

true and orderly life which is free from torture. Yet such is the cool, cold, hardening tendency of a desire for famous, or rather infamous, discoveries to reflect glory upon self, that a spurious, self-seeking, and self-derived science, commits the cruellest deeds under the sanction of British law.

Student.

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To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—Your allusion to me as having "thrown cold water" on the Huron and Ontario Canal enterprise has, I find, caused annoyance to the promoters of the scheme. At the meeting to which you have reference, I spoke only because, literally, there was no one else to speak, and I used the caution which became me in meddling with an engineering question. But the upshot of my speech was that the project had been laid aside, as I understood, chiefly on account of the difficulty of the cutting through Oak Ridges, and that the invention of the Hydraulic Lift, if really applicable, seemed likely to diminish this difficulty and thus to give the project a fresh title to consideration.

Yours, Goldwin Smith.

May 3.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—Can you explain why it is that the Daily Press of Montreal should be so inferior to that of other cities in Canada, and vastly inferior to many of the Dailies issued in small towns in the States? Miserably arranged, with ill chosen type, one might forbear from comment, if they fed the mind, but the fact is the get-up of the *Witness* and *Star* is confusion confounded to a stranger, and the matter supplied is the quintessence of literary weakness. Living in stirring times when people want to know what is going on, column after column is filled with goody stuff, and any one to read the reports of matters of deep and lasting interest would conclude that the average professional talent was very low in this city, while the reverse is the case. Reporters are expected to crowd a two-hour debate trial, lecture or sermon into a quarter of a column, and the result is, that their disjointed notes make men say what they did not say, and no one is pleased. We want a live city paper like the *Toronto Telegram*; who will start it? It met a want not so much felt as is one here, and proved a big success.

Yours, Reader.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN SPECTATOR:

SIR,—It has evidently taken "H. B. S." several weeks to recover his wonted "brain power," after the exhaustive scientific discourse which he gave to the public some time ago. But he has come forth again, fresh and original as ever, with the wonderfully important discovery that fish, after being converted into food, are found only in the rivers and seas—never on land. Truly a wonderful discovery! But, after the long silence of "H. B. S." we might have expected something astounding. He has also discovered that there are "four-legged" fish; and these, he tells us, are "bulls." Perhaps he is, like many other scientific men of note, a believer in "the doctrine of progressive development," and he may some day discover his own origin. I hope he will let us know it. The discovery would, no doubt, be very interesting.

"H. B. S." is a poet, too. There is something decidedly classic in his poetry; but I would recommend a little more care in punctuation, and I think that, in his little verse which appeared in last week's *SPECTATOR*, a mark of interrogation at the end of the first line would be an improvement. But, then, what is the use of such suggestions? No one can teach "H. B. S."; no one has sufficient "brain power" to do so.

I am afraid that "Saxon" has misunderstood me. My opinion is that wit "is more favourable to punning than to criticism."

May 3rd, 1880. F. H. T.

SCISSORS, which are still made in Sheffield by a tedious hand process, are made by one stroke of a die in Connecticut. Hence Sheffield is sending large quantities of steel blanks to the United States to be struck off, repacked, and returned to England, where they are finished, and go back again as Sheffield ware.

A YOUNG lady boasts that her lover is telescopic. She can draw him out, see through him, and then shut him up.—*Ex.*

TRADE—FINANCE—STATISTICS.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

COMPANY.	1880.			1879.	Week's Traffic.		Aggregate.			
	Period.	Pass. Mails & Express	Freight		Total.	Incr'se	Decr'se	Period.	Incr'se	Decr'se
*Grand Trunk.....	Week	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Great Western.....	May 1	58,543	122,595	181,138	155,859	25,279	18 w'ks	445,621	.....	.....
Northern & H. & N.W.	April 23	33,519	54,590	88,109	76,418	11,691	17 "	177,388	.....	.....
Toronto & Nipissing..	" 22	6,930	15,142	22,072	15,276	6,796	16 "	51,384	.....	.....
Midland.....	" 21	1,308	1,883	3,191	3,375	.....	184 "	8,000	.....	.....
St. Lawrence & Ottawa	" 21	1,616	4,533	6,149	3,141	3,008	15 "	17,299	.....	.....
Whitby, Pt Perry & Lindsay.....	" 24	1,559	2,144	3,703	3,370	333	fm Jan. 1	1,873	.....	.....
Canada Central.....	" 21	502	1,132	1,634	1,414	220	"	6,456	.....	.....
Toronto, Grey & Bruce	" 21	2,531	3,367	5,898	4,338	1,560	16 w'ks	11,540	.....	.....
†Q., M., O. & O.....	" 17	2,292	4,838	7,130	5,247	1,883	16 "	10,682	.....	.....
Intercolonial.....	April 15	6,424	3,827	10,251	5,569	4,682	15 "	34,562	.....	.....
	Month						[Month]			
	Mar.	43,034	97,975	140,109	93,222	46,887	Month	92,938	.....	.....

