Comparative Statement of the Debt of the Dominion, 1867, '68, '69 and '70.

ASSETS.—*Continued.*

	July 1st, 1867	July 1st, 1868	July 1st, 1869.	July 1st, 1870
Miscellaneous.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Province of Canada Debt ....5 p.c.	10,045,533 63	10,782,660 07	10,489,769 30	10,504,355 49
New Brunswick Debt...............5 p.c.	....	....	319,822 77	575,298 29
Provincial Accounts..................	....	940,699 44	3,842,165 67	5,957,580 08
Nova Scotia Suspense Account..........	....	....	125,054 61	156,349 81
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	11,119 41
Total Miscellaneous	10,045,533 63	11,723,359 51	14,776,812 35	17,204,703 08
Banking Accounts.				
Cash..................................	589,085 23	1,425,786 00	2,966,930 73	2,275,101 50
Issue account of Specie Reserve	757,140 00	938,440 00	1,899,000 00	2,883,436 67
Financial Agents ....variable	22,403 59	10,569 18	1,118,259 68	12,204 42
Bank of Montreal Silver Debentures.....	....	572,443 47	72,443 47	....
Silver Deposit Account..................	....	....	....	1,277,818 49
Silver Coinage Account	....	....	....	657,826 25
Miscellaneous Banking Accounts.........	117,465 61	332,487 38	331,180 13	231,607 73
Total Banking Accounts	1.486,094 43	3,279,726 03	6,387,814 01	7,337,995 06
Total Assets.......................	17,317,410 36	21,139,531 46	36,502,679 19	37,783,964 31

Comparative Statement of the Debt of the Dominion from July 1, 1867, to July 1. 1870, according to the rate of interest it bears.

LIABILITIES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Without Interest.........................	5,540,631 46	7,357,516 08	16,126,758 75	15,992,256 24
At varying rates..........................	1,475,965 20	1,372,873 87	49,080 91	215,570 75
At 4 per cent. interest	1,326,020 36	1,482,309 41	8,462,349 19	10,988,455 77
5 "	39,105,464 06	38,842,604 18	41,450,757 78	41,715,796 57
6 "	42,724,770 65	44,468,262 66	46,273,051 76	47,081,627 43
6 "	2,873,200 00	3,373,200 00	....	....
Total debt	93,046,051 73	96,896,666 20	112,361,998 39	115,993,706 76
Total interest	4,851,710 70	4,974,279 93	5,188,641 90	5,355,614 93
Average rate of interest.....	5.21	5.13	4.62	4.61
ASSETS.				
Without interest.........................	1,463,560 84	4,209,856 29	15,812,184 66	15,675,193 64
At varying rates..........................	3,174,600 16	3,162,825 75	1,460,016 25	353,960 99
At 3 and 3½ per cent......................	....	....	2,000,000 00	4,883,089 49
At 4 per cent. interest	....	....	2,768,234 70	2,076,176 03
5 "	12,244,725 90	13,334,215 96	14,019,390 12	14,358,230 70
6 "	434,333 46	432,633 46	442,853 46	437,313 46
Total Assets....................	17,317,410 36	21,139,531 46	36,502,679 19	37,783,964 31
Total Interest..................	753,187 48	806,968 26	929,268 20	1,001,452 06
Average rate of Interest......	4.35	3.77	2.53	2.65
Total Debt...............................	93,046,051 73	96,896,666 20	112,361,998 39	115,993,706 76
Total Assets..............................	17,317,410 36	21,139,531 46	36,502,679 19	37,783,964 31
Net debt....................	75,728,641 37	75,757,134 74	75,859,319 20	78,209,742 45
Total interest on debt.........................	4,851,710 70	4,974,279 93	5,188,641 91	5,355,614 96
Total interest on assets..........................	753,871 48	806,963 26	929,268 20	1,001,452 06
Net interest..................	4,098,523 22	4,167,311 67	4,259,373 70	4,354,692 90
Average rate..................	5.41	5.50	5.63	5.56

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, March 8, 1871.

