disprevements Nearly Completed.

For some months past the work of alteration and improvement as St. James' Cathedral has been in progress and is now nearly completed. It is expected that the church will be re-opened for worship on the first Sunday in November. The main object of the alterations which are new being made on the interior is to restore the original intention of the early English eathedral. The removal of the early English eathedral. The removal of the early sunday in November. The walls at the south end, which once terminated the aisles, are to be taken down, throwing the porches into the length of the aisles. The ansie roofs, being "lean-to," are treated as timber roofs. These, with some general necessary repair to the roof, etc., are the principal changes which will be noticed as the reopening. But they do not comprise the whole scheme of the alterations. Among those which are deferred is the placing of a new organ in the church, not in the position of the old one, but in the chancel. When the new organ comes the choir will sit in the chancel and the chan in the chancel. When the new organ comes the choir will sit in the chancel and the choir gallery at the south end will no longer be needed. The chancel is now being prepared for the organ, and all the tearing down of brickwork and other work which will create dust is being done now, so that the postponed work can be done next year without interfering with the use of the church. The wooden clustering columns round the main piers are being stripped away, the intention being to replace them with stone when the complete fund is provided. When the funds are ready, too, the consent of the vestry will be asked to adorn the east and west transepts or porches with stained glass windows in the best style of modern English art and with other decorations. The east transept will form a baptistry; the west transept will become a site for memorials of the history of the church and of the prevince in the persons of some of the distinguished occupants of the church and of the given will be General Brock, Governor Simcoe, Lord Elgin, Hon. Robert Baldwin and Hos. Sir John Beverley Robinson.

" Precisely Se." Editor World: The following letter appear ed in Thursday's Telegram.
ASSESSMENT IN FULL.

"Sir,—The man who says that city property should be assessed at its full value is talking arrant nonsense, and shows great ignorance. I happen to know that there is not one city upon this vast continent assessed at over 55 per cent, of its full value taken at an average. Nor is Toronto any exception to this rule, as any one may see who takes the trouble to analyze your, valuable reports of seal catate sales as rewinted from day to day.

Assessor."

I know that no newspaper would publish the above reserve or any letter without having in its possession (though not for publication) the real name of the writer: therefore it was an "assessor" who wrote the above. Now let us consider the impost of his words. He says: "The man who says that city property should be assessed at its full value is talking arrant nonsense. Well, Mr. Assessor, "who made thee a judge and a ruler over us." Again he says: "I happen to know that there is not one city upon this vast continent assessed for over 55 per cent of its full value taken at an overage." What a fund of information you must have to draw upon Mr. "Assessor."? There are over 150 cities on this vast continent and you know all about them; do you not shink that a man with so much knowledge is somewhat out of place in our assessment department? Don't you an opportunity to develop your great resources in some other field of labor. I do. Again, Mr. Assessor confesses: "Nor is Toronto any exception to this rule." Mr. Assessor, here we agree for the first time, for I have been contending for years that the assessment of Toronto is and always has been rotten, corrupt, unequal and unjust; but I scarcely think that the head agree for the first time, for I have been contending for years that the assessment of Torento is and always has been rotten, corrupt, unequal and unjust; but I scarcely think that the head of your department will thank you for giving the case so completely away, for "you speak as one having authority and not as the scribes."

In conclusion, Mr. Assessor, let me tell you that you ought to be in the Central Prison or the Provincial Penitentiary after such an ad-mission. You who know that the law requires mission. You who know that the law requires you to assess all property as its actual cash value, you who are sworn to so assess it, and then you have the impudence to hold a candle to your shame and inform the public through the press that you are false to your employers, that you are false to your employers, that you are false to your employers, that you are a perjurer and a cheat. You are a poor fool, Mr. Assessor, for you do not possess the ability to make a real knave, or you would have seld your peace.

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Now, Mr. Editor, a word with you. There is no credit in fighting such as "Assessor."

Let me expose the only line of defence of these self-convicted frauds. They argue that it is of no moment whether property is assessed at its true value or eighty, forty, or even ten per cent of its value, so long as it is an equal assessment, for there is just so much money required for the public service and the burden falls equally on all, and a low assessment means a high rate and vice versa. Well, admitting this argument, would it not serve the same end to assess 35 per cent or 3500 per cent for that matter, above value as well as cent for that matter, above value as well as below? But why argue? The law is plain, below? But why argne? The law is plain, simple and just; but our city is divided into twelve wards, and we have twelve assessors and one thinks that 50 per cent is the proper thing, and our friend thinks sixty-five is the proper thing, and so on. But if one ward should happen to have a conscientious, law-loving assessor that ward pays 35, 40 and 50 per cent, more taxes than the others.

