself create a tenancy in common. The addition of the words "or to their respective issues " would merely have the effect of vesting the interest of any child dying before the testator, in his or her issue living at the death of the testator. The vesting of these interests would not be prevented by the limitation of the enjoyment of more than the income during the life of each child, but that limitation would have the effect only of postponing the right of payment of each child's share of the principal until the death of such child. With reference to the expression "with survivorship between the different lines," this merely annexed to the tenancy in common the incident of survivorship. But this survivorship is one of a modified character to meet the case of issue taking instead of an immediate child. In such case, where some only of such issue should die, the share was not to go to all the surviving tenants in common, but only to those of the same line.

The issue taking the share of an immediate child who had predeceased the testator, would take as joint tenants among themselves, and their share would go to the survivor of them, but upon the death of all such issue originally so taking, the surviving tenants in common would take.

LEGAL NOTES.

An operator in a Montreal mill borrowed \$60 from a money lender, some months ago, and gave his note at six months for the amount. The note read " with interest of \$7, payable monthly." When the note became due it was not paid, and the lender took out an action for thirteen months' arrears of interest, stating that said interest was at the rate of \$7 per month, making in all \$91 on \$60. Judgment went in his favor. The defendant's interpretation is not the same as that of plaintiff. He asserts that the whole interest for the six months was to be \$7, payable in monthly instalments. His attorney has been instructed to take an appeal from this verdict.

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gage to Pforzheimer for \$2,528.53, incurred in the purchase of goods between the dates of the execution and filing of the Borgess mortgage. Both mortgages cover substantially the same goods. Subsequently the holders of this latter mortgage took possession of the goods and sold them. The first mortgagee laid claim, but the validity of his mortgage was denied. He brought action against the defendants for the conversion of stock. The court held that plaintiff was entitled to recover from defendants. It was carried to the Supreme Court. which holds that the Borgess mortgage, for want of filing, was void as to the indebtedness of Harris & Karpp for goods sold by defend. ants while the mortgage was in existence and of which defendants were ignorant.

The Manchester Provision Trade Journal notes that a question of considerable importance to hotel keepers and the public was recently brought before an English judge. A person, according to his own account, had been allotted a damp bed, and the consequence was a severe illness. He brought an action for damages, and the counsel for the defendant submitted that a damp bed and consequent illness was not an actionable wrong. The judge, however, held that it was actionable, and hotel and lodging-house keepers would do well to bear this in mind.

The New York Supreme Court has rendered a verdict on what constitutes a good delivery. Goods delivered in accordance with a proposal to send them "on memorandum," and which were accompanied by a bill on which was the word "memorandum," were stolen while in the possession of the person to whom they were delivered. In an action for the price the evidence was conflicting as to whether, by the general understanding of the trade as to the meaning of the term "memorandum," the goods so delivered were at the risk of the buyer or seller; but the testimony of one of the buyers indicated that he regarded the goods covered by the insurance on their property, and that he referred to other goods delivered on like terms by other persons as "bought." The evidence, says a New York paper, was sufficient to sustain a finding by the jury that the goods were at the risk of the buvers.

MONTREAL CLEARING-HOUSE.

Clearings and Balances for week ending 13th August, 1891, were as under :

Aug. 7	Clearings. \$1.971.323	Balances. \$340,648
" 8	1,663,804	328,858
" 10	1,442,333	249,155
" 11	1,699,308	317,495
" 12	1,347,824	170,854
" 13	1,394,069	218,418
Total	\$9,518,660	\$1,625,428
Cor. week 1890	\$8,770,292	\$1,299,761
Cor. week 1889	8,150,912	1,238,202

TORONTO CLEARING HOUSE.

Clearings and Balances of this clearinghouse (of which the Bank of Toronto is not a member) for the week ended Aug. 13th, 1891, are as under :--

Aug.	7	Clearings. \$1.023.576	Balances. \$101.371
"	8	863,173	73,523
**	10		holiday.
"	11		108,286
**	12		139,707
••	13	965,930	115,339
To	al	\$4,828,156	\$538,226

-Different opinions were expressed at a recent meeting of the Montreal Corn Exchange as to how money should be raised for harbor improvements. One speaker advocated the granting, by the city, of \$1,000,000. Another expressed a preference for borrowing money, while a third thought that borrowing was inexpedient, and that whatever means were decided upon, the harbor dues should certainly not be increased. He said that the trade was now taxed more than it could bear, and compared the rates in New York with those charged in Montreal. One trip of the "Grecian" was taken as an example :- Pilotage in and out Montreal, \$293.87; New York, \$177.21; wharf charges on ship and cargoes, Montreal, \$1,-401.67; New York, \$636. Custom officers' fees, Montreal, \$54.50; New York, none. Port warden's tax, Montreal, \$49.14 : New York, none; grain lining charges (wharfage for five voyages), Montreal, \$132.34; New York, \$37.91; total charges, Montreal, \$1,931.44; New York, \$851.12, a difference of \$1,080.32 in favor of New York.

-It would seem from the expressions at the meeting of the fish dealers, held in Colling. wood, on the 12th, that there are some features of the fishery regulations which might be amended to the benefit of all concerned. To accomplish this an association has been formed to be known as the Canadian Inland Fishermen's Association, with the following officers : President, G. Stalker, Minx; vice-president, J. Logie, Southampton; secretary, A. Montgomery, Collingwood; treasurer, C. Noble, Killarney. Committee :- D. McAulay, Southampton; J. Anderson, Midland; G. P. McIntosh, Meaford ; W. A. Clark, Collingwood ; T. Bowie, Collingwood ; A. Craigie, Goderich. A committee composed of W. A. Clark, D. W. Port, G. P. McIntosh, J. J. Long, has been appointed to confer with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

-A statement just issued by the Treasury Department at Washington undertakes to show the volume of money in circulation in the United States, with the amount per head of the population. In 1860 the amount in circulation was about \$425,000,000-not quite \$14 per capita. In 1865 it was \$723,000,000or nearly \$21 per capita. Twenty years later the figures were \$1,292,000,000-a per capita of \$23. On the 1st of January last the total circulation was nearly \$1,529,000,000-a per capita allowance of \$23.37, the largest in the history of the United States. While there are different estimates as to the amount of gold in the hands of the people, these figures are regarded by the Philadelphia Record as approximately correct.

