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(Circular)

TO THE FRIENDS OF NATIVE INDUSTRY IN CANADA.

MEETING of the "Association for the Promotion A of Canadian Industry" will take place in this city on the 27th inst., and the Committee take occasion to address a few words to its members, and to manufacturers and others who do not belong to the organiza-

The business first to be transacted, will be the election of officers for the year; but the near approach of Confederation makes it necessary, at the same time, that special attention should be given to obtaining such an organization throughout the country, as will render itself effective before the Legislature takes up the subject of our tariff.

Your Committee has, in previous circulars, gone fully into the general objects of the Association, but the well-being of the country seems so deeply involved in whatever policy will soon be adopted by the Government, that they now enlarge slightly upon whatever has already been advanced. The construction of the present tariff shows an entire absence of any settled principles, in departing from those supposed to be attached to that of 1859; this stands out in remarkable contrast with what took place in Great Britain during the time of her transition policy, for with her the protective element was never lost sight of, till protection was no more required. Our object is to raise our voice against such indiscriminate legislation. Common prudence dictates we should not wait supinely for another blow to be delivered, but that ample information be afforded to all classes, and that these subjects should be well considered before another change takes place. It is apparently through your means alone that this can be effected, for there is a determination on the part of some of the leading members of the press, to stifle all discussion, while they systematically keep before the public a one-sided view of the case. This policy of theirs can be successfully met, if the proper means be used, and this narrowminded way of dealing with a topic of national importance, will, in the end, be made to react against those who practice it.

We now invite all friends to our cause who are already members, to give their support by their presence, and we solicit those who have not already joined, to do so at once. It we now unite, we will by welltimed action, render it impossible for the scenes of last session of parliament to be enacted over again. Then the government suddenly sprung a mine upon the people, and found no one ready to resist; individuals and hastily formed committees, rushed to the capital to remonstrate, but their unsupported endeavours proved of no avail in overthrowing a measure, which, if followed up by others of the same nature, must prove disastrous to the country generally.

The meeting will be in the rotunds of the Exchange, at 2 p. m., of Wednesday the 27th inst.

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THE TRADE REVIEW

Intercolonial Journal of Commerce.

MONTREAL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1867.

The bill for the Confederation of the Colonies has been advanced to a second reading in the House of Lords, and, if we are rightly informed, will be enacted and receive Her Majesty's sanction in a month at

We publish elsewhere the railway traffic returns for January, 1857. It is less complete than usual, five railways having failed to send in their statements Two of the roads, the Carillon and Grenville and the St. Lawrence and Industry, are closed for the present season. On all the six railways embraced in the return, there has been an increase for January, 1867, over January, 1866, the most considerable being on the Great Western, of \$26,883, while the greatest per centage of increase is in the case of the Welland, amounting to nearly 150 per cent.

According to the official statement, the following was the amount of legal tender notes in circulation on the 5th inst., with the specie held against them:-

Specie. \$ 511,000 243,333

Total.......\$3,205,700 \$ 754,333 Debentures held by Receiver Qen....\$3 000,000 From this statement it will be seen that the specie held for the redemption of the Provincial currency is more than 23} per cent. of the notes in circulation, or 3j per cent more than the act requires.

Messre. George W. Usborne, Francis M. Holmes Robert Crawford and Chas. Purveance, of Montreal, and Robt. W, Hardinge, of Portage du Fort, give notice of application of a charter for a company to be styled "The Canada Leather Company," for the purpose of manufacturing and tanning leather. The operations of the company are to be carried on in the Island of Montreal, the capital to be \$50,000, in 6,000 shares of \$10 each, of which the whole amount is already subscribed.

The New York Dry Goods Reporter states that if the tariff should pass, that an active trade will immediately spring up in foreign wools; "that combing wools are not in such active demand as in other years they have been at this season;" and that 6,000 lbs. Canada combing sold last week at 70jc.

THE STRATFORD WHEAT FRAUD.

THE Committee of the Stratford Board of Trade to whom the recent fraudulent charges against some of the grain buyers of the town were referred have submitted the following report:-

"The Committee of the Board of Trade, to whom was referred the subject of instituting enquiries into

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certain ramours circulated in this country, imputing dishonesty to buyers on the Stratford market in the weighing of produce, beg to report that they have investigated as thoroughly as possible several cases of alleged light weights and have found that although many of the charge-are apparently without foundation, there are others which they recommend to be submitted to the County Crown Attorney, with a view to the prosecution of the parties aimed at, should be consider there are sufficient grounds to justify the proceedings.

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The Committee, from their enquiries, are more than
ever convinced of the necessity of adopting prompt
measures to vindicate the character of the market.
Whether rightly or wrongly, they find the suspicious
of untair dealing both wide-pread and general and
such as cannot fail to have a prejudicial effect in injuring the reputation of our men of business and the
trade of the town. To restore the confidence of the
farming community, they add ise that a request be forwarded to the Fown Conneil for the immediate establishment of public weigh scales in the market, and that
a eworn weigher be appointed, so that those who bring
produce for sale may, if they so desire it, have authorntative certificates of the quantifies disposed of and
thus relieve their minds of the apprehensions some of
them may otherwise be disposed to entertain of being
unfairly dealt with by the bayers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

very gratifying advance—fairly attributable to the progress of the confederation scheme-has recently taken place in Canadian Government and railway securities, the advance in the former amounting in two months to from 4 to 9 per cent. The following are the latest quotations on the London Stock Exchange, (February 1st):-

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CHANGES IN THE EXCISE FORCE.

7 E under and that some very important changes are being introduced into the Excise department of Upper and Lower Canada. These are of such a nature as to amount to a remodelling of the whole Excise system. The changes were recommended wo understand, sometime ago by the Provincial Inspector of Excise, Mr. Brunel, and were loubtless suggested by the facts brought to light in the Maitland Distillery case, which served to excite fears that our revenue system was not so complete as it ought to be. The new system will be far more cumbrous and costly than that which it is to displace, but it is believed by the Government that it will go far to render impossible frauds upon the revenue, and be the means of increasing the Provincial income arising from this source.

