

LIABILITIES.

	\$	CTS.
1 Notes in Circulation.....		
2 Government Deposits, payable on demand..		
3 Other Deposits, payable on demand.....		
4 Government Deposits, payable after notice, or on a fixed day.....		
5 Other Deposits, payable after notice, or on a fixed day.....		
6 Due to other Banks in Canada.....		
7 Due to other Banks or Agents not in Canada.		
8 Liabilities not included under the foregoing Heads.....		

ASSETS.

	\$	CTS.
1 Specie.....		
2 Provincial or Dominion Notes.....		
3 Notes of other Banks.....		
4 Balances due from other Banks in Canada..		
5 Balances due from other Banks or Agents not in Canada.....		
6 Government Debentures or Stock.....		
7 Loans to the Government.....		
8 Loans, Discounts, or Advances on Current Account to Corporations.....		
9 Notes and Bills discounted and current.....		
10 Notes and Bills discounted, overdue and not specially secured.....		
11 Overdue Debts secured by Mortgage, or other Deed, on Real Estate, or by Deposit of, or lien on Stock, or by other Securities.		
12 Real Estate, the property of the Bank, (other than the Bank Premises), and Mortgages on real Estate sold by the Bank.....		
13 Bank Premises.....		
14 Other Assets not included under the foregoing heads.....		

We declare that the foregoing return is made up from the books of the Bank, and that it is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Place) this day of 18
A. B.—President, &c.
C. D.—Cashier, &c.

17. The making of any wilfully false or deceptive statement in any account, statement, return, report or other document, respecting the affairs of the Bank, shall, unless it amounts to a higher offence, be a misdemeanor; and every President, Vice-President, Director, Principal Partner *en commandite*, Auditor, Cashier, or other officer of the Bank, preparing, signing, approving, or concurring in such statement, return, report or document, or using the same with intent to deceive or mislead any party, shall be held to have wilfully made such false statement, and shall further be responsible for all damages sustained by such party in consequence thereof.

18. If any President, Vice-President, Director, Principal Partner *en commandite*, Cashier, or other officer of the Bank, wilfully gives, or concurs in giving, any creditor of the Bank any fraudulent, undue, or unfair preference over other creditors, by giving security to such creditor, or by changing the nature of his claim, or otherwise howsoever, he shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and shall further be responsible for all damages sustained by any party by such preference.

19. The Bank shall always be subject to any general provisions respecting Banks, which Parliament may deem necessary for the public interest.

20. The Act incorporating the Bank shall continue in force until the end of the Session commencing next after the first day of January 1881, and no longer.

2. The Directors of any now existing Bank, being thereunto authorized at a general meeting of the Shareholders, called for the purpose, or the principal partners of a Bank *en commandite*, may, at any time before the expiration of its present charter, notify the Minister of Finance of their intention to apply for an extension or modification of its Charter, with amendments embodying and applying to such Bank the provisions contained in the last eighteen sub-sections of the preceding section, and may apply to the Governor General for a Charter granting the extension or modification with such amendments, which Charter the Governor in Council shall grant on the report of the Minister of Justice and of the

Treasury Board that it is in conformity with this Act; such Charter shall contain such of the provisions of the Act incorporating the Bank, and of the Act or Acts (if any) amending it, as are then in force, and are not inconsistent with the said last eighteen sub-sections of the next preceding section, and such of the provisions of the said eighteen sub-sections as would be applicable to a new Bank of the same kind (that is to say, *en commandite* or not *en commandite*), and shall provide for the continuance of the Charter and the privileges thereby granted, until the period mentioned in the last of the said sub-sections; and if any part of the Capital of such Bank be not paid it shall be a condition of such Charter that at least twenty per cent. of the part unpaid shall be paid up in each year after such Charter comes in force: And such Charter shall commence and take effect from and after the expiration of the present Charter of the Bank, unless an earlier period be therein fixed for its commencement (as it may be by the consent of the Directors or Principal Partners applying for it, such Directors being authorized to give such consent by the Shareholders as aforesaid), in which case it shall commence and take effect at the period so fixed, and the Present Charter shall then be held to have expired: Provided always, that such Charter shall not be construed as a new Charter or Law, or as making the Bank a new corporation, but as continuing the Charter present and the corporation therein mentioned; subject to the amendments aforesaid: And provided also, that any provision contained in a Charter granted under this Act, altering the qualifications of Directors, shall not take effect until the election of Directors next after the time when such Charter shall come into force.