(3.) Abolish the present vote-making, popularity-seeking, and (to wealth) pandering Court of Revision (which has become in very truth a Court of Derision) and appoint a court of two expert real estate men and a lawyer, and the city treasury would be hundreds of thousands of dollars ahead and the general public satisfied.

It therefore take this opportunity of publicly addressing you on the subject, with an endeavor to show that under the operation of the Berne Bill the book, publishing and printing interests of Canada would be disastrously affected.

In the first place, Sir, I would ask you to remember that under our present law, as soon remember that under our present law, as soon

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Editor World: The a-posteriori reasoning of the article you clip from The Canadian copyright can be secured to this) Canadian copyright can be secured only on the express condition of manufacture in Canada. The Berne Bill would sweep aside the idea of a national currency. However, the exercise of the right to issue its own notes was not even one of the causes of the, "tragedy-farce" of the Central Bank failure. I do not feel myself competent to discuss the merits of the present, compared with a national currency and the principles of the contral Bank failure. I do not feel myself competent to discuss the merits of the present, compared with a national currency.

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About the circulation of any bank: It is a first lien upon its assets. Before another claim can be considered, provision must be made for the whole outstanding circulation. If it had not been for the world outstanding circulation. If it had not been for the world have redeemed its issue in rull within nearly the same period after its suspension. By the judicious and considerate policy of the interim liquidator, for which he has had not redit yet, it being quite apparent that the assets were abundant for the purpose, in order to relieve the pressure, redemption was begun at once and never ceesed, so that the loss from derogation in value of the notes was trifling.

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their circulation, to compet the banks to their circulation, would be a good thing. One point and a very great one in favor of a bank issue is its cleaticity. The public are not compelled to take bank notes or any bank's notes to any extent, but a national currency is legal tender and practically irredeemable if redemption were made desirable by the condition of the nation's finances. tion were made desirable by the condition of the nation's finances.

I would like to see the subject discussed freely. It is something in which we are in-dividually and collectively interested. I like to know on the one hand that the bill in my pocket is beyond a peradventure good for one hundred cents on the dollar, and on the other, that the issue of paper money is authorized and regulated by laws financially sound and is in the interests of the community.

and regulated by laws much in the interests of the community.

LOOKER-ON. The House of Industry Again, Editor World: The proposition of some of the Board of the House of Industry to obtain a large sum of money from the City Corportion and commence a large building at this season of the year, is simply abourd. If the City Corporation should decide at a future period to furnish the means for a building, and to place it under the management of the Board of the House of Industry, then they had

States universally imagine they could make a clean sweep of Canada in the event of war. This view is taken because of their large population and the number of soldiers under arms at the close of their civil war. Some statements have been made to the effect that they could put a million of veterans in the field. But the veterans are out of the count altogether; they have not got them. Whatever they put in the field must be anew raised, and the United States' forces in their civil war were not properly speaking soldiers until the last year of that war.

I know of no better way of preventing war with the United States than by showing them how they could be met on the Canadian frontier, and taking it for granted that the British Government will not show a craven from to any insolence, I would ask—How many ablebodied men can Britain raise in India to do any fighting that may be required? I would anticipate difficulty in getting the bulk of the Hindua to be willing for foreign service, but a population of 200,000,000 ought to turn out 5,000,000 soldiers on demand for all purposes, for the British rule in India has been beneficent beyond estimate when compared with previous rules endured by the people. Cannot Major-General Keer or some other British officers enlighten us on this subject?

Toronto, Oct. 10, 1888.

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The remedy for this is;

(1.) To have four or six first-class men, pay them well and keep them at the work throughout the year, instead of three months, as at present.

(2.) Publish (in the daily papers) the entire assessment rolls every three or five years, so that the people would be able to adjust a bad assessment, for now no man knows what another is assessed for, unless he chooses to go to the City Hall and burrow into the records.

(3.) Abolish the present vote-making, populations. It is understood that the object of that bill was to place Canada under the operation of the Berne Copyright Convention.

There seems to be an opinion abroad—whether it is well founded or not you alone that the bill would operate prejudicially to Canadian interests, is will be re-introduced at the next session.

I therefore take this opportunity of publicly

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