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— The London *Hour* thinks there are few countries in the world that have maintained their financial credit as well as Canada.

— China is simply devoid of coin. Interest has run up to 36 per cent., and money is hardly obtainable at that rate in the Shanghai market.

— The Maritime Bank has declared a dividend of 3 per cent. for the half-year, payable November 1st.

— It is a notable fact that the owners of property destroyed by fire of late have either had no insurance or were insured considerably below the damage caused by the conflagration.

— The first cargo of slates from the United States has just arrived in England, and are said to equal those found in the Welsh quarries and much more economical.

— A great lock-out in north-eastern Lancashire is imminent; should it take place, 80,000 operatives will be thrown out of employment.

— Imitation Limburger cheese has been manufactured so successfully in Wisconsin that families living near the factory were obliged to close their windows.

— A considerable shipment of horses and cattle will be made next week by the steamer *Ontario* of the Dominion Line, of which we will give some particulars next week.

— About 3,500 pieces of Red Pine Timber suitable for spars, containing 90,599 cubic feet, were sold on Tuesday, in Quebec, by auction for 12½ cents per foot.

— The amount of meat consumed annually per head in Spain is 25 pounds; in Italy 33; Sweden 54; Prussia 56; Austria 58; Belgium 67; France 73; South Germany 77; Mecklenburgh 85; England 205.

— About twenty persons from the western portion of the province of Ontario have sent

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goods for shipment to Australia, and there will shortly be a meeting of Ontario merchants to complete arrangements.

— Amédée Cornellier, a merchant of Joliette, who had been the recipient of several writs and pressing demands for payment at the hands of his anxious creditors, absconded the other day. His liabilities are small.

— At fifty-six ports of entry in the United States, the expenses are more than the receipts. Twenty-four are in the Southern States, and the annual deficit is about \$250,000. Thirty-two are in the Northern States and their deficit is \$220,000.

— A Steam Fog Whistle has been erected by the Government on the southern side of Sambro Island, at the western side of entrance to Halifax Harbour, and is elevated about 90 feet above high water.

— With regard to a paragraph which appeared in Wednesday's *Montreal Herald* that the Royal Insurance Company has refused to take any further risk in St. Roch's (Quebec City), we are requested to state that no new risks will be taken but that the old ones will be renewed.

— A somewhat prominent Insurance Company, with headquarters in Toronto, has lately mortgaged its premises in England. It might have obtained the loan in Montreal.—The owner of \$10,000 worth of shares in an Eastern Insurance Company has been trying of late to dispose of them in this market.

— The failure of H. L. Smyth, commission merchant, who represented Barbour & Co., and other noted concerns in this country, and who also had a branch in Manchester, is a matter of surprise to most people, as he had always been considered in sound position, and his connections were such as to ensure him a large and, we should judge, a profitable business. His liabilities are mainly on the other side.

— Among the appliances adopted by way of improvement in the new Montreal Post Office we notice the Ellis Patent Gas-Burner, which from experience, has been proved to economise fully 25 per cent. in the consumption of gas, while the light it gives forth exceeds in brilliancy that derived from any similar invention.

— Messrs. T. C. Power & Co., have received this week over 1000 Buffalo Robes from the Northwest Territory, and are clearing them off rapidly, with the remainder of their stock, at the new warehouses of Messrs. T. Jas. Claxton & Co.

— A substitute for gunpowder has been invented in England, in the shape of paper impregnated with a chemical combination of chlorate of potash, nitrate of potash, coupled with a little powdered charcoal and tinder. The paper is rolled around these latter in the desired sizes for cartridges. The advantages offered are: that of no danger of explosion exists except from actual contact with fire, the interior of the arm is not soiled, less smoke and less rebound are made than with gunpowder, and less damage takes place from humidity. Very satisfactory trials have been made of the new material.

— It is proposed to carry a wire to the Cape of Good Hope, across the African continent. Of the 1,500 miles or so of aerial line it is suggested that much might be erected without the expense of poles, by taking advantage of the trees over thickly wooded tracts, which are frequent in tropical Africa. The difficulty would be to keep the natives from utilizing the wire in regions where iron is scarce and valuable but this might be got over. The undertaking if it could be established and kept in working order, would be exceedingly lucrative, and would in many ways aid in opening up Africa to commerce and civilization.

— The financial statement made in the Queensland Assembly shows that the revenue