The changes proposed and about to be adopted, so far as we can learn, are as follow . - The Province is to be divided into five inspection districts, three in Upper and two in Lower Canada. These are to be presided over by five District Inspectors, whose salaries are to range from \$1200 to \$.600 per annum. The five districts are to be sub-divided into divisions, of which there will be 18 in Upper and 15 in Lower Canada Each of these divisions is to have a collector and Deputy collector the salaries of both being divided according to classes, of collectors, there are to be five classes who will be paid as follows. 1st class \$1600, 2nd, \$1200, 3rd, \$800, 4th, \$500, and 5th, \$400. Uf Deputy collectors, there are only to be three classesthe 1st receiving \$8.0, 2nd, \$400, and 3rd, \$300. Below the Collectors and Deputies of divisions, there are to be Excisemen the number for each division being regulated by the amount of excise business required to be done. The number allotted to Upper Canada is 37, and to this section of the Province, 8. The pay of the Excisemen is also arranged on "a sliding scale," the 1st class receiving \$700, 2nd, \$600, and the 3rd, \$500. The whole number of inspectors, collectors, and excisemen required to carry out the new arrangements is as follows .-

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The above is certainly a very large staff of officials, and it mere numbers would render evasions of the revenue laws impossible, ought assuredly to do it The immediate inspection of distilleries, breweries and tubacco factories will be the work of the Excisemen. and we understand that in the case of distilleries they will be required to visit them once every twenty-four the Collectors and Deputies are to have charge of the divisions, and their chief duty will be to see that the Excisemen carry out their instructions and make correct returns, then the Collectors are to be under the supervision of the district inspectors, and the chief of the department, Mr. Brunell will have the general management of the whole. With an inspection so constant and thorough as this machinery is expected to produce, it is believed that evasions of the revenue laws will be rendered exceedingly difficult, it not impossible.

The principal objections which strike us against these new excise arrangements are their costliness and cumbrousness. The machinery lies open to the charge of being complicated, and a person is almost tempted to ask what so many officials will find to do. The expense for salaries, &c , must be vastly greater than the Province has ere been called upon to pay before, and with every increase in the number of distilleries, breweries, and tobacco factories, the number of officials and the amount of expenditure must increase. If the system works well, however, the objection of expense may be overlooked, for the Halliday case as we have mentioned before, proved that the old system urgently needed improvement.

There is another feature of the system, which is open We refer to the fact that the more direct to criticism dealings with distillers and others paying excise, will be in the hands of a larger number of persons with smaller salaries than at present - One of the principal dangers c fraud arises from collusion between the inspecting officer and the manufacturer. Now, under the new arrangements, the salary of excisemen is such, that first-class men will not accept the position. As it is intended that these shall be shifted about from one place to another, the excisemen are likely not to be men of much responsibility, and whether it is the best way to decrease frauds to bring so many of these offcials-with salaries barely large enough to sustain

them -in contact with the manufacturers, may fairly be questioned. Whilst not doubting that the large mejority of excisemen will, like the great majority of the manufacturers, prove to be honest and upright, we think it possible that a smaller number of officials, better pold, would more efficiently perform the duty required of them,

We throw out these remarks in a friendly spirit, and trust that Mr. Brunel will find the new system turn out as successful as he doubtless anticipates it We believe a reform was urgently needed in tho excise department. If this end could have been accomplished without increasing the number of officials and expense so much, it would have been a desirable Whether it could or not, we are not exactly thing in a position to decide. Neither do we wish to be considered as expressing condemnation of the new arrangements as a whole. They are, we think, rather cumbrons and costly-but they may work well. This can only be decided by experience, and should the new system result in securing more revenue to the Government and in the prevention of frauds none wal rejoice more heartily than we will.

THE WORKING OF A BANKRUPTCY ACT.

THERE can be no question that one of the results of the new Bankruptcy Act has been that persons are more easily induced to come to a stand and put themselves into insolvency than formerly. We heard of a remarkable instance of this kind which happened a few weeks ago. A person who had been in partnership with another for some years back, and had done as was believed, a successful business, dissolved the partnership, with the intention of carrying on a portion of the old business on his own account. On the dissolution a fair surplus accrued to each, and the new arrangement went into operation to the entire satisfaction of the creditors of the old firm.

To the astonishment of everybody, about a month after this, an announcement was made by an official assignee that the effects of this person had been placed in his hands for distribution under the Insolvency Act, and calling upon creditors in the usual way for claims. On a meeting being called, and indignant remonstrances made, the only explanation that could be offered was that he considered he had been left with the worst share of the assets of the old firm, and that they were in such a shape that he could not get mozeout of them for the purpose of carrying on his by liness. He had, he said, gone on for a week or two ! at found that the prospect of success, even though he had a considerable nominal surplus, were very slight, and concluded without involving himself further, to bring the whole thing to a stand, and wind up under the provisions of the Insolvency Act. Now had it not been for the facility with which a settlement of his affairs could be arrived at through the provisions of the Insolvent Act, there can be little doubt that in this case the struggle to keep on would have been protracted and in all probability it would have been successful Friends would have been appealed to, endorsers would have been obtained, and the necessary funds for carrying on business raised. Scores of mon, now in the easiest circumstances, have gone through this experience in past years, and owe it to their energy and perseverance, (and perhaps not a little to 1 'e absence of examples of legal failures around them) that they are now independent.

