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We have furnished accounts to nearly all subscribers to the TRADE REVIEW, for arrears to Dec. 31, 1868, and for advance subscription for 1869, at the reduced rate of One Dollar. Many have remitted already. Those who have not yet done so, will confer a favor by remitting the amounts due at their earliest convenience.

We notice a recent sale of 7,000 lbs. Canada combing wool in New York at 70c. to 73c.; while U.S. washed combing wool only brought 65c., all in "greenbacks" of course.

The Hamilton City Council have resolved that the machinery of the new sewing-machine manufactory of Messrs. R. M. Wanzer & Co. shall be exempted from taxation for five years after its completion.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

THE total traffic for 1867, as far as returns were published, was \$510,000 in excess of that for 1866, and that for 1868 was just \$500,000 in excess of that for 1867; an average monthly gain during the past two years of \$42,000, each year as compared with the preceding one. The prospects are that 1869 will show a very much greater increase than this in traffic. The gain in last January (with 32 miles more in operation, from which only \$408 extra have been realized) over January of 1868 amounted to \$151,086! The Grand Trunk and Great Western are each to be credited with about the half of this amount, the other roads shew-

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ing a slight falling off on an average. That in the receipts of the two great railways of Canada, the e should be such a very marked improvement in 1869, is a fact which must be very gratifying to stock and bond holders; and it is also very gratifying to those who look on the business done by these trunk lines as to some extent an index of general prosperity. We hope the promise thus early given in this year will not be falsified as month by month we are enabled to make comparison with the year that is past

BANK RETURNS.

T'BE bank statement for January, which we published last week was not quite complete for the Ontario and Quebec Banks, the Official Gazette not being received until too late. We accordingly reputlish the statement this week, in full, so far as Ottawa and Quebec are concerned

The following is a comparison of assets and liabilities for the months of January and December last :--

LIABILITIES.	
Dec. Dec. Circulation 9,488,243 Balances due other Banks 1 232,896 Deposits not bearing interest 16,089,804 Do. bearing interest 21,412,684	Jan. \$ 9,019,504 1,322.277 15.050,368 21,433,417
Total Liabilities	\$46,825 566
Coin, Bullion, and Prov. Notes.\$11,817,645 Landed or other property of	\$18,427,920
Bank 1,625,211	1,626 480
Government Securities 3,525,940	8,269,016
Notes of other Banks 1,954,924	1,828,116
Balances due from other Banks. 8,060,960	4,987,059
Discounts 50,703,727	51,179,717
Other Debts	8.476.057

There is a still further decrease in bank note circu. lation of \$418,739, distributed pretty freely amongst the various banks; and there was during the same time a decrease of \$222,000 in the circulation of Provincial Notes.

Deposits not bearing interest decreased nearly \$1.-000,000, mainly shewn in the returns for the Bank of Montreal.

The coin, bullion and Provincial notes, have increased a little over \$2,000,000, owing almost entirely

creased a little over \$2,000,000, owing almost entirely to the Bank of Montreal having called in its balances held in banks outside of Canada, those balances shew-ing nearly \$2,8,0,000 less than in Decomber. Discounts shew an increase of \$476 000. The Mer-chants' Bank, Bank of Commerce, Union Bank of L. C., Royal Canadian Bank and Banque Nationale, con-tribute to the increase from \$246,000 to \$127,000, while the Bank of Montreal, the Quebec City and Gore Banks, the Banque du Peuple the Bank of Toronto, Ontario Bank and E. T. Bank, have all curtailed their discounts a