

Returns furnished by the Banks to the AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

LIABILITIES.

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ASSETS.

Other current loans, discounts and advances to the public.	Notes, &c., overdue and not specially secured.	Other overdue debts not specially secur'd.	Overdue debts secured.	Real Estate (other than the Bank Pre-mises.)	Mortgage on Real Estate sold by the Bank.	Bank Pre-mises.	Other Assets not includ'd before.	Total Assets.	Average amount of specie held during the month.	Average amount of Dominion Notes held during month.
7,120,327	5,246		4,290	9,214	8,612	50,000		10,423,211	182,006	556,900
13,561,425	62,777		195,672	53,443	92,904	294,639	127,812	20,069,790	412,000	642,000
6,178,300	32,230		50,652			156,380	2,285	10,821,152	135,000	223,000
5,462,814	47,076		89,693	110,780		168,007	69,461	7,882,619	906,800	299,200
3,620,116	20,966			20,000	1,500	90,000	18,283	5,534,796	102,740	180,350
4,907,406	64,163		26,157	86,046	14,815	123,164	53,429	6,142,690	74,061	215,703
4,883,490	25,408		58,530	61,349	33,163	143,014	38,854	8,561,157	253,951	370,505
2,636,054	15,078		23,799				18,066	3,231,618	54,480	116,490
1,631,019	4,889						16,025	2,588,341	44,721	67,966
3,293,428	5,755		22,223		2,965	84,669	23,730	4,689,106	102,792	132,396
2,652,527	5,534		13,885	22,012		45,560		4,224,639	102,392	135,473
970,307	8,743		1,050				8,730	1,286,530	18,188	24,484
224,429	65,427		2,069				3,322	866,436	15,000	11,300
17,206,359	113,486		36,450	22,984	106,167	600,000	2,064,253	45,014,093	1,585,000	1,980,000
7,422,627	101,523		33,014	55		200,000		12,476,962	301,614	622,149
4,985,321	25,600		36,183	136,852	6,288	54,444	7,133	5,925,422	21,252	124,402
1,162,234	2,480		277,638	63,242	39,088	82,365	181,423	2,268,900	15,203	35,075
993,228	31,456	28,761	23,119	67,334	8,301	20,317	292,460	1,711,708	14,787	19,879
1,632,218	16,478		65,943	22,483	16,940		36,280	2,621,984	37,071	68,645
8,709,957	64,941		119,055	43,919	7,503	190,000	79,463	11,970,386	441,127	503,539
12,156,715	107,639	16,930	70,460	201,528	40,627	439,653	88,673	20,506,127	296,000	629,000
3,010,553	100,035		146,294	130,179	23,321	98,104	31,638	4,527,555	110,000	200,000
5,339,136	107,263		159,773	52,358	11,437	158,702	801,836	8,515,838	74,050	191,927
3,443,051	21,503		39,454	36,720	15,112	100,000	81,658	4,468,509	21,210	110,650
221,936	27,800	1,801	30,449	2,450	1,700		8,097	352,696	1,193	7,70
708,642	11,501		26,161	27,252	8,588	10,979	14,738	1,011,352	7,765	18,751
3,642,491	59,081			20,964	90,962	100,000	5,766	5,278,378	115,052	121,162
3,237,012	38,148		35,502	18,615	32,225	91,545	25,008	6,370,862	152,317	265,446
3,025,532	10,979		6,317	5,972	200,000	62,000	12,607	4,532,631	92,000	259,000
303,320	7,943		700		1,300	35,900	1,414	1,306,420	28,905	70,449
623,246	13,460		46,678	3,048		48,000	12,000	1,234,201	19,670	53,724
1,807,533	29,233		28,050	1,514			94	2,568,638	28,885	75,601
548,679	4,923		5,672			8,000	51,657	821,377	20,732	24,041
251,609	7,320	840	6,650			22,881		389,056	4,727	4,339
360,969	20,226	2,438	8,563	1,600				680,984	12,727	9,484
1,752,533	18,553		1,923	11,256	6,171	30,000	2,075	2,763,237	116,230	294,518
510,847			4,000	7,926		12,000		623,962	33,000	
668,974	5,644		16,925	5,500	3,000		4,472	997,126	13,837	30,211
1,468,524				12,600		93,305	17,969	3,505,417	218,787	207,913
142,912,503	1,310,624	50,772	1,708,505	1,259,228	772,395	3,611,846	3,700,560	238,173,637	5,406,575	8,732,460

—News of an invention which promises to be of the very highest interest to users of steam, is given by a correspondent in a recent issue of the Manchester *Examiner*. It is that of a regenerative furnace which shall consume or in some way do away with smoke. This invention has been patented by Messrs. Ashworth & Kneen, of Dalton-in-Furness. It is claimed that while bringing about an economy of something like 40 per cent. in the consumption of coal, it also secures the total abolition of smoke. Careful tests have demonstrated, says the paper named, that the new regenerative furnace will make more steam at about one-half the quantity of coal required to be used at present. It can be fitted readily to any boiler, marine included. "Further, the application of the new furnace to any boiler means the complete abatement of all smoke, a matter in which most large towns are deeply interested. Many scientific men, including some of the Naval Dockyard authorities, have inspected the furnace, and all speak of it in eulogistic terms."

—Rev. Dr. Howley, vicar apostolic of Western Newfoundland, who was in Halifax last week, stated to a newspaper reporter that the representations of the Newfoundland newspapers and government that the people of that Island are prosperous and happy were barefaced *misrepresentations* spread abroad for the purpose of covering up the true and sorry state of affairs. The vicar states that thousands of families are living in unutterable misery and woe. The fishery this season has been an almost entire failure on the whole coast. The people must have government aid to carry them through the whole winter. Dr. Howley is in Halifax to forward a direct steam line between the west coast of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and he presses the matter upon the Dominion and Local Governments for subsidies.

—Some of the American newspapers occasionally drift into the truth about the result of this season's fishery. The *Portland Press* says, "some few vessels have done well, but in the main the mackerel fishermen have hardly earned their salt, some of them have actually failed to do even that. Many have absolutely nothing for the subsistence of their families during the winter." This is a striking contrast to reports from our Canadian fishermen who have done well all around and are "well-fixed" for the winter. During the hot controversy last spring it was a favorite statement of American newspapers that our fisheries were worth nothing to them and no doubt when occasion serves the statement will be repeated, but just at present it would seem that the vigilance of Canadian cruisers has had disastrous results to the fishermen of Maine and Massachusetts.

—Mr. F. V. Winch, a British Columbia purveyor, has shipped to Yokohama per SS. "Parthia," 367 boxes of winter apples, most of which came from Sea Island and the balance from the Sound. Mr. Winch also sent as samples 300 lbs. of Fraser River smoked salmon, and 40 lbs. of British Columbia roll butter. He expects that quite a profitable trade will yet be done in shipping the produce of our farms and fisheries to China and Japan.

—The schooner "Maggie Mac" left Halifax last Wednesday for Victoria, B. C., and the schooner "Ariel" left St. John the same day for Vancouver, B. C. The latter has a crew of seven men all told. Capt. Bucknam's wife and four children accompany him on the "Ariel."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 23rd Nov., 1887.

ASSUES.—The market shows little change, enquiry has not been active, and receipts continue to be very moderate. We quote for first quality pots \$4.10 to \$4.20, seconds \$3.60 to \$3.75; in pearls there have been no recent sales, in Liverpool they are quoted at 45/-, equal to about \$8.00 here, but find slow sale.