It were much to be desired that the same feeling about insolvency prevailed here as does in Great Britain There bankruptcy or insolvency is a disgrace, felt as such not only by the trader, but by his children and his relations. Every possible effort is made to avert such a calamity, and when a trader is struggling manfully he will rarely be forced to succumb. Here there s a futal facility in failing. It is no disgrace, it injures a man's credit only in a trifling degree, and as to his character, unless there has been something notoriously reguish about the breakdown, he comes out before the world with as fine a reputation as over. Even whon men have been known to make money by failing, although the act is nothing less than deliberate robbery, and ought to be punished as fraud by imprisonment in the penitentiary, so lenient is public opinion in such matters that it soon blows over. Bye and bye the

the promptness or otherwise with which his debter remitted in settlement. We cannot now, said he threaten to suo and bring pressure to bear upon our customers as we formerly could. They very speedily begin to talk about the Insolvent Act if we do this kind of things. This is doubtless true. The act was clamoured for on behalf of hundreds of broken down traders, mostly in Upper Canada, and numbers of them have availed themselves of its provisions. We doubt however, if their freedom has done them much good, for there are men who never can and never will succeed under any circumstances. It has, however, undoubtedly enabled numbers to obtain a clearance from their debts, who would under other circumstances have been compelled either to pay them, or to offer a fair compromise.

THE REASON WHY.

LEADING American shipbuilder named Webb A gives the following to the New York papers as A gives the following to the New York papers as the cause of the decline in American ship hullding—1 increase in the cost of labor—75 per cent; 2 increase in the cost of material—60 to 60 per cent; 3 light stiff on imports, 4 American boys will not be apprenticed to irades, preferring to be country jumpers, or something else that will enable them to live without bona-fide work.—Exchange.

The picture which Mr. Webb draws is not very

flattering. That it is a faithful picture however, will be recognized by all acquainted with American affairs, at the present time. Not only ship-building, but almost every branch of their foreign and home trade is in an unhealthy state-and why? Mr. Webb's first three reasons are the best answers which can be given In consequence of the burden of taxes, aggravated greatly as it is by absurd so-called protective legisla. tion, many branches of American in ustry are unable to hold their ground in the race of com etition. Under the pretence of protecting trade, Concress have put on duties which have run up the cost of production to fabulous prices. Take the case of ship-building, for instance. Even two or three years ago, the shipyards of New York and Boston turned out a good number of yessels. Since that time, however, the Pennsylvanians have clamored for "more protection" on iron, and the price has gone up to nearly double what it could be brought from England for. Then Canada must be "starved" into Annexation, and a heavy duty is placed on Canadian Lumber, -a duty. by the way, which has come wholly out of their own pockets. This has increased the price of lumber very considerably. Iron and lumber are the principal raw materials which the ship-builder uses-and with these increased in price 50 to 60 per cent, as Mir. Webb states, is it any wonder that their ship-building trade has been almost entirely used up?

When we add to the cost of material, the increased prices which the shipbuilder has to pay for wages, and to every article his business or his family requires, it is not at all remarkable that the docks of New York and Boston have been descried during the pastseason. Those in want of ships or any other article, will not buy it from the United States, when other countries can sell to them much cheaper, and as Congress blindly insists in piling duties on the raw material which shipbuilders and other manufacturers require, the ruin of many branches of their trade must inevitably ensue.

Mr. Wobb is rather hard upon the youth of the United States in his last reason. He ought to be in a good position to know, and he tells the world that "American boys will not be apprenticed to trades, preferring to be counter-jumpers, or something else "that will enable them to live without bona-fide "work." This charge is not now advanced for the first time, and we fear it is rather too true, that the young scions of Brother Jonathan are rather loth to engage in occupations requiring manual labour. This is a dangerous symptom in any country, and we regret that it is not entirely confined to the neighbouring Republic. Some of the same symptoms are being manifested in Canada, but we trust and believe not to the same extent as across the lines. If Mr. Webb could only suggest a remedy, he would become one of his country's benefactors.

ful circumstances, credit is given again by some good natured merchant, and the way is opened for a repetition of the fraud at no distant day.

The remarks we have just made as to the working of the Insolvent Act are confirmed by an observation of a wholesale merchant not long ago, when referring to

LETTER FROM ENGLAND COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

(Special Correspondence of the Trade Review.)

IPER MORAVIAN.]

BUSINESS still continues active, and the cheapness of money is to be ascribed partly to the want of employment for capital in trade, and partly to the disinclination of people to go into any new schemes. It is almost useless to attempt to bring out any new project, as the public, from believing that everything was good, are now disposed to believe that everything is bad. The cotton market is very quiet, and both in Liverpool and Manchester business is confined within very narrow limits. The return of the Bank of England shows a reduction of £300,000 in the stock of bullllon, whilst in the Bank of France there is an increase

of nearly £600,000. It is reported that at a comparatively early period Mosers Baring Bros, will bring out the prospectus of the Intercolonial Railway, to connect the Grand Trunk Railway with Halifax. It is understood that about £4,000,000 will be required, and that this amount will be raised by debentures guaranteed by the Imperial Government. The rate of interest will be about 4 per cent., and, no doubt, with the guarantee, these socurities will readily move off. As there are thus no financial difficulties in the way, it does not seem likely that with the good feeling and good sense which has been shown on all sides by the delegates from the North American Provinces, there will be any formidable political difficulties, and we may expect that the matter will, in some shape, be brought before Parliament soon ther its meeting in February.

A Committee of Investigation into the affairs of the Atlantic and Great Western Rallway Company is being formed. For some time the stock of this Company has been subject to very great fluctuations, owing to the circulation of various adverse rumours. The formation of this Committee on which the shareholders and all classes of the creditors will be represented, will, no doubt, elicit the truth as regards these, and, it is to be hoped, will confirm the reiterated statements of the Directors that the concern is thoroughly sound.

A great deal of attention has been excited in this country by the recent panie, and the disgraceful disclosures then made, as to what are the duties of auditors. It was found, for example, that in many cases the paid auditors of the Companies which failed, had, in some cases, scarcely ever attempted to look into the accounts, and had done little more than eco that the balances of the "general ledger" agreed with the items in the balance sheet. In other cases, a very considerable amount of time was expended in checking the "cash-book;" but the disposition of the sums so checked, and as in the North British Railway, the "journal" entries were never examined, so that the shareholders were as completely deceived as if there had been no audit. Indeed, such an audit is worse than useless, as it deceives all parties by making it appear that such has been done, when, in reality, it has been left undone.