-In 1890 there were 364 lobster factories in Canada, 66 of which were owned by Americans. Employment was given to 28,818 hands. The total exports last year amounted to 8,001,-555 pounds, valued at \$997,654. The countries purchasing these goods were as follows :

Great Britain United States France Germany Belgium	3,851,447 570,290 130,258 11,232	Values. \$436,432 460,317 79,965 18,060 1,404
British West Indies		1,404 723

Nova Scotia is the largest exporter, her shipments amounting to 6,224,664 pounds, valued at \$816,111. New Brunswick sent 960,-550 pounds, valued at \$84,547; Prince Edward Island; being 761,775 pounds, valued at \$90,504, and Quebec 44,776 pounds, valued at \$6,440.

-Having inspected the St. Clair tunnel, Sir Hy. Tyler, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, has expressed his entire satisfaction at the manner in which the work was being prosecuted. Commodious stations to facilitate the traffic are being constructed at each end of the tunnel; a capacious ice house is already completed at the Canadian end, and ten miles of siding-tracks are in position at both entrances. Nothing is being left undone to make as perfect as possible the arrangements for handling the large traffic which is expected to pass through on this underground railway as soon as the approaches are finished.

The champion ocean greyhound is now the "Majestic," of the White Star line. Her last trip from Queenstown to New York was made in 5 days, 18 hours, and 8 minutes. This is equivalent to a continuous speed of 243 miles per hour for more than five days, which, says the N.Y. Bulletin, is a feat unprecedented in the annals of any motive machinery ever invented. Had she not been delayed by a disarrangement of her machinery, the "Majestic" would have beaten the best previous record by three hours. The lead was heretofore held by her sister ship, the "Teutonic," whose time was 5 days, 19 hours, and 5 minutes.

-With the object of ascertaining the retail prices of cotton and woollen goods, dating as far back as possible and down to the present time, the United States Senate Finance Committee commenced a session in Boston on the 6th. The senators composing this committee are Aldrich, Carlisle, and Allison, the former being the originator of the idea, which is said to be strictly non-partisan. Results in tabulated form will be published in due course, and are expected to form a valuable addition to the statistics on the relative scale of prices in free trade and protection periods.

-On Monday next an increased tariff of freight rates to Montreal on grain for export will take effect on both C. P. R. and G. T. R. From points now taking 10c. per 100 lbs., advance to 124c.; from points now taking 124c. per 100 lbs., 14c.; points now taking 14c. to 16c. These rates will, as before, be exclusive of Montreal elevator and floating charges. The grain will be forwarded to Montreal at the published tariff rates, and reduced to the above-mentioned special rates after exportation.

-Arrangements have been made by the wholesale and dry goods firms of Montreal for the annual trade excursion on August 28th to 31st inclusive. Tickets will be good to 21st September, which will give buyers the opportunity to visit the Montreal exhibition.

SOME ANECDOTES OF SIR JOHN.

In a tilt between Mr. Holton and Sir John the following capital retort was made: "I have the floor," said Mr. Holton; " the right have the hoor," said Mr. Holton; "the right hon. gentleman has made a statement in a menacing manner, pointing his finger at me; and I call upon him to explain the meaning of it." "All I can say is," replied Sir John, "if I pointed my finger at the hon. gentleman, I take my finger back."

On pp. 126-127, is related a well known pas-sage between the late Premier and Hon. A. G. Jones of Halifax, of which only the conclusion

(Sir John) was stating that such and such an assertion (about Mr. Jones) had been made, but not that it was true. If he had said the assertion was true he would have been out of order.'

A member to Sir John.—" Do you believe it?"

Sir John .-. "Well, I cannot say .-- Well, I do believe it, if you want to know." The Speaker.—"The right hon. gentleman

snow entirely out of order." Sir John.—" Well, then, in a parliamentary sense I do not believe it, but in the other sense I do."

In the course of the debates by which he

introduced the National Policy, Sir John remarked that those manufacturers who cared to be protected at all wanted all the protection they could get. They were like the squaw who said of whiskey that "a little too much was just enough.'

Mr. Davis .--- " I rise to a point of order. The complaint I make is that hon. gentlemen made such a noise when I was speaking that I could not make myself heard." Sir John.—" That is not a point of order, it

Sir John.—" That is is a point of disorder."

Being taken to task one day for re-appointing a deliquent to task one day for it appoints ing a deliquent civil servant who had promised to do better, Sir John retorted: "The hon. gentlemen sneered when I said to this man, 'Go, and sin no more.' I could not give them that advice, for I do not think they would take it "

Referring to the life of the Premier written by Mr. J. E. Collins, which gentleman's services as a clerk in Sir Hector Langevin's department had given rise to some questioning in the House, Sir Richard Cartwright said: "It is a happy association of ideas, and what a lamented friend of mine called 'the eternal fitness of things,' that a gentleman who in his life had done justice to so many John Collinses should at last find a John Collins to do justice to him."

Some people had said his Government were insane for bringing British Columbia into the Confederation. This reminded Sir John, at a Confederation. This reminded Sir John, at a Strathroy conversazione, of a story of George II. At the time General Wolfe went with a small force to conquer Canada, some one told King George that the General must be mad. The king, who spoke with a very German accent, replied : "Mat, is he? mat? Well, by — I wish he would bite some of my other generals." It was this madman who hook Canada and added to the British crown took Canada and added to the British crown its brightest gem.

