THE SILVER QUESTION.—This matter continues to present and represent itself in such a manner as to enforce the belief that the existing state of the silver currency in the country, in its relation to standard value, is one that should not be allowed to remain. The best evidence of this is the action of one hundred and forty of the business men of the County of Elgin, residing at St. Thomas, Fingal, Wallacetown, Sparta, Orwell and Aylmer, who agreed that on and after the 10th Sept. to take all sums of British and American silver of 25 cents and upwards, and pay out the same at a discount of 4 per cent. The concurrent action of so many business men is indicative of the recognition of the evil in quarters where it is most felt. What is yet necessary to be done appears to be some legislative enactment respecting the flood of American silver. —*Free Press.*

THE INCOME TAX IN ENGLAND.—The following is an official statement of the income tax returns in the two financial years 1864-65 and 1865-66:

| Under | Year ending April 5, 1865. Amount of Income charged with Tax. | No. of Persons Charged. | Year ending April 5, 1866. Amount of Income charged with Tax. | No. of Persons Charged. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| £100 a year | £2,932,484 | 67,587 | £2,844,396 | 65,103 |
| 200 " | 14,045,335 | 159,709 | 14,738,413 | 168,683 |
| 300 " | 9,800,738 | 44,488 | 10,660,408 | 48,183 |
| 400 " | 6,128,531 | 19,171 | 6,530,115 | 20,528 |
| 500 " | 4,163,871 | 9,973 | 4,460,778 | 10,683 |
| 600 " | 3,810,631 | 7,428 | 4,189,889 | 8,145 |
| 700 " | 2,648,184 | 4,293 | 2,856,789 | 4,641 |
| 800 " | 1,989,274 | 2,754 | 2,141,244 | 2,954 |
| 900 " | 1,922,035 | 2,359 | 2,006,284 | 2,457 |
| 1,000 " | 980,929 | 1,070 | 1,023,682 | 1,110 |
| 2,000 " | 9,407,719 | 7,374 | 10,042,132 | 7,862 |
| 3,000 " | 5,070,480 | 2,204 | 5,514,658 | 2,406 |
| 4,000 " | 3,740,598 | 1,138 | 4,097,118 | 1,248 |
| 5,000 " | 2,682,816 | 627 | 2,806,722 | 654 |
| 10,000 " | 8,556,849 | 1,283 | 8,984,267 | 1,361 |
| 50,000 " | 16,478,075 | 886 | 18,573,473 | 959 |
| 50,000 and upwards | 11,077,238 | 107 | 13,380,791 | 133 |
| | £105,435,787 | 332,431 | £114,851,159 | 347,110 |

## RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS

FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1867.

| NAMES OF THE RAILWAYS. | Passengers. | Mails and Sundries. | Freight. | Total, 1867. | Total, 1866. | Miles in operat'n 1867. | Miles in operat'n 1866. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | | |
| Great Western* | 149,445 | 14,246 | 172,912 | 336,603 | 279,039 | 349½ | 345 |
| Grand Trunk† | 146,998 | 14,400 | 192,091 | 353,489 | 372,117 | 1377 | 1377 |
| London and Port Stanley | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| Welland | 1,737 | 429 | 2,239 | 4,405 | 11,781 | 25 | 25 |
| Northern* | 13,579 | 3,987 | 42,090 | 59,606 | 46,960 | 94 | 94 |
| Port Hope, Lindsay & Beaverton, & Peterboro' Brch. | 3,168 | 231 | 27,366 | 30,765 | 20,870 | 56 | 56 |
| Cobourg Peterboro' and Marmora Railway | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| Brockville and Ottawa | 3,838 | 95 | 6,280 | 10,213 | 7,700 | 86 | 86 |
| Prescott and Ottawa | 5,130 | 469 | 1,883 | 7,482 | 7,789 | 54 | 54 |
| Carillon and Grenville † | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly‡ | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| St. Lawrence and Industry § | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| New Brunswick and Canada Railway | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| European and North American Railway | 8,510 | 792 | 6,238 | 15,540 | 13,562 | 108 | 108 |
| Nova Scotia Railway | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |
| Total | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | ...... | .... | .... |

* 5 Weeks. † 3 Weeks.

