

In noticing the "Sleipner's" homeward cargo, last Fall, it was reported to consist of sample lots of Flour, Wheat, Corn, Rye, Pork, Sugar-Cured Hams, Butter, Ashes, Refined Petroleum, &c.; some of which she loaded here, notwithstanding she had just come down from an experimental trip to Chicago. The result of her venture, it is fully expected will demonstrate that Montreal is, after all, the most eligible market in which Norwegian traders could purchase these articles. Indeed, some Norwegian Captains who came here for the first time last year, have expressed a decided preference for this port, notwithstanding some inconveniences and drawbacks; and it is highly desirable that merchants and shippers in this city will hereafter turn more attention to these men with their good staunch craft,—among other note-worthy points, it being already known to some that freight engagements can be made with them on fully better terms than with many other vessels. We have alluded above to the fact, that Norwegian vessels are generally chartered on the other side of the Atlantic for cargoes here; there can be no doubt, however, that ship-owners in Norway would be gainers were they to send their craft here unchartered, as cargoes can, generally speaking, always be had on better terms than those made in European markets.

#### FOREIGN CONSULS IN MONTREAL.

Consul for Belgium—JESSE JOSEPH.  
 Consul for United States—Hon. J. R. GIDDINGS.  
 Vice-Consul for United States—J. W. HOWES.  
 Consul for Denmark }  
 Consul for France } THOMAS RYAN.  
 Consul for Lubeck }  
 Consul for Hamburgh }  
 Consul for Bremen }

Consul for Sardinia }  
 Consul for Hanover } HENRY CHAPMAN.  
 Consul for Spain }  
 Consul for Prussia }  
 Vice-Consul for Norway and Sweden—HENRY  
 CHAPMAN.  
 Vice-Consul to the Oriental Republic of the  
 Uruguay—F. W. HANSHAW.

### III.----Financial Matters.

(From the Daily Witness, Feb. 2.)

The following table shows the Banks, or Branches of Banks, doing business in Montreal,—the year in which they were established,—and the amounts of authorised and paid-up capital, circulation, and specie on hand, on 31st December, 1862 :—

NAME OF BANK.	Estab- lished.	Managers, Cashiers, &c.	Authorized Capital.	Paid-up Capital.	Circula- tion.	Specie.
Bank of Montreal	1818	E. H. King, Manager..	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$2,466,269	\$2,019,775
Bank of U. Canada	—	E. T. Taylor, Manager	4,000,000	1,905,849	1,581,397	686,933
Commercial Bank	1832	Thos. Kirby, Manager.	4,000,000	4,000,000	1,239,837	537,185
City Bank.....	1333	F. Macculloch, Cashier	1,200,000	1,200,000	386,871	255,135
Bank of B. N. Am	1836	Thos. Paton, Manager.	4,866,666	4,866,666	926,115	781,337
Banque du Peuple	1835	B. H. Lemoine, Cashier	2,000,000	1,519,470	161,257	215,881
Molson's Bank....	1853	W. Sacke, Cashier ...	1,000,000	1,000,000	201,852	214,934
Bank of Toronto..	1856	A. Munro, Agent....	2,000,000	799,760	446,439	317,105
Ontario Bank....	1857	H. Starnes, Manager..	2,000,000	1,366,938	604,314	388,005
Banque J.-Cartier.	1862	H. Cotté, Cashier....	1,000,000	313,960	54,792	24,112
			\$28,066,666	\$22,972,643	\$8,069,143	\$5,440,402

The figures in the money-columns of this table are taken from the Auditor's Official Summary; but in reference to the Bank of Upper Canada, it should be remarked that the Stock has been reduced to \$3,000,000. The close of 1862 found our Banks in a most satisfactory condition. Their business with the States is now limited to a cash basis, and they are fully prepared for any emergency that may arise in that country. The apprehension that when the financial panic there culminates, the banking institutions of Canada will be forced to suspend specie payments, is, therefore, entirely groundless.

#### BANK DISCOUNT DAYS.

Bank of Montreal—Tuesday and Friday.  
 Bank of Upper Canada—Daily.  
 Commercial Bank—Daily.  
 City Bank—Monday and Thursday.  
 Bank of B. N. America—Wednesday & Saturday.

Banque du Peuple—Tuesday and Friday.  
 Molson's Bank—Tuesday and Friday.  
 Bank of Toronto—Daily.  
 Ontario Bank—Thursday.  
 Banque Jacques-Cartier—Daily.