

ascent for bargains, knows the market before he purchases, patronizes the houses who sell for cash exclusively, and have no "dead head" accounts for him to contribute toward paying—appreciates fair dealing—is a living advertisement for the house he buys of, and will always be sure to direct his friends there.

THE importations at the port of Toronto in April were about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars less in value than in April last year, the total being \$492,568 against \$642,812. The imports of dutiable goods alone amounted to \$449,133 this year, and \$592,860 last year; the decrease was mostly in the articles coming under the general title of dry goods, which came forward earlier than last year, and were mostly entered in March instead of April. During March and April combined, goods to the value of \$1,472,423 were imported, and 1,422,931 last year, showing a slight increase on the business of 1869. Notwithstanding the falling-off in the value of imports in April, the duties were larger, in consequence of the changes in the tariff, which came into force at the custom houses on the 7th of the month.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following facts and reflections about a case of aristocratic bankruptcy: The sensibilities of a certain circle of Montreal's ultra-aristocratic citizens, were rudely shocked the other day by the publication of the Ossignment of a gentleman engaged in one of the least plebian lines of trade, Commission. Possibly the most of the refined persons aforesaid are not familiar with the terms "Liabilities" and "Assets," or their astonishment would have been sensibly increased by learning that the liabilities of the gentleman in question footed up to the immediate vicinity of £10,000! while the assets are still being looked for by the assignee, with no further result as yet, than an imposing brass door-plate. A note-worthy feature of the estate is the number of tradesmen's bills left unpaid:—item, coal and wood; item, stoves and tinware; over a thousand dollars to different grocers; his butcher and his baker a hundred each; his tailors—for he had two—can comfort one another to the tune of forty odd pounds apiece; his milliner's bill is a modest one of \$130, while he spent nearly as much (on tick) with his hatter. He did not adopt the saying of the brilliant French philosopher: "Give us the luxuries of life, and we will dispense with its necessaries," for the above items are sufficiently staple, and the luxuries, after all, are confined to a jeweller's bill of a few hundred dollars, and a wine bill of a less amount. Wonder if the stately footman, whose duty it was to announce the visitors to the mansion, has a "preferential claim" for his wages? This unpleasant state of affairs appears to the vulgar world to be the plain result of a violation of the ordinary rules of household economy. "Income ninety-nine pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence; expenditure, one hundred pounds; result, misery. Pity that some stronger punishment than even aristocratic sympathy, expressed by cold shoulders, could not be meted out to such deliberate and dishonest extravagance. But, "appearances must and shall be preserved."

Financial.

STOCKS AND MONEY.

Reported by Blaikie & Alexander, Brokers.

TORONTO, May 11th, 1870.

The Stock Market has been rather quiet during the past few days though considerable amounts of some of the favorite stocks have changed hands at advancing rates, and a strong upward tendency has been shown, especially in the case of Bank of Montreal Stock which continues steadily to advance, it is said on account of the demand in the English market. Money continues to be plentiful and good commercial paper is readily taken at 7 per cent., and in round amounts on easier terms. Loans can readily be placed at 8 per cent., and it borrowers present themselves freely. Sterling Exchange still continues firm at 109½ to 109¾ for Bank Bills, and 108½ for Private.

Banks.—Bank of Commerce continues in very good demand at 114 to 114½, and rules firm at these rates though there is very little offering. For Bank of Toronto, 135 to 136 would readily be paid, but there are no sellers under some advance on these figures. Royal Canadian remains rather inactive with very few buyers; some lots have been taken for speculation at rates varying from 60 to 62, but holders look for higher figures. Ontario Bank remains firm at 103 to 104, and may be obtained at the latter rate. Bank of Montreal has shown another marked advance, sales having been made at rates running from 175 to 181, and it is not now procurable under 183. There still continues a good demand for Merchant's at 115. City Bank remains rather inactive, there being sellers at 91 to 91½ but few buyers. Molson's Bank would now command par, and is in good demand. We give quotations of the remaining Bank Stocks, but they are in most cases nominal. Mechanics', 89 to 91. Québec, 105 bid. Union Bank, 106½ to 107½. Banque Jacques Cartier, 110½ bid. Banque du Peuple, 104 to 104½. Banque Nationale, 103 bid. Eastern Townships, 103½ bid.

