

banks in daily exchanges and loans between banks are falling well into line. The steadiness of the market here at present augurs well for a prosperous trade still later.

The recent census of New South Wales reports a total population of 1,132,234. Of the total, 14,156 are Chinese and 8,280 natives or aborigines. The city of Sydney is given a population of 383,386, showing a great increase during five years.

England had, all told, 259 trades unions in 1890, and 235 in 1889. The reports of the Labor Correspondent of the Board of Trade show that the total membership in 1890 was 871,232, against 679,283 in 1889. The total income of the latter year was £954,940 and of the former £1,160,441. The balance of funds at the close of 1889 was £1,082,079, and £1,288,885 at the close of 1890. This gives £1 9s. 7d. per member.

The imports to Canada for the year ending June 30, 1891, are distributed and classified in the Dominion report as follows:—

	British Empire.	All other countries.
Free goods.....	\$11,830,789	\$26,978,299
Dutiable goods.....	32,652,299	41,883,737
Duty collected.....	9,476,501	13,930,574

The estimates of the Dominion Government for the fiscal year 1892-3 as to total revenue are \$36,655,000 and the expenditures \$36,500,000. The estimates for expenditures last year were \$36,000,000, but the actual expenditures amounted to \$36,343,567—a difference of \$343,567. The estimated income was \$38,858,701 which fell short of that sum by \$279,391. It will be seen that both the estimates of total revenue and total expenditure for the current year are considerably reduced.

The United States Treasury Department has decided that all machinery imported to the World's Columbian Exposition from foreign countries, either wholly as an exhibit or to be shown in connection with the illustration of some manufacturing process, shall be admitted duty free. Raw material, however, imported for use in such process will be subject to duty. The total appropriations so far made by foreign nations for the Exposition exhibit is about \$4,000,000.

Money of London for March 12 reports the comparative prices of Australian stocks both 4 and 3½ per cents, highest and lowest for 1892 and highest for 1891, and which show a marked decline. We append the figures for 4 per cents:—

	1892.		1891.
	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
New South Wales.....	104¾	101¼	107½
New Zealand.....	103¾	100	107½
Queensland.....	102¾	98	109½
South Australia.....	104½	102	107½
Tasmania.....	102	100	105
Victoria.....	103½	98¾	108¾

Speaking of the depression in prices of wool in England the *Statist* of London says: "The effect of the McKinley tariff on the exports of woolen and worsted goods has been serious. In 1890 our total exports of woolen and worsted tissues amounted to 228,906,000 yards, of which 63,611,000 yards went to the United States. In 1891 the exports of woolen goods were 200,754,000 yards, of which only 36,338,000 yards were for America. The value of manufactured woolen and worsted goods sent abroad in 1890 reached £16,342,000, of which £4,532,000 was for America; but in 1891 the total value receded to £14,748,000, and the American purchases to only £2,820,000."

The London (Eng.) *Grocer* has the following to say about Canadian cheese:—"Among recent consignments from Canada are several parcels sent hither by the Canadian Government from their experimental dairy stations, for the purpose of ascertaining the quality of the cheese most suitable for the London market, with a view to insuring greater perfection in the manufacture of the article throughout the Dominion in future. The trade here, so far as they have had an opportunity of judging, pronounce them very fine—the July makes, considering that they are about six months old, being of excellent flavor and in first rate condition, showing that the cheese has proper keeping qualities. In the opinion of some persons the August and September makes are equal to, if not better than, ordinary finest Cheddars, and ought to command a good price."

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE CHARTERED BANKS IN CANADA.

Comparison of Principal Items.

Assets.	29th Feb., 1892.	31st Jan., 1892.	28th Feb., 1891.	Increase and Decrease for month.	Increase and Decrease for year.
Specie and Dominion Notes.....	\$16,535,881	\$16,256,318	\$16,892,535	Inc. \$279,563	Dec. \$ 356,654
Notes of and cheques on other Banks.....	7,182,447	5,884,187	8,440,090	Inc. 1,298,260	Dec. 1,257,643
Due from American Banks and Branches.....	17,612,793	17,650,742	12,159,268	Dec. 37,949	Inc. 5,453,525
Due from British Banks and Branches.....	4,692,633	5,094,959	3,563,835	Dec. 402,326	Inc. 1,128,798
Canadian Municipal Securities and Brit., Prov. or For'gn. or Col. Pub. Securities other than Dominion)	6,449,879	6,538,942		Dec. 89,063	
Railway Securities.....	5,842,569	5,397,662		Inc. 444,907	
Loans on Stocks and Bonds on call.....	14,720,222	14,568,049		Inc. 152,273	
Current Loans to the Public.....	186,116,911	184,034,993		Inc. 2,081,918	
Overdue debts.....	2,658,891	2,770,349	3,160,424	Dec. 111,458	Dec. 501,533
Total Assets.....	279,547,605	275,956,236	257,480,841	Inc. 3,591,369	Inc. 22,066,764
Liabilities.					
Bank notes in circulation.....	32,711,015	32,705,400	31,925,749	Inc. 5,615	Inc. 785,266
Due Dominion Government.....	2,647,602	2,607,596	2,781,042	Inc. 40,006	Dec. 133,440
Due Provincial Governments.....	3,363,016	3,441,101	3,077,676	Dec. 78,085	Inc. 285,340
Deposits made by the public.....	153,424,150	150,906,193	133,149,092	Inc. 2,517,957	Inc. 20,275,058
Do. payable on demand, or after notice between Bks.	2,842,871	2,894,644	2,694,370	Dec. 51,773	Inc. 148,501
Due to American Banks and Branches.....	209,246	128,925	160,148	Inc. 80,321	Inc. 49,098
Due to British Banks and Branches.....	1,685,761	1,301,928	1,926,358	Inc. 383,779	Dec. 240,597
Total Liabilities.....	197,489,682	194,645,730	176,021,783	Inc. 2,843,952	Inc. 21,467,899
Capital.					
Capital paid up.....	61,500,966	61,346,171	60,111,028	Inc. 154,795	Inc. 1,489,938
Reserve Fund.....	23,947,508	23,728,254	22,036,322	Inc. 219,254	Inc. 1,911,186
Directors' Liabilities.....	6,194,604	6,127,129	7,394,964	Inc. 67,475	Inc. 1,200,360

Deposits with Dominion Government for security of note circulation, \$846,927.

No.—Loans on call or Current Loans for year cannot be accurately compared owing to changes in the form of returns under the new Banking Act.