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Lord Strathcona on British Trade etc.

Lord Strathcona on his arrival home a few days ago was at once interviewed. He was very emphatic in denying that the trade of Great Britain showed any signs of decadence. The industries of the old land are highly prosperous, and whatever foreign goods are being imported that might be made at home are brought in because the capacity of the native producers is not equal to the demand. His Lordship seemed to regard it as a foolish canard that the Emperor of Russia was to interfere on behalf of Mr. Kruger. The idea, he thought, was quite absurd; the Czar has plenty of home troubles to worry him without taking up the Kruger cause. Lord Strathcona assured his interviewer that the King was in excellent health, and becoming exceedingly popular with all classes of His subjects. He also denied that Lord Salisbury's health was failing.

A Move for Medical Freedom.

A movement has been commenced to abolish the present restrictions on medical men by which they are prevented from practicing their profession outside the district to which they are licensed. A case known to us recently occurred that shows the worse than folly of such limitations. An American lady visiting a Canadian city was taken seriously ill, an operation was needed to save her life. The operation is one requiring a specialist, or a surgeon of great skill. In the city where she was a guest no such practitioner is found, but in this city there is one of the highest reputation on the staff of a well-known hospital. He was sent for to perform this operation, but was not allowed to practice his profession in the city to which he was summoned. A special train was therefore promptly engaged to bring

the sufferer to Montreal. Here the operation was so successfully performed that the patient left the hospital a few days ago perfectly cured and well, full of gratitude for the invaluable surgical services rendered her in this city. In this case the patient was wealthy, or she would have run the very grave danger incident to such an operation being performed by an inexperienced surgeon. It is high time the unity of Canada was recognised, and freedom given to men of all professions to exercise their calling anywhere within the Dominion.

United States National Bank Reports.

The reports made by the U. S. National Banks to the Comptroller of the Currency, give the following totals, made up from statements of 3,942 banks.

Capital \$632,353,405, Surplus \$262,387,647, Deposits, Individual \$2,623,997,522, other deposits \$94,378,146, Loans and Discounts \$2,748,217,183, Gold and Gold Clearing House Certificates \$199,350,080, Gold Treasury Certificates \$102,269,910; Silver \$17,288,559; Silver Certificates \$40,763,675; Legal Tenders and U. S. Certificates Deposit \$142,134,945. The average Capital of the National Banks of United States is \$160,000. The average Surplus or reserve is \$66,000. The ratio of Capital to deposits is 23 per cent. The loans, discounts and overdrafts are within a small sum of the "Individual Deposits." The figures for the National Banks in ten leading American cities are reported as follows:

National Banks.	Capital.	Deposits.	Loans and Discounts.
	\$	\$	\$
New York 441	62,800,000	508,975,800	544,742,316
Brooklyn 5	1,352,000	12,739,700	11,592,607
Boston 38	37,400,000	123,458,370	165,464,268
Baltimore 19	11,508,000	31,756,000	39,317,500
Chicago 12	17,250,000	109,392,000	133,545,700
St. Louis 6	11,400,000	36,650,000	51,075,180
Philadelphia 36	19,905,000	116,618,000	128,617,000
Pittsburg 31	13,250,000	75,440,000	77,286,800
Cleveland 15	10,400,000	30,622,000	41,830,800
Detroit 6	3,300,000	14,225,000	15,565,000