## STATEMENT OF BANKS

ACTING UNDER CHARTER, FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 1867, ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS FURNISHED BY THEM TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

| NAME OF BANK. | CAPITAL. Capital authorized by Act. | Capital paid up. | LIABILITIES. Promissory Notes in circulation not bearing interest. | Balances due to other Banks. | Cash Deposits not bearing Interest. | Cash Deposits bearing interest. | TOTAL LIABILITIES | ASSETS. Coin, Bullion, and Provincial Notes. | Landed or other Property of the Bank. | Government Securities. | Promissory Notes, or Bills of other Banks. | Balances due from other Banks. | Notes and Bills Discounted. | Other Debts due to the Banks not included under the foregoing heads. | TOTAL ASSETS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. | $ | $ c. | $ | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. | $ c. |
| Montreal | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 00 | 699,165 | 678,236 78 | 5,532,930 94 | 4,927,089 31 | 11,837,422 03 | 1,655,658 86 | 350,000 00 | 3,568,605 00 | 296,829 80 | 2,264,797 97 | 10,854,024 75 | 464,064 32 | 19,453,980 70 |
| Quebec | 3,000,000 | 1,476,750 00 | 524,162 | 62,675 21 | 934,806 71 | 613,201 54 | 1,834,845 46 | 408,696 00 | 92,371 58 | 148,433 33 | 37,472 86 | 85,494 28 | 2,410,766 08 | 341,558 70 | 3,524,792 83 |
| Commercial* | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 00 | 1,226,439 | 225,343 00 | 1,482,470 00 | 1,650,992 00 | 4,585,244 00 | 772,389 00 | 277,687 00 | 400,000 00 | 130,318 00 | 204,515 00 | 6,783,129 00 | 500,683 00 | 9,068,721 00 |
| City | 1,200,000 | 1,200,000 00 | 309,808 | 100,858 06 | 449,301 85 | 464,249 53 | 1,324,217 44 | 196,358 87 | 38,000 00 | 158,939 99 | 45,816 48 | 4,380 83 | 2,091,300 22 | 156,362 00 | 2,691,158 39 |
| Gore | 1,000,000 | 809,280 00 | 492,039 | 44,197 40 | 379,594 31 | 663,620 71 | 1,579,451 42 | 426,532 19 | 81,028 50 | 82,733 33 | 103,976 60 | 50,168 31 | 1,556,952 61 | 246,073 62 | 2,547,465 16 |
| British N. A. | 4,866,666 | 4,866,666 00 | 1,058,159 | 20,199 00 | 1,251,151 00 | 2,316,195 00 | 4,645,704 00 | 851,877 00 | 243,333 00 | 958,906 00 | 123,090 00 | 22,003 00 | 6,301,923 00 | 214,010 00 | 8,715,142 00 |
| B'que du Peuple | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 00 | 61,642 | 59,675 53 | 357,658 39 | 201,310 51 | 680,276 43 | 151,481 79 | 50,647 99 | 160,364 44 | 44,268 40 | 5,238 92 | 2,039,776 86 | 60,316 48 | 2,512,094 88 |
| Niagara District | 400,000 | 279,608 37 | 146,843 | 44,696 31 | 163,500 67 | 120,581 85 | 475,621 83 | 76,303 90 | 12,879 72 | 46,720 00 | 13,922 15 | 33,830 67 | 542,989 42 | 52,348 00 | 778,993 86 |
| Molson's | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 00 | 88,671½ | 76,694 74 | 242,733 29 | 520,749 51 | 928,849 04 | 213,320 67 | 96,689 82 | 107,553 32 | 54,730 92 | 39,688 14 | 1,496,252 59 | 134,374 03 | 2,142,609 49 |