That was an apt classical allusion, too, on pp. 140-141, when in reply to Mr. Mills' criticism of the Government's training ship policy, Sir John joked about Scylla, Charybdis and Sylla. And when Mr. Mackenzie, in his dry way, observed : "I suppose the hon. gentle-man took care to inform the U.S. and other governments that his intentions in this matter are strictly pacific," Sir John replied, "No, our intentions are solely confined to the Atlantic."

In a debate during the Mackenzie administration, Sir John was speaking of certain dis-missals from office, and related this anecdote : "Sidney Smith was discussing with Lord Melbourne certain matters, when Lord Melbourne began to swear. He did not mean any impropriety by it. It was simply the fashion in the early days of the Prince Regent and George priety by it. early days of the Frince Regent and George IV., but it was improper and offensive in the presence of a clergyman. Sydney Smith, in his quiet way, turned round and said, 'Now, my Lord, let us consider everybody cursed and get to business.' Now, sir,'' continued Sir John, "let us consider that the late administra-tion (die Label) is downed not far all the tion (Sir John's), is damned, not for all eternity, but for all time, at any rate." Mr. Mackenzie.—" We do."

Commenting on a new clause in a bill, Mr. Mackenzie said: "If that is considered an improvement it is certainly one of a Tory character.

Sir John .--- " A satisfac Tory character.

unsavory and unwholesome smell on this side of the House.'

Sir John.--" The hon. gentleman had better change to this side. I have no objection to the hon. gentleman coming over here." Sir Richard.—"I am quite willing to accep

the suggestion to change places pro tem. and to consider this the right side of the house for the time being.'

Sir John.--" There is a constitutional objection to that—the ayes are on this side and the noes on that side."—Biggar's Anecdotal Life of Sir John Macdonald.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, August 12th, 1891.

STOORS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Bellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1890.
Montreal	226	£23	78	229	225	2321
Ontario	114	114	80	114	1112	120
People's	99	99	100	101	99	1021
Molsons				165	157	170
Toronto						226)
J. Cartier	•••••			1001	971	100
Merchants	151	150	11	154		
Commerce	131	1301	250	132	131	129
	101	1004				95
Union Mon. Teleg	106	1051	53	107	105	99.
Rich. & Ont	60	582	350	62	60	614
Street Ry	00			200	183	189
				186	105	1003
do. new stock	209	9084	327	209	208	210
Ges		alog	021	200	1821	200
do. new stock	821	801	1745	82}	82	801
C. Pacific,		003	1140	021	02	169)
do. land g. b'ds			110	821	80	1088
N. W. Land	80					
Bell Tele	130	128	65	180	1271	· • • • •
Montreal 4%			•••••			

-Merchants do not stop to think, says the Chicago Grocer, that the opinions they thoughtlessly express of trade establish a standard by which the market is judged. The stereotyped question: "How is busi-ness?" nearly always elicits the reply that trade is dull, when in reality, taking all things into consideration, it may be very good for the season and the general con-ditions which govern trade. Experience has tanght those whose business it is to gather facts that enable them to reflect the true confacts that enable them to reflect the true con-dition of trade, that the average answers given by the heads of departments cannot be used in determining the position. They would have unfortunately a depressing effect.

-"You don't look very well this morning," said Mr. Cumrox to his bookkeeeper.

said Mr. Cumrox to his bookkeeeper. "No; you see, sir, I was up rather late last night. I had some work to finish up and I didn't get to sleep till after midnight." "Work to finish up," Cumrox repeated. "Ah, yes, I remember when I saw you going down the avenue you seemed to be striking a balance."—Washington Star.

-They are telling of a summer sojourner down East who went into a book store in a Maine village that had become a summer resort, and asked if they had "Jane Welch Car-lyle's Letters." "This ain't no Post Office," lyle's Letters." "This ain't no Post Office, the shopkeeper is alleged to have snarled.-Boston Herald.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, August 13th, 1891. This is the dull season for ashes, ASHES.and very little doing, though prices of last week are maintained. First quality pots, \$4.30; seconds, \$3.60 to 3.70. Pearls, \$6 to 6.25. Receipts are light and stocks here small.

BOOTS AND SHOES.-Manufacturers are busy, and report orders coming in satisfactorily, with payments fairly good. Some good sized lots of leather have been purchased within the week for immediate use.

-English can be CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &C .bought at \$2.40 to 2.60 according to lot; Bel-gian, \$2.25, or probably under. Firebricks, \$18 ex.wharf; stocks still ample.

Day Goods.—Remittances show a shade of improvement, although they are still under the mark. Travellers are now on the way home, and are sending in only a fair volume of orders. Every one is waiting for the harvest before anything definite can be de-

In the meantime the action of a cided. western house in outting grey flannels 14c. per yard is severely commented on.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Heavy chemicals as a whole show little change; bleaching powder is looking up a little; sulphate of copper was never known to be so cheap. There has been a decline in the bromides, owing to a break in the combination; German producers have reduced prices and Americans will likely have to follow suit. Camphor is weaker; English refiners have lowered prices a little, but American refiners are trying to keep up the price. Opium thought to have got about as low as it can go; ergot is dearer, and is getting very scarce, especially Spanish. Norwegian cod liver oil is getting steadily dear. We quote :- Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25 ; bicarb er. er. We quote:—Sat soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bioarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; biohromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c., oream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground. 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 45 to 47c.; do, powder, 46 to 48c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caus-tic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.25 to 2.40; alum, \$175 to 2.00; conperson per 100 lbs 90c to \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.40; shuff, \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.50 to 5.00; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 5.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c. German quinine, 35 to 38c. Howard's saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c; German quinine, 35 to 38c; Howard's quinine, 40 to 45c; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.50 to 1.70; gum arabic, sorts, 60 to 80c; white, 90c. to 1.10; carbolic acid, 35 to 50c; iodide potassium, \$3.75 to 4.00 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial dc., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.50 to 3.50; oil bergamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; orange, \$4.00 to 4.50; oil per lb.; gum arabic, so to 25c; do 25cpeppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 20 to 220.; senna, 12 to 250. for ordinary. English cam-phor, 70 to 750.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 30 to 350.

