

1 to 12, so that the hours from midnight to midnight will be numbered from 1 to 24.

"A large majority of the Railway Managers of Canada and the United States have formally expressed their opinion in favor of the 'twenty-four hour' system, and this opinion is concurred in by the public press and by all the leading scientific men of the continent.

"The wisdom of the adoption of the 'Standard Time' system, which is now used throughout North America, is no longer disputed, and it is only a question of a very short time when the 'twenty-four hour' system will be generally followed. It will be an honor to Canada to take the lead in this important reform. The Directors in taking this step hope for the approval of the public, and the hearty co-operation of all the employees of the Company.

"It is intended to make the change first on all the lines of the Company west of Lake Superior, beginning with the next change in time-tables.

"Paper dials with the new afternoon numbers will be furnished both for clocks and watches free of charge to the public as well as to employees of the Company. These dials may be easily applied to any watch or clock by following the directions accompanying this circular. Arrangements will be made at the different divisional points for their application to the watches of employees, and those who are unable to have them applied by the persons appointed for the purpose may obtain them from any Agent of the Company. These requiring dials for clocks should state the diameter of the clock dials inside of the present figures."

THE annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, the largest bank on this continent, shows that a profit of 12 per cent. was earned last year on a capital of \$12,000,000. This profit was earned in spite of exceptional circumstances militating against the bank's business, such as the repayment of large sums by the Canadian Pacific and other railways—sums which it was impossible to place as profitably elsewhere, and difficult to place profitably at all. Nevertheless, the bank earned considerably more than in the previous year, and as its vast business is directly affected for good or evil by the state of business in this country, its statement for last year is the surest proof we have yet had that business throughout the country is slowly but steadily looking up.

QUEEN OF IRELAND.—The late Venerable Dr. MacLachlan of Edinburgh wrote as follows to Mr. Gladstone—the letter being among the last he ever wrote:—

"I have been led in the course of my life to study ancient Celtic History, and have found that our gracious Sovereign the Queen is by right of birth and succession the Sovereign of the native Irish race. She represents the ancient Royal family of Ireland as much as of Eng-

land and Scotland. This may be of interest to you in making arrangements for conducting the future government of Ireland, and dealing with a people so influenced by sentiment as the Irish are. Dermot MacKeelver was the 'Ard Righ,' or supreme King in the time that St. Columba was forced to flee from Ireland for rest. Shortly after that time a branch of the Northern Royal family crossed to Scotland, and founded the kingdom of Dalriada, which they long occupied. At last they united with the Picts, and Her Majesty represents both branches of the Irish royal race. The Union with England united the crowns, and the Queen thus comes to represent the three Royal families of Ireland, Scotland and England. She is as much Queen of Ireland as of England and Scotland."

MR. SPERGEOX publishes an attack on Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. The preacher asks: "What has Ulster done to be cast off?" and adds: "The whole scheme is as full of dangers and absurdities as if conceived by a madman, yet I am sure that Mr. Gladstone believes that he is doing only justice."

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Home Mission, 1886.

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