

## BANK STOCKS.

AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE YEAR 1869.

The following table shows the average prices of the shares of the banks of Ontario and Quebec, in the Toronto market, each month during the past two years; the table is intended to indicate the general course of the market through that period:

BANKS.		JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Bank of Montreal.....	{ 1868	128	126	129½	129	133	129	129½	132½	134	135½	141½	138½
	{ 1869	139	139	141½	145½	156	159½	160½	161½	163	163½	167½	161½
Bank of British North America.....	{ 1868	104	103½	103	101½	102	104	100	102½	103	104½	104	105½
	{ 1869	104½	104	104½	105½	105½	105½	104	104½	105½	106½	106½	106½
Bank of Toronto.....	{ 1868	111	111	110½	110½	112½	114½	111	114½	116½	117	119½	120½
	{ 1869	118	121	120½	120½	118½	121	121½	123½	124½	125	126½	126½
Ontario Bank.....	{ 1868	98	99½	99½	99½	100	97½	99	99	99	101	103	100½
	{ 1869	100	100	100	100½	100½	96½	96	96	97	97½	102	97
Royal Canadian.....	{ 1868	94	91½	89	89	88	88	82	81½	89	91	91½	87½
	{ 1869	85	89½	80½	78½	70	45	51½	54	63½	61½	65	62
Gore Bank.....	{ 1868	80	80	75	71	60	55	46	45	40½	30	41	40
	{ 1869	38	42	40½	38½	35½	36½	39½	—	56½	57½	58	60½
Bank of Commerce.....	{ 1868	100	100	100½	102	102½	103	101	102½	103	103½	104½	106½
	{ 1869	102	102½	103½	102½	102½	103½	102	104½	106	108	110½	111½
City Bank.....	{ 1868	99	100	101½	101½	101½	98½	99	101½	102½	102½	103	102½
	{ 1869	101	102½	103	102½	101½	98½	99	100	97	90½	91	89½
Quebec Bank.....	{ 1868	98	99	99½	99½	100	97½	98	98½	97½	97½	99½	99
	{ 1869	98	99½	100	109½	102½	100	100½	101	101½	102	103½	102
Union Bank.....	{ 1868	100	100½	101	100½	101	101½	101	101½	102	102½	103½	103
	{ 1869	103	103½	105½	105½	105½	108	105	105½	105½	106½	106½	106½
National Bank.....	{ 1868	107	107	106½	107	106	105½	105½	106	106	106½	.....	105½
	{ 1869	105½	106½	107½	108½	108	107½	107	107½	108½	108½	104½	105
Jacques Cartier Bank.....	{ 1868	106	106½	106½	107	107½	105½	104½	106½	106½	107	107½	106
	{ 1869	107	108½	109	109½	109½	107	107½	108½	108	108½	109	106½
People's Bank.....	{ 1868	111	110	106½	106	105	105½	105	106½	105½	105½	105½	107
	{ 1869	108	109½	107½	108½	108½	108½	108½	109½	107½	104½	106½	106½
Mechanics' Bank.....	{ 1868	97	97½	97½	97½	97	94½	95	94½	95½	96	95½	96
	{ 1869	95	95½	97½	98	94	92½	93	94	94	94½	90½	92
Merchants' Bank.....	{ 1868	109	108	107½	106	105	106½	104	105½	105½	105½	109½	112
	{ 1869	107	108	108	107½	107½	109	105	106	105½	106½	107½	107½
Molson's Bank.....	{ 1868	111	111	111½	108½	107½	108	108½	109½	109½	108½	108	110
	{ 1869	110	111½	113	108½	108½	108½	109	109½	106	102	102½	101½

**TORONTO HOUSE BUILDING ASSOCIATION.**—A preliminary meeting of the Provisional Directors of the above association was held on the 3rd of January, at the offices of Mr. Isaac C. Gilmer. Present—Mr. A. Morrison, M. P., Mr. James Austin, Mr. John Fiske, Mr. P. Paterson, Mr. E. Hooper, Mr. James Michie and Mr. Gilmer. It was resolved to make the first call of fifty cents per share payable previous to the general meeting, which takes place on the 1st February next, and a committee was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws to submit to the general meeting. It was stated that the amount of stock subscribed was over \$71,000, and the number of stockholders 209.

**MUTILATED PROVINCIAL NOTES.** The Montreal News says a large number of mutilated Provincial notes are at present in circulation, and it is now known that the work of mutilating these notes is carried on systematically by villains whose plan of operations is as follows:—They secure a number of bills of a certain denomination,

and from each bill they tear off a small piece, until they have got enough pieces with which to patch up a new one. The original bills are not sufficiently damaged to allow the bank to refuse payment, and the patchwork is so skilfully put together as to deceive any one but the bank's expert. The public will do well to decline taking any bill which is thus mutilated, as they will, without a doubt, find themselves losers in the future by having such notes in their possession.

**EXPORTATION OF SILVER.**—The following shows the shipments of silver coin by Mr. Weir from the 1st November, 1869, to the 24th December last. Exported from Montreal, \$132,000; Brockville, \$5,000; Kingston, \$4,000; Belleville, \$12,000; London, \$8,000; Hamilton, \$6,000; St. Catharines \$2,000; in transit, \$7,000; Total, \$176,000. The Montreal shipments include receipts from Quebec, Nanawac, Berlin, St. Mary's and Stratford.

—A recent number of the British Columbia Government Gazette contains an abstract of the revenue and expenditure of the colony for the year 1868. The principal items under the former head

in a total receipt, etc., of \$1,426,249 were Customs, \$369,447; Port and Harbour dues, \$12,027; Road Tolls, \$67,824; Licenses, \$45,589; the revenue proper amounting to \$585,610, and the balance of the \$14,000,000 being made up of special deposits, accounts, balances, etc. The expenditure on the other hand came to \$534,660, nearly a third of which, or \$185,656, went in "salaries, contingencies and allowances." The principal remaining items were: Interest, \$99,736; Roads, Streets and Bridges, \$50,036; Police and Gaols, exclusive of establishments, \$16,742; Administration of Justice, \$6,924; Pensions, \$7,000; Charitable Allowances, \$10,850; Education, \$10,160; Conveyance of Mails, \$51,043; Works and Buildings, \$24,505; Government vessels, \$19,818; Light Houses, 10,264; and Miscellaneous, 20,402.

—Mr. J. W. Brent, teller in the Royal Canadian Bank agency at Perth, while out sleigh-riding on Christmas was upset turning a corner, and the horse running away at full speed, he was dragged about a hundred feet on the ground. When picked up he was found to have a broken arm, and a dislocated shoulder.