-The pressure on the refiners is GROCERIES. now principally from the West, as the local de-mand is pretty well supplied. Prices are unchanged at 4§c. for granulated, and 4 to 4§c. as the range for yellows. Syrups are dull, owing to the hot weather, quoted $2\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{4}c$. Molasses irregular at 41 to 42c. for Barbadoes, and 37 jc. for Antigua. Teas are well sold up; every lot arriving is readily absorbed, and all to arrive for a month ahead is sold. Dried fruits are firmer on reports of a reduced crop. Spices are flat and values low.

HIDES.—There is not much change in the situation of the hide market. Receipts are not large, and holders of stock do not seem in a hurry to get rid of their holdings. The Ameri-can market remains firm. Quotations unchanged. Dealers are still paying 54c. for No. 1 green hides. Sellers quote 64c. Calfskins are steady at 7c.; lambskins, 30 to 40c.

LEATHER.-There has been more movement in the past week, and ten to twelve tons of splits have gone into the hands of cutters, which has had the effect of hardening prices of that article. There has also been some movement in pebble and buff. Advices from England report trade quiet, but a good fall trade is looked for. There have been no shiptrade 18 100ked for. There have been no ship-ments to speak of in the past week. We quote:— Spanish sole, B.A., No 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No.2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c. : American oak sole 30 to 42c. Britted be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 30c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; maset sheenskin linings, 30 to 40c.; bar. 800.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 400.; har-ness, 20 to 260.; buffed cow, 11 to 140.; pebbled cow, 11 to 140.; rough, 20 to 250.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE. -Scotch warrants at Glasgow continue at 47/, same as quoted a week ago, and maker's prices are unchanged. The only transaction reported here in pig iron is a sale of 300 tons to a local foundry at a shade under current quotations. There has been quite a demand for Terne plates both for local There has been and Western trade, and several hundred doubleboxes have been sold in round lots. Price is well maintained, due to small local stocks; for although English quotations are lower, the time of delivery is so uncertain buyers cannot wait. Some round lots of ooke tin-plates have

been sold at \$3.60 to 3.65 f.o.b. here. Not much doing in charcoals, except in a regular distributing way. We reduce quotations on distributing way. We reduce quotations on antimony, which is coming out cheaper. Canada plates have been dealt in to a fair ex-tent, prices favoring buyers. We quote :--Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21.00 to 21.50; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.25 to 21.50; Eglinton, \$19.00 to 19.50; Gartsherrie \$21 to 21.50; Carlbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$18 00; No. 1, 18.50; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.00; ma-chinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as fol'ows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21 for round lots. Canada Plates -- Blaina, \$2.75 to 2.90; Swansea, none; Penn., none here. Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.25 to 7.50. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; Tin plates-Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4.25; P.D. Crown,\$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; coke wasters, \$3.35; calconing of the No. 18 or company for the start of Canada plates have been dealt in to a fair exphases Dialey of the second of the second s 22 to 230.; bar tin, 250.; ingot copper, 132 to 150.; sheet zinc, \$6.25 to 6.50; spelter, \$6; antimony, 14 to 160.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 bls.; annealed do.; \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coilchain, ½ inch, 50.; § in., 4½c; 7-16 in., 4½c; ½ in., 40.; § in. 34c; § in. 3½c, ; Å in., and upwards, 30. Ourse Daynes and Criss Bound a slight

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OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.-Beyond a slight stiffening in castor oil, there are no changes to report in this market. Linseed runs at 60 to 63c. for raw and 62 to 64c. for boiled. Steam refined pale seal is quiet at 471 to 50c. accord-ing to lot. Cod oil firm, but neglect. ing to lot. Cod oil firm, but ne ed. Paints moving in a jobbing Glass unchanged at former prices. neglect-W8.V. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 5, \$2 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red do., 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1: Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Win-21 (for the for threat break \$150] dow glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25. For 50box lots some concession would be made on these figures in most cases.

WOOL.-Very little is doing in wool, as millbuying direct from farmers. men are still We learn of sales of some 300 bales Cape at an average of 15c. per lb. Fleece and pulled wools are quiet and unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TOBONTO, August 13th, 1891. BOOTS AND SHOES.—Factories continue busy on fall and winter goods. There is no im-provement to note on travellers' orders or business generally; but this state of things having been discounted for this month, is causing no uneasiness.

DRUGS.—Business has not improved any since last week, and is decidedly on the quiet side. The advance in glycerine is confirmed, and likely to be steady. Turpentine has not strengthened any more since last report. Castor oil, opium, morphine and quinine are easy, but prices remain about the same.

