WEST INDIA MARKETS.

DEMERARA.—From Sandbach, Parker, & Co.'s Market Report, of 7th Sept. *Sugars*—There has been less business done the past fortnight than any similar period since the beginning of the year. This is owing to two causes—first, very few Estates being at work, this being the worst yielding month for the cane, and secondly, the absence of any arrivals from America, to which country nearly all the Sugars purchased in this Market are shipped, our dates from New York being 3rd August, and with the great uncertainties at present existing, owing to the war in Europe, no one likes to purchase without some definite information, so that the transactions have been very limited. The shipments are to America two cargoes of 470 hhds. purchased before the sailing of last mail, and to U. Kingdom three cargoes of 1,156 hhds.; holders are asking $6 30 to $6 35 for the best grades of Vacuum Pan, down to $5 90 for inferior samples, dull and grey in colour; Muscovados are a little better than they have been for the past six weeks, and a few lots of the best marks have changed hands at $4 25, inferior qualities quite unsaleable. *Molasses*—There have been no transactions the past fortnight, none offering, and no inquiry from buyers. *Rum*—There has been a little animation in this article, owing to last advices from England; shipments have been 930 puns. to United Kingdom and 50 puns. to Nova Scotia; holders are asking 60 to 65 cents for strong proof, say 40 per cent.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—*Sugar.*—The *Weekly Report* says: The market has been more animated during the week under review, and previous prices have been readily paid, especially by shippers to the United States, who have operated more freely than those to Europe and other parts. The stock is becoming very reduced, being only 161,600 boxes, against 198,000 boxes same date 1869, and 202,209 boxes same date 1868; and the quantity of good, dry sugars left is so moderate that holders, having this in view, do not cede in their pretensions, which they easily obtain when needy buyers appear on the market. The descriptions which are scarce are numbers 12 to 20, and bright yellows and whites, which have obtained this week the usual fraction higher than the price of 9¼ rials arrobe, which has generally been paid for No. 12 common train. The sales which have been reported during the week amount to about 26,000 boxes of all classes—against 13,500 last week.

PETROLEUM.—The following shows the Exports of Petroleum from the United States, from January 1st to September 20th.

	1870.	1869.
From New York....galls.	62,509,251	48,124,858
Boston............	1,207,083	1,742,300
Philadelphia.........	33,498,269	20,227,654
Baltimore............	1,529,523	882,678
Portland............	....	....
New Bedford........	....	....
Cleveland............	....	....
Total Export from the U.S.	98,741,126	71,026,490
Same time 1868.........................		72,832,600
Same time 1867.........................		44,890,247

—The Savings Banks of New England present some very striking facts. The six States have a population of 3,750,000, and 305 savings banks 788,000 depositors, $218,373,685 on deposit, besides a surplus of 3 or 4 per cent—all having investments bearing 5, 6 or 7 per cent. interest and with an average of about $275 due to each depositor, or more than $50 per capita of the whole population of the six States. The increase of savings banks in two years has been 20 per cent; in the number of depositors, 23 per cent, and in savings deposits 37 per cent. The aggregate bank capital of New England in 1870 is $157,000,000; the savings bank capital, $218,000,000, or an excess of nearly $61,000,000. A commendable feature in the system is the small cost of the management. In Massachusetts, where receiving and re-paying small sums and the investment of some $20,000,000 a year make constant and skilful work, the total cost of 122 banks for 1869 was only $339,000, or about thirty hundredths of one per cent. of the amount on deposit and invested.

—It has been decided to arbitrate upon the questions in dispute between the Toronto Water Works Company and the City Council. Thomas C. Keefer has been appointed arbitrator on behalf of the City of Toronto.