

IMITATION OF HORACE.

To thee, perhaps, the Fates may give,  
I wish they may, in health to live,  
Herds, flocks, and fruitful fields;  
Thy vacant hours in mirth to shine;  
With these the Muse, already thine,  
Her present bounty yields.

For me, O World, I only claim  
To merit, not to seek for, fame,  
The good and just to please;  
A state above the fear of want,  
Domestic love, Heaven's choicest grant,  
Health, leisure, peace, and ease.

Warren Hastings.

SUMMER IN WINTER!

The dead earth sleeps in her shroud of snow,  
And we seldom see the sun,  
But my heart's alive with a joyous glow,  
For I and my love are one!

The sombre sands of the sunless day  
Have very nearly run;  
But the light may go, or the light may stay,  
So long as we two are one!

Shroud, spotless snow, in unblemished white,  
The landscape drear and dun!  
Wail, wintry wind, in thy empty spite,  
For I and my love are one!

Night stealth in with her stealthy tread,  
Ere the day has well begun,  
But the firelight shines on a girlish head,  
And I and my love are one!

CORRESPONDENCE.

"WAS CROMWELL A BREWER?"

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—Having always been accustomed to hear and see it stated that Oliver Cromwell was the son of a brewer, the question at the head of this communication is new to me. I remember reading somewhere that certain of the suppressed monasteries, together with the lands thereunto belonging, came into the possession of the Cromwells. On a division of the property, that portion on which stood the monastery of Hinchinbrooke fell to the share of Mr. Robert Cromwell (father of the renowned Oliver). The brew-house attached to the monastery, in which Mr. Cromwell took up his residence, having been in excellent preservation enabled its new proprietor to brew for his own family and also for the families of his neighbours. For the latter he accordingly brewed, taking toll in grain, malt or money, as he found most convenient. In this proceeding he followed the example of his reverend (and jolly!) predecessors,

Ye monkes of olde  
Whoe, luvynge gode chere,  
Dyd lykewys luvre gode bere.

A reference to "The Statesmen of the Commonwealth," written, I believe, by an American author, would show that in or near Huntingdon the Cromwells carried on the business of brewing, Mr. Cromwell (Robert) finding it a very important and desirable addition to his income. That his son, the usurper, was acquainted with the process of brewing is highly probable; "but that he ever had any regular trade as a brewer is most unlikely." At St. Ives, in Essex, he affected to farm a miserable and out-of-the-way tract of land: his real object was the training of his Invincible Ironsides, to whom he there taught the principles of republicanism and the use of the sword.

Octopus.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—Not being an Irishman, nor a school-teacher, I do not feel called upon to answer the extraordinary letter of "Pater Familias," although it is in answer to one of mine. I think I may safely leave him to the ire of the Irish school-teachers, upon the tails of whose coats he so furiously "trids." But I must object to "Pater Familias" giving incorrect quotations from my letter. He says that I am puzzled to know "the reason why," &c. Now, I have never asked the reason why of anything. I may ask why a thing is done, or for what reason it is done; but the reason why is redundant and inelegant, and an expression never used by

Yours respectfully,

Euphrosyne.

TRADE—FINANCE—STATISTICS.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

COMPANY.	1880.			1879.		Week's Traffic.		Aggregate.		
	Period.	Pass. Mails & Express.	Freight.	Total.	Total.	Incr'se	Decr'se	Period.	Incr'se	Decr'se
*Grand Trunk.....	Week Mar. 6	\$ 45,114	\$ 149,594	\$ 194,708	\$ 164,634	\$ 30,014	\$ .....	10 w'ks	\$ 148,934	\$ .....
Great Western.....	Feb. 27	28,430	61,627	90,057	75,571	14,486	.....	9 "	49,907	.....
Northern & H. & N.W.	" 28	4,935	10,242	15,177	11,675	3,502	.....	8 "	11,034	.....
Toronto & Nipissing..	" 28	1,540	2,287	3,827	2,796	1,031	.....	8 "	5,092	.....
Midland.....	" 21	1,405	2,333	3,738	3,560	178	.....	7 "	3,376	.....
St. Lawrence & Ottawa	" 28	1,389	1,198	2,587	2,478	109	.....	fin Jan. 1	2,614	.....
Whitby, Pt Perry & L.	" 28	491	898	1,389	731	658	.....	" "	3,110	.....
Canada Central.....	" 28	2,334	2,370	4,704	4,150	554	.....	8 w'ks	5,494	.....
Toronto, Grey & Bruce	" 28	2,101	3,381	5,482	2,875	2,607	.....	8 "	8,687	.....
Q. M. O. & O. West. D.	" 28	2,637	2,547	5,184	4,079	1,105	.....	8 "	4,755	.....
East. D.	" 14	3,223	4,312	7,535	.....	.....	.....	" "	.....	.....
Intercolonial.....	Month Jan.	36,512	77,401	113,913	80,866	33,047	.....	1 m'nth	33,047	.....

