

AMERICAN GOLD.

The following statement shows the fluctuations of the gold premium in New York from January, 1862, to November, 1869 :

DATE.	1862.		1863.	
	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
January.....	par	105	134	160
February.....	102	104	153	172
March.....	101	102	139	171
April.....	101	102	146	159
May.....	102	104	143	155
June.....	103	109	140	148
July.....	109	120	123	145
August.....	112	116	122	129
September.....	116	124	127	143
October.....	122	137	140	156
November.....	129	133	143	154
December.....	130	134	147	152
1864.				
January.....	151	160	197	234
February.....	157	161	193	218
March.....	159	169	148	201
April.....	166	187	144	160
May.....	168	190	128	145
June.....	189	251	135	147
July.....	222	285	138	146
August.....	231	262	140	144
September.....	185	255	142	145
October.....	189	229	144	149
November.....	209	260	145	148
December.....	211	244	144	148
1865.				
January.....	136	144	132	137
February.....	135	140	135	140
March.....	125	136	133	140
April.....	125	129	132	142
May.....	125	141	134	138
June.....	137	167	136	138
July.....	147	151	138	140
August.....	146	152	139	142
September.....	143	147	141	146
October.....	145	154	140	145
November.....	137	148	137	141
December.....	131	141	132	137
1866.				
January.....	133	142	134	136
February.....	139	144	130	136
March.....	137	141	130	132
April.....	137	140	131	134
May.....	139	140	134	144
June.....	139	141	136	139
July.....	140	154	131	137
August.....	143	150	132	136
September.....	141	145	131	162
October.....	133	140	128	132
November.....	132	137	121	128
December.....	134	136	119	124

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

There was a fair business done during the past week, but there is still a great want of securities.

Bank Stock.—Montreal has been sold throughout the week at steadily declining rates, from 159 down to 153, closing rather heavy. There were buyers of British at 104, and sellers at 105. Ontario sold at 97 and 97½, closing firm at the latter rate. No sales of Toronto ex-dividend; 125 is offered. Royal Canadian was sold during the week at 61, but subsequently declined to 61, closing with buyers at 60½; none on market. Commerce is quoted nominally at 108 to 109 ex-dividend; there have been no sales. Merchants' sold at 106, at which rate the stock closes firm. Limited transactions in Quebec at 102½. Molsons' is nominal at 101 to 102. City has been sold during the week at 88½. Du Peuple has been

sold at 106½ and 106; it is still procurable at the latter rate. Nationale is nominal at 104 to 106. Jacques Cartier is saleable at 107 to 107½. There are buyers of Mechanics' at 90, and sellers at 91. Union is nominal at 104½ to 105½.

Debentures.—A sale of Canada Currency Sixes, short date, at 101½, is reported; no Fives on market; Dominion Stock is much inquired for. Toronto are asked for; none on market. County are in active demand at par to ¼ p. c. premium.

Sundries.—There are buyers of City Gas at 112½; none on market. There are buyers of British America Assurance at 75½; no stock on market. There are buyers of Western Assurance at 84½; none on market. No sales of Canada Permanent Building Society ex-dividend; the stock is in great demand, and 125 would be paid. There were small sales of Western Canada Building Society at 118½ ex-dividend, and it is in demand. No sales of Freehold Building Society; it is in large demand at 118½. Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society is asked for at 112½ ex-dividend; no stock offering. There are buyers of Montreal Telegraph at 143, and no sellers under 145. Canada Landed Credit is in demand at 82; very little offering. Mortgages continue in demand at 8 per cent. interest.

Real Estate.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the building on the corner of St. Paul and Yates streets, London, formerly occupied by the Bank of Upper Canada.

A Mr. Connolly has recovered in the courts of law claims against several houses said to be situated in or about the city of Kingston, and 25,000 acres of land in the back country.

SALE IN TORONTO.—Messrs. Coate & Co., under instructions of the Chairman of the Walks and Gardens Committee, sold by public auction at their rooms, on the 27th ult., a 21 years lease of a lot on the south east corner of Bay and Front streets, belonging to the Walks and Gardens property. The lease was purchased by Messrs. Jacques & Hay, at the rate of \$5.40 per foot per annum.

