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### EXPORTATION OF SILVER BY: GOVERNMENT.

F ROM a return made to the House of Commons, we learn that in February, March, April and May of 1868, the Bank of Montreal, acting as the agent of the Government, purchased and exported \$1,000,000 United States filver coin; and at the same time sold \$587,000, of six per cent. Government Bonds.

The loss on the silver, including commission of \$10,000 to the Bank, amounted to \$24,845.82, almost 2] per cent.

The \$587,000 of Bonds yielded \$577,812 50 equivalent to selling at 98.

Taking the two operations as one transaction, it was equivalent to Government selling at par Bonds bearing 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per cent. interest.

# RAILWAY TRAFFIC FOR APRIL.

THE earnings of Canadian Railways—as far at least as the official returns are published—for April, 1869, are in excess of those for the corre ponding month last year, but only to the amount of §1.937; the total for last April being §889,950, and for April, 1867, §937,993. The increase, too, insignificant though it be, is entirely blotted out, if we make allowance for increased mileage in 1869 The New Brunswick and Canada with nine more miles has \$1.464 more traffic, and the Eastern Extension, not running last year, returns, with 23 miles of new road, \$625 for the MOBLAND, WATSON & CO., IRON & HARDWARE MERCHANTS

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month. The Great Western gives an increase of \$8,059; the Brockville and Ottawa, of \$5,088 (an improvement of 52 per cent); the St. Lawrence and Ottawa of \$2,802; the New Brunswick and Canada, of \$1,945; the European and North American, of \$1,945; and the Nova Scotian, of \$1,807. On the other hand, the Grand Trunk has failen off. \$10,859; the Northern, \$7 925; and the Port Hope, \$1,183.

### POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of the Depositors' account, Provincial Savings Bank, Halifax, for the month of  $\Delta$ pril, 1869:--

last statement, (March 81st) Amount received from depositors	713,567.24
during April	17.505.15
Amount paid to do. do	
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In hand of Receciver General, 30th April, 1869, bearing interest at 4 per cent	705,412.07
JOHN	LANGTON,
-	Auditor.

Ottawa, 25th May, 1869.

### USELESS LEGISLATION.

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W HEN Mr. Bose imposed a duty of 15 per cent. on American silver silver and American silver coin, for the purpose of prcventing its importation, we pointed out the absurdity of supposing that this action would have the intended effect, or that, in fact coin passing current here could be kept out by legislative enactment, whenever it should become profitable to import it. The event has justified us in our estimate of the wisdom of Mr. Rose's legislation on this point A circular has been issued by the Customs Department to the Collectors, to the effect that large quantities of American silver had been smuggled into Canada, and calling, on them for increased vigilance in demanding from persons crossing the frontier, whether they have silver in their possession, either on their persons or in their baggage. Where there appeared a design to smuggle, the silver