Trade for the week has been quiet and rather dull. The spring trade in dry goods has, however, opened out somewhat briskly, especially for staple goods. In other branches trade is steady. Breadstuffs and provisions are dull, the mildness of the weather exerting an unfavorable influence on the market for provisions.

ASHES.—There was very little business doing in ashes, but prices remain the same. We quote: First pots, $5.90 to $6 ; seconds, $5.10 to $5.15; thirds, $4.55. Pearls dull at $6.65 for firsts.

	Pots.	Pearls.
Receipts from 1st Jan. to date......	1,380	281
Add stock 1st Jan	795	704
	2,751	985
Shipments from 1st Jan. to date..	1,605	444
Stock now in store..................	570	541

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The shipments for Feb. were fully up to the corresponding month of last year. Prices, however, owing to increased competition in the trade, are not quite so well sustained, while a considerable advance has taken place in many kinds of leather. We quote men's French calf, $3 to $3.50 ; do. kip, $1.30 to $1.40; do. calf congress, $2 to $2.50 ; do. buff, $1.75 to $2; do. prunella, $1.50 to $2; women's buff, $1.10 to $1.15; do. split, 85c. to $1; do. prunella, $0.90 to $1.75 ; do. congress, $0.75 to $1.25 ; misses' buff boots, $0.80 to $1; child's buff and enameled boots, 50c. to 60c.

DRY GOODS.—A number of country buyers have been in market, purchasing to a satisfactory extent, and the numbers are steadily increasing. A good many spring woolens have been sold, and the demand for fancy and dress goods is large. Canadian cottons have been sold freely, and it is now feared that the stock of these goods will fall short of the demand.

DRESSED HOGS.—The receipts of dressed hogs are becoming very light, and prices are correspondingly firm. Packers are buying sparingly, but sales are effected at $8 to $8.50 per 100 lbs., according to weight and condition.

DRUGS.—Business during the past week has been moderately active. Cream Tartar is much firmer and a trifle higher, but prices of other articles are unaltered.

FISH.—The supply of salmon and green cod fish has been very light, and both are in active demand. Herring are moving off at quotations. Quotations are—salmon, tierces, $23.50 ; barrels, $15.50 to $16.00 ; Labrador herrings, $6.25 to $6.50 ; dry cod, $5.75 to $6.00 ; green cod, brls., $5 50 to $6.00 ; do. do. in drafts, $7.50 to $8.00 ; Canso herring, brls., $6.00 to $6.25 ; do. do., half-brls., $3.25 to $3.37½.

FURS.—There has been a good demand for furs under the anticipation of better prices. The annual Hudson Bay Company's sale was to have taken place in London on the 6th inst. We quote—red fox, $1.25 to $1.50 ; marten, $1.25 to $1.75 ; do. Labrador, $10.00 to $12.00 ; mink, $3 to $4 ; bear, $7 to $10 ; lynx, $1 ; wolf, $2 to $3 ; fisher, $4 to $5 ; beaver, $1.20 to $1.40 ; muskrat—fall, each, 10c. ; winter, 12½c. ; racoon, 20c. to 40c. ; skunk, 15c. to 20c. ; otter, $6 to $8.

FLOUR.—The fluctuations in the markets of Liverpool and the leading American grain centres have had a tendency to restrict our trade in breadstuffs, and sales for some time have been unimportant. We quote : Superior Extra $7.20 to 7.30 ; Extra $6.90 to 7.00 ; Fancy $6.65 to 6.80 ; Fresh Supers, (Canada wheat) $6.30 to 6.40 ; Western States Supers, free $6.25 to 6.30 ; Medium Strong Supers, (Canada wheat) $6.40 to 6.50 ; Strong Bakers' $6.50 to 6.60 ; Supers from Western Wheat (Welland Canal) in bond $6.10 to 6.20 ; Canada Supers, No. 2 $5.90 to 6.00 ; Western States, No. 2, free $5.90 to 6.00 ; Fine