\*NOTE TO GRAND TRUNK.—The River du Loup receipts are included in 1879, not in 1880; omitting them the week's increase is \$34,214, aggregate increase \$190,134 for 10 weeks.

BANKS.

BANK.	Shares par value.	Capital Subscribed.	Capital Paid up.	Rest.	Price per \$100 March 10, 1880.	Price per \$100 March 10, 1879.	Two last 1/2-yearly Dividends.	Equivalent of Dividend, based on price of Stock.
Montreal.....	\$200	\$12,000,000	\$11,999,200	\$5,000,000	\$141 1/4	\$132	10	7
Ontario.....	40	3,000,000	2,996,000	100,000	72 1/4	59	6	8 1/2
Molsons.....	50	2,000,000	1,999,095	100,905	81	79	6	7 1/2
Toronto.....	100	2,000,000	2,000,000	500,000	128 1/4	113	7	5 1/2
Jacques Cartier.....	25	500,000	500,000	55,000	65	29	5 1/2	8 1/2
Merchants.....	100	5,798,267	5,511,040	475,000	94 1/2	76 1/4	6	6 1/4
Eastern Townships.....	50	1,469,630	1,381,989	200,000	100	96	7	7
Quebec.....	100	2,500,000	2,500,000	425,000	.....	.....	6	.....
Commerce.....	50	6,000,000	6,000,000	1,400,000	119	99 1/2	8	6 1/4
Exchange.....	100	1,000,000	1,000,000	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Montreal Telegraph Co.....	40	2,000,000	2,000,000	171,432	92 1/2	99 1/2	7	7 1/2
R. & O. N. Co.....	100	1,565,000	1,565,000	.....	38 1/2	39 1/2	4 1/2	11 1/4
City Passenger Railway.....	50	.....	600,000	103,000	93	74	5	5 1/2
New City Gas Co.....	40	2,000,000	1,880,000	.....	116	107 1/2	10	8 1/2

\*Contingent Fund. †Reconstruction Reserve Fund.

EUROPE'S WHEAT REQUIREMENTS.—Mr. E. H. Walker, statistician of the Produce Exchange, in his weekly report on grain, estimates that the probable requirements of the European countries which import wheat from February to the close of the crop year will be about 150,000,000 bushels, provided that there is the usual rate of consumption and the ability to pay for it. High prices may check consumption to the extent of 10 per cent. but he believes that at least 120,000,000 bushels will have to be provided from February 1 to September 1. Of this amount the United States and Canada can probably give from the crop of 1879 from 65,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels from Atlantic ports, while the Pacific Coast, including California, Oregon and Chili, can supply 2,500,000 bushels. Shipments made after April 1 will not be available for consumption until after September 1, the beginning of the crop year. Estimating 1,500,000 bushels from Egypt and 15,000,000 from Russia, making about 100,000,000 bushels which can be spared by wheat-exporting countries altogether, Mr. Walker asks, where can the apparent deficiency of 20,000,000 bushels be supplied from? He says that the prospect is that America will have an early harvest, and with the movement of the new crop, if it should be an early one, the deficiency will be supplied during July and August, as was the case in 1879.

THE following is a comparative statement of the exports and imports of the United States, stated in specie values, for the month ended January 31, 1880, and for the seven and twelve months ended the same, compared with like data for the corresponding periods of the year immediately preceding:—

	TOTAL MERCHANDISE AND SPECIE.		
	For the month of January.	For the 7 mos. ending Jan. 31.	For the 12 mos. ending Jan. 31.
1880—Exports—Domestic.....	\$66,291,927	\$490,376,784	\$779,530,853
Foreign.....	2,123,565	10,081,957	18,194,859
Total.....	\$68,415,492	\$500,458,741	\$797,725,712
Imports.....	56,749,280	427,431,535	628,581,678
Excess of exports over imports	\$11,666,212	\$73,027,206	\$169,144,034
1879—Exports—Domestic.....	\$62,088,127	\$426,741,756	\$731,668,110
Foreign.....	1,578,476	11,428,155	20,962,923
Total.....	\$63,666,603	\$438,169,911	\$752,631,033
Imports.....	35,103,215	254,923,632	458,293,217
Excess of exports over imports	\$28,563,388	\$183,246,279	\$294,337,816

\* The receipts of Live Stock at New York for the last four weeks have been as follows:—

	Beeves.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Swine.
February 23.....	9,592	166	770	22,636	25,626
February 16.....	11,122	213	800	25,626	36,627
February 9.....	11,494	185	860	30,672	37,227
March 1.....	9,564	158	822	22,302	29,522
Total 4 weeks.....	41,772	722	3,252	101,236	129,002
Corresponding 4 weeks 1879.....	33,074	320	3,299	92,769	144,595
Corresponding week 1879.....	8,715	62	900	19,470	27,491
Weekly average, 1879.....	10,933	142	2,998	29,005	33,089
Corresponding week 1878.....	9,529	111	890	21,173	35,592

\*From New York Produce Exchange.