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THE STATE OF TRADE.

In the opinion of the N.Y. Commercial Bulletin, croaking about business depression has become very popular of late, and not a little has undoubtedly been for effect. It is encouraged on finding the following remarks in the Philadelphia *Ledger*, a journal which is accustomed to take only sober and unprejudiced views of whatever it discusses: "The truth is that the country—its sixty millions of people—is living in a period of most gratifying prosperity. There are no great masses of unemplayed working are not masses of unemplayed working. —is living in a period of most gratifying prosperity. There are no great masses of unemployed working men; wages are, as a rule, higher than they have ever been, except during two or three years of the war era; the necessaries of life are generally cheaper than they have been for forty years. Capital and labor are upon better terms, apparently, than they have been since 1886, as is happily indicated by the absence of any great strikes or cated by the absence of any great strikes or lockouts. Money is abundant, financial credit excellent, public confidence good, the crop prospects fair, and the vast mass of the people busy and receiving liberal wages or satisfactory busy and receiving liberal wages or satisfactory profits. Apart from the general signs of national prosperity, there is one in particular which is unfailing in its assurance of mercantile activity. It is that of the continuous prosperity of the railroads of the country, which is to be seen in the rehabilitation of those which a little while ago were buried under avalanches of dishonored obligations; of the extension of old, or the building of new ones: the companies stretching out their arms ones: the companies stretching out their arms of iron and steel in all directions. When the of iron and steel in all directions. When the railroad companies are active and prosperous there can be no such thing as trade depression. Summer is the breathing time of the year with trade and its holiday season as well, and in all Presidential years mercantile affairs suffer to some degree from the prevailing political excitement and turmoil; but up to the present time business has been rather better, not worse than in ordinary years at this time. worse, than in ordinary years at this time, and there is nothing to warrant the belief that it will not continue to be fairly good and the people busy and prosperous."

—Rhodes' Journal of Banking tells us that it is a habit with not a few American bank tellers to look through their metal cash after tellers to look through their metal cash after bank hours for rare coins. And occasionally they are rewarded by a "find." All United States gold coins made prior to 1836, says this writer, command premiums, and there is one silver coin, the dollar of 1804, which will bring \$200. "The fact that some of the rarest of American coins have been picked up in ordinary circulation keeps the tellers' eyes peeled. They know values pretty well, and the sanguine cherish the hope of unearthing one of the missing dollars of 1804." The

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half-dollar of 1852, representing Liberty seated, is in circulation, and worth \$1.75. The quarter of 1853, with rays, is also occasionally met, and sells for \$2. "Among silver dollars of recent coinage, the 1858 dollar, representing recent coinage, the 1858 dollar, representing Liberty seated, is the most valuable. It is worth \$15. The 20-cent piece of 1877 is worth \$1.50, and of 1878, \$1.25. The valuable dimes and half-dimes were all coined before 1846. The silvered 3-cent pieces of 1873, with the large star, bring 60 cents; the copper 2-cent pieces of the same year are worth the same. The flying-eagle cent of 1856 sells for \$1."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 4th, 1888.

AND LEATHER.—Business in BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER. these lines has been seriously interfered with during the past week, many shoe factories being virtually shut down from Thursday last till Tuesday, owing to the holy days of St. Peter and St. Paul on the 29th ult. and Dominion Day. Some representatives of English leather houses have been in town, who seem to anticipate a better turn in the market on to anticipate a better turn in the market on the other side, but matters over there are still very flat. We quote:—Spanlsh sole, B. A., No. 1, 23 to 24c.; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 18 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; No. 1 China, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; cak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 28 to 33c.; grained, 32 to 36c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins, (35 to 66c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; 70 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 24 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.;

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