

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1868.

NAMES OF THE RAILWAYS.	Miles in Operation.		Miles in Operation.		Total 1867.		Total 1868.		Freight.		Mails and Sundries.		Passengers.	
	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.
Great Western Railway	3511	3511	486759	442483	245010	12333	184540	12333	518760	25000	25000	282293	282293	282293
Grand Trunk Railway	1377	1377	702974	895563	518760	25000	282293	25000	3673	143	143	1179	1179	1179
London and Port Stanley Railway	25	25	5942	4965	3673	1032	1315	1032	888	1032	1032	1032	1032	1032
Welland Railway	25	25	15792	11353	1032	1032	1032	1032	45473	4380	4380	1032	1032	1032
Northern Railway	97	97	75641	68074	4380	4380	4380	4380	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567
Port Hope, Lindsay, and Beaverton Railway and Peterborough Branch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brookville and Ottawa Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carleton and Grenville Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stansfeld, Shefford & Chambly Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Lawrence and Industry Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Brunswick and Canada Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
European & North American Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia Railway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	103	103	19782	20479	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567	11567

No returns.
Audit Office,
Ottawa, Nov. 13, 1868.

JOHN LANGTON,
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Financial.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

The supply of securities still continues very limited; the books of several of the Banks are closed till the payment of dividends due on 1st December.

Bank Stock.—Montreal is offered at 140 ex-dividend, with buyers at 137. Nothing doing in British, 104 would be paid. There are sellers of Ontario at par, ex-dividend. No Toronto to be had; 119 is freely offered. Royal Canadian is offered at 91½, and no buyers. There are buyers of Commerce at 105; none in market. Gore is in demand at 42, with sellers at 43. Merchants' has advanced; the last sale was made at 112. There are buyers of Molson's at 108½; no sales. City is buoyant at 102 ex-dividend. Buyers would give 106 for Du Peuple. Jacques Cartier is offered at 107, ex-dividend. Sales of Mechanics' occurred at 96. There are buyers of Union at 104. Nothing doing in other banks.

Debentures.—The market is quite cleared of Canada bonds. Dominion Stock offered at 104½. There were considerable sales of Toronto at rates to yield about 7 per cent. interest. No County in market, they would readily be taken at rates to pay 6½ to 6¼.

Sundries.—City Gas continues in great demand but none in market. There were several sales of Canada Permanent Building Society at 124 and 124½, and the latter price would now be paid. Western Canada would command 115½; none in market. There were sales of Freehold at 104 to 104½ ex-dividend, and buyers still offer the latter rate. No Montreal Telegraph in market; 132

would be paid. There were sales of Canada Landed Credit at 73, at which rate there are buyers. Mortgages are in demand to pay 8 per cent. interest. Money is readily obtainable on good paper.

MONTREAL MONEY MARKET.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, Nov. 24, 1868.

As reported in my last there is a plethora of money, and the Banks have rather reduced their rates of discount; the amount of good bills offering is very light, and readily taken at 6 to 6½ per cent., and on the street fair commercial paper is taken at 10 to 12½. Stocks still rule high, latest quotations being, Bank of Montreal, 136 ex div.; but holders are firm at 140, the demand is active, and clearly points to the feeling, that this Bank will have the management of the Government issue. City Bank easier at 102, but buyers will not give over 101. Ontario is also easier, with buyers at 97. Peoples are wanted at 106. Merchants, several transactions at 112, the closing rates being sellers 112½, buyers 111½. Toronto enquired for at 118½. No great change in other Banks, but the prices generally are very stiff. In other stocks Telegraph are wanted at 133 but none offering. Gold 132½ to 134. Richelieu stock holders have advanced their views, sellers wanting 120, buyers offering 115. Corporation bonds (6 per cent.) active at 94 at 95. Mining Consols offering at \$2.75, with buyers at \$2.25. Dominion Stock 105.