Sundries.—Not much doing in Building Society and fancy Stocks. Freehold is wanted, and 125 would be paid, but there is none offering. Some sales of Canada Permanent have been made at 134½, 135 would probably be taken. Western Canada Permanent has been dealt in to a small extent at 124½ to 125. Some sales of Provincial Permanent were made at 99½, and the stock would probably now bring par. There still continues a very active demand for Canada Landed Credit, and 94½ to 95 would readily be given, but there is but little offering. There are also buyers of Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society, who would probably give 115, but it cannot be procured at that figure. Montreal Telegraph is in demand at 153, but there are no sellers under 157. We quote Western Assurance, 80 to 81. British America Assurance, 74. Canada Life 100½, and Toronto City Gas, 114½. There is nothing doing in these latter stocks.

Bonds.—Toronto City, 20 years would bring 91. Montreal City have changed hands in considerable amount, at 99 to 99½, and Montreal City, 7 per cent. stock would command, 113½. Government securities of all kinds are very quiet at slightly declining rates. We quote Dominion Stock, 107½ to 108½. Sterling Sixes, 103. Sterling Fives, 93½ to 94. There is some demand for County Debentures, and they could probably be obtained for 102 to 102½. Townships remain steady at 95 with moderate demand.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET, May 6.—Money on call is very easy, and is freely offered at 4 to 5 per cent. Discounts are easily obtainable at 6 to 7 per cent. on prime names. No. 2 are quoted at 7 to 8 per cent., and single names at 7 to 12 per cent., according to quality.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.

The stock market has been very quiet during the past week. A very limited amount of securities are on the market, and outside quotations would in most cases be paid.

Banks.—We have to report a still further advance in Montreal; sales have taken place at from 175 up to 181, and sellers now ask 185. British is asked for at 106½, with no sellers. Ontario sold at 103½, 103½, and 103½; none now on market under 104. There is a large demand for Toronto, and outside quotations would be paid. Royal Canadian sold during the week at 60, 61, and 61½; there are buyers at 61½, and sellers at 62. Several transactions in Commerce at 114 and 114½; limited amounts offering at latter rate. Merchants' has been freely dealt in at 115 and 115½; sellers now ask 115½. Buyers would give 105 for Quebec; none on market. Buyers of Molson's at 99½, and sellers at 100½; last sales at par. City is offering at 91. Buyers offer 104 for Du Peuple, and sellers ask 104½. Buyers of Jacques Cartier at 110½, and no stock on market. Buyers of Mechanics' at 89, and no sellers under 91. Union at 106½, and sellers 107½.

Debentures.—Nothing whatever doing in Canada, nearly all denominations are unsaleable at quotations. Toronto are in moderate demand at 91 for 20-year bonds. County sold at 102, and none now on the market. Township continue firm at 95 p. c.

Sundries.—No City Gas on market; 115 would be paid. British America Assurance offering at 74. Last sales of Western Assurance at 80; nothing doing. No Canada Life Assurance on market; 101 would probably be paid. Canada Permanent Building Society sold at 134½ and 135; limited amount procurable at latter rate. Western Canada Building Society sold during the week at 125. Freehold Building Society asked for at 125; none on market. Huron and Erie Savings Loan Society wanted at 115½; no shares offering. Sellers of Union Building Society at 112½; little doing. Buyers of Montreal Telegraph at 153½, and no sellers under 157½. Not a share of Canada Landed Credit on market; 95 would be paid. Mortgages on undoubted city property can be placed at 7 per cent., ordinary rate is 8 per cent.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Robert Moat, Broker.

MONTREAL, May 10, 1870.

There has been a fair amount of business transacted in Stocks during the past week, and in several securities at an advance.

Banks.—Montreal has been sold to-day at 181, with few shares offering. The transfer books close on the 16th inst. till payment of a dividend of 6 per cent. on the 1st June. British is inquired for at 106½ to 107. City remains inactive at 90 to 92. There were sales of Molson's at par. Merchants' continues steady at 115½ to 115½. Mechanics' is asked for at 89; held at 91. 104 to 104½ has been paid this week for People's. 105 is obtainable for Quebec. Ontario is steady at 103 to 103½. Toronto has advanced to 140, with sales; now held at 142. Royal Canadian is dull at 64; buyers at 60 to 61. For Commerce, 114 would be paid; no stock offering.

Debentures.—Montreal Corporation Bonds, 99 to 99½. For Canada Fives, sellers to-day ask 95.

Sundries.—Montreal Telegraph is asked for at 153; sellers at 157. City Passenger has advanced to 117. For City Gas, 150 has been paid. Canadian Navigation Company is heavy at 90 to 91. Sales of Richelieu Navigation Company at 140. Champlain Railway 6 per cent. Bonds have been placed at 79½ to 80. Money still continues easy, first-class paper being discounted at 6 per cent. Exchange is steady at 9½ to 9½ for bank 60 days.