The Belleville gas company's works and electric light plant have been leased for 10 years by Mr. Pearson, of Toronto, who is to pay 6 per cent. on the capital of $80,000, and 6½ per cent. on a mortgage of about $40,000.

At a meeting of the Anglo-Canadian Asbestos Company, Limited, held in London on the 16th April, the Directors declared a dividend at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum, for the past year. About two-thirds of the stock is held on this side.

The committee of bankers, appointed by the Government to examine thoroughly the various aspects of the financial situation in Brazil, has rendered a report. It says there is no danger, so far as Brazil is concerned, of a commercial or financial crisis.

The Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Company (Limited) will ask Parliament for an Act authorizing the company to increase its capital stock, and to issue shares in the capital stock of the company as paid up shares in payment of moneys owing by the company, etc.

The net debenture debt of the city of Toronto is as follows:—General debt, $12,599,680.47; local improvement debt, $4,319,023.99; Total, $16,918,704.46; less sinking fund, $1,697,160.89; net debt, $15,221,543.57. There is also a floating debt of about half a million.

The net debt of the Dominion on the 31st of March last was $234,692,354, compared with $236,309,797 at the end of February, showing a decrease during the month of $1,517,443. The expenditure on capital account for the month was $147,089, and for the three quarters of the fiscal year $3,440,444.

The seat of James R. Barclay on the Montreal Stock Exchange was sold on the 2nd April. It brought $2,700, and was obtained by Messrs. L. J. Forget & Co. This does not represent the actual value of the seat, as Barclay was under bonds to pay $3,000 for it at the end of three years, and it was bid up by Mr. McCulloch's friends.

The coinage executed at the United States mints during March was 8,226,322 pieces, of the value of $7,118,170. The gold coinage was $3,908,000, of which $3,300,000 was in double eagles. The silver coinage was $3,107,526, of which $3,004,322 was in standard dollars. The minor coinage was $71,137 in 5 cent pieces, and $31,507 in 1 cent pieces.

The Bank of Commerce, Toronto, is reported to have purchased the leasehold property upon which its new building at King and Jordan street stands. There is 85 feet 2 inches in King street and 168 feet in Jordan, and the price is stated as $200,000, or $2,353 a foot. The Hay estate has been deriving a rental of $7,000 annually from the land in question.

The Dominion Building and Loan Association has formed a Board at Truro, N.S., and is endeavoring to make similar arrangements at Amherst. Mr. S. F. Kilgore, field manager, offers $20,000, in shares of $100, payable $1 cash per share and 60c. a month, the shareholders to draw the $100 in eight years, after having paid in but $58.50. $250,000 stock is said to be held in Nova Scotia.

It may not be generally known that the Bank of England notes are made from new white linen cuttings—never from anything that has been worn. So carefully is the paper prepared, that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are counted and booked to each person through whose hands they pass. They are made at Laverstroke, on the river Whit, in Newhampshire, by a family named Portal, descending from a French Huguenot refugee, and have been made by the same family for more than one hundred and fifty years. They are printed within the building, there being an elaborate arrangement for making them, so that each note of the same denomination shall differ in some particular from the other.