could be possible for Mr. YARKER to receive $30,000 cash in advance when a respectable broker of Toronto avers that there were only fifty-four cents left when the Bank closed on Friday.

R. & O. N. Co—There is no double liability. There are some good men on the board. Mr. COWAN is a whole team on figures, and a first-class man as director. We cannot look into the end of the season; our mind-reader has gone to the country awaiting a ten minutes appointment' as General Manager to a Bank.

QUEBECER. — Avoid stock-gambling—there is not one man in a thousand ever made a penny in the long run by it. A certain class are loaded down with all sorts of stocks with money borrowed from savings' banks and other institutions, and the moment you open your mouth they are ready to fill it—at your loss and their profit. There are many ways you can spend your surplus money with profit. Subscribe to charitable institutions and pay up your subscription to the SHAREHOLDER.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDED 21ST JUNE, 1884.

Balance at credit of profit and loss account, June, 1883, carried forward		$ 67 550 90
The profits of the year, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, and providing for bad and doubtful debts, amount to		635,919 65
		$7 3,170 55

Which has been disposed of in the following manner:—

Dividend No. 33, payable January, 1884	$240 000 00	
Dividend No. 34 payable July 1884	240, 00 00	
Carried to rest account	100,000 00	
Placed at credit of contingent fund account.	75,000 00	
		$655,100 00
Balance remaining at credit of profit and loss account		$ 48,470 55

GENERAL STATEMENT, 21ST JUNE, 1884.

Liabilities.

Notes of the Bank in circulation	$ 2,551,773 00	
Deposits not bearing interest	1,855,160 98	
Deposits bearing interest	9,679,913 61	
Interest accrued on deposit receipts and savings bank accounts	74,140 76	
Due to other banks in Canada	152,362 75	
Due to agencies of the bank, and to other banks in Great Britain	199,057 70	
		$14,515,408 80
Capital paid up	$ 6,00 ,000 00	
Rest	2,100,000 00	
Contingent fund	75,000 00	
Reserve for rebate of interest on current discounts	150,0'0 00	
Dividends unpaid	1,517 07	
Dividend No. 34, payable 2nd July	240,000 00	
Balance of profit and loss account carried forward to next half year	48,47 55	
		$ 8,514,987 62
		$23,030,396 42

Assets.

Specie	$ 681,471 93	
Dominion notes	1,632,528 31	
Notes of and cheques on other banks.	43 ,805 47	
Balance due from other banks in Canada	289,777 02	
Balance due from agencies of the bank in the United States	1,408,587 10	
British consols, Dominion of Canada stock, and United States bonds	944,913 05	
	$ 4,788,082 88	
Loans, discounts, and advances on current account	$17,42 ,995 62	
Bills discounted overdue and not specially secured	98,461 95	
Overdue debts, secured by mortgage or other deed on real estate, or by deposit of or lien on stock, or by other securities	306,027 48	
Real estate, the property of the bank (other than the bank premises) and mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	133,600 47	
Bank premises and furniture	283,228 02	
		$23, 30,396 42

(Signed) W. N. ANDERSON,
General Manager.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, Toronto, 21st June, 1884.

A POINTER FOR HUSBBANDS.

"I can't make my cash balance," said the book-keeper to the senior member of a Fourteenth street establishment last week.

"Which way is it?'

"Over."

"How much?"

"Sixty dollars."

"Correct you are, my boy. You take five and give me fifty-five. You see, my wife came in here this morning and wanted me to give her fifty dollars to buy a season ticket for the opera. I knew she was coming, so I dumped what money I had in my pockets into the cash drawer. Then I turned my pockets inside out and told her I hadn't got a cent; that the money in the drawer was part of a sum to pay a note, and that you had gone out to borrow enough to make up the whole. You take the five, I say, and don't mention it."