DRY GOODS.—For the month of August business is fairly good. Every day just now excursions from various outside points are centreing in the city, and country merchants continue to combine business with pleasure, in taking advantage of these trips, to supplement their depleted stocks by placing fair sorting orders. Travellers are booking moderate orders for fall and winter goods, in some cases for immediate delivery. Payments are said to be fair.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.-The flour market continues featureless, and with new flour



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GRAIN.—The wheat market is fairly active, the demand almost wholly being from the millers. New arrivals of red and white winter wheat have again acted adversely on quota-tions to the extent of three cents per bushel. The figures will have to come lower yet before they are on a level with export prices. Our quotations are, for winter wheat No. 1, \$1 to 1.01; No. 2, 98 to 99c.; No. 3, 96 to 97c.; for spring wheat No. 1, 93 to 94c.; No. 2, 91 to 92c.; No. 3, 88 to 89c. Quotations for Manitoba hard are unchanged. Harvest operations in the south have commenced, and the feeling is pretty certain that there is not much danger

already offering, prices are easier. Straight from frost this year. As soon as the crop roller shows another reduction of ten to fifteen begins to come on the market prices will ease up a little. The American markets are strong, and advancing, and took an upward bound of and advancing, and toos an upward bound of three cents per bushel yesterday, which was sustained at the close. The English markets are advancing; cable this morning says, "still tending upward and improving," The action of the Russian Government in prohibiting the exportation of rye and corn, and the reduced estimate of the American wheat orop, is firm-ing up markets in England and America. Barley prices are nominal, none offered or wanted. There are some new samples to hand, which are very fine Oats have again receded, the reduction being as much as eight cents per bush., caused by large receipts, which are again caused by large quantities heating and going out of condition; also large new crops almost ready to move into the market. Present prices

are 36 to 37c. per bushel. Peas are very dull, quotations nominal; corn and rye unaltered.

GROCERIES .- Business with wholesale grocers is on the quiet side, city and country retail grocers being slack; the city grocers suffering from the exodus of the citizens to summer from the exodus of the citizens to summer resorts, and the country grocers from the farmers being too busy with harvest work to leave the homestead. Payments also would admit of improvement. Canned goods are much in the same position as last week, mov-ing slowly, with the exception of salmon, for which there is at present an active demand, even at the increased price. Coffees are dull and prices firm. Dried fruits easy, but quotations are unaltered. Prunes are reported a very heavy orop. As the harvest of Valencia raisins approaches, it becomes clearer that the yield will be much under that of last year, and yield will be much under that of last year, and prices are ruling strong. Syrups and mo-lasses are easier; in rice, there is no Japan or Italian in the market. Sugars, granulated, are now in plentiful supply, with quite an active demand existing. There are signs, however, of prices weakening. Yellows are not so active, and prices are not strong. Sales at 4 to $4\frac{1}{3}$ c.; on large orders dealers would probably quote finer figures. Japan teas are fairly active, and second picking are now in the market at 15 to 17c. per pound. HARDWARE.—The general condition of trade

HARDWARE .--- The general condition of trade does not warrant any alteration in prices this week, which still remain steady. Tin plates if anything a shade easier in the face of arrivals; ingot tin, firm; lead, unaltered; Canada plates nominal, still enquiries are numerous; iron wire, from 24 to 5 per cent lower. Trade quiet in the face of what may be regarded as holiday season. Active autumn business con-fidently expected. Payments if anything im-

> on all our Points, &c.





HAY AND STRAW.—The supply of hay on the market is not steady, caused chiefly by the farmers being engaged in harvest operations. The best old hay is selling at \$15 per ton, average price secured, \$14; new hay is selling at \$10 to \$12 per ton according to quality: at \$10 to \$12 per ton according to quality; sheaf straw is fetching \$9 to \$10 per ton. LEATHER.-The leather trade is moderately

active and prices are without change. Cutting active and prices are without change. Cutting has become more general; manufacturers and jobbers are buying more freely, although in small quantities. There is no outside or export demand at present, and stocks are in good shape, no accumulations being heard of. export demand at present, and stocks are in good shape, no accumulations being heard of. PROVISIONS.—The dairy trade is a little dull, the demand for butter is limited, and stocks are accumulating; pails and tubs are ruling at 12 to 15c. per lb.; the latter price only secured for very choice. There is no low grade butter in the market. Cheese is unaltered in price, and there is not very much doing. Dried and evaporated apples are almost nominal, at un-changed quotations; hops are firmer, choicest Canadians, 35 to 36c. per lb.; yearlings, 24 to 25c.; no old hops moving. Mess beef is dull, and American mess pork is scarce, and is still ruling at \$15.50 to \$16. In hog products trade has been active, and prices are higher: long clear bacon, per lb., 8½ to 8½o; in a jobbing way at 8½c. for large lots; hams, per lb., 12½ to 13c. and scarce in supply; rolls, per lb., 8½ to 9c.; pure Canadian lard, per lb , 10½ to 10½c; compound lard, per lb., 8½ to 9c.; in Liverpool lard is threepence and bacon sixpence dearer. Eggs are weak and dull; the receipts are not large, but are fully equal to the demand, selling at 12½ to 13c. per doz.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

Gillespie & Co. write under date Liverpool, Gillespie & Co. write under date Liverpool, 31st July, as follows: Raw sugar is firmer, with more inquiry. Refined shows no altera-tion. Rice is very steady at unchanged prices. Chemicals remain as last quoted, excepting bleaching powder, which has been advanced to $\pounds 7$ 17s. 6d. to $\pounds 8$ per ton for U.S. and Canada. Cream tartar quiet at 94s. to 94s. 6d. per owt.

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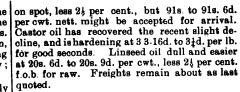
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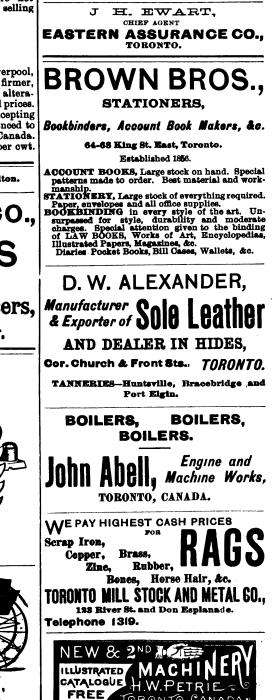
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CHEMICALS, MINERALS AND METALS.

