

the United States," that "all may safely look forward to a period of prosperity of considerable duration." And Mr. Brown lately in his place in Parliament in a discussion on the subject of "rates of interest," said that the "*Banks had plenty of money.*" If the *Globe* and its proprietor are correct it is encouraging; if the *Globe* and its proprietor—hitherto considered high authority—are both wrong the business men and people of Canada should know it. If neither the *Globe* nor its proprietor with the Bank statement in full before them can understand their position as we shall show, how can it be expected that the business men of Canada who trust in them can be safely guided by an official statement with several of the most important, yes, all-important items abstracted from it.

The above last monthly statement shows that all the Banks in Canada, after deducting \$1,859,033 which the Bank of B. N. America has invested in other countries, have \$25,290,243 of paid up capital; that they have \$11,490,515 on deposit on which they are paying interest, and \$10,793,581 of deposits on which they do not pay interest, making in all \$47,574,339 and that they have in their vaults \$5,105,917 in Coin and Bullion.

Those figures as set forth in their own exhibit, show that they have sold all their paid up capital, all their deposits on interest, and more than one half of their deposits not on interest. That they are in debt for \$22,274,896 on account of Deposits, and \$10,886,302 on account of their Due Bills or notes in circulation, and that they have only \$5,105,917 in "Coin and Bullion" to pay \$33,173,198. The amount of specie they are required by law to hold in their vaults for the amount of notes they now have in circulation is \$3,629,434, which would leave our Canadian Banks that George Brown and the *Globe* assert to be so full of money,

with only \$1,375,481 more than would clear them of the law, and if their gold continues to decrease as fast the next two months as it has in the last two, they will hardly have a dollar more than will save their charters. The decrease in their Coin and Bullion has been \$1,206,140 since the first of January, and \$2,087,221 since the first of December last.

We suppose that both George Brown and the *Globe* have founded their conclusions, upon the monthly statement of the Banks that they have \$22,273,896 of deposits. But to show that those conclusions are most falacious, it is only necessary to repeat, that of that \$22,273,896 of deposits they only have \$5,105,917 left, and of that last amount after deducting sufficient to save their charters, they only have \$1,206,140 left. That is the full amount of spare money that all the Banks in Canada had on the first of March. If that is what George Brown calls "*Plenty of Money,*" and in the eyes of the *Globe* is sufficient to justify it in stating that "*our Banks are full of money,*" their ideas of "*plenty*" and "*full*" are certainly different from that of most folks.

Our existing Bank system inevitably draws our Bank managers into a game of chance, into a semi-gambling method of obtaining gain. They have, on the security of their capital, lent their *Due Bills*, which do not draw interest, for customer's notes, which realize to them a large interest. They have sold at about ten per cent. profit all their paid up capital, or gold, amounting to \$25,290,293, to the importers of foreign goods, and it has been shipped off to foreign countries. In the meantime they have borrowed \$11,590,575 on interest, upon the strength of which they lent more of their *Due Bills*, which in their turn have been presented by the importers, and they have been furnished the gold for them, and have also shipped it off to pay for foreign