

About 2,000 more passengers were carried downward than in 1867, which is an indication that the St. Lawrence route is every year becoming a more favorite one. Respecting the articles conveyed downward, produce shows a heavy falling off. The following is a statement of the tolls for the year:

	1867.	1868
Tolls Upward.....	\$20,932 57	\$22,798 87
Tolls Downward.....	43,954 36	37,542 70
Other Dues.....	5,725 89	8,686 37
Total.....	\$70,612 82	\$69,027 94
Free Produce downwards.....	\$13,259 12	\$11 242 40

#### Halifax Market.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—Dec. 8.—Flour dull and without change. Canada No. 1 ranges from \$6.25 to 6.50; strong bakers \$6.65 to 6.70; extra Canada \$7.50 to 8; extra State still continues dull at \$6 to 6.40, according to quality. No. 2 in good demand at \$5 to 50. Cornmeal without change at \$4.50 for kiln dried, and \$4.25 for fresh ground. Oatmeal \$8. Imports from December 1st to 8th, 1867 and 1868:—

	Bbls Flour.	Bbls. Oatmeal.
1868.....	186,634.	48,144
1867.....	184,103	34,425

**FISH.**—Codfish in good demand at \$4.15 to 4.25 for good large shore; \$3.20 to 3.30 for good small shore; Labrador, \$2.25 to 2.50; Bank and Bay, none; good hard cure Arichat Haddock, \$2 to 2.10; Eastern shore, \$1.80 to 1.90; Western, \$1.60 to 1.65; Pollock at \$1.40 to 1.50. Herring in demand at \$4.50 to 5 for Labrador, and \$4 to 4.50 for shore. Mackerel scarce; wanted. No Shore. Bay, \$15 to 16 for No. 1; \$13 to 14 for No. 2; \$7 to 8 for No. 3. Salmon, \$15 for No. 1; \$13 for No. 2, and \$10 for No. 3.

**FINANCIAL.**—Bank drawing rate on London 60 day sight bills, 12½ per cent. prem.; private, 11½ to 12 per cent. prem. New York gold drafts at sight, 3½ per cent. prem. Currency drafts 22 per cent. discount. Montreal sight drafts 3½ per cent. prem. Newfoundland sight drafts 5 per cent. prem.—*R. C. Hamilton & Co.'s Circular.*

#### Sugar Duties.

The United States refiners are suffering under the withering influence of protective duties, like their European competitors, and their first and most natural impulse was to ask for more protection, and for a higher duty on the fine raw sugars. This demand was met, even in the present depressed state of the great free trade question in America, with the reproach that the refiners wished to monopolise the distribution of a prime necessary of life, while they augmented the burdens of consumers. We are pleased to see that the reproach has gone home to its mark, and that the refiners of Philadelphia who sent out the first petition have now withdrawn it, and appeal to the nation on the broadest possible basis of free trade—that of no duty at all. In France, also, the system of duties is, as is well known, in a most unsatisfactory state, although compared with our own galling restrictions on trade, the French makers may be said to be free so far as raw sugar is considered.

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By order of the Board.

J. HERBERT MASON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Toronto, December 9th, 1868.

#### Western Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society.

11TH HALF YEARLY DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Dividend of FIVE per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the half year ending 31st day of December, inst., and that the same will be payable at the Office of the Society, No. 70 Church Street, on and after Friday, the 8th day of January next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

WALTER S. LEE,  
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The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

Also, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders, for the election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next, at noon.

By order of the Board,

C. M. ARNOLD, Cashier.

Niagara District Bank,

St. Catharines, Nov. 26, 1868.

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JAMES E. DAY,

Accountant

Toronto, Sept. 3rd, 1868.

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SATURDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT

The transfer books will be closed from the sixteenth to the thirty-first day of December next, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

G. HAGUE,

Cashier.

Toronto, Nov. 26, 1868.

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#### Royal Canadian Bank.

DIVIDEND No. 7.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of Four per cent. upon the paid-up Capital of this Bank for the current half year, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Bank, or its agencies, on and after SATURDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY NEXT. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

T. WOODSIDE, Cashier.

Royal Canadian Bank, Nov. 25, 1868.

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#### The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

DIVIDEND No. 3.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Dividend at the rate of FOUR per cent. on the paid up Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, and at its branches, on and after

Saturday, the Second day of January next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

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R. J. DALLAS,

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