

was \$10,457,458 interest and the original loan, making a total of \$25,600,091 due on the first of July, 1867. I do not know that any formal renunciation of the debt was ever made by the Government, and if the interest were to be added to the amount due at confederation, the total would rise to somewhere about \$50,000,000. If the question asked were 'What have the people of Canada given in aid to these two railways?' we would have to examine the accounts to see how much has been advanced to the various lines incorporated with or under the control of each of the two great systems, as systems. Subsidies and aid were given by the Dominion, by the Provincial Government and by municipalities."

OTHER WAY AROUND.

A well-to-do business man met an old acquaintance in his trade who had a decidedly shabby and forlorn look.

"Well, well! If this isn't Jones!" exclaimed the prosperous man. "I haven't seen you on the Shoe and Leather Exchange for a long time."

"I haven't been there," answered the shabby man.

"Ah, retired from business?"

"Not exactly: on the contrary, business has retired from me!"—*Youth's Companion.*

WEST INDIA TRADE.

A great deal of attention is being directed to West India trade this fall. Although the next steamer of the Pickford & Black line does not leave this port till Nov. 7th, the whole of the 7,500 bbls. space allotted to St. John is taken up, and over a thousand bbls. more have offered, which the agents here have reluctantly been compelled to decline. It looks as if they could load another vessel by the time the first one sails. It is believed that the same condition of affairs exists at Halifax, as a lot of freight had to be left over there last trip. The bulk of the goods offering are fish, flour, potatoes, hay and other produce, and some horses will also go forward.—*St. John Sun.*

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL Nov. 8th, 1893.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal.....	222	221	19	224½	222	235
Ontario.....	110	110	10	113	110½	116½
People's.....	114	114	2	120	115	108
Molson's.....	153½	151	162	155½	159	170
Toronto.....	25	235	..	..	235	282
Jac. Cartier.....	..	..	..	125	120	..
Merchants.....	155	153½	38	157½	153	161½
Commerce.....	139	137	84	140	135	145½
Union.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
M. Teleg.....	141½	140½	263	141	140	155½
Rich. & Ont.....	61½	59	1365	65	64½	70½
Street Ry.....	173	172	423	174	173	236
do. new stock	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gas.....	181	180½	183	181½	181½	223½
C. Pacific Ry.....	72½	72	272	73	72½	87½
Land gr't b'ds	..	..	..	..	..	..
N West Land.....	..	..	..	..	..	89½
Bell Tele.....	..	..	..	150	138	160
Montreal 4% ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

THE CANADIAN EXHIBIT.

We have had the satisfaction of placing before our readers from time to time reports as to Canada's great success in the several competitions at the Columbian Exposition. The position she has attained as a competitor against the world has been, in many departments, not simply a proud one, but so unique as to be phenomenal; and this in the face of an allowance for expenses by the Canadian Government, of which a very mild characterization would be that it was parsimonious. Why, the statement is made on excellent authority, that the enhanced value of Canadian products, as a result of her showing, in the one article of apples alone, will this very year exceed the whole Parliamentary vote for defraying the cost of Canada's exhibit. It may be said that the splendid show made by Canada in the various departments has astonished her own people no less

than outsiders, and will conduce to the importation of millions of European and American capital into the Dominion in the immortal future. The lesson of self-reliance and self-confidence has again been most emphatically impressed upon the rising country, and encouragement afforded its people in their set determination to work out their own political salvation. But Canada has been making another exhibit during these Columbian months, none the less observable because in the official language of the Exposition, *hors concours*—we mean in her men. Where all the officials have worked so assiduously, faithfully and successfully in the best interests of their beloved country, it would be offensively unfair to particularize and mark out individuals for commendation. But, as one sees the men in charge of the exhibits that have secured such substantial results for the Dominion, one cannot fail to notice by contrast how humble was the tenement in which her chief representatives had their offices; and, better still, with what singular propriety the Earl of Aberdeen a few days ago referred to Canada's desire to have "an exhibition of merit rather than of money."

The Canadian Building, insignificant as it may have appeared, in comparison with other foreign structures, has proved itself admirably adapted to its purpose as headquarters for visitors from Canada; while residents have found it extremely convenient as a rendezvous, where their appointments with friends could easily be kept. And long after the White City and its treasures will have passed away, leaving only the impressions of a dream of fairy land, too lovely to last long, the home-like, unostentatious hospitality extended by the Canadian commissioners to all visitors, and the heartiness of their welcome, will remain as a sweet recollection. While, on the other hand, the frequent reunions under this roof of friends long separated, as well as the new friendships which the kindly spirit pervading the atmosphere of the officers assisted in forming, will cause many, as the old visions course along the corridors of memory, to attribute much of the happiness that may come to such friends in after years to be intimately associated with the retrospective view of the picturesque Canadian Pavilion.—*Canadian-American, Chicago.*

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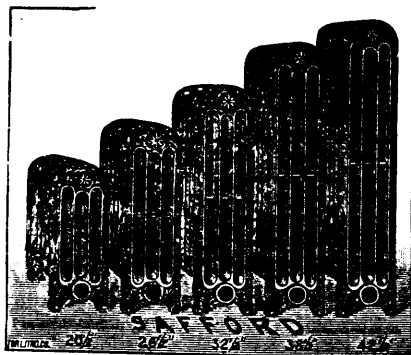
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