sufficiently insured, the matter should not be delayed one single night. If your books are not in a plain, intelligible shape, so that any book-keeper can ascertain your position readily from them, then call in a book-keeper, so that by the close of the present month you may know your exact financial whereabouts on the 1st of January.

THE following is the estimated value of the estate of R. Simpson, Newmarket, whose case is referred to elsewhere:—

Book debts, $19,223 @ 70c.		$13,460
Promissory Notes, $1,173, worth say.		440
Stock saved from fire		430
Cash in Ontario Bank		630
Dwelling House		2,000
Household furniture		650
Insurance on Stock		8,000
Total		$25,610
Preferred claims	$1,050 00	
Expenses say	800 00	
		1,850
		$23,760

to meet liabilities of $54,000

A LIST of questions has been submitted by the Canal Commissioners to the various Boards of Trade, and to a larger number of private individuals interested in the canal navigation. These interrogatories embrace the principal points on which information of a practical value is required. It is to be hoped that merchants, ship owners, and others will be free to give such suggestions as they may think expedient. It is desirable that all possible information should be in possession of the Commissioners, that their finding may be based on a knowledge of all the facts, and be such as is best calculated to promote the welfare of the Dominion in connection with the great interests with which they have to deal.

Financial.

STOCKS AND MONEY.

Reported by Blaikie & Alexander, Brokers.

TORONTO, Dec. 7, 1870.

A good business has been done in Stocks during the week, at figures that fully sustain our last week's quotations. There is little or no demand for Bonds and Debentures at present, the market being well supplied. Money continues fairly easy. Sterling Exchange is selling to-day at 109⅛ to 109¼.

Banks.—Considerable amounts of Commerce have changed hands at 120¼; is now offered at 121. Very little activity is shown in Bank of Toronto at present; the quotations are 150 to 152. A good demand is maintained for Royal at 69¾ to 70, with sellers at 70½. Ontario continues firm at 106 for buyers and 107 for sellers. British would be taken at 108, but there are no sellers. Montreal has advanced during the week from 221, with sales, up to 225½, closing firm with sellers at 227½. Merchants' has been sold at rates from 118 to 119½; 120¼ is asking rate to-day. City is nominal at 86½ to 88; very little movement.

Bonds.—No Governments of any issue on the market at present; Dominion Stock would be taken at 110. Sales of City Bonds have been made at 93¾; sellers now asking 94. There are sellers of first-class County Debentures at 103 and Townships at 96.

Sundries.—Sales of Freehold Building Society have been made since opening of the books at 126½; sellers now asking 127. Not much activity in Canada Permanent, is worth 136½ to 137. There are buyers of Western Canada at 126½, and sellers at 127½. Union is inactive at 112 to 114. Canada Landed Credit is in good demand, and would readily be taken at par to ¼ premium; sales have been made at 101. Western Insurance is in good demand at 89 to 90, with but few sellers. For British America Assurance, 70 is offered and 71 asked. City Gas would find buyers at 116½ to 117. Montreal Telegraph has been sold at 220; 218 is buyers' figure, and 225 asked.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.

TORONTO, Dec. 6, 1870.

An improvement is to be noted in the Stock market since our last. Buyers have, in many cases, advanced their offers and considerable transactions have taken place in some of the favourite securities.

Banks.—Montreal has been rather more active during the past week; having sold as high as 225, no sellers now under 227. British still continues scarce, and in good demand at 108. Sales of Ontario have taken place at 106 ex-dividend; sellers asking 107. Sales of Toronto ex-dividend at 150, at which rate there are buyers. Small sales of Royal Canadian at 69¼ to 70; very little stock on market. Large sales of Commerce during the week at 120½ to 121. Several transactions in Merchants' at 118, 118½ and 119; sellers now asking 120. No sales of Quebec ex-dividend to report; would bring 107. 109 is offered for Molson's, but no stock on market. No transactions in City ex-dividend to report, buyers offering 86¾; sellers offering 87¼. Du Peuple would command 104; no shares to be had. Nothing doing in Nationale, nominally quoted at 104. Buyers offering 113 for Jacques Cartier without transactions. Sellers asking 80 for Mechanics', buyers offering 75. Union is procurable at 110½, buyers offering 109½.

Debentures.—Canada sterling "Fives" and "Sixes" in fair demand, but none on market; Dominion stock asked for at 110. No Toronto of any consequence on market, 94 would readily be paid for a round lot. Sales of County Bonds during the week; first-class Township Bonds procurable at 96.

Sundries.—No City Gas offering, would readily command 117. British America Assurance is enquired for at 71; but none on market. Western sold during the week at 87 and 88; no shares at present on market. Canada Life would command 110; no stock offering. Very little Canada Building Society offering, would bring 137. Western sold at 127 and 127¼ sellers to a limited extent. Freehold would command 125. Last sales of Union were at 112¼; no stock now on market. Nothing doing in Huron and Erie in this market. Buyers offer 217½ for Montreal Telegraph, holders ask 230. Canada Landed Credit would readily sell at par. Buyers offering 74 for Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, holders asking 80. No Nipissing offering, would command 80. Mortgages still continue in good demand to pay 8 per cent; first-class could be placed at 7½.

Two important suits, by Redpath, of Montreal, and the Northern Transportation Line, to recover $70,000 damages for a cargo of sugar and two barges sunk by collision with the Allan steamer *Hibernian* below Montreal some two years ago, were decided in the Vice-Admiralty Court by the Hon. H. Black, C. B., in favor of the steamer.