It would, of course, be impossible to go into any details as to what system should be pursued in auditing the accounts of companies. These will vary indefinitely, according to circumstances, but it would seem that there are two plain rules. The first is that the auditor should state clearly what he has done. The second, that he should state what he has not done. A report of this kind presented to the shareholders would bring specifically before them their position, and would call attention to the weak spots (if any) in the management. It might, for example, be very undeslyable, and even very wrong, for the auditors of a bank to examine into the solvency of parties whose bills were under discount, but they should distinctly state that they had not done so, and leave it to the directors to express their opinion upon this point. In all cases the distinct provinces of the auditors, and the directors, and the officers, the manager, and, in railways, the engineer, should be marked out, and the shareholders should get from each not, of course, a strament of details, but such a statement as will fix d'atinctly the responsibility in case of any false representations.

Another point is, who should be auditors? and here, probably, the best rule is that they should be entirely unconnected with the company. They should have no personal interest in its prosperity. It, for example, they are large shareholders, they become, or are very apt to become, a kind of small committee of the Board, acting with it and sharing all its views. It seems better in every way that they should be entirely inde-

pendent. In Canada you have lately had an instance of the error of giving the auditor an interest in the result of his audit. In the case of the Bank of Upper Canada, when the Cashler was called in to examine its affairs, he had really an immense interest in persuading himself into the belief that all was right, and he did so persuado himself. If, instead of having a salary of \$10,000 a year, guaranteed for five years, he had simply been asked to examine the books and been paid so much for his trouble, the result would probably have been very different. And whether it would have been different in this particular case, it is certain that in 99 cases out of every 100 it would have been di Teront.

The returns from the Bank of England for this week when compared with those for last, present the following results:-

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BANKING IN NEW BRUKL WICK.

(To the Editor of the Trade Review.)

THE urgent necessity existing in New Brunswick for increased banking facilities, is a subject of constant remark and complaint throughout the province There is probably no one circumstance that has contributed so much to keep the country behind hand, and to prevent the proper development of its resources as this to which we have alluded. The action of the usury laws restricts the rate of interest to 6 per cent .. but of course there are innumerable ways in which these laws are evaded both by the banks and by private individuals. It is not so much however, the rate of interest prevailing, which is the source of trouble, as the absolute want of the necessary currency to carry on the varied industrial interests of the country, which in spite of the difficulties surrounding them are strug gling into existence. The banks restrict their operations for the most part to those engaged in the lumber business, and some few others who can offer collateral advantages in the way of exchange, and thus it happens, that the domestic trade and manufactures of the province are almost entirely without the advantages which a properly regulated and developed banking system would undoubtedly confer.

It cortainly appears strange, that while the province has been increasing in population and revenue, and its rich natural resources are daily becoming more apparent, the banking capital should within the last fifteen years have actually decreased in amount, yet such is the fact. In 1851 the capital of the various chartered banks, (exclusive of the Bank of British North America.) was about 1,500,000 dollars, while in 1868, the amount of capital (still excluding the Bank of British North America) was only 1,400,000 dollars, notwithof the country for banking standing that the nee facilities must during the. time have vastly increased. These chartered companies have been for all these years, the sole fountains of currency, and they have made use of the privileges accorded them by a too credulous people to subserve their own private interests, and although it might have been supposed that it was not too much to expect that in return for these privileges, some regard should have been had to the public interests, yet the very reverse has been the case. In the true spirit of monopoly they have failed to discover the fact, that their own truest and best interests were identified with the growth and advancement of the country generally: on the contrary, the banks seem to have supposed that their own interests were best served by strangling competition, and rendering money scarce and dear as possible. The larger banks of St. John have always been the determined oppouents of every fresh undertaking that promised even in a remote degree to interiero with their own monopoly; they have been throughout the bitter enemies of confederation, and it is only a short time since that they managed on some mere technical quibble, to defeat the establishment in the Province of a branch of one of the English banks.

In Canada we find that during the past year, new banking capital to the amount of 1,617,000 dollars has been paid up, three new banks have gone into operation, and nineteen new branches have been opened, that the number of offices of chartered banks in Canada is one bandred and sixteen, and that their total capital exceeds 28,000,000 dollars, while their total assets are estimated at over 70 000,000 dollars. Thus the increase in the banking capital of Canada in a single year, exceeds the total amount employed in Now Brunswick, and while nineteen new branches have been opened in Canada during the year, the whole number of offices open throughout the province is but seven. Further comment is needless, the facts speak for themselves. We need not wonder that people look anxiously for confederation as a means of removing the difficulties which now stand in the way of the employment of Canadian capital among them, and thus help to secure to an industrious and enterprising population, some of the advantages which a pernicious and grinding monopoly has hitherto been the means of withholding. N. B.

FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION.

(To the Editor of the Trade Review.)

N a former communication an illustration of some of the leading principles of Free Trade was attempted; in this paper it is proposed to discuss and endeavour to prove satisfactorily the adaptability of those principles to the present state and circumstances of British America. In the consideration of this subject it must be borne in mind that the nominal and natural condition of every country would be that of perfect Free Trade, and that it is only in so far as legislative restrictions and enactments have grown up to interfere with and render nugatory this natural state that any discussion or argument is rendered necessary. In advocating Free Trade therefore, we are not advocating new and untried theories, but only a return to natural lews. That the true interests of Trade and Commerce, and the consequent well being of the human race would have been best consulted, by allowing the free interchange of the various productions of the earth, and that it would have been a great blessing if no such institution as a Custom House had ever existed, is a position of the truth of which there can be no reasonable doubt. Custom duties are the great means by which extravagance on the part of Governments is upheld and perpetuated, and every professional politician knows full well, that by their aid he can obtain enormous sums, which he would never be able to get, if the people were obliged to contribute directly out of their pockets. But, bad as all Custom duties may be, Protective duties are still worse, and it is with them that we propose to deal. Now, however, special laws may have fostered particular interests into unnatural activity, we 'hink that it admits of proof, that, the general permanent prosperity of any country depends mainly on three conditions, and these being present in moderate force, no real obstacle exists to such country entering on a course of free competition with the rest of the world. These conditions are first: Natural resources and productions; secondly: Geographical position and natural facilities for the prosecution of commerce with other nations; and thirdly: The natural bent and genius of the people.