THE STOCK MARKET.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of stocks on the Montreal Stock Exchange on each day of the week ended 3rd July, 1884, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.	Share.	Capital Paid up.	Rest.	Fri. L.	Fri. H.	Sat. L.	Sat. H.	Mon. L.	Mon. H.	Tues. L.	Tues. H.	Wed. L.	Wed. H.	Thurs. L.	Thurs. H.	Total Trans.
Bank of Montreal	$200	$12,000,000	$6,000,000	179	180			177½	180½			179¾	180¾	181	182	1359
Merchants Bank	100	5,721,426	1,150,000	103	104½			102½	101			101	105½	105½	106	495
Canadian B'k of Com.	50	6,000,000	1,900,000	109½	110¾			107½	111			117	110	111½	112¾	3761
Bank of Toronto	100	2,000,000	1,060,000	161	164			159	162½			161½	162	111½	161	801
Ontario Bank	100	1,500,000	425,000										102½	104½	1·3	140
Banque du Peuple	50	1,600,000							48						47½	80
Bank British North A	£50	4,866,666	981,129.60													
Molson's Bank	50	2,000,000	5 0,000		108				1·8							115
Dominion Bank	50	1,488,185	930,000													
Federal Bank	100	2,950,210	1,500,000	70	82½			63	62½			69	70	67½	70	1163
Imperial Bank of C.	100	1,500,000	650,000													
Banque Jac's Cartier.	25	500,000	140,000													
Quebec Bank	100	2,500,000	325,000													
Banque Nationale	50	2,000,000	30,000													
Eastern Townships	50	1,416,142	375,000												105	5
Union Bank	100	2,000,000														
Exchange Bank	100	500,000														
Maritime Bank	100	320,000	40,000													
Montreal Tel. Co.	40	2,000,000		109	110			108½	110					110	111	525
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	100	1,565,000	21,704	49½	51			49½	50			50	51	51½	54	1539
City Pass. Ry. Co.	50	600,000		120	121				120					1 3	125	911
City Gas Co.	40	1,800,000		174	174½			173	171			174	174¾	175½	176¾	5170
Canada Cotton Co.	100															
Montreal Cotton Co.																
Dundas Cotton Co.																
Can. N. W. Land Co.			s. d.					40	41							250
Can. Pac. L.G. Bonds.																
Canadian Pacific R'y															43	25
St. Paul M.&M. R'way	100								81							23

AN INTERESTING BRIDGE

Down on the eastern frontier the towns of Calais, in Maine, and St. Stephen, in New Brunswick, face one another from opposite sides of the St Croix River. Over the one floats the Stars and Stripes; over the other the cross of St George. A big bridge connects the two places, and on this structure are transacted many little bits of business in the way of importing which benefits not Uncle Sam nor yet Victoria. Almost in the centre defines the spot where Maine leaves off and New Brunswick begins, and a man can stand with impunity on the New Brunswick side of that post with a case of three-star brandy waiting for the American customs officer on the Maine side to go to sleep or get tired out, or a man with some Yankee notion can do the same from the Maine side with Johnny Bull's collector. Often at night goods are smuggled over. It is almost impossible to prevent it. When any young fellow kicks up a breeze in Calais, he skips over to the New Brunswick side, and the New Brunswick ill-doers find a safe haven in Maine. When the thing blows over they return to their native shores.

Election day always brings the Americans back. Whether they have been abroad a month or twenty-four hours, their vote pardons them. Years ago, when the prohibitory law was vigorously enforced in Calais, the liquor dealers, if they got wind of an intended raid, would load up their whole stock on a dray, and at night over the bridge it would go in a hurry, and then when the red-tape Mother Hubbards went to the cupboard they found it bare, and so the poor law got none.

NOT UP TO THE MARK.

"Yes, sir, I was up to the Chicago convention," replied one drummer in response to the enquiry of another, as they both looked around in vain to see if there were any pretty girls on the car; "had a royal time, too. Walked about the hotels and made people think I was a big politician. Tried to make Steve Elkins believe I was a delegate from the South, and hard up for stuff to pay my hotel bill with. But he was too flip for me—couldn't work him." "How did he catch onto you?" "Well, I'll tell you. He took me into room 40, Grand Pacific, clear into the little back bed-room. 'Now,' says he, 'we want all the friends we can get in the South. We're going to have a glorious foreign policy, and—but let's take a drink first,' says he. 'Certainly,' says I. 'White-law,' says Steve, 'pass the bottle.' They gave me the bottle, but I hesitated. 'What now?' says Elkins. 'A glass, if you please,' says I. "Young man,' says Steve, as he took me by the collar, 'your name may be Brown, and you may be a delegate from Georgia, but I believe you are an infernal liar. You're the first man from the South I've seen—and I've seen about all of 'em—that asked for a glass to drink whiskey out of. Now you get out of here.'"