I give latest prices—Gold buying 4½, selling 3½. Greenbacks buying at 26, selling at 25½ to 25¾. Gold drafts on New York, par. Bank Exchange buying 25½, selling 25¾.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.—The following is a statement of the Provincial Notes in circulation, the 4th Nov., and of the Specie held against them at Montreal, Toronto, and Halifax, according to the Returns of the Commissioners under the Provincial Note Act:

Provincial Notes in Circulation—	
Payable at Montreal	\$3,738,593
Payable at Toronto	1,266,407
* Including \$76,000 marked St. John.	
Payable at Halifax	206,000
\$5,211,000	
Specie held—	
At Montreal	\$593,333
At Toronto	500,000
At Halifax†	42,000
† Estimated, the return not being received.	
\$1,135,333	
Debentures held by the Receiver General under the Provincial Note Act	
	\$3,000,000

POST OFFICE SAVINGS' BANK.—The following is a statement of the Post Office Savings' Bank Account, for the month of October, 1868, published in accordance with the Act 31 Vic., chap. 10, sec. 72:—

In hands of the Receiver General as per last Statement (Sept. 30th) ..	\$357,953.57
Amount received from depositors during Oct'r ..	\$76,074.00
Interest paid on closed accounts ..	57.35
Withdrawal cheques paid during October ..	20,018.95
\$413,171.24	
In hands of Receiver General Oct. 31 ..	413,171.24
Bearing interest at 4 per cent ..	\$244,083.33
Bearing interest at 5 per cent ..	167,200.00
Bearing no interest, being the amount in the hands of the Receiver General to meet outstanding cheques ..	1,882.85
\$413,171.24	

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Plattsville, Ont., Nov. 17.—J. B. Sorley's tannery and contents; loss from \$5,000 to \$6,000; insured for \$2,500 in the Western and \$2,500 in the Provincial; total insurance, \$5,000.

Gananoque, Ont., Nov. 20.—The woollen factory of R. P. Colton, part of which was occupied by Gordon & Kirkham, took fire in the fourth story from a shoddy machine and was totally destroyed. The machinery, amounting to \$500, was saved. Loss of Mr. Colton about \$9,000; insured in the Western for \$2,100 and in the Provincial for \$4,000. Gordon & Kirkham's loss about \$2,000; partly insured. Also, the nail factory of Corwin & Britton was severely damaged; loss about \$1,000; no insurance.

Almonte, Ont., Nov. 19.—Two large frame buildings, a grist mill, and a woollen mill, owned by Mr. Henry, of Ottawa, were destroyed by fire early this morning. Loss, \$16,000; insurance \$8,000.

St. Vincent Township, Grey Co., Nov. 16.—House of James Arthur, 9th con., totally destroyed; loss \$650; insurance \$300; part of the furniture was saved.

Owen Sound, Ont., Nov. 12.—Store of H. Taylor, Division street, totally destroyed; loss \$5,000; insurance \$2,000. House of Mr. Gordon adjoining somewhat damaged, also furniture. The fire engine prevented the fire spreading further.

Quebec, Nov. 20.—A number of small fires have recently occurred here, but nothing of consequence.

North Oxford, 16th Oct.—Barn of Mr. Francis Box; origin of fire unknown; no insurance.

—The Western Insurance Company of this city have presented Capt. G. W. Rounds of Buffalo with an elegant silver tea set, in acknowledgment of the services of that gentleman, in rescuing the schooner *Ionis* from peril, that vessel being stranded off Silver Creek.

—The hail insurance companies of France insured in 1867 about \$50,000,000 against the hazards of hail in the departments of France. The loss was about seventy cents for each hundred dollars insured.

OIL TRADE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Titusville *Herald's* Monthly Petroleum Report for the month ending October 31st, 1868, shows the total production for that month, the average per day, and from January 1st to Nov. 4.

Total shipments of crude for October of
brls. of 45 galls. each .. 325,666
Add to reduce to brls. of 43 galls. each .. 15,147

Total shipments of brls. of 43 galls. each .. 340,813
Stock on hand, Oct. 1st, brls. 266,888
Stock on hand, Nov. 1st, brls. 266,180

Add increase on Nov. 1st .. 2,372

Total production during October, brls. 343,185
Average per day for 31 days .. 10,133
Production previously reported, brls. .. 2,747,371

Total production from January 1st to November 1st, brls. .. 3,090,556
Average per day for 305 days, brls. 10,133

The average daily proportion at the wells on farms and in districts is given during the last two days of the month, for the purpose of showing whether the reduction is receding or enlarging.

The following table shows the production as taken from the gauge tanks at the wells during days and periods named:

November 7th, 1867, brls. ..	9,885
December " " " ..	10,462
January " 1868, " ..	11,035
February " " " ..	10,811
March " " " ..	9,768
April " " " ..	8,943