Any country possessing these conditions is endowed with the elements of prosperity, irrespective of all protective laws, which at best can only benefit particular interests at the expense of the whole community. Does then British America possess these requirements and in what degree? With regard to the first. Its boundless forests, its inexhaustible fisheries, its fertile soil, producing in vast abundance, all the life sustaining varieties of human food, its vast and little explored stores of coal, iron, petroleum, copper, and gold, tell their own story, and proclaim that in natural resources and productions, British America may rank among the most favored of the nations of the earth. And with regard to the second condition is it less highly favoured. Traversed almost throughout its entire length, by the mighty system of lake, river, and canal navigation, cuiminating in the gulf of St. Lawrence, with two of the best ports on the Atlantic coast, (St. John and Halifax,) open to the sea the entire year round, and which the completion of the Intercolonial road, will soon bring into com-

munication with the remotest districts; within a fortnight's sail of England, with its vast market for our surplus products, who will say that this condition is not more than complied with? And as for the third, the records of the race from which the bulk of the population has sprung might be a sufficient answer; but let us look at actual results. In Western Canada we find a large and energetic agricultural population, producing over and above their own wants, a large and yearly increasing supply of food, while in Lower Canada and the Maritime Provinces the energy and success with which the manufacture of Lumber, and the building of ships has been prosecuted, testify to the habits and industry of the people. Nowhere shall we find more enterprizing merchants, more skilful artizans, better seamen, or a more energetic industrious or orderly population than is to be found in British America. With all these advantages and many more, and with all the conditions named, abundantly fulfilled, what have we to fear from Free Trade? Have we not rather everything to gain? But some advocates of protection may say: What, would you adopt a system of Free Trade, and so consign all our rising manufactures to ruin? Nothing at all of the kind; on the contrary, we believe it would tend to establish all those manufactures for which nature and circumstances have fitted us, on a firmer and more enduring basis. Before proceeding any further wi h this branch of our subject, we would remark that our lumber trade, agriculture, ship building, mining and fisheries, constituting the bulk of our exchangeable products, are all carried on under a perfect system of Free Trade, and in their growth and manufacture, so to speak, employ by far the largest part of our population. According to Mr. Whitney, the value of exports, the products of the mine, the forest, the sea, and of agriculture, for the year 1866, was for Canada alone \$44,588,570. If to this weadd the productions of the Maritime Provinces, the total will not be less than \$70,000,000. Now this must exceed by many times told, the whole value of other manufactures, and must it not strike every one as being absurd and unjust to require these great productive interests we have spoken of (comprising among them probably five-sixths of our population) to pay an enhanced price for almost everything they require to purchase, in order that certain manufactures may be carried on, which it is supposed, could not otherwise be rendered profitable. But to return from this digression. The first effect of a Free Trade Tariff would be to diminish the cost of production, by cheapening the raw material; its next would be to lead to the introduction of improved methods of manufacture under the stimulus of competition, and the cheapening of price consequent on this, would widen the area, and increase the amount of consumption. We do not mean to say, or seek to affirm that all the interests which have been forced into existence by protection would come out unscathed, but that a very large number of them would, is we think beyond doubt. There is quite a large number of manufactures now protected, the raw material for which we possess in great abundance. Among these may be classed the manufactures of wood. By far the greater part of the lumber of British America is exported in only a partially manufactured state, and this will probably be the case for years to come; but there exists in Great Britain, in the Australian Colonies, the West Indies and South America, an immense outlet for the profitable sale of the chcaper kinds of furniture, and the numerous articles of wooden ware, which enter into the daily use of those vast populations, and which no country in the world possesses better or even equal facilities for supplying. Manufactures of leather and wool, for which we possess abundant facilities, might also be included in this category. As regards manufactures of which iron or metal forms the principal part, indications are not wanting that we can more than stand alone even in this class of manufactures. Already in St. John, N. B , a sewing machine manufactory is in successful operation, turning out at the present time from three to four hundred machines per month, and employing about 70 hands. Now where do these machines find a market? Of 1,890 machines sold in 1866 1,000 were sent to Great Britain, 400 to Germany, 250 to South America, while in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, only 240 were sold altogether. Now this manufacture cannot possibly derive any benefit from protection; on the contrary it cannot be anything but a positive injury to it, and plenty of proofs might be adduced to show that this is not at all an isolated case. The finer and more expensive kinds of cutlery and hardware, we should