| Toronto | 2,000,000 | 800,000 00 | 831,070 | 6,165 61 | 333,587 65 | 1,354,267 32 | 2,525,090 58 | 306,050 00 | 46,741 84 | 99,280 00 | 62,578 06 | 298,443 78 | 2,754,942 01 | 26,955 93 | 3,594,991 72 |
| Ontario | 2,000,000 | 1,999,580 00 | 957,573 | 172,572 96 | 1,141,418 29 | 839,351 79 | 3,110,916 04 | 801,471 10 | 142,076 47 | 186,892 69 | 122,643 26 | 254,636 56 | 3,751,243 01 | 100,915 51 | 5,359,879 50 |
| Eastern T'ps | 400,000 | 382,444 00 | 92,816 | 6,035 59 | 56,835 97 | 63,570 45 | 219,258 01 | 20,398 54 | 4,500 00 | 67,833 33 | 30,144 39 | 27,563 58 | 489,785 67 | 5,000 00 | 645,225 51 |
| B'nque Nationale | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 00 | 158,139 | 64,986 37 | 169,550 97 | 145,279 70 | 537,965 04 | 111,733 70 | 23,518 00 | 141,196 67 | 63,269 95 | 46,912 45 | 1,248,843 43 | 15,406 53 | 1,650,880 73 |
| B'que Jacques C. | 1,000,000 | 960,125 00 | 72,028 | 49,560 24 | 288,840 21 | 516,404 94 | 926,833 39 | 79,614 78 | 1,000 00 | 101,226 67 | 43,097 25 | 33,508 37 | 1,737,584 77 | ........ | 1,996,031 84 |
| Merchants' | 2,000,000 | 1,298,275 00 | 85,718 | 203,346 45 | 139,327 51 | 812,348 35 | 1,240,640 31 | 420,263 70 | 60,153 49 | 80,300 00 | 154,586 34 | 72,558 38 | 1,875,994 06 | ........ | 2,663,855 97 |
| Royal Canadian | 2,000,000 | 861,912 50 | 891,301 | 23,725 62 | 701,152 13 | 452,728 64 | 2,068,907 39 | 416,242 30 | ........ | 83,839 14 | 84,932 49 | 308,034 10 | 2,098,114 97 | 39,627 98 | 3,030,790 98 |
| Union B'k of L. C. | 2,000,000 | 776,862 95 | 107,896 | 183,975 42 | 281,614 57 | 151,999 16 | 725,485 15 | 132,579 22 | ........ | 87,273 33 | 61,037 08 | 166,298 98 | 1,091,347 69 | ........ | 1,538,536 31 |
| Mechanics' | 1,000,000 | 233,470 00 | ........ | 70 29 | 53,410 56 | 96,277 36 | 149,758 21 | 22,918 58 | 28,719 25 | ........ | 13,852 73 | 3,272 02 | 320,731 17 | 2,664 00 | 392,157 75 |
| Bank of Com'rce. | 1,000,000 | 447,236 00 | 222,897 | 42,297 01 | 296,417 64 | 273,659 39 | 835,271 04 | 279,612 57 | 5,415 35 | 53,533 33 | 31,522 58 | 87,142 09 | 838,672 80 | 4,790 07 | 1,300,688 79 |
| NOVA SCOTIA. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Yarmouth | 2,000,000 | 128,600 00 | 164,100 | 8,429 88 | 8,970 53 | 14,636 00 | 191,136 41 | 13,132 95 | 1,050 00 | ........ | 2 00 | 7,288 01 | 238,711 94 | 67,073 70 | 327,258 60 |
| Merchants' Bank | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| People's Bank | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Union Bank | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| B'k Nova Scotia | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| NEW BRUNSWICK. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B'k New Bruns'k | 600,000 | 600,000 00 | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Commercial B'k | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| St. Stephen's B'k | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| People's Bank | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ | ........ |
| Totals | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |

* Commercial Bank includes Cash Credit with "Bills Discounted."