In their report dated Manchester, July 25th, In their report dated Manchester, July 25th, S. W. Royse & Co. write as under : Although the amount of business at present being done in chemicals is far from satisfactory, more particularly for the home trade, we can at least record in some articles a change from the almost dead level of depression unpleasant-ly noticeable a short time ago. Bleaching powder has been continuously active, principal-ly on export account, and price has just been advanced 10s. per ton. Caustic soda, soda ash, and soda crystals are all moving off steadily at unchanged figures. The Board of Trade returns for the month of June last show heavy exports of alkali and bleaching materials, and for the six months ended June 30th last as compared with the correspond-30th last as compared with the correspond-ing period of 1890, the exports of alkali show an In period of 1550, the exports of alash shows in an arrow a start shows in weight and $\pounds 205,362$ in value, and the exports of bleaching materials a decrease in weight of 4.568 tons, but an increase in value of $\pounds 6,234$. Acetates of lime are



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steady, but only a moderate business passing, consumption being comparatively small at present. Miscible naphtha has a strong enquiry. In acetate of soda an arrangement amongst French manufacturers is reported, and prices have advanced about £1 per ton. Acetates of lead are steady. Bichromates of potash and soda have been the subject of much attention, there being a feeling that with the recent decrease in production an advance in values is not improbable; makers are not anxious to sell, and will book for spot delivery only. Green copperas has a moderate enquiry; the temporary cessation of production in South Wales has improved the position, but no actual advance in values has taken place. A fair business is being done in sulphate of copper, and prices are firm and stocks less. Makers of carbonate of ammonia are well engaged with orders. Muriate of ammonia quie; the better qualities are more freely offered. Sulphate of ammonia has given way slightly, and though prices are steady at the moment, there is little life in the market. Carbolic acids are very depressed.

In minerals manganese is in plentiful supply, but the demand also is large, and prices firm. Iron ore continues easy, and the imports have still further declined; the Board of Trade returns for the six months ended June 30th last show a decrease of 826,763 tons in weight and of \pounds 707,090 in value as compared with those for the corresponding period last year. Brimstone is more plentiful at considerably lower prices; the return for the six months ended June 30th last show a decrease of 6,763 tons in weight and \pounds 9,741 in value as compared with those for corresponding period of 1890, the decrease being supplied by home production in the shape of recovered sulphur. Chrome ore is in good demand at unchanged figures. China olay is quiet in the home trade and shipments on foreign account are up to the average. Others and umbers move off steadily.

The course of the metal markets during June has been very disappointing. There has only been a small trade at Glasgow, notwithstanding which, however, prices have receded but little. Prices of Middlesbrough pig iron have declined about 1s. 3d. per ton during the month, and merchants there are now very desirous of selling, but buyers are difficult to find in the present state of the market. Shipments from Middlesbrough during the month have been very unsatisfactory, and there is a considerable increase in the quantity of iron in the public stores. The shipments of manufactured iron and steel from Middlesbrough during the six months ended June 30th last, are returned as 210,902 tons, as against 255,368 tons during the corresponding period of 1890. Copper has declined steadily throughout this month, the total decrease in value being about £3 per ton. Tin has receded about £1 per ton. Spelter has fluctuated but little, and closes steady. Pig lead also has varied little, and closes about 5s. per ton easier.

Canadian Pacific Railway

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

A half-yearly dividend upon the capital stock of this Company at the rate of five per cent. per annum will be paid on August 17th newt to shareholders of record on that date. Of this dividend one and a half per cent. is from the annuity provided for until August, 1993, by a deposit with the Canadian Government, and one per cent. is from the surplus earnings of the Company.

Warrants for this dividend payable at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, 59 Wall St., New York, will be delivered on and after August 17th at that agency to shareholders on the New York register.

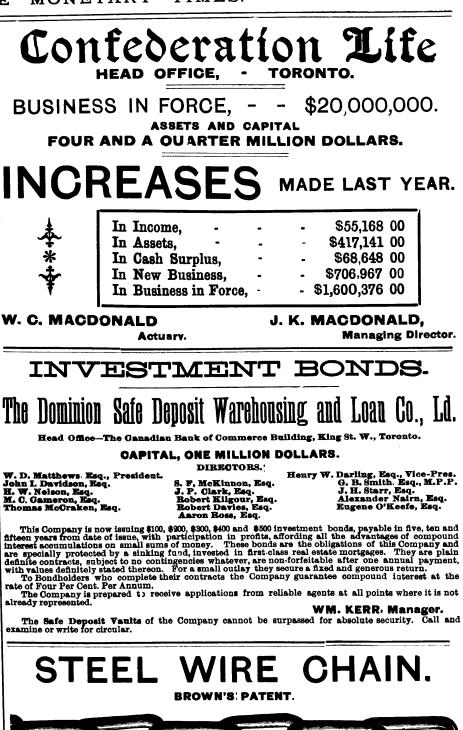
Warrants of European shareholders on the London register will be payable in sterling at the rate of four shillings and one penny half penny (4s 14d) per dollar, less income tar, at the Bank of Montreal, 99 Abchurch Lane, London, and will be delivered on or about the same date at the office of the Company, 1 Queen Victoria St., London, England.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed in London at 3 o'clock p. m. Friday, July 10th, and in Montreal and New York at the same hour on Saturday, July 25th, and will be re-opened % ten o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, the 18th August next.

By order of the board,

CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary.

Office of the Secretary, Montreal, July 3rd, 1891.



