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The Business Office of the "Trade Review" is removed from No. 4 Merchants' Exchange to No. 58 St. Francois Xavier Street, Room No. 5, Up Stairs.

As an example of English liberality, we learn that at date of latest mail advices, sums amounting in the aggregate to \$11,530, had already been subscribed to the Red River Relief Fund, in amounts varying from 10s. 6d. to £500.

The annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company was held at the office of the Company, London, on Tuesday, the 23rd just. We have not as yet a full report of the meeting, but a telegraphic dispatch has been received, which states that it passed off very ratisfactorily, the present directors being sustained by a large majority of slockholders, and being re-elected. Mr. Brydges made an able statement in regard to the position of the Railway, and his speech was received with marked satisfaction. This will be very gratifying to his many friends, especially in view of the numerous anonymous attacks which have from time to time been made against his managoment.

Quick Work.

We have much pleasure in chronicling the rapid we have much pleasure in curonising the rapid performance of the Brigt. "Mary," owned by Messra. Wm. P. West & Co., Hallfax, N.S. The "Mary" salled from Malaga, Spain, on the 23th August, arrived at Eoston, Sept. 25 (the first vessel), and after discharging 13,000 packages raisins proceeded to Halifax, where she took in 873 casks sugar and molasses, reaching this port on Sunday last, 25th instant, thus making the round trip in 57 days, 14 of which were spent in Boston and Balifax, a performance very hird to beat. We also learn she made the passage from Halifax to Malaga in 15 days. "Linry" is ably commanded by William Tanning, and is consigned to Mr. James Mitchell. She will probably make the trip from Halifax and back in 25 days, showing that good despatch can always be had in our

THE HYSTERY CLEARED UP.

SEVERAL weeks ago, telegrams were rather unex-pectedly received from Washington, stating that negotiations for a new Reciprosity Treaty were in progress. This was "news" to most people in Canada but as it was soon followed by another report, to the effect that the Hon. John Rose had left Meatreel for Washington on important business, most people began to believe that arrangements for a now Treaty were really being made. Subsequently, however, rumours began to circulate that the tolegrams sent from Washington on the subject, had been I have too high an opinion of Mr Thornton's fitness for

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unfounded, and the whole matter became, at last enveloped in doubt and uncertainty.

It now appears that there was something in the telegrams after all. We have protty good authority for stating that some time before the Washington reports, the importance of a new treaty was brought before Mr. Seward by the Briti-h Ambassador, Mr Thornton, and that the subject was before the Committee of Ways and Means when the matter became public As far as can bo learned, Mr. Soward handed over Mr. Thornton's communication to Mr. M.Calloch, Secretary of the Treasury, who expressed a general opinion in favor of placing the trade relations of the two countries on a better basis Mr Seward expressed his willingness to commence negotiations as soon as he was authorised to do so by Congress. and the matter was then brought before the Committee of Ways and Means, which agreed to report favourably. Congress adjourned, however, before the question could be brought before it, and so the matter has had to lie over until another meeting takes place. We believe this is the sum of what occurred in Washington on the subject, and gave riso to the telograms which caused so much surprise and curiculty at the time.

Although the question has yet to come before. Congress, und Mr. Seward objects to negotiato until authorised by that body to do so, still the facts given above indicate that the prospects of a new Treaty are good, They show that a great change of feeling has taken place among Washington politicians on the subject. That the Committee of Ways and Meaus decided to report favourably to the House of Representatives, is a great step in advance. The recom-mendations of such important committees are generally agreed to without much opposition; we may reasonably expect, therefore, that when Congress ro-assembles, Mr. Seward will get the authority which he professes to desire, and that the representatives of both countries will soon be engaged in an endeavour to agree upon terms which will be acceptable to both

parties.

Whilst expressing hopes of a favourable issue, we take the opportunity to say that we would much have preserved it Mr. Thornton had allowed Mr. Seward to take the initiative in this matter. We do not credit the story that he was foolish enough to a'lego distress in Nova Scotiz as a reason why he opened communication with the American Secretary on the subject. That would have been a decided faux pre, and we