RAILWAY TRAFFIC.—The official returns of Railway traffic for the month of September compare as follows:

	1868.	1867.
Great Western	$355,810	$334,988
Grand Trunk	624,108	603,632
Northern	49,019	41,175
Welland	13,101	12,459
London and Port Stanley	4,404	5,219
Port Hope, Lindsay, and B. with P. Branch	30,119	31,190
Brockville and Ottawa	17,085	14,893
St. Lawrence and Ottawa	8,732	8,628
NewBrunswick and Canada	8,541	7,185
European and North American	16,167	14,028
Nova Scotia (approximate)	29,179	23,913
Total	$1,156,265	$1,098,110

Financial.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

There has been rather more activity in the stock market this week, and some large transactions in County Debentures at high prices have taken place.

Bank Stock.—Montreal has again advanced, closing with buyers at 135¾. Nothing doing in British. There are buyers of Ontario at 100½; no sellers. Toronto is asked for at quotations. Paid up Royal Canadian stock is procurable at 92. Sales of partially paid Commerce occurred at 103. Nothing doing in Gore. Buyers are offering 105 and 105½ for Merchants'. No Quebec offering. City in demand at 103 to 103½. Du Peuple is offered at 105½. No sellers of Jacques Cartier under 108. Other banks nominal.

Debentures.—Sales of Dominion Stock occurred at 102½. Sterling five per cents are offered at 91 to 91½. Sales of Toronto occurred during the week to pay 7 per cent. There were large transactions in County to pay 6½ per cent. interest.

Sundries.—Sales of Canada Permanent Building Society occurred at 121½. Western Canada inquired for at 114. Freehold offering at 106½. There are no buyers of Montreal Telegraph at over 127½. City Gas is in demand at 105 to 105½. Mortgages are readily placed to pay 8 per cent. Money continues easy on first-class paper.

MONTREAL MONEY MARKET.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, Oct. 19, 1868.

The abundance of money still continues, and the banks are ready to give accommodation at cheap rates. Round amounts have been lent on call at 4 per cent., and short dated transactions have taken place at 5 per cent. Good paper has been freely done at 6½ to 8. Really good bills are very scarce, and very few offering in the open market. Remittances from the country have much improved of late, thereby enabling the banks to better extend their accommodation. Stocks are active, the demand for some classes being greater than the supply, and outside prices are asked by holders for all favorite securities. Bank of Montreal would readily bring 135¼ to 135¾, but there is none offering; Merchants tend upwards, there being buyers at 106¼; but sellers demand 106¾. City in demand at 104, but none offering. People's have been placed at 105½. Ontario has advanced to ½ prem., but sellers now demand ¾. Toronto, quiet. Jacques Cartier, 109, but buyers not offering over 107½. Royal Canadian in demand at 91½, but sellers want 92. Of our leading stocks Richelieu Navigation Company are in demand at 111. Telegraph Co. dull, at 128, but buyers will not give over 125. New City Co., active, but the difference between buyers and sellers is too wide to admit of operations. Montreal Mining Consols are dull at $2.50 to $2.90, former the views of buyers, latter of sellers. Not much doing in other stock. The silver market has ruled very quiet. You will perceive that Mr. Weir has extended his time for commencing the exportation of silver to the 10th January prox. The reasons he gives in a letter to the *Gazette*, which I enclose. Present price here is 3c. 3½. Gold is 137¼, showing a very slight decline on last week's rates.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.—The amount of Provincial notes in circulation with the specie held for their redemption was as follows on Oct. 7th:—

Notes in circulation—	
Payable in Montreal	$3,264,589
Payable in Toronto	1,202,411
Payable at Halifax	136,000
Total	$4,603,000
Specie held—	
At Montreal	$550,000
At Toronto	450,000
At Halifax (estimated)	30,000
Total	$1,030,000
Debentures held under the Act	$3,000,000

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.—The amount received from depositors during Sept. was $63,209, interest paid, $22.26; amount of withdrawal cheques, $13,227 67. Total deposits in hands of Receiver-General on 30th Sept., $357,958 87; of this amount $219,907 87 bears interest at 4 per cent., and $135,800 at 5 per cent.

BANK ITEMS.—A bag containing $5,000 in gold is said to have been abstracted from the safe of the Bank of Montreal at Hamilton, in a mysterious manner; there is no clue to the thief—Mr. Park late manager of the Gore Bank in Woodstock, has absconded and he is said to be a defaulter to a large amount. Mr. Park's sureties are believed to be good for the deficiency.—Mr. Smith, late manager of the Gore Bank at Guelph has been appointed manager of the Branch of that Bank in Woodstock.

LIVE STOCK IN GREAT BRITAIN.

