A NEW PAPER-MAKING MATERIAL.

THE Chickasabogue Manufacturing Company in Alabama is about to make experiments in a new and very important use of okra plant. It is considered certain that the okra can be bleached to any required degree of whiteness; that the cost of reducing it to "half stuff" and pulp will not, on a considerable scale, be greater than the cost of converting rags into pulp. The paper itself (says a Mobile paper) is as soft as rag paper, and almost as strong as that made from pure linen—thus combining in one material a great desideratum in paper-making—flexibility and strength. The paper made of cotton rags requires an admixture of hemp and other material of strong fibre to give it the requisite strength, but the okra may be used either as "hard stock," to give strength to any other material, or by itself alone. It will work well in combination in any desired proportion with any other stock, or it may be made to alternate with rags, as the circumstances or exigencies of a mill may at any time demand.

The point yet to be demonstrated is the cost of okra stalks in comparison with that of other paper stock. This, of course, cannot be fully determined without further experiment. It may be taken for granted, however, that okra can be grown on a large scale very cheaply, and that it can be made to pay a handsome profit to the producer, and yet be sold to the manufacturer at a price so low as to enable him to reduce the cost of the manufactured article to consumers and "take the market," even from the manufacturers of straw and wood papers. The okra plant is indigenous to the South, and with a soil moderately fertile will grow luxuriantly. The fruit is a valuable and increasingly popular article of diet, and, if produced in too large quantities for the table, it will be found an excellent article of food for cattle and hogs. The seed is valuable, and will at all times command a ready sale at good prices. It is estimated that the seed product will be ample to pay the entire expense of cultivating the plant. The Chickasabogue Mill will begin using the material as soon as a sufficient supply of it can be obtained.

ONONDOGA SALT SPRINGS.—The Superintendent of the Onondoga Salt Springs reports the quantity inspected during the last fiscal year at 8,791,514 bushels, being an increase of production over that of the previous fiscal year of 2,016,454 bushels. The amount of revenue received from all sources was $83,049 47, total expenditures connected with the superintendence of the springs was $49,238, the amount of net revenue received by the State being $33,811 47. During the year an unusually large number of new wells have been put down, and others are contemplated. The total value of the salt production for the year is $1,200,000.

STATEMENT OF BANKS

Acting under Charter, for the Month ending March 31st, 1869, according to the returns furnished by them to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

NAME OF BANK.	CAPITAL. Capital authorized by Act.	CAPITAL. Capital paid up.	LIABILITIES. Promissory Notes in circulation not bearing interest.	LIABILITIES. Balances due to other Banks.	LIABILITIES. Cash deposits not bearing interest.	LIABILITIES. Cash deposits bearing interest.	TOTAL LIABILITIES.
ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.	$	$	$	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$
Bank of Montreal							
Quebec Bank							
City Bank							
Gore Bank							
Bank of B. N. America							
Banque du Peuple	1,600,000	1,600,000	83,794	2,648	303,168	179,197	[illegible]4,718
Niagara District Bank	4[illegible]0,000	306,331	156,277	56,433	50,899	123,411	486,521
Molsons Bank	1,000,000	1,000,000	95,090	111,116	180,565	529,958	917,130
Bank of Toronto	2,000,000	800,000	676,660	116,307	847,744	1,352,765	2,633,557
Ontario Bank	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,218,716	199,600	891,961	1,1[illegible]1,4[illegible]3	3,461,951
Eastern Townships Bank.	400,000	400,000	106 081	7,666	6 855	[illegible]	258,892
Banque Nationale	1,000,000	1,000,000	130,215	104,734	183 003	284,096	702,070
Banque Jacques Cartier	1,000,000	997,480	109,886	4,318	246,368	647,773	1,008,807
Merchants Bank	6,000,000	3,528,461	1,370,064	175,377	1,219,060	1,748,114	4,513,516
Royal Canadian Bank	5,000,000	1,160,298	1,246,843	41,493	503,363	853,669	2,645,596
Union Bank of L. C.							
Mechanics Bank.	1,000 000	292,875		3,181	89,843	132,633	325,857
Bank of Commerce	1,000,100	923,125	1,149,844	10,007	611,322	1,620,098	3,431,273
NOVA SCOTIA.							
Bank of Yarmouth							
Merchants Bank							
People's Bank							
Union Bank	1,000,000	400,000	114,230	56	161,242	336,030	611,548
Bank of Nova Scotia							
NEW BRUNSWICK.							
Bank of New Brunswick	600,000	600,000	462,580	49,301	577,875	663,430	1,803,257
Commercial Bank							
St. Stephens Bank	200,000	200,000	81,724	212	99,969	76,312	256,118
People's Bank							
Total Liabilities							