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Peas	036 057	SUGA Por Jan
Corn Ens. Corn, choice y.w	0 81 0 82 0 00 0 00	Trin Ext Red
Timothy Seed, 1001bs Olover, Alsike, " "Bed, " Hungarian Grass, "	3 75 4 50 10 00 15 00 8 25 8 75	Ver Brig Med
Hungarian Grass, " Millet	8 25 8 75 1 75 2 00 1 75 2 00	Bro TEAS Yok
Millet Flax, screen'd, 100 lbs Provisions. Butter, choice, ¥ lb.	0 12 0 15	Nag Con
Cheese Dried Apples Evaporated Apples	C 13 0 14	Ool
Hops Beef, Mess Pork, Mess Beep long clear	14 50 15 00	Gun
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Lard, compd Eggs, V dos Honey, liquid	0 08 0 09 0 14 0 13 0 09 0 00	Sola Brie Vict
	012 015	Rou Con Lau
Salt. Livrpool coarse, \$\$ bg Canadian, \$\$ brl "Eureka," \$\$ 56 lbs Washington, 50 ". C. Salt A. 56 lbs dairy Bice"s dairy "	1 50 0 00 0 70 0 75 0 50 0 55	Hou Barm Box
C. Salt A. 56 lbs dairy Bice's dairy Leather.	0 45 0 00 0 60 0 00	Wine
Spanish Sole, No. 1	0 94 0 96 0 91 0 93	WINE Port
Slaughter, heavy No. 1 light No. 9		Shen " POBTI
Harness, heavy "light Upper, No. 1 heavy	0 21 0 25 0 30 0 33	BRANI
Kip Skins, French "English	035 037	Otar J. R. Pine
" Veals Hemi'k Calf (25 to 30)	0.55 0.65	Gus: I
36 to 44 lbs French Calf Splits, large, ¥ lb "small Enamelled Cow, ¥ ft Betent	050075 110140	Boot BUM:
	0 15 0 90 0 18 0 90 0 18 0 90	Dem WHISE
Pebble Grain Buff Russets, light, \V lb	0 13 0 16 0 13 0 16 0 35 0 45 0 06 0 06	Imp HTh
Gambler Sumac Degras	0 06 0 06 0 042 0 05 0 05 0 05	Pure f
Hides & Skins. Cows, green Steers, 60 to 90 lbs	Per h.	F'mi Old
Oured and Inspected Calfskins, green " oured	0 05 0 00 0 054 0 00 0 055 0 06 0 05 0 07 0 05 0 07 0 07 0 09	Bye '
Lambakins Wool Skins Sheep Pelts	0 50 0 00 1 25 1 40 0 40 0 00	H TIN: H Ingo
Tallow, rough Tallow, rendered Wool.	0 014 0 02 0 052 0 061	COPPE Shee LEAD:
Fleece, comb'g ord "Clothing	0 18 0 19 0 20 0 21	Pig. Shee Shot
Pulled combing " super " Bxtra	0 18 0 19 0 22 0 23 0 26 0 28	ZINC: Anti Bold
Java V lb., green,	\$ c. \$ c. 0 28 0 39	BBASS IBON:
Porto Rico " Jamaica. "	0 22 0 23 0 28 0 28 0 29 0 23	Carn Bayy Nova
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RICES CURRENT.—August 13th, 1891.					
Name of Article.	Wholesale Bates.	Name of Article	Wholcoals Rates.		
Groceries.—Con. Plums, ½ case Almonds, Taragona Princess	\$ c. \$ c. 0 19 0 16 0 15 0 16	Hardware.—Con. IBON WIBE :	\$ 0. \$ G		
Princess Filberts, Sicily	0 23 0 25 0 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	Annealed	List to 5%		
Filberts, Sicily Walnuts, Bord Marbots	U122 U14	Barbed wire, galvd	0 05 0 051 0 04 0 00		
Grenoble SYBUPS:Com to fine lk Amber lb	0 023 0 034	Barbed wire, galvd Barbed wire, galvd painted Coil chain § in » Iron pipe galv Bories trabes in	0 044 0 00 60 to 50 5%		
Pale Amber lb MOLASSES ; W. I. gal .	0 00 0 L0 0 85 0 45	" galv	30 to 9 5%		
New Orleans	0 037 0 045	" " 3 in	0 16 0 00		
Patna Japan Carolina PICES: Allspice Cloves Ginger, ground "Jamaica.root Nutmegs Mace Penper, black	0 00 0 00	Boiler plate, 1 in " " 5/16 in " 3 &th'ck'r	2 75 0 00 2 65 0 00		
Cassia, whole \ lb	0 11 0 12 0 13 0 15	Citra NATLA	200 200		
Ginger, ground	015025 020025 090025	10 to 60 dy C.P. 8 to 9 dy C.P. 6 to 9 dy C.P.	2:30 10 CO 2 55 0 00		
Nutmegs	075 190 100 110	1 2,000 uy Q.F.	1 00 0 0		
white		8 dy O.P. 4 to 5 dy A.P. 8 dy A.P.	3 05 0 00		
UGARS: Porto Rico Bags, Jamaica, in hhds	0 00 0 00	3 dy A.P. HORSH NAILS : Pointed and finished	50/10 toj 00%		
Jamaica, in hhds Trinidad, in bls Extra Granulated Redpath Paris Lump Very bright Bright Yellow Brown	0 033 0 031 0 05 0 05	HOBSE SHORS, 100 lbs. Canada Plates:	3 60 3 70		
Nedpath Paris Lump Very bright Bright Vellow	0 04 0 04	Abercarne	3 10 3 15 3 15 3 20/ 3 15 3 90/		
Med. " "	0 04 0 042 0 04 0 042	All polished	0 00 0 00.		
Έ∆s: Japan. Yokoha.com.togood	0 17 0 25	IC Charcoal	4 50 4 15 5 50 5 75		
