between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, our local securities however did not suffer at all in proportion to those of Montreal, nor yet to those of Western Canada, owing most probably to our more secure position, had hostilities unfortunately, broken out between the two countries ; as also to the fact that a smaller amount of our stock is held in Europe, the reaction has fully set in and is greater than was anticipated, for not alone have the former holders in most instances re-invested, but others in England are seeking Canadian securities to a large amount.

Money.---Is consequently very plentiful, a fact which very seriously contradicts the assertion of the advocates of the old Usury Laws "that the enhanced rate of interest has brought no money into the country," the complaint from one end of Canada to the other being a scarcity of satisfactory investments, and on first class security a person of good standing or credit, could readily obtain what might be required @ 7 p. ct., and even at 6 p. ct. p. an. in certain cases ; further, there is but little doubt that the establishment of private Bankers would affect the Bank rate of discount on commercial paper, the same here as it does in England, causing a fluctuation incident upon a greater or less money supply.

Local Securities.—Of those which show the most marked advance are our Quebec Bank Stock, selling in former years @ 6 @ 7 p. c. discount, now saleable at 6 @ 7 p. c. prem., the Quebec Fire Assurance Company, and our City Corporation Bonds. The former on account of its having recovered by a steady prosperity the large losses suffered by the Great Fires of 1845, and the latter by a more judicious system of financial management than formerly existed.

Exchange on London.—The rate of private ruled very low until some of our merchants commenced importing Gold, when the Banks advanced their buying rate ; and further, a considerable rise took place, owing to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of the United States. The present rates are materially influenced by the large amounts drawn by H. M. Government for the services of the troops, and our importers who are the buyers of Exchange feel the benefit arising there from.

Banks —The stability of our Banks or the confidence reposed in them has in no way been shaken by the financial or Commercial troubles in the neighbouring Republic ; sofar from it, our Bank notes command a premium there, while the Government of the United States have great difficulty in circulating their Treasury notes at par, though they bear Interest which our Bank Bills do not.

On the whole ; notwithstanding our proximity to the United States, where civil war has had such serious financial commercial effects, Quebec has steadily advanced in wealth and prosperity and holds out a cheering prospect for the future.

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