NAME OF BANK.	ASSETS. Coin, Bullion, and Provincial Notes.	Landed or other property of the Bank.	Government Securities.	Promissory Notes or Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills discounted.	Other debts due to the Bank not included under the foregoing heads.	TOTAL ASSETS.
ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Bank of Montreal								
Quebec Bank								
City Bank								
Gore Bank								
Bank of B. N. America								
Banque du Peuple	167,384	54,199	160,364	31,728	31,754	1,837,060	44,378	2,326,870
Niagara District Bank	52,402	12,979	48,720	10,367	32,590	627,706	48,129	830,795
Molson's Bank	149,973	91,667	100,253	84,491	29,983	1,436,827	219,214	2,122,369
Bank of Toronto	842,419	49,938	122,379	70,830	142,381	2,966,450	8,188	3,893,789
Ontario Bank	357,170	159,512	208,891	114,710	156,149	4,636,715	125,813	5,855,563
Eastern Townships Bank	64,907	18,000	67 833	27,616	42,380	431,967	5,000	717,654
Banque Nationale	69,549	23,518	114,430	83,518	13,472	1,458,727	41,3[illegible]	1,631,566
Banque Jacques Cartier	89,251		101,256	21,100	46,223	1,873,789		2,131,692
Merchants' Bank	506,404	261,201	533,606	264,918	563,393	5,034,854	1 570,018	8,858,397
Royal Canadian Bank	727,971		128,911	29,713	130,968	2,955,686	75,682	4,068,892
Union Bank of L. Canada								
Mechanics' Bank	51,334	34,308		61,855	212	362,993	28,159	539,562
Bank of Commerce	1,059,306	49,716	104,385	152,972	113,901	3,056,484		4,538,767
NOVA SCOTIA.								
Bank of Yarmouth								
Merchants' Bank								
People's Bank								
Union Bank	173,835	24,000	63,300	16 695	44,971	677,732	64,035	1,083,569
Bank of Nova Scotia								
NEW BRUNSWICK.								
Bank of New Brunswick	286,969	13,695		9,986	225,430	2,160,720	7,306	2,834,579
Commercial Bank								
St. Stephen's Bank	20,207	4 394		19,718	65,062	285,2[illegible]6	96,606	491,281
People's Bank								
Total Assets								