PROGRESS OF MONTREAL.—We give to-day at the earliest moment at which it could be made complete, a full account of all the new buildings which have been erected during the year just ended. The number is 357 against 381 in the preceding year. It will thus be seen that in spite of the large investments made annually during several years in the providing of dwellings and places of business for the growing population of Montreal, there has still been a sufficient prospect of demand to induce the construction of enough houses for some two thousand people. It must, however, be added that the warning which we gave both last year and this, that houses were likely to be multiplying more rapidly than tenants, has been justified by the event.—*Herald.*

VALUE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES.—An official report says:—Assuming the present population of the United States to be 39,000,000, and the average value of the property held by each person to have nominally increased from \$451.26 gold in 1860, to \$600 currency in 1869-70, the present valuation of the United States would be \$23,400,000,000, an increase since 1860 of \$9,216,784,372, or 65.8 per cent. The increase in valuation during the decade ending with 1860 was about 65 per cent., or, allowing for omissions and under estimates in the census, certainly not in excess of 80 per cent. This last, if continued, would give a total valuation in 1870 of \$25,529,000,000. Adding 30 per cent. to this amount for the premium on gold, the currency valuation at this time would be \$33,188,000,000. Deducting the cost of the war, as given above, say \$9,000,000,000, we should have left \$24,188,000,000, as the accumulated wealth of the country at the close of the present decade.

PUBLIC WORKS IN PROGRESS.—The report of the Ontario Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. John Carling, refers in detail to the various works in progress. The value of the works and materials expended on the Lieut.-Governor's residence up to Dec. 1st, was \$62,276.30, which is below the estimate. A contract for an asylum, to be built on a plot of nearly 300 acres of land selected about one and a-half miles east of London, Ont., was let to Messrs. Hoyt & Strickland, of Brantford, and the work is progressing. It is expected that this asylum will be completed about the 1st Nov., 1870, and will cost \$250,000, exclusive of \$15,000 for furniture. The Deaf and Dumb Institution at Belleville is rapidly approaching completion. The estimated cost is \$75,000, including land, buildings, drains, fences, water supply, and everything except furniture, which will come to probably \$6,500 more. The building stands upon a farm of 86 acres, situate about a mile from the town of Belleville, fronting the Bay of Quinte. The design is termed by the architect "Domestic Gothic," with a Mansard roof—a style known, often by other designations, but nevertheless very suitable to the present purpose. The completion of the new wings of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum has gone on under the contract of Mr. John Boxall, Messrs. Worthington & Co., the original contractors, having thrown up their work. It is expected that the west wing will be ready for the reception of patients in Sept. next. The furniture from the branch asylum in the University Park has been made available thus far; but \$9,000, in addition to \$3,000 already expended, will be necessary to complete the furnishing. Registry office buildings have been got in order at St. Catharines, Cobourg, and Pembroke, and others are in course of completion at Goderich, Owen Sound, Cornwall, and London. Repairs have been recommended for Brock's Monument at Queenston—a work which ought not to be allowed to fall into ruin; and the proposed extension of the Reformatory at Penetanguishene still remains a desideratum. An appropriation of \$5,000 for this was made last year, but was not expended in consequence of further recommendation from the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons which extended the plan of alterations, and also the sum required, to \$15,000. It has been calculated, however, that some \$8,000 of this would be supplied by the inmates, but the government asked for \$8,000 in the estimates this year, and the erection of workshops and dormitories will now be proceeded with, if satisfactory arrangements are made with the Dominion Government.

Railways.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending December 17, 1869.

Passengers.....	24,086 75
Freight and Live Stock.....	54,195 15
Mails and Sundries.....	2,662 15

Total Receipts for week.....	\$80,944 05
Corresponding week, 1868.....	79,444 05

Increase..... \$1,500 00

OCEAN POSTAGE.—On and from the 1st January, 1870, the postage rate on letters passing between Canada and the United Kingdom will be as follows: If sent prepaid by Canada mail packet via Quebec, Portland in winter, or Halifax, six cents per half ounce weight; if prepaid, via New York, eight cents per half ounce weight. Letters for the United Kingdom, posted unpaid or prepaid less than the proper rate, will be charged, on delivery, with double amount of deficient postage.

—John Atkins, Esq., resident secretary in London of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, died on the 18th Dec., after a short illness.