In Ireland the returns are made up to July 31, dating back to the year 1855, and in England to June 25, for 1867 and 1868 only, and these generally become known about the month of September. We have in consequence thought from the first week in October to the first week in April the most suitable periods to ascertain the results. We begin by giving in a tabular form the number of cattle, sheep and pigs, as furnished by Government from the Irish returns, beginning with the year 1855. In the next column we give the yearly increase or decrease, and in the last column we give the average price for the twenty-seven weeks. This average is from the highest price of best singed Waterford bacon; and, strangely enough, to show the little effect the Government returns have had upon prices, it will be seen that the highest rates have been current in the years 1856-57 and in 1865-66, both of which showed a considerable increase in the quantity of pigs over those of the previous years, and the highest average 69s. per cwt., being in the year that showed the largest number of pigs; then the lowest average prices for bacon were 58s. in 1858-59, and 59s. per cwt. in the years 1862-63 and 1863-64, in each of which years a decrease was shown in the return of pigs.

These remarks will, we think, tend to show that we must carry our ideas a little beyond one particular branch of business. For instance, although we have this year, when compared with last, a falling off of more than one million of pigs, we have an increase of about 340,000 head of cattle and 1,750,000 sheep; then we have to watch the almost yearly increase of foreign supplies of live stock and provisions. Again, we have to consider the laboring classes are well employed and well paid—in fact, there are a variety of things that require to be looked into before we come to a just conclusion on the subject. As most of the leading papers of the day have noticed this year's stock returns, but as none of them have shown the effect produced in former years, we think the statement we now publish will interest and be acceptable to our readers. The following are the numbers of live stock in Ireland for each year from 1856 to 1868 inclusive:

Years.	No. of Cattle.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Pigs.	Increase or decrease in Pigs with previous year. Increase.	Decrease.	Average prices of Bacon from first week in October to first week in April, say 27 weeks.
1856	3,587,858	3,694,294	918,525	......	......	cwt.
1857	3,620,954	3,452,252	1,255,186	337,661	......	1856-57..68s. 6d.
1858	3,667,304	3,494,993	1,409,883	154,707	......	1857-58..60s. 0d.
1859	3,815,958	3,592,804	1,265,751	......	144,132	1858-59..58s. 0d.
1860	3,606,374	3,542,080	1,271,072	5,321	......	1859-60..62s. 0d.
1861	3,471,688	3,556,060	1,102,042	......	169,030	1860-61..66s. 6d.
1862	3,254,890	3,456,132	1,154,324	52,282	......	1861-62..63s. 6d.
1863	3,144,231	3,308,204	1,067,458	......	86,866	1862-63..59s. 0d.
1864	3,262,294	3,366,941	1,058,480	......	8,978	1863-64..59s. 0d.
1865	3,497,548	3,694,356	1,305,953	247,473	......	1864-65..63s. 6d.
1866	3,746,157	4,274,282	1,497,274	191,321	......	1865-66..69s. 0d.
1867	3,702,378	4,826,015	1,233,893	......	263,381	1866-67..69s. 0d.
1868	......	4,812,940	861,045	......	372,748	1867-68..64s. 0d.
Decrease in No. between 1867-68	37,451	13,075	372,748			

Total Number of Live Stock in Great Britain on June 25.

	No of Cattle.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Pigs.
1867	4,993,034	28,919,101	2,966,979
1868	5,416,154	30,685,980	2,303,867
" Increase	423,120	1,766,879	—
" Decrease	—	—	663,112

—*London Grocer.*

INSOLVENTS.—The following named Insolvents were gazetted on Saturday last:—Henry Muth, Joseph Octave, Mercier Alexis, Normandie; Thos. Cready, Hilton & Co., David Sweet, W. B. Bowie & Co., Montreal; Robert Hammond, Benjamin Connor, Orangeville; Edward Kniffen, Simcoe; C. B. Taylor & Co., Stratford; George Terrberry, St Catharines; Joseph Gervais, Labie Du Feboro, Alex. Warwick, Woodstock; William Davis, Belleville; William Ferguson, Goderich; E. F. Miller, Richmond; Henry Reid Bell, Bowmanville; Warren Botsford, Brockville; Percy Bushing, Ridgeville; James Hodgert, Guelph; Samuel Garvey, Morrisburg.

CARRIAGE OF GOODS—NECESSITY FOR PROMPT DELIVERY.—In an action by plaintiffs against defendants for damages, occasioned by the non-delivery of a certain article of machinery, contracted to be delivered by them for plaintiffs, it appeared that no notice had been given at the time of the contract to the defendants of the necessity for a prompt delivery of the machinery, nor of the use it was to be put to.

Held, that plaintiff could only recover the value of the missing article, and was not entitled to the loss of profits arising from its non-delivery, or the wages of certain workmen employed upon the building in which the machinery was to be used.—*Ruthven Woolen Co. v. G. W. R. Co.*, 18 C. P. 316.