

Government exhibits a model of its canal improvements. There is a model eighteen feet long of a lock two hundred feet in length, and forty-five feet in width, which will admit of fourteen feet of water. A map showing the new telegraphic line to the Rocky Mountains is shown. The geological collection comprises a general review of the coals, and the wonderful phosphates of lime from the Ottawa district. Magnesians limestone, chromic iron, plumbago, albertite, from New Brunswick, are exhibited. There is, too, a large number of photographs of British Columbia, its people, its settlements, its natural scenery, its mining camps and its crops. In the alimentary group are models of all our fishes, birds and game generally. In preserved meat, fish and vegetable we make a good show. The Fraser River and the St. Lawrence salmon are exhibited, and the factory near Sherbrooke, which slaughters seventy head of cattle daily, and packs them into tins for European consumption. Among the specimens lately put into place is a splendid collection from the Steel Company of Canada, Londonderry, Nova Scotia, consisting of the charcoal used in the furnaces, made from Nova Scotia coal; their flux "ankerite," which itself contains 16 per cent. of iron, and splendid specimens of both brown and red hæmatite, which is obtained close to the coal; then the slag, the various qualities of pig iron obtained, and finally the wrought iron twisted into knots, etc., showing the fracture and elasticity.

The Civic Holiday of Toronto has been fixed for Monday the 12th of August next.

The following tables show the shipments from the United States of beef, pork, bacon and ham, and except in the year 1877, whatever fresh meat was sent out is included in the amount given, but it was very little, if any. In that year 25,000 tons of fresh meat was exported. Of these amounts considerably more than two thirds went to Europe.

	Beef. Tons.	Pork. Tons.	Bacon and Ham. Tons.
1873	16,000	32,000	200,000
1874	18,000	35,000	170,000
1875	24,000	28,000	123,000
1876	18,000	27,000	160,000
1877	20,000	35,000	230,000

An article on the state of the shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1877, gives the following:—"The total of all kinds entered, including repeated voyages, was 340,318 vessels, with a tonnage of 62,510,702, and the total cleared in the same way 303,723 vessels representing 57,864,853 tons. Both tonnage totals are higher than for either of the two previous years, and the improvement is not due to the coasting trade alone. The number of British vessels and of men employed in the home and foreign trade of the Kingdom was less last year than in 1876. The tonnage of steamers on the registers of Great Britain and her Colonies was 2,072,804 tons in 1875, and 2,292,423 tons in 1877, an increase of over 200,000 tons in the three years. There is an increase in the tonnage of sailing vessels of about 170,000 tons only, due in larger parts to the colonies."

ST. JOHN, N. B., has had some failures in the dry goods line. Kerr & Scott, after an existence of a year, have failed, with liabilities nearly \$40,000. A. J. Talbert, who compromised after the June fire, has been closed up, and his stock taken by the holders of bill of sale; his liabilities amount to \$3000. Michael Walsh, who left Jas. McCulloch & Co.'s concern about a year ago with \$900, to begin alone, has assigned and trusted to his creditors. Liabilities \$9,000.

REV. DR. JOHN HALL says four perils threaten our young men now-a-days:—shallowness, a mistaken conception of what constitutes success, a certain unsettledness in life, and the danger that comes from being surrounded by enervating influences. He also says there are four perils threatening the community,—a defective public spirit, a weak commercial science, an exaggerated idea of personal freedom, and the feebleness of religious life among us.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

	Week ending	Total earnings.	Like period 1877.	Increase or decrease
G. T. R.	June 8	\$153,579	\$155,335	\$1 756 D
G. W. N.	May 31	78 76	77 539	1,236 I.
I. C. R.	Mo. Apr.	121,372	99,151	264 I.
N. R. R.	May 22	16,006	15 741	264 I.
Midland	" 21	3,059	4,760	801 D.
T. G. & B.	June 8	4 955	6732	1777 D
T. & N.	June 7	4 299	3,419	880 I.
W. P. & L.	June 1	1,397	864	533 I.

—Fire crackers in the hands of boys set on fire Salbrick's barn, New Dundee, which, with seven other buildings, was burned. The Berlin and Baden fire engines got the fire at last subdued.

—It is stated that six men in twenty days extracted gold enough from Jennings Mine, near Truro, N. S. to make a bar of gold weighing fifty nine ounces, and worth \$1,200.

—The herring fishery at the Magdalen Islands is a partial failure, hence bait for mackerel are scarce there. On the P. E. Island shores there was a good take of herrings last week.

—Quebec was, on Wednesday last, in a condition of ferment. In addition to the excitement over the parliamentary exigencies, a mob of hungry rioters broke into warehouses and stole flour. Three regiments from Montreal have arrived, and one from Halifax. Several hundred rioters assembled at the jail and demanded the release of a rioter taken prisoner. They broke the windows but did no further damage.

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