

From DANIEL MCGIE, Esquire, Broker, Quebec.

QUEBEC, 11th April, 1855.

SIR:—I have before me your printed circular of 1st ultimo, having reference to a decimal coinage or currency.

I think that a decimal currency should be adapted on the principle of dollars and cents. The coinage should be, in copper, cents; in silver, 5 cents, 10, 25, 50 and 1 dollar pieces. The gold should be \$1, \$2½, \$5, \$10, \$20. Care should be taken to have *dollars* and *cents* only, and not the shaving humbug of shillings and pence, as they have in the State of New York, where 12 pence in copper is one York shilling.

The 100 lbs. should take the place of 112 lbs., it would tend to simplify calculation of all kinds. If the House would make this great reform it would cause the rising generation to get through their Arithmetic in half the time, and understandingly, thereby doing a great public good.

I am, &c.

DANIEL MCGIE.

From WILLIAM M. GORRIE & Co., Wharfingers, Toronto.

TORONTO, 6th April, 1855.

SIR,—As a measure of commercial policy we would prefer a decimal currency.

First.—Because it is the currency of the United States, betwixt which and the Colony an extensive, intimate, prompt and mutually beneficial intercourse obtains.

Second.—Because a similarity of currency would facilitate business operations in our reciprocal dealings with them.

Third.—Because our monetary affairs are greatly, immediately influenced, but always in a manner dependant, by those of the States, and while the objects referred would be gained, our dollar, of equal value with that of the States, would place the Colony on the same footing with these States in exchanges with Great Britain.

We think a limited period during which a choice of modes might be legal, antecedent to obligation, would be the easiest way of introducing a change.

We are of opinion, for like reasons, that an assimilation of weights and measures to those of the States would also prove beneficial.

W. M. GORRIE & Co.

From E. E. WARREN, Esquire, Agent, Bank of Montreal, Port Stanley.

BANK OF MONTREAL AGENCY,

PORT STANLEY, 10th April, 1855.

SIR:—Having conferred with the principal business and leading men of the place on the subject of your Circular concerning the introduction of a decimal coinage and currency, referred by the Honorable the Legislative Assembly to your Committee, I find the opinion unanimously prevailing in favor of a decimal currency.

The unit may be either a pound, or a dollar of five shillings, with its multiples, a shilling or 20 cents,—six pence or 10 cents,—and three pence or 5 cents. With such a currency accounts could be kept in either Halifax currency or in dollars and cents, as the law provides, and would, in my opinion, best answer the wants of the country.

I have, etc.,

E. E. WARREN, Agent.