

—A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Royal Canadian Bank is called for the 9th prox., to consider the proposed scheme of amalgamation with the City Bank of Montreal, the approaching consummation of which appears to have been already felt upon the market, as the Royal Canadian stock has made a considerable advance during the past week.

Meetings.

BANK OF HAMILTON.

The directors of the bank submit the following as the result of their business for the year ending 31st of May, 1875:—

The profits for the year after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, are \$58,542 93
Add balance at credit of profit and loss account, 31st May, 1874.... 12,707 02

\$71,249 95

From which has been declared:—

Dividend No. 4, at 4 per cent., paid 1st December 1874..... \$22,054 01

Dividend No. 5, at 4 per cent., payable 1st June, 1875..... 23,235 08

45,289 09

Leaving at credit of profit and loss account \$25,960 86

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

Capital Stock paid up. \$585,850 00

Dividend No. 5, payable 1st June 1875.. \$23,235 08

Former Dividends unpaid 188 17

Amount reserved for Interest due Depositors 10,554 06

Balance of profits carried forward.... 25,960 86

59,938 17

\$645,788 17

Amount of Notes of the Bank in circulation 280,382 00

Deposits bearing int'st 510,712 57

Deposits not bearing interest 125,027 18

Balances due to other banks 3,029 45

919,151 20

\$1,564,939 37

Assets.

Gold and Silver Coin current..... \$70,726 77

Dominion Government Notes on hand.... 46,921 00

Notes and Cheques on other banks..... 34,716 16

Balances due from other banks..... 118,729 35

271,093 28

Notes discounted and current..... 1,278,653 91

Notes discounted overdue (estimated loss nil)..... 2,565 40

Other assets not included under foregoing heads..... 12,626 78

1,293,846 09

\$1,564,939 37

MARITIME BANK.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1875.

Balance at Cr. of Profit and Loss Account, March 31st, 1874..... \$ 8,376 40

Net profits for year ending 31st March, 1875, after deducting expenses for management, taxes, and reservations for Interest and Exchange, Rebate on Bills and Loans current 32,384 59

\$40,760 99

Appropriated as follows to pay:

4th Dividend of 3 p. c. on 2nd Nov., 1874..... \$12,539 90

5th Dividend of 3 p. c. on 1st May, 1875 14,363 10

Carried to the credit of Rest Account..... 13,857 99

\$40,760 99

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities.

Circulation \$ 83,585 00

Government deposits bearing interest..... \$65,000 00

Do. payable on demand.. 2,537 17

Other deposits bearing interest 76,610 00

Do. payable on demand.. 32,686 93

\$176,834 10

Balances due to other banks and agents.... 197,124 99

Total liabilities to the public \$457,544 09

Capital stock subscribed \$1,000,000; paid up.. 478,770 00

Dividends unclaimed.. 283 80

Dividend No. 5..... 14,363 10

Interest reserved 8,905 31

Exchange reserved .. 8,905 31

Rebate on bills current and loans..... 13,857 99

\$516,180 20

Rest account..... 13,857 99

\$973,724 29

Assets.

Specie on hand..... \$ 11,136 99

Dominion notes on hand..... 40,315 00

Notes and checks of other banks.. 17,440 59

Balance due by other banks and agents..... 38,300 25

Notes and bills discounted..... 594,515 01

Advances secured by bank stock .. 127,083 54

Do. by bonds and debentures..... 55,630 12

Notes and bills overdue and secured Do. not specially secured 5,796 44

Bank building and furniture account 67,009 13

Other assets, not included in the foregoing 10,687 22

\$973,724 29

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, July 20 1875.

Breadstuffs have ruled pretty active this week in consequence of the advance in England. Dry goods quiet, very few orders coming in. Groceries have ruled firmer, but business done chiefly of a jobbing character. Leather dull, large shipments still making to England. Provisions quiet. Ashes steady.

Tonnage is scarce and rates still tend upward. We give under their respective heads the stocks of flour and grain in store on the 15th instant.

Weather has been rather unsettled, and a good deal of rain has fallen, which on Friday and Saturday was accompanied by heavy thunder, on Sunday night the temperature fell very low for this season of the year.

ASHES.—Pots.—There has been a very fair supply of ashes coming in this week, for which the demand has been good. Firsts have been placed in large quantities at from \$5.15 to 5.25, chiefly at \$5.17½, market closing at our inside quotation. Seconds at \$4.10 found buyers to a small extent, and a round lot of this description changed hands on p. t. Pearls—have been quiet. Some 50 to 60 brls. of firsts sold at \$6 to 6.05, closing nominal at \$6. The stocks at present in store are—Pots, 2,733 brls; Pearls, 134 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Orders are coming in a little more freely, but it is evident that the feeling is to buy only for actual requirements. Prices are unchanged, as manufacturers are only making goods for orders, instead of as previously anticipating the demand.

CATTLE.—There were nine car-loads of cattle in the market yesterday. The market ruled dull, as butchers were only buying for immediate requirements. Distillery-fed cattle brought from \$5.62½ to 5.75 per 100 lbs, live weight; about 50 of these were purchased within our range for shipment to Britain. Grass-fed cattle brought from \$3.75 to 5. Sheep—None on the market yesterday. Hogs—Live hogs are scarce, and are selling at \$7.50 per 100 lbs. live weight. Dressed hogs, \$9.25 to 9.50 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS.—We have very little to say about this trade, which continues to rule quiet, and transactions are confined to jobbing lots. Our wholesale houses are busy receiving fall goods, which are much under the imports of past years. There has been an improved demand for clothing. Remittances are a turn better, but still far from what is desirable.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The movement of articles in this branch of business has been light, but perhaps the turn better for some lines. Bi Carb keeps steady at \$4 to 4.25; Sal Soda, \$1.37½ to 1.50, as to lots; Soda Ash has been selling to some extent at 2c; Caustic Soda is dull at \$3.12½ to 3.25; Copperas is scarce; Alum has declined to 2½ to 2½; Sulphur is inquired for at \$2.75 to 3.50; Saltpetre, in kegs, \$8 to 8.12½; Bleaching Powder, 2½ to 2½; Borax, refined, 17 to 22c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 28c; do. ground, 31c.

FURS.—There is still continued dullness in this market. Good spring beaver is firm at our outside quotation, no change in other kinds of furs. We quote:—Beaver \$1.50 to 2.50; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12. according to size; Fisher, \$5. to 7.50; Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60.00; Cross Fox \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.50; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin \$7 to 8; Pale Martin \$1.50 to 2.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 6. Dark Mink, 2nd, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8. to 10.; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c; Winter do 20 to 23c; Spring do 27 to 30c; Raccoon 25 to 60c; Skunk 20 to 50c.

FISH.—There is very little demand at present for any kind of fish, and stocks are light. Dry Cod \$4.75 to 5.00, very little new offering. For pickled fish there is no demand, and very little in the market. Large split Herrings the only kind in market sell at \$4.00. Salmon is scarce and firm at \$15 to 13 for No. 1 to No. 3. Mackerel—None in the market.

FREIGHTS.—In the early part of the week a steamer was taken up for heavy grain to a direct point in Britain at 6/- with the option of being sent for orders at 6/6; the London steamers are getting 6/- for heavy grain. Small vessels for orders readily find cargoes at 6/6 to 7/- for heavy grain. Yesterday the market was scarcely so firm, and steamers freight to Liverpool was offered at 5/- and to Glasgow 5/-. A vessel to Buenos Ayres with lumber was taken up at \$17.