

creasing demand and to secure lower prices, made a fourth trip to Scotland. From one manufacturer he contracted for 106 monuments, from another 70, from a third 50, and so on until the purchases had reached over 250 monuments of various designs and sizes, raging in price from £25 to £250 sterling each, the whole to be finished within one year.

A considerable number of these handsome Obelisks were brought into the Canadian market—eighty of which may be seen set up in their yard here—but a great many of them were regularly imported to customers into the United States as fast as manufactured.

A short time since this firm sent ten cases from Glasgow, containing monuments, to a firm in the United States, for entry at the port of Chicago, Illinois. This shipment was accompanied by the usual Scotch invoice and American Consul's certificate from Aberdeen. *Note*—This certificate is an oath made by the manufacturer before the United States' representatives resident in Aberdeen that the attached invoice contains a full and true statement of the transaction between the manufacturer and the firm, and that the prices mentioned are the exact prices at which the goods were sold to the firm, neither more nor less.

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IT was our intention to give you a description of some of the principal buildings and manufacturing establishments in Hamilton, but a correspondent is very anxious to know the rate of interest upon money in Canada and the United States, so we must postpone that department for another week.

The rate of interest, so far as Canada is concerned is easily stated. Six per centum per annum is all that can be collected by law, where no definite rate has been stipulated. But it is legal to charge any amount or rate of interest that may be agreed upon. Hence, as money is pretty scarce with us, it is no unusual thing to