3. In the event of its being shewn upon the application of any Bank for an extension or modification of its Charter as provided in the next preceding section, that the paid up Capital Stock thereof has been impaired, provision shall be made in the Charter to be granted thereon for a reduction of the shares and paid up Capital by an amount at least equal to the sum by which the same shall appear to be so impaired, but the liability of the shareholders shall not thereby be lessened or interfered with, and in no case shall the reduction exceed twenty-five per cent. of the paid up Capital, nor shall the same be reduced below the sum of two hundred thousand dollars: and any Charter granted under this Act, shall, so far and so far only as its provisions are consistent with this Act, have the same force and effect as if recited in, and confirmed by, an Act of Parliament of Canada, and a copy of every such Charter shall be laid before Parliament within the first fifteen days of the then next Session thereof.

4. No existing Bank obtaining a Charter, under this Act, shall, after such Charter shall come into force, issue any note for a less sum than four dollars, and all such notes of the Bank then outstanding shall be called in and redeemed as soon as practicable.

5. Every new Bank shall, and every existing Bank obtaining a Charter under this Act, shall, from the time when such Charter shall come into force, be exempt from the tax now imposed on the average amount of its notes in circulation, and to which other Banks will continue liable.

6. The Bank of British North America, which, by the terms of its present Charter, is to be subject to the general laws of the Dominion, with respect to Banks and Banking, shall not, after the first day of January, 1871, issue or reissue in Canada, any note for a less sum than four dollars, and any such notes of the said Bank then outstanding, shall be called in and redeemed as soon as practicable: and the provisions contained in the fourth, fifth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth sub-sections of the first section of this Act, shall apply to the said Bank; those contained in the other sub-sections shall not apply to it.

7. The Receiver General shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for ensuring the

delivery of Dominion Notes to any Bank, in exchange for an equivalent amount of specie, at the several offices at which Dominion Notes will be redeemable, in the cities of Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and St. John (N. B.), respectively.

8. No private person or party, except a Chartered Bank, shall issue or re-issue, make, draw, or indorse, any bill, bond, note, check or other instrument, intended to circulate as money, or to be used as a substitute for money for any amount whatever; under a penalty of four hundred dollars, to be recovered with costs, in any court having civil jurisdiction to the amount, by any party who will sue for the same, and the other half to Her Majesty, for the public uses of the Dominion: The intention to pass any such instruments as money, shall be presumed, if it be made for the payment of a less sum than twenty dollars, and be payable either in form or in fact to the bearer thereof, or at sight, or on demand, or at less than thirty days thereafter, or be overdue, or be in any way calculated or designed for circulation, or as a substitute for money; unless such instrument be a check on some Chartered Bank, paid by the maker directly to his immediate creditor, or a promissory note, bill of exchange, bond or other undertaking, for the payment of money paid or delivered by the maker thereof to his immediate creditor, and be not designed to circulate as a substitute for money:

Provided always, that the Halifax Banking Company may, until the end of the year 1874, continue to re-issue their notes now in circulation, but the whole of such notes shall, as far as practicable, be called in and withdrawn by the end of the said year.

9. The Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 11, intitled, "An Act respecting Banks," shall be, and is, hereby continued until the end of the Session of Parliament, commencing next after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

Railways.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending May 20th, 1870.

Passengers.....	26,281 89
Freight and Live Stock.....	48,363 01
Mails and Sundries.....	2,351 01

Total Receipts for week.....	\$76,995 91
Corresponding week, 1868....	73,321 26

Increase..... \$3,674 65

NEW CONTRACTS ON THE INTERCOLONIAL.—The following contracts are re-let as follows:—No. 3, Berlinquet, \$19,222, per mile; total \$462,444; No. 4, Smith & Co., \$16,234 per mile; total \$438,325. No. 5, McDonald & McDonald, \$20,500 per mile; total \$533,000. No. 6, Berlinquet, \$21,759 per mile; total \$456,946. No. 7, Simpson & Co., \$23,000 per mile; total, \$557,750. The following are new lettings: No. 13, Wallace McDonald, \$45,606 per mile; total \$934,933. No. 14, Neilson and McGaw, \$10,910 per mile; total \$245,475. No. 15, Bertrand, \$30,000 per mile; total \$360,000. No. 16, King & Gough, \$11,135 per mile; total \$296,000.

CANADA AIR-LINE RAILWAY.—A meeting of the provisional directors of the Canada Air Line Railway, from Glencoe to Buffalo, was held at the Great Western general offices in Hamilton, last week, for the purpose of organizing the company, at which Hon. Wm. McMaster was elected Chairman; Joseph Price, Secretary; George Lowe Reid, Engineer; and Aequilius Irving, Solicitor. A communication was read from the Great Western Company, announcing their determination to construct the line forthwith, without applying to the municipalities for bonuses—thus placing beyond doubt the completion of the railroad.

THE NARROW GAUGE.—A narrow-gauge railroad at the Thomas Iron Works at Hokendauqua,