

comfortably off, or they would not have made so presentable a show in dress. There was not a shabby suit in the whole procession in this city of over 4000 men, and the thousands of spectators were a well-dressed crowd. There is not in all Europe a city that could show such a mass of respectable looking onlookers at a street procession as assembled on the sidewalks of this and other Canadian cities on occasions of public display.

**Clearing House Returns.** For the week ending 24th August, the clearings in Canada were as follows, compared with the corresponding week 1900 and 1899:

	1901.	1900.	1899.	Increase 1901, over 1900.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Montreal .....	15,759,763	12,693,180	14,134,103	3,066,583
Toronto .....	10,746,083	7,565,190	8,077,431	3,180,893
Winnipeg .....	2,332,602	2,164,021	1,751,775	168,581
Halifax .....	1,400,000	1,419,868	1,826,939	.....
Hamilton .....	678,938	642,684	637,856	.....
St. John .....	881,352	697,475	693,979	.....
Victoria .....	519,008	689,364	697,993	.....
Vancouver .....	998,936	955,405	964,355	.....
Quebec .....	1,117,019	Not included	in total	.....
Total Canada	34,433,701	26,827,187	28,784,431	.....

For the American cities, the "Commercial Chronicle" gives the following returns:

	Week ending August 24.		
	1901.	1900.	1899
Clearings at	\$	\$	\$
New York .....	964,502,079	671,308,012	972,668,142
Philadelphia .....	127,229,558	73,857,466	79,495,574
Pittsburg .....	31,836,786	31,465,457	22,606,876
Baltimore .....	19,129,433	14,793,859	20,236,313
Buffalo .....	5,470,570	4,445,739	4,244,081
Washington .....	1,717,771	1,430,466	1,605,892
Albany .....	2,660,409	2,019,723	2,085,242
Rochester .....	1,434,362	1,342,071	3,018,397
Syracuse .....	1,024,725	809,987	834,146
Seranton .....	1,201,389	1,027,730	1,025,420
Wilmington .....	869,429	749,017	698,991
Birmingham .....	280,100	398,100	281,700
Chester .....	238,098	277,826	270,000
Greensburg .....	362,891	270,101	.....
Total .....	1,157,957,600	804,195,554	1,109,070,774

**A Belated Enquiry.** An English Journal states that a Montreal committee has been troubled as to whether the bouquet to be presented to the Duchess of Cornwall and York shall consist of red or white roses. The paper in which this appears adds, "There should be little hesitation, for is not the white rose 'the emblem of the House of York?' Well, the white rose was the York emblem a few centuries ago, as all school-children know; but as to the white rose being 'the emblem of the House of York' to-day there is wide room for question. In the first place there is no 'House of York,' as distinct from the 'House

of Lancaster," which, in days of yore, had a red rose emblem. The two "Houses" were long ago blended, and a British Princess is as much a "Lancastrian" as a "Yorkite." Her Royal Highness would regard it as a poor and quite belated joke to present Her with white roses because of Her being of the "House of York." It would indeed be deplorably bad taste to associate the consort of the heir to the British Crown with one of the parties to the civil war known as the "Wars of the Roses" which was one of the most sanguinary, irrational and most cruel of conflicts. Our English contemporary has been misinformed about an alleged Montreal committee being troubled over the rose question. The only trouble we are having in this city arises from the restricted opportunities the citizens will have of displaying their loyalty. Montreal, however, will make a demonstration exceeding in impressiveness that made in any part of the Empire.

**Mortality of London Fire Offices.** This continent has a high rate of mortality for fire insurance companies, but the English record shows

a much higher one than is generally supposed. The Policyholder has published a list of "the insurance offices transacting business in the city of London in the year 1855. In these days of hurry and turmoil we do not seem to realise the great changes in the business which each decade witnesses. The number of companies which appear and disappear in the course of ten years, even is much greater than most insurance men imagine; and if we add the names of such concerns to the Policyholder's list the roll would be of portentous length. As it is, many of our readers will be surprised to note that out of 208 offices transacting business in 1855, only 52 are to be found to-day. Our contemporary says, "The amalgamation fiend accounts for most of the disappearances; but it is impossible to glance down the list without thinking of the hopes and aspirations of managers and promoters which lie buried with these forgotten and departed concerns. Great as is the interest attaching to the personal element, there is this satisfactory feature in looking at the list, that throughout the great changes which have taken place the general trend has been in the right direction, and, as a whole, the offices which have survived the period are, to-day, more worthy of the support and confidence of the insuring public than at any former period in the history of the profession." The expression, "the amalgamation fiend," is not judiciously chosen, for so far from most amalgamations having been at all fiendish, they have been the result of a wise policy.