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RECIPROCITY.

THE Bill introduced by Mr. Beaman in the United States House of Representatives, to regulate trade on the Northern frontier-that is, with Canada -is not of character such as to merit any notice from our Government, even should its provisions become law. We do not now undertake to argue the question as to whether a more friendly trade intercourse should be inaugurated by a formal treaty, or by reciprocal legislation, but we do assert that the only way in which trade can be placed on a basis fair to both countries is by the appointment of Commissioners on both sides, who may meet and discuss the question in a candid, friendly spirit. None should be appointed to such a commission but those favorable to a renewal of reciprocity, and who would not be disposed to throw obstacles in the way. When these commissioners had agreed on the commissions to be made by the two countries, and had made their report to their respective Governments, then, their recommendations could be caried out either by treaty or by concurrent legislation.

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Statement of the Provincial Notes in circulation, Wednesday, 3rd June, 1868, and of the specie held against them at Montreal and Toronto:--

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· EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK .- The Montreal Gazette of Saturday says:-The annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Bank was hed at Sherbrooke a few days ago. The old Board of Directors. viz., Ben. Pomeroy, Chas. Brooks, A. A. Adams, J. H. Hope, R. W. Heneker, G. K. Foster, and H. L. Robinson, R. W. Heneker, G. K. Foster, and H. L. Robinson, were re-elected. The other officers were also re-elected. The report shows a prosperous condition. The net earnings for the past year were \$48,193, deducting from which expenses and dividends, leaves a balance of profit of \$30,317. The Directors recommend the discontinuance of the Stanbridge Branch. A semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. has been declared, and \$7,000 added to the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$30,000. The stock of the bank is glipped up.

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