Financial.

THE GOLD MARKET.

The following table exhibits the fluctuations in gold, from January 1862 to May 1869.

Date.	1862. Lowest.	1862. Highest.	1863. Lowest..	1863. Highest.
January	par	105	134	160¾
February	102⅛	104¾	153	172¼
March	101⅛	102⅜	139	171¾
April	101½	102¼	146	159
May	102⅛	104⅛	143½	155
June	103⅛	109½	140½	148⅞
July	109	120⅛	123¼	145
August	112⅛	116¼	122⅛	129¾
September	116½	124	127	143⅛
October	122	137	140⅞	156⅜
November	129	133¼	143	154
December	130	134	147	152¾

Date.	1864. Lowest..	1864. Highest.	1865. Lowest..	1865. Highest.
January	151¼	160	197½	234⅛
February	157⅛	161	196⅜	218¾
March	159	169½	148⅛	201
April	166¼	187	144	160
May	168	190	128⅜	145¼
June	189	251	135¾	147⅝
July	222	285	138	146½
August	231½	262	140⅛	144¼
September	185	255	142⅜	145
October	189	229	144	149
November	209	260	145½	148¾
December	211	244	144½	148⅛

Date.	1866. Lowest..	1866. Highest.	1867. Lowest..	1867. Highest.
January	136¾	144⅝	132⅛	137⅛
February	135⅞	140⅝	135¼	140½
March	125	136½	133⅛	140⅜
April	125	129⅛	132⅝	142
May	125⅛	141⅛	134⅞	138⅞
June	137⅛	167¾	136⅜	138⅜
July	147	151¾	138	140⅜
August	146½	152¼	139⅞	142⅜
September	143¼	147⅛	141	146⅜
October	145⅛	154⅜	140⅜	145⅜
November	137⅛	148⅝	137⅞	141⅛
December	131¼	141¾	132¾	137⅛

Date.	1868. Lowest..	1868. Highest.	1869. Lowest..	1869. Highest.
January	133¼	142¼	134	136⅛
February	139¾	144	130⅛	136¼
March	137⅞	141¼	130	132⅛
April	137¾	140⅜	131¼	134⅜
May	139⅛	140⅛	134⅜	144⅞
June	139⅝	141¼	......	......
July	140⅛	145¼	......	......
August	143⅛	146	......	......
September	141⅛	145	......	......
October	133¾	140½	......	......
November	132⅛	137	......	......
December	134⅛	136¾	......	......

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

We have to note considerable sales of Stocks ex dividends, and at high rates. The feeling of investors seems to be more in favor of Bank Stocks than for some time past.

Bank Stock.—There were small sales of Montreal at 161 and 161¼, the market closing with sellers at 161 and buying at 160. Sellers ask 104½ ex dividend for British America. Sales of Ontario were made at 96 and 96½, closing with sellers at 96½. Toronto has been dealt in at 118¼ and 120½ ex dividend and there are still buyers at the latter rate. Royal Canadian is nominal at last week's quotations; no sales since annual meeting. Commerce has been largely dealt in at 100 and 100½, and a small sale was made at 101; buyers freely offer 100½, but there are no sellers under 101. There are buyers of Gore at 38; none in market. Merchants advanced to 111¼ ex dividend, but closed lower in consequence of the increase of the issue of stock. There were small sales of Quebec at par. Buyers offer 108½ for Molson's; none in market. There are buyers and sellers of City at 98 and 98½ respectively. Small sales of Du Peuple were made at 108. Sellers offer Nationale at 107. Nothing doing in Mechanics. Union is quoted at 104 ex dividend.

Debentures.—No transactions to report in Currency and Sterling Canada Debentures. Dominion Stock is lower, there are no buyers over 106½. Toronto are offering at rates to pay 7¼ to 7½ per cent. interest. County are offering at 99 to 99½.

