

**British Canadian Trade.**

The British trade returns for March show a large increase in the Anglo-Canadian trade. The increases amounted to 71 per cent. in imports from Canada during March and to 90 per cent. for the last quarter. In the quarter oxen increased \$250,000; sheep, \$30,000; wheat, \$45,000; flour, \$350,000; bacon, \$70,000; hams, \$40,000; butter, 17,000; cheese, \$400,000; fish, \$325,000; wood, 255,000. Eggs decreased \$7,000. The exports to Canada increased 7 per cent. for March, and 12 per cent. for the quarter. The whole of Britain's trade returns for the quarter show:

	1896.		1895.		Increase.
Imports....	£112,295,342	....	£100,837,860	....	£11,457,482
Exports....	61,233,043	....	52,720,361	....	8,512,682

**Decrease of Pauperism in England.**

The official returns show the following figures in reference to the decrease of pauperism in England since 1851:

	Average Number to 1,000 Persons living.		Total.
	Indoor Paupers.	Outdoor Paupers.	
1851 .....	6.4	46.0	52.4
1856 .....	6.6	41.6	48.2
1861 .....	6.1	35.8	41.9
1871 .....	6.3	35.3	41.6
1876 .....	5.7	21.8	27.5
1881 .....	6.8	21.4	28.2
1886 .....	6.6	20.0	26.6
1891 .....	6.0	16.8	22.8
1893 .....	6.4	16.8	23.2

**Pauperism in New York State.**

The Secretary of State of New York presented his report for 1895 to the legislature on April 9. It shows:

	Town.	County.	Total 1895.	Total 1894.
No. of Paupers relieved....	30,353	60,328	113,803	148,841

Outdoor relief was given to 90,681. The number of paupers remaining in the poorhouses was 10,250, a decrease of 1,679; 5,987 were men and 4,263 women, 5,452 being foreign and 4,798 American-born. The total expense was \$2,065,463, \$1,882,084 less than in 1894.

**Insolvent American Railway Companies.**

The *American Railway Age* gives the following statistics relating to railway bankruptcy in the United States:

	No. of Roads Sold.	Miles.	Bonded Debt.	Capital Stock.	Total Liabilities.
1895 .....	53	13,129	\$333,776,000	\$442,000,000	\$775,776,000
1894 .....	42	5,643	—	—	319,000,000
Last 20 years.	646	76,055	—	—	7,305,773,000

Receivers were appointed for various roads as follows:

1895 .....	31	4,095	221,217,000	147,858,000	369,075,000
1894 .....	38	7,625	—	—	395,791,000
1893 .....	74	29,340	—	—	1,781,604,000