*NOTE TO GRAND TRUNK.—The River du Loup receipts are included in 1879, not in 1880; omitting them the week's increase is \$29,479, aggregate increase \$520,421 for 18 weeks.

†NOTE TO Q., M., O. & O. Rv.—Eastern Division receipts not included in 1879.

BANKS.

BANK.	Shares par value.	Capital	Capital	Rest.	Price	Price	Last half-yearly	Per cent. per an-	
		Subscribe 1.	Paid up		per \$100	per \$100	Dividend.	num of last div. on present price.	
					May 5, 1880.	May 5, 1879.			
Montreal.....	\$200	\$12,000,000	\$11,999,200	\$5,000,000	\$137½	\$130¼	4	5.82	
Ontario.....	40	3,000,000	2,998,756	100,000	80	63	3	7.50	
Molson's.....	50	2,000,000	1,999,925	100,000	82	77	3	7.32	
Toronto.....	100	2,000,000	2,000,000	500,000	127	110	3½	5.51	
Jacques Cartier.....	25	500,000	500,000	*250,000	79¾	35	2½	7.07	
Merchants.....	100	5,798,267	5,518,933	475,000	96	81	3	6.25	
Eastern Townships.....	50	1,469,600	1,382,837	200,000	100	108	3½	7.00	
Quebec.....	100	2,500,000	2,500,000	425,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commerce.....	50	6,000,000	6,000,000	1,400,000	12¾	103¼	4	6.62	
Exchange.....	100	1,000,000	1,000,000	*75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
MISCELLANEOUS.									
Montreal Telegraph Co.....	40	2,000,000	2,000,000	171,432	95	104	4	8.42	
R. & O. N. Co.....	100	1,565,000	1,565,000	.....	41½	43¼	.....	.....
City Passenger Railway.....	50	.....	600,000	†63,000	94	81	15	5.32
New City Gas Co.....	40	2,000,000	1,880,000	.....	120½	108	5	8.30

*Contingent Fund. †Reconstruction Reserve Fund. ‡Per annum.

*THE FARMERS' DELIVERIES of home-grown Grain in the 150 towns in England and Wales for the week ended April 10th, 1880, and for the corresponding weeks of the previous nine years and the weekly average prices:—

	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Price.	Qrs.	Price.	Qrs.	Price.
1880.....	24,644	48s 2d	10,344	33s 9d	2,676	23s 5d
1879.....	52,939	41s 0d	14,151	32s 3d	4,252	20s 8d
1878.....	36,319	57s 5d	11,177	41s 9d	4,738	24s 10d
1877.....	38,264	52s 4d	11,575	40s 0d	2,446	24s 11d
1876.....	40,900	45s 1d	18,777	33s 7d	2,101	25s 8d
1875.....	64,245	43s 4d	10,416	40s 6d	2,167	36s 0d
1874.....	36,525	60s 6d	9,584	48s 5d	1,586	28s 7d
1873.....	38,324	55s 1d	13,330	39s 0d	2,972	23s 5d
1872.....	46,536	53s 11d	17,969	36s 6d	4,143	21s 8d
1871.....	66,115	57s 6d	15,397	36s 5d	4,309	26s 5d
Average 10 years.....	44,481	50s 11d	13,272	38s 3d	3,139	24s 11d

And the deliveries from—

	Wheat, qrs.	Barley, qrs.	Oats, qrs.
September 1, 1879, to April 10, 1880.....	970,762	1,452,063	134,956
September 1, 1878, to April 12, 1879.....	1,724,348	1,573,420	129,314
Decrease in 150 towns.....	753,586	121,357	*5,642
Decrease in the Kingdom.....	3,014,344	485,428	*22,568

*Increase.

*Summary of exports for week ending March 27th, 1880:—

From—	Flour, brls.	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Pease, bush.
New York.....	52,230	1,582,466	643,059	3,885	7,878	2,356
Boston.....	27,775	49,837	418,869	.....	.....	.....
Portland.....	.....	27,600	10,000	.....	.....	7,200
Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia.....	9,557	118,656	524,806	696	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	13,157	509,961	500,796	500	.....	.....
Total per week.....	102,719	2,288,520	2,102,219	5,076	7,878	9,536
Corresponding week of '79.....	110,357	1,812,899	2,513,767	3,150	62,087	21,446

* The receipts of Live Stock at New York for the last four weeks have been as follows:—

	Beeves.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Swine.
April 26.....	13,611	88	4,800	27,723	34,973
April 19.....	13,575	76	3,857	23,703	39,180
April 12.....	11,669	47	2,499	24,260	36,145
April 5.....	11,883	146	2,581	25,009	32,069
Total 4 weeks.....	50,738	357	13,730	100,695	142,367
Corresponding 4 weeks 1879.....	37,364	162	13,928	85,254	125,815
Corresponding week 1879.....	9,061	27	4,089	22,801	29,402
Weekly average, 1879.....	10,933	142	2,098	29,005	33,089
Corresponding week 1878.....	10,389	30	3,987	20,805	29,628

*From New York Produce Exchange.