AUDIT OFFICE, Ottawa, Ap[illegible], 1869. JOHN LANGTON, *Auditor.*

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices	Last Week's Prices
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal,	144½ a 145	144 a 145
Bank of B. N. A.	105 a 105½	104½ a 105½
City Bank.	101½ a 102	101½ a 102
Banque du Peuple,	108 a 108½	107½ a 108½
Molsons Bank,	107½ a 108½	108½ to 109½
Ontario Bank	99½ a 100½	99½ a 100½
Bank of Toronto.	121 a 122	121 a 122
Quebec Bank	101 a 102	101 a 102
Bank Nationale	108½ a 109½	109 a 109½
Gore Bank,	40 a 41	40 a 41½
Banque Jacques Cartier	109 a 110	109 a 109½
Eastern Townships Bank,	99½ a 100½	99½ a 100½
Merchants Bank.	107½ a 108	107½ a 107½
Union Bank,	105 a 105½	105 a 105½
Mechanics Bank	97½ a 99	97 a 99
Royal Canadian Bank	77 a 80	77 a 81
Bank of Commerce	102 a 103½	102 a 103½
RAILWAYS.		
G T R of Canada	15 a 16	15 a 16
A & St. Lawrence		
G W of Canada	14 a 15	14 a 15
C & St. Lawrence	10 a 11	10 a 11
Do. preferential	80 a 82½	80 a 82½
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols	$3 15 a $3 25	$3 15 a $3 25
Canada Mining Company		
Huron Copper Bay	32½ a 45	32½ a 45
Lake Huron S. & C.		
Quebec & Lk. S.		
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	133½ a 134	133 a 134
Montreal City Gas Company	135 a 136	133 a 135
City Passenger R. R. Co.,	105 a 106	105 a 107
Richelieu Navigation Co.	108½ a 108½	09 a 108½
Canadian Inland Steam N Co'y.	100½ a 101	100½ a 101
Montreal Elevating Company	100 a 102½	109 a 102½
British Colonial Steamship Co'y.	50 60	50 a 60
Canada Glass Company	40 a 55	40 a 55
St. Lawrence Glass Co.	80 a 85	80 a 85
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p.c. stg	93½ a 94½	93½ a 94½
" " " cy.	92½ a 95	92½ a 95
" " 6 p.c., 1878, cy.	103 a 104	103 a 104
" " 7 p.c., cy.	103 a 104	103 a 104
Dominion 6 per cent. stock	106 a 107	106 a 106½
Montreal Water Works 6 per cents.	96½ a 97	96½ a 97
Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents	96 a 97	96 a 97
Corporation 7 per cent. stock	108 a 110	108 a 110
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 6½ p. c.	102 a 103	102 a 103
Quebec City 6 per cents	80 a 90	80 a 90
Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1860	90 a 92½	90 a 92½
Kingston City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1872	92½ a 93½	92½ a 93½
Ottawa City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860	95 a 96	95 a 96
Champlain R. R., 8 per cents	70 a 72½	70 a 72½
County Debentures	.... a ..	.... a ....
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	108½ a 108½	108½ a 108½
Private do	107 a 108	107 a 108
Private, with documents	107 a 107½	107 a 108
Bank on New York	23½ a 24	23½ a 2[illegible]
Private do.	24 a 24½	24 a
Gold Drafts do.	par to ½ pm	par a ½ pm
Silver	4 a 4½	3 a 3½
Gold in New York.	132½ a 00	131½ a 00

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 26, 1869.

Consols for money, 93; for account, 93¼; Exchequer Bills, par to 5 prem

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

British Columbia 6 p. c., 31st Dec, 1872. — to —
Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877. 104½ to 105½
Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug. ....102 to 104
Do 6 per cent. March and Sept ....102 to 104
Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July........ 92½ to 93½
Do 5 per cent inscribed stock....... 92 to 94
Do 4 p.c. Mar. & Sept. Dominion Stock 94½ to 95½
New Brunswick 6 per cent Jan. and July 102½ to 103½
Nova Scotia 6 per cent., 1875 ....102 to 104
Do 6 per cent., 1886 ....102 to 104

RAILWAYS.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence......... ... 58 to 60
Buffalo and Lake Huron .... 2¾ to 3½
Do preference .... 5 to 6
Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c..... 68 to 69
Grand Trunk of Canada... .... 15 to 15½
Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c. 87 to 89
Do 1st preference bonds .... 51 to 53
Do 2nd preference bonds........... 37 to 40
Do 3rd preference stock .. ... 23 to 30
Do 4th preference stock. .... 17 to 18
Great Western of Canada.......... .... 14½ to 14¾
Do 6 without option, 1873.......... 100 to 102
Do 5½ do 1877-78. .. 94 to 95
North. R R. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds 82 to 84

BANKS.

British North America................... 60 to 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Atlantic Telegraph........ .... 25 to 28
Do do 8 per cents............. 70 to 73
British American Land............. ... 16 to 18
Canada Company.... .... 61 to 68
Colonial Securities Company. ...... — to —
Canadian Loan and Investment.... .... 2 to 1 dis
Hudson's Bay .... 13¼ to 12¾
Trust and Loan Company, U. C........ par to ½ pm.
Telegraph Const'n & Maintenance (Lim) 16¾ to 17¼
Vancouver Coal Company............... 2 to 3pm