" fine to choice Nagasa. com. to good Congou & Souchong.	0 30 0 40 0 17 0 20 0 15 0 55	CANADA PLATES: Biaina Abercarne St. Lawrence All polished Tin FLATES: IO Coke. IC Charcoal IX " IX " IX " IX " IX Summer States IC M. L. Summer	6 50 6 75 4 50 4 75 6 25 6 75		
Oolong, good to fine. "Formosa Y. Hyson, com. to g'd "med. to choice	0 16 0 55 0 30 0 55 0 45 0 65	WINDOW GLASS:			
	0 184 0 36	26 and under 26 x 40 41 x 50 51 x 60	1 50 1 60 ⁴ 3 40 3 50		
" extra choice Gunpwd.com to med " med to fine	0 20 0 35	GUNPOWDER:			
" med to fine " fine to finest OBACCO, Manufactrd	050055 051051	Oan blasting per kg. "sporting FF "FFF	3 95 53 501 5 00 0 004 5 95 0 00		
OBACCO, Manufact'r'd Dark P. of W Myrtle Navy Solace		" rifle BOPE : Manilla	795000 01930137		
Brier 7s Victoria Solace 19s Rough and Ready 7s	0 50 0 55 0 55 0 00 0 53 0 00 0 64 0 00	Sisal Axms: KeenCutter&Peerless	0 092 0 102 7 50 8 00		
Consols 4s Laurel Navy 8s Honeysuckle 7s	0 67 0 00 0 57 0 00	Busnranger			
ARM YEART !	1	Oils.			
Box 3 doz. 5c. pkgs " 3 " 10c. " " 41 " mixed Vines, Liquors, &c.	0 00 1 00 0 00 1 95 0 00 2 00	Cod Oil, Imp. gal Palm, ¥ lb	0 00 0 CC 0 06 0 06 0 70 0 75		
INES:		Lard, ext.Nol Morse's Ordinary No.1 " Linseed, raw Linseed, boiled	0 60 0 65 0 66		
Port, common	1 95 1 75 9 50 4 00		0.00 1.00		
"fine old Sherry, medium old DBTBE: Guinness, pts "gts BANDY: Hen'es'y case	1 50 9 75 3 00 4 50 1 60 1 75	Seal, straw " pale S.B English Sod, per lb.	0 50 0 55 0 55 0 68 0 05 0 07 1		
	9 55 9 65 13 00 13 50	Petroleum.			
Otard Dupuy & Co"	19 75 13 00 10 50 11 50 10 00 10 95	F. O. B., Toronto. Canadian, 5 to 10 brls "single brls	1mp. gal. 0 17 0 00 0 17 0 00		
Pinot Cleatillon & Col	10 00 10 95 II	Carbon Safety Amer'n Prime White	$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 17 & 0 & 00 \\ 0 & 17 & 0 & 00 \\ 0 & 17\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 93 & 0 & 00 \\ 0 & 95 & 0 & 00 \\ 0 & 95 & 0 & 00 \\ 0 & 95 & 0 & 00 \\ \end{array}$		
"B. & D "B. & D Green cases "Red "	8 25 8 50 5 75 6 00 11 00 11 25	" Water " Photogene	0 26 0 00		
Booth's Old Tom UM: Jamaica, 16 o.p.	4 00 4 25	Paints, &c. White Lead, genuine in Oil, 25 lbs	575640		
HISKY Scotch.rep.gts	6 75 7 25	White Lead, No.1	5 75 6 40 5 50 6 00 5 00 5 50		
Imperial qts HThomson&Co Irish	8 00 8 75 In Duty		0 00 5 50		
are Spts 65 o.r. \VI.gl	Bond Paid 196 4 07	Venetian Red, Eng Yellow Ochre, Fr'nch Vermillion, Eng	1 60 1 75 1 60 1 75 1 00 1 90		
" 25 u.p. " F'mily Prf Whisky	1 14 3 70 0 60 1 89 0 66 9 04	Varnish, No. 1 furn Bro. Japan	0 85 1 00 0 85 1 00		
" Bye and Malt	0 66 2 04	Ked Lead Ventian Red, Eng Vellow Ochre, Frinch Vermillion, Eng Bro. Japan Whiting Putty, per 100 lbs Spirits Turpentine	065080 91939995 050000		
	1 15 9 52 0 85 2 29	Drugs.			
Hardware, IN: Bars Ψ lb Ingot Sheet Sheet Sheet Sheet Sheet Sheet Sheet Solder, hf. & hf Aass: Sheet ON: Pig.	\$ c. \$ c. 0 25 0 26 0 23 0 34	Alumlb Blue Vitriollb Brimstone	0 09 0 04 0 07 0 08 0 03 0 08		
DPPER: Ingot	0 15 0 151	Camphor	0 12 0 13 0 65 0 75		
AD: Bar Pig Sheat	0 05 0 05	Castor Oil	030 0500		
Shot	0 00 0 06	Cocaine oz.	9 50 10 00 0 29 0 30		
Antimony Solder, hf. & hf	0 15 0 16 0 17 0 19	Epsom Salts	0 013 0 08 0 13 0 14		
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Bar, ordinary	9 75 0 00 9 10 0 00 4 00 4 25	Morphia Sul	U3UU30 150 16ŏ 375 400		
Lowmoor	0 06 0 06a 9 60 0 00	Oil Lemon, Super Oxalic Acid	8 50 3 75 0 19 0 14		
Pank Plates	9 60 0 00 9 95 0 00	Potass Iodide Quinine	360375 030940		
Bayview American. 2 Nova Scotia bar Swedes, 1 in. or over Lowmoor Hoor 5, ocopers Band Fank Plates Coller Rivets, best do. Imitation LIVANIZED IBOR:	4 50 10 0 11 5 0 10 0 00	Sal Rochelle	0 27 0 30 0 30 0 38		
Best No. 99	0.05 0.05	Gentian Glycerine, per Ib Hellebore Insect Powder Morphia Sul Oplum Other Potass Iodid Guinine Guinine Guinine Saltpetre Saltpetre Saltpetre Saltpetre Sole Sash Sole Sash Tartaric Acid	0 034 0 04		
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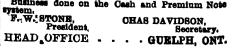
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