The State of the Country. Office of Greene & Sons, MONTREAL, July 10th, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—Your retention is respectfully asked to the consideration of the views arressed in this circular. I shall be glad to case of the consideration of the samely proposed for the restoration of the

ade of the country, or have any other easien of your opinion which you ma saced to make on the subject. In your reply, please address E. K. GREENE, Care of Greene & Sons

The unfavourable changes which have taken place in the trade of this country during the past three years, call for a careful obsalderation of its present position, whether we are likely again to return to a prosperous obndition of affairs, or not.

That evil times have befallen the country we think no one will deny; that we have sinjoyed many years of growth and prosperity in the past is equally evident. The question which naturally arises and which we propose briefly to consider, is: Whether the prosperity of the past twenty years has been the result of the whole of Canadian legislation, or of exceptional circumstances which have passed away and are not likely again to resurn. wonderful growth and prosperity are trace-sble chiefly to two causes.

1st.—The operation of the Reciprocity Treaty.

2nd.—The American Civil War-

rapidly declining. Referring to the statistics of the trade of the country previous to the Reciprocity Treaty, say from 1849 to 1854, they exhibit a very small volume compared with their growth after the treaty went into operation. The total exports of all the British North American Provinces to the United States in 1849, only amounted to about two millions of dollars.

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