Sundries.—Large sales of British America Assurance were made at from 56 to 57; the books are now closed for dividend due on the 10th inst. City Gas is in demand at 107 to 107½; none in market. Small sales of Canada Permanent Building Society were made at 121½ ex dividend, and it is in demand. Western Canada in demand at 116½ to 117 and a slight advance on these quotations would be paid. There were sales of Freehold at 116, 116½ and 117, in demand at the latter rate. Buyers offer 136 for Montreal Telegraph, with sellers at 137. Sales of Canada Landed Credit were made at 79 and 79½. Fair average Mortgages can be placed at from 8 to 9 per cent. interest.

— A fall in Merchants' Bank stock from 111 to 105, is in consequence of the increase of the stock from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000.

—Very well exeuted counterfeit five dollars on the Bank of British North America are in circulation in St. John N.B.

—According to the report of Treasurer Boutwell, the total debt of the United States exhibits a decrease during the past month of $16,410,132.

—By the amended charter of the Bank of Commerce, the day for holding the annual meeting has been changed from the first Monday to the second Tuesday in July.

—The Directors of the Commercial Bank, N. B., having taken steps for the release of Mr. Sancton, that gentleman is now at liberty. It is understood that the bank folks were pretty well "salted" by their New York lawyers by the time proceedings against Mr. S. were stopped.—*St. John Telegraph.*

The Usury Laws.—The Usury Laws of several States are now being revised. New Hampshire provides that the lender may receive as high as nine per cent., by special contract, the legal rate remaining at six unless otherwise specified. The usuary bill pending in the Connecticut Legislature is substantially a copy of the Massachusetts laws, providing that six per cent. shall continue to be the legal rate where no rate is mentioned, but borrowers and lenders may agree in writing to any other. The House hesitates to interfere with the ancient usuages of the State in this respect, but its hesitation will hardly affect the practice of business men.

Prices of Specie.—The following are the quotations for specie in New York:

American silver	95¾	to	96
Mexican dollars	103¼	"	104¼
English silver	475	"	480
Five francs	95	"	96
English sovereigns	486	"	488
Twenty francs	384	"	386
Thalers	70	"	70¾
Spanish doubloons	16.30	"	16.45
Mexican "	15.50	"	15.65

Bank of England.—The return from the Bank of England for the week ending 16th of June, gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Rest	£3,142,205	Increase	£10,640
Public deposits.	7,139,111	Increase	189,210
Other deposits.	17,455,401	Increase	286,082
On the other side of the account:			
Gov. securities.	£14,173,667	Increase	£25,391
Other securities	16,986,400	Decrease	344,944
Notes	10,465,500	Increase	838,265

The amount of notes in circulation is £22,577,720, being a decrease of £264,765; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £19,153,625, showing an increase of £522,742, when compared with the preceding return.

Subjoined is a comparison of the present position of the Bank of England, and the prices of Consols and French Rentes with the corresponding week of last year:

	At present.	Same week last year.
Bullion	£19,153,625	£22,571,045
Reserve	11,575,905	14,046,310
Notes in circulation	12,577,720	23,524,735
Rate of discount	4 per cent.	2 per cent.
Consols	92¼	95
French Rentes	70f. 22c.	70f. 17c.

By telegram from London, dated July 1st, we learn that the regular weekly statement of the Bank of England, published yester-lay, shows that the amount of bullion in vault has increased £185,000 since last week.

Railway News.

Northern Railway.—Traffic receipts for week ending June 26th, 1869.

Passengers	$2,513 72
Freight and live stock	14,920 45
Mails and sundries.	303 44
	$17,737 61
Corresponding Week of '68.	13,771 63
Increase	$3,965 98

Great Western Railway.—Traffic for week ending June 18, 1869.

Passengers	$30,374 61
Freight	36,862 77
Mails and Sundries.	2,083 67
Total Receipts for week	$69,321 05
Coresponding week, 1868	58,633 63
Increase	$10,687 42

—A large portion of the iron for the first section of the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway, arrived at Quebec lately.

—A novel law-suit is to be tried in the London Division Court. Mr. J. M. Cousins bought a ticket for Stratford, marked "Good this day only." but the conductor collected his fare because he did not travel on the day so marked. The plaintiff sues for the sum of ninety cents.

—The St. Catharines Revision Court last week added $35,000 to the personal property of Mr. S. D. Woodruff, Canal Superintendent, because it was asertained he held United States bonds to the amount of $50,000.