

I have converted the above from three per cents. to four per cents. to suit the Dominion of Canada Post-office Savings Bank, but the spirit is the same. The composer of the original lines is a true believer in Government securities, and I could not help copying the lines, as I thought them very well suited to express the ideas of a believer in Government securities. If the person was in this country he would be a "beaver-backer."—*Torpedo*.

The amount standing to the credit of the depositors in the postal savings banks of the Dominion at the end of 1884 showed an increase over the previous year of \$1,603,258. The number of depositors in the first half of last year also increased nine per cent., and in the last half fourteen per cent over those of 1883.—*Mail*.

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During Sir John Macdonald's reception and banquet at Toronto, December 17, 1884, not a word was said about a change of currency. Are they going to carry on the same system as formerly and let the private banks have their own way as before, to rob the country as they like. It seems strange that such an important matter should be overlooked; what is or can be the reason; perhaps honor to the chief was the all-absorbing topic. I find that I shall have to use my torpedo to make a noise amongst the banks;