probably import under any circumstances, but there is no reason for supposing that even under a system of perfect Free Trade, we should not continue to manufacture on the whole as much as ever, while in some articles our power of commanding more extended markets by the cheapening of the cost of production, would lead to a very large increase. The truth is that whatever real or fancied advantages protection may seem to possess up to a certain point, at that point (which is where production begins to exceed domestic consumption,) it becomes a positive injury to the protected classes themselves. Buckle says: "Legislators, "in every attempt they have made to protect some "particular interests, and uphold some particular principles, have not only failed, but have brought "about results diametrically opposite to those which "they proposed." And the testimony of Mr. Commissioner Wells of the United States Revenue Department is equally outspoken and emphatic. Mr. Wells says: "The renewing of high or prohibitory rates of "duty on the pork, beef, lumber, wool, and vegetables "of the British Provinces, consequent on the termina-"tion of the Reciprocity Treaty have injured and not "benefitted the American agriculturist." This is pretty conclusive evidence. What was the Reciprocity Treaty? A very partial and imperfect measure of Free Trade; yet still we find that partial and imperfect as it undoubtedly was, its very opponents are forced to admit the benefit which it was the means of conferring. And if further proof is required, that protection does not necessarily benefit the protected class, though always injurious to the general community, and that its removal does not necessarily ruin the interests from which it is withdrawn, we have only to turn to the experience furnished by the repeal of the Corn Laws in England. That measure was only carried after a long course of agitation and political excitement almost amounting to revolution; and the most disastrous results were predicted by the Protectionists, from the adoption of Free Trade principles. It was said that the land would be thrown out of cultivation, and the farmers ruined; that rents would be lowered, that it was utterly impossible for the highly taxed English producer to compete with the lightly taxed foreigner, and in fact it was asserted and believed by a large class, that the utter and complete ruin of English agriculture would be the inevitable result. But after twenty years experience it is found that all these fears and predictions were groundless, and (without entering into particulars) exactly opposite results have been produced, while the benefits to the nation have been enormous, and so complete has been the change wrought in public opinion that an advocate of protection in any shape, is now in England one of the rarest of individuals. It may be said, all this has little or nothing to do with the fitness of Free Trade for British America; but we contend that it has a great deal to do with it, and that no country can afford to ignore the knowledge gained by actual experience, and to set at naught the lessons of the past. However, to recapitulate, it has been shewn that, as the "consumer pays the duty," protection can mean nothing else than taxing the many for the benefit of the few; that protection, however successful it may appear to have been up to a certain point, yet always fails there, and always results in injury even to the protected classes themselves; and that in virtue of her great natural resources, her geographical position, and the natural genius of her people, British America is eminently qualified to hold her own in free competition with the rest of the world. There are, however, some other reasons which seem to point out the present time as being peculiarly favorable for entering on a Free Trade course. One great competitor (the United States) has voluntarily withdrawn from the field, and left open to us a path to commercial and even manufacturing greatness, which it will be our own fault should it not be rendered available. Another reason is, that by adopting a Free Trade policy, our country would gradually, but surely, become a depot for the distribution of goods to the adjoining and other countries. The approaching Union of British America also offers a peculiarly favorable opportunity for determining on the commercial policy necessary for the welfare of the whole. The conviction is growing and gaining strength that our true policy is a Free Trade one, and that Protection to such a country as ours is a baneful thing, which, if persevered in, will be found to be fraught with mischief. setting class against class, and ultimately inflicting irreparable injury on the whole community.

Let us, then, when we make our new start as one people, take care that at all events we do not retro-

grade. If Customs' duties must be retained, let them be strictly for Revenue purposes, and let even them be fixed as low as possible, remembering that it is not always high duties that produce large results. All Mr. Gladstone's splendid reputation as a financier rests on his having been able to discern and follow up the simple maxim of political economy,-that, by lowering duties on articles of general consumption, the revenue does not necessarily suffer, because exactly as the cost to the consumer is reduced, so does the range of consumption increase. Let us first of all commence by abolishing all duties on raw material necessary to manufactures of any and every kind. That will be the first great step, and will at once enable us to make an alteration in those protective duties which press most heavily on the consumer, and ultimately to abolish them altogether.

It is of course impossible in a newspaper article to cover anything like all the ground which this important subject suggests, but the writer trusts that what has been advanced may promote its discussion, and help to clucidate the truth.

LETTERS FROM A PROTECTIONIST.

[No. 8.]

[To the Editor of the Trade Review.]

NATION or country which exports its surplus in the shape of raw produce, is continually being impoverished. An agricultural country is neither more nor less than a farm on a greatly enlarged scale: and, it is a fact beyond dispute, that a farmer who continues, year after year, to sell his hay, oats, corn, potatoes, &c., instead of feeding and having them consumed on the premises and thus cause a portion to be returned to the soil, his farm deteriorates, his crops diminish year after year until his land and premises become almost, or quite worthless. Large quantities of land in Virginia, the cultivation of which brought no return to the soil, have thus become impoverished, although naturally among the most fertile in the Union, and formerly of great value, are now almost worthless. In New England we find naturally a thin, rocky, sterile soil, originally almost valueless, and furnishing to the husbandman a meagre return for his labor, but these lands have steadily increased in value and productiveness, until, now, the cash value of their products to the acre is equal to, if not more than of any other lands in the Union. The houses and other buildings necessary to the successful and profitable cultivation of their lands, are spacious, comfortable tidy, and, many of them, really elegant structures. A small, scaut, rickety structure, with the stove-pipe piercing the roof, is seldom seen. Why this thrift and prosperity, from the sandy shores of Cape Cod westward, and from Long Island Sound to Canada line? The answer is simple the solution easy,-the plough and the scythe have been at work by the side of the loom and the anvil. The farmer has sold his beef, wool, butter, beets, cabbages, turnips, apples, strawberries, &c., &c., in the manufacturing villages near at hand, (and not in a market thousands of miles away.) and received in return the woollen and cotton goods. farming implements, and other manufactured articles needed for family use almost directly from the makers.

The manufacture has prospered also, for the exchange has been made with the intervention of but few, if any, middle men, traders, ships, insurance, in terest, and the thousand things that intervene to con sume a large share of the value of both products when they can keep the two parties thousands of miles asunder. The great saving thus effected is, at least, an hundred fold more than what (if anything) may have been paid in the way of protection to stimulate and encourage the growth of the manufacturing industry; and that was by no means a loss to the country, as it paid a large share of the expenses of the general government previous to the war.

Two hundred years ago the Turkish Empire was one of the important countries of Europe and Asia; its trade with Western Europe was of great consequence; the Turkish merchants were among the wealthiest that visited France and Germany; its climate and soil are favourable to, and produced large quantities of cereals, cotton, oil, wool, silk, tobacco, fruits, &c., &c.; its manufactures, produced mostly in a domestic manner, of silk, cotton, carpets, fine worsted goods, &c., were extensive, and the export of them large. In an unfortunate moment a treaty was made by Turkey with France and England, by which the first-named country was not to charge on the manufactured goods of the two latter more than three

