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THE SUGAR DUTIES.

THERE has been a great deal of discussion of late, both in commercial circles and in newspapers throughout the country, touching the effect Mr Galt's last tariff has exercised on the West India Sugar trade, on the trade in this country, and as to whether it has or has not been unduly favoring to the refining interests as against the trade at large.

The effect of Mr Galt's measure has undoubtedly been to very greatly reduce the trade in the higher grades of raw sugar, and to give to the two Montreal Reflucties such a commanding position as to throw the greater part into their hands. This fact, no one acquainted with the sugar trade of Canada can pretend tend to dony, and this being so, it follows that instead our receiving from the West Indies high grades of raw sugars, giving them the profits of refining, we have imported very low refining grades and given the profits to the two firms here. Now, after the expense of sending, with a great flourish of trumpets, Commissioners to endeavour to bring about closer relations between Canada and the sugar Islands, and to open up new channels of trade, it was folly, or worse, to so frame a tariff as to defeat the very object we had in view in conding out those Commissioners. To continue, after the coming session, the present sugar tariff will be worse than folly, now that time has made so palpable the error therein contained, and we trust our present Finance Minister will so frame his tariff, uninfluenced by anything save a consciencious desire to benefit the country, as to put an end to the present anomalous condition of things.

Whother the Sugar Refiners here should have their profits guaranteed to them at the expense of other people is a question we leave for the advocates of protection to answer. On principle, we object to any interference with commerce on the part of Government; in this particular instance we see no reason why say exception should be made in favour of those who have already secumplated handeome fortunes, and whose only claim to consideration rosts deabtiglly on the induce their wealth scource to them.

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THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.

WE publish in other columns the report of the meetin, of the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank, called to ratify the action of their Directors in amalgamatiz g with the Commercial Bank of Carada.

The a recement for amalgamation was confirmed unanimously, and will, according to its terms, come into effect from and after the let of March.

It has been stated that the assumption by the Merchants' Bank of Canada of the liabilities of the Commercial, would lead to such demands on the former institution as would tax its resources to the utmost. We are of an entirely different opinion. As we have already shown, the unredeemed circulation of the Commercial Bank is now not large, less, indeed, than \$450,000, and the amount due to depositors has also been very greatly reduced; while, on the other hand, the resources of the suspended bank are sufficient, we imagine, to meet any immediate demand which may be made.

We presume arrangements have been made to open branches of the new bank at all points where the Commercial has heretofore done business, and we have no doubt the people all through the West will give a hearty and generous support to the same institution, which, under another name, has done so much to forward the prosperity of the country.

The following is a statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion of Canada for the month of December, and for 7 months ending Jan. 31st, 1868:--

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