A JUDGE LOSES HIS COURT ROOM.—Yesterday, while a case was being tried before Mr. Justice A. L. Smith and a common jury, the court adjourned at about half-past 1 for lunch. At 2 o'clock the jurors and counsel had reassembled when, to their astonishment, Mr. Justice Stephen, whose court had also adjourned for lunch, entered the court, took his seat on the bench, and was apparently about to resume the trial of an action which had been begun by Mr. Just . A. L. Smith. Mr McIntyre, Q. C., evidently somewhat embarrassed at having to open the case for a defendant before a Judge who had not heard the case for the plaintiff, ventured to ask whether, amid the intricacies of the new building, his Lordship had not lost his way and come into the wrong court. It appeared that this was so, and Mr. Justice Stephen retired amid some amusement.

A FRENCHMAN said to a Berliner: "Your Iron Cross, the highest Prussian order, is simply ridiculous—it has an intrinsic value of scarce five sous." The Prussian replied: "But it has cost you two Napoleons."

THE BUSINESS MEN OF CUBA.

[N. Y. Mail]

The Cubans have a hot weather way of managing their business affairs. Let no one run away with the idea that business in Havana does not amount to much. Havana has long been one of the great seaports and commercial centres of the world, the head of the sugar and tobacco trades, and the seat of an immense miscellaneous shipping industry. There are many men and firms as busily engaged in making fortunes as everywhere else. To begin with the business houses are built to provide coolness by means of shade and air. They are more open than what we call an "open car," yet can be closed as tight as any Wall street bank. It is delightful to visit them. It is amazing to see how cool the men at work in them all keep themselves. The merchants and clerks quit their beds at 5 30 o'clock, perhaps earlier, enjoy a bath, dress in a leisurely way, take coffee, and reach their counters by 6 30 o'clock. It is cool at that time in the streets, and they are not half as exhausted when they begin work as we are. At 10.30 or 11 o'clock, under a sunshade or in a car or cab, they go home again for breakfast.

Nothing short of the explosion of a powder magazine, which made them forget themselves a few weeks ago, could induce a man or boy among them to hurry. The only two hasty or excited movements I saw in Cuba were on the part of a young woman and a boy. The young woman was a ballet dancer in a cool, open-air theatre, and was engaged in a tee-to-tum movements, lasting only a few minutes each night, for a high salary. The boy actually ran in the open sunshine—but then he had stolen a sugar cane in the market and was afraid he would be caught. Nobody ran after him, you may be sure.

IRVING BISHOP OUTDONE.—Some mesmeric experiments in London of Herr Carl Hanson, the Danish mesmerist, have thrown the rivals Cumberland and Irving Bishop completely into the shade. On one occasion, by a simple act of volition, he drew (for it was literally nothing less) a lady from the body of the hall up to the platform, made her sing as if she was performing at a concert, and then, in the twinkling of an eye, transformed her into a housemaid, busy with a broom in her hand sweeping the floor. Again there was a change in the spirit of her dream. She was a lady gathering flowers in her garden, and the flowers which she graciously presented to several of her audience and were in her bosom were pieces of paper which she picked as flowers from the floor. At the bidding of the mesmerist she retired to her place in the body of the hall, and when released from the trance was totally unconscious that she had left her seat. On the same evening a gentleman was rapidly mesmerized and made to believe himself Simms Reeves, the vocalist, and, for a wonder, free from a cold. Believing that he was called on to sing, he gave "My Pretty Jane" with great effect and was encored. A red-headed Scotchman again declaimed as Mr. Gladstone, and created much amusement by declaring he did not want any policemen about him.

TIT FOR TAT.—A bold experiment was tried the other day by a Free-Church minister in England upon the members of his congregation. He preached an energetic sermon denouncing the growing tendency to desecrate the Sabbath, and concluded by boldly offering to give half a crown to every woman in the church who would come to him the following day and conscientiously declare that she had not spoke of worldly matters after leaving church. The men, who are presumably not so fond of chattering, were offered a shilling each on the same terms. Not a single person appeared at the minister's house on the Monday to claim either half a crown or shilling. Labouchere says: "I am almost disposed to make a similar offer to the entire English and Scotch clergy."

BULWER was right; there's no such word as fail. It is modified into assignment.