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per cent, the ships also that brought the goods were not subject to any port charges. This, probably, was the nearest approach to free trade by an important Kingdom or State the world has ever seen, and, according to the theory and assertions of our free traders, a career of unexampled prosperity should have immediately followed, but what has actually been the result, it is my purpose to endeavour to show. Your correspondent 'as assured us that free trade would stimulate agricultural productions, and greatly increase their export. Did it do so in the case of Turkey? -a country much more favourable to the production of grain than Canada, besides producing largely of cotton oil, raw silk and tobacco. As would readily be supposed, the demestic and comparatively rude manufactures of the country could not compete with goods made by the skilled workmen and machinery of Franco and England, although the poor women and children struggled hard to eko out a precanous subsistence by following their accustomed employments, when they carned only about 4 cents a day and the men 5 (Urquhart, 1832). At the commencement of the present century there were at Scutari 200 looms, and in 1821 only 40, and of 2,000 weaving establishments at Tournoyo, in 1812, only 200 remained in 1830. Since then the manufacture has, it is believed, entirely disappeared (Carey). Thus we see what the effect of free trade was upon the manufactures and laboring class of Turkey,

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"While manufactures existed, and while commerce (internal trade) flourished; and it did so because—the barket for its products being near at hand—it was aubject to little taxation consequent upon the necessity for effecting changes of place. Roads and bridges could then be kept in order, but as manufacturers decilined, and as it became more and more necessary to earry the bulky products of the earth to the distant market, the need of roads increased, but the power to maintain them declined."—Cavoy.

"The increased expense of transport " says a recent writer, "enabled a few capitalists to monopoliso the whole trade in all articles of export," and, as a consequence, "the ruin of the landed proprietors and agriculturalists soon commenced," i, c., as soon as they had to seek a distant market, "families were impoverished, and villages disappeared,-in many exfensive districts the whole rural population abandoned the cultivation of their native soil to emigrate to the nearest commercial cities."- Blackwood's Maguzine, Dec., 1854.

"As usual in purely agricultural countries, the whole body of cultivators is hopelessly in debt, and the money lender fleeces all. " " Weakness and poverty among the agricultural classes is found in all communities in which agriculture has not been permitted to strengthen itself by means of that natural alliance between the plough and the loon, the hammer and the harrow, so much admired by Adam Smith."—Curry.

The suspension of nearly all manufactures, and the exportation of its products in a raw and crude state, have impoverished the lands to such an extent that large and extensive tracts formerly valuable, have become almost worthless. Mr. Macfarlane, in an account of his visit to that country, (published in London in 1850,) says that lands in the neighbourhood of Smyrna could be purchased for six cents an acre, and that in the valley once known as the fair land, close in the vicinity of Constantinople, a property twelve miles in circumference had, just before his visit, been sold for less than five thousand dollars.

In addition, and as would inevitably be the case Tarkey, as a nation, has steadily declined, and from heing one of the important powers of the old world, is has become the "sick man" of Europe, and the time probably is not far distant when, as a nation, it will disappear from the map of Europe and Asia.

As the adoption of free trade was the most perfect, and the exports of its produce in a raw and crude state the most complete, so has been the destruction of native industry, agricultural as well as mechanical, the most sweeping the world has ever seen.

That these results are not owing to the arbitrary form of Government or religion of the country, is quite evident from the fact that during the period referred to, extensive reforms of a liberal nature have been eftected, oppressive exactions (particularly in the manner of collecting the revenue) been removed, and much greater freedom and toleration in religion of the country allowed. J. C. B.

Stanbridge, C. E., Feb. 18th, 1867.

LUMBER TRADE OF CENTRAL CANADA -The Porth LUMBER TRADE OF CESTEAL CANADA —The Forth Courier says.—Immense quantities of sawn lumber lave been unloaded in town during the past week, to be forwarded by the Brockville and Ottawa Rallway to United States and other markets.

THE NEW SCREW-STEAMER NESTORIAN. THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE MONTREAL OCEAN STEAM COM-PANY'S FARET.

(From the Liverpool Courier, January 30th, 1867)

PHE magnificent new screw steamer Nestorian, ...longing to the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company (cs.rs. Alian, Brothers & Co.,) will this cek commence running as one of their weekly mail steamers from this port She will start with the Canadian and United "tates mails on Thursday, under the command of (sptain J.E. Putton, for Thursday, under the command of Capitaln J.E. Pattand. Like all the other steamers belonging to the company, the Nestorian is a arge, power ful, and splendly fitted up craft. She was full at Wilterich, Clasgow, by Messra, Barclay, Curle & Co, Leding the third constructed for the company by those culinent builders. The did mission, o' his Nestorian are as follow. In length, by sur veyor's measurement, she is 17 feet he width is o' to she is 25 feet 1 in deep in the hull to the part deck and o' feet s in to the prome-ade deck. Her gross measurement is 2.246 tons, and her pas-enger and earge earlying space is registered at 1.5 1 tons. The Ne tonian has enconstructed our remarkably fine lines under appellad urvey, and is very strongly built. She is divided into see awarent, thirt compartments by 6 s rong tron bulk heads reaching from the keel to the spar deck, and all the materials of which she is composed are of the very beat quality. The engines are of a 0 horse power nomint, but cospable it working to five time that mount. It nemes is on the epiticipal patented by Mr. John molecules, because it son the principle patented by Mr. John molecules, because it is on the principle patented by Mr. John molecules, because it is on the principle patented by Mr. John molecules, because it is not expendigulated to the high and the great speed of the rip and the great speed of the high and the great speed of the rip and the great speed of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the rip one of the high and the great speed of the proveller, which is a forter of her high and the great speed of the proveller, which is a forter of her high and the great speed of the h

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While advertin; to so interesting a subject as the placing of a new steamer of so high a cast as the Nestorian on the route between it a port as disable it is gratifying to be under aware it at the trade between firest. Il itam and hat a great accosion is it my naturally be expected when the confederation of those provinces has been effected, a consummation fully expected in the course of the present year. It is also further anticipated that a great is difficult amount of passenger traffe will arise in the course of the present year. It is also further anticipated that a great is difficult in least the present year in consequence of the international exhibition in least. To provide as far as possible for the ex, ected increase of trade the fornized Occan Steamship Company are having built for them another magnificent steamer, similar, in every respect to the Nectorian. The is to be noned the Austian, and is leing constructed to be placed on the Liverpool and Quetice line. In a servered to be placed on the Liverpool and Quetice line in a sy. The company will then have on their limitish and North America and 3 between the same settlements and the Cityde.

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THE PRITISH NORTH AMERICAN DELEGITES. - Last evening the delegates met by special invitation his Excellency the Governor-General of Lanada, who was entertaired at Portsmouth by the Mayor of that town at a magnificent banquet. In consequence of the distince and the lateness of the hour at which the party broke up we must defer our report of the interest is preceedings until our next namer. The delegates are receiving in all quarrers the greatest possible attention -s arcely a day passing without their being made the recipients of s me special courtery and not only in the great metropolis but in all parts of the country. We observe that the i on John A Saclorald, the Hon, G. E. Carrin, the i on John A Saclorald, the Hon, G. E. Carrin, the i on John A Saclorald, the Hon, G. E. Carrin, the i on John A Saclorald, the Hon, G. E. Carrin, the i on John A Saclorald, the Hon, as the Attorneys-teneral of Lipper and Lower Canada, News contin, and New Brunswick, we invited ast Wednesday evening by the Treasurer and Masters of the Berch of the Honorable society of the Middle Femple to meet the Lord thefi Baron of the Exenequer and the Lord I thef Justice of the Common Plass They are also, to be, on an early occasion, guests of the Law society, Chancery Lane The whole of the delegates were reserved at the i ord Mayor's boll on the 2 listinst, the dinner in their honor having been unavoidably po tponced for a brief peried.—Canadian News. the Governor-General of Lanada, who was entertained at

SPURIOUS NOVA SCOTIA NOTES AFLOAT.—Halifax papers caution the public to be on the look-out for spurious Provincial Notes. Numbers both of the old and new issue are said to be in circulation. They are dishonored at the Receiver-General's office, on account of their mutilation.

COULDN'T PASS.—A suspicious looking letter from Europe, addressed to a person with a Jewish name, foll ir to the hands of the Surveyor of New York yesterday, who sent for the party for whom it was intended, and obliged him to open it in his presence on breaking the seal, a small piece of cork was discovered, in the centre of which were diamonds of the value of \$3,000. They were confiscated.

A Mining Caktaria, The l'eterboro Reviewesys:

—On all sides we hear of vigorous preparations for active prospective and mining operations in our back country during the approaching summer. Joint Stock, and other companies, are being formed, lands bought or leased, and other arrangements perfected, which give indications of a series of operations of a most extensive character as soon as spring opens. Indeed a few enterprising men from the front have been prospecting in Burleigh during a part of the present winter, notwithstanding the disadvantages of snow and frost.

frost.

The fact that gold has certainly been found in Madoe, in paying quantities, and its existence proved in several Townships both east and west of the Pace, in greater or less abundance give color and probability in greater or less abundance give color and probability to the expectation that m our back c mutry the nurferrous metal may be found with equal success if only the proper explorations are made in order to discover it. In fact, some sangulus persons, huving seen it deposit in which the golden grates have been found in the bichardson mine are strongly of opinion that similar stuff has been brought to light immediately in our rear, but its value remained unappreciated.

Cobourg and Marmora Rai way.—The Peterboro' Examiner learns on undoubted authority that Mr. Thomas Dumble, Jr., throther of J. H. Dumble' Eq. 1) has obtained the contract for the construction of this obtained the contract for the construction of the Belmont section of this new inne of communication by land and water. This portion of the route is intended to connect the ore bed, situated on lot number seven in the first concession of Belmont with that portion of the river Trent just above what is called "the Narrows,"—a point opposite the eastern end of the tenth concession of Belmont, From this point to Harwood, communication is to be made by means of scows drawn by steam tugs, and that from thereof to Cobourg, the old line of the Cobourg and Peterboro' Railway will be available. The short portion of about ingist miles, in Belmont, is, consequently, all the new portion of rail required to be lind down and it is intended to set about the construction of this immediately. About 10,000 railroad ties are required, and men will be wanted to commence the choping out of the line in a few days. The direction of this new road will be north-easterly, and as a supplementary branch to tap the marble quarries in the northern part of Belmont would be most desirable, it has been suggested that the road might be continued due west from the ore-bed, and curved towards the western and as at approaches the river. These mainly interested in the narble quarries, who chield reside in and about Peterboro', have just held a meeting with a new of organizing themselves into a joint stock company, for the better management of this property, but their arrangements are not yet perfected.

The Western Whilet Chor — I writer in the St. Louis Democrat makes some observations on the coming wheat crop of St. Louis country, which, as the weather has been similar, will probably apply throughout the West. He says:—"Wheat was sown throughout the country to a larger extent than in any previous year. In the moist and warm ground it germinated and sprouted within four or five days, and continued growing until the frests of the latter part of November, when it showed a robust stand, such as has not been seen for many a fall. The thick coat of snow dato grumbled at as a matter of course now covering the ground, is another blessing. That snow shelters our wheat as under a universal hot-house, and a good one, too, keeping the plant alive, but not allowing its growth, which is its best possible condition."

Contracts for Furnishing Naval Supplies.—A despatch from Washington says.—The contracts for furnishing navy supplies to be delivered at New York and Boston, the hids for which were opened on Tuesday, have been announced as follows:—Baldwin, Potuine & Co., of Boston, 1,000 barrels of beef at \$22.97 per barrel, James M. Shaw of Boston, 1,000 barrels at \$23.59 per barrel, 4 raigen & Co., of New York, 1,000 barrels at \$24.47 per barrel, Baldwin, Potuine & Co., 2,000 barrels pork at \$22.85 per bbl. C. H. & G. S. Small, of New York, 4,000 barrels at \$23.95 per bbl. C. H. & G. S. Small, of New York, 4,000 barrels at \$22.85 per bbl. G. Bertley, at 163c. per pound; Farrington, Loxier & Hall, of Boston, 200,000 pounds of sugar at \$8.60 per hundred; Henry Swift and Co., of New York, 100,000 pounded; Henry Swift and Co., of New York, 100,000 pounds of coffee at \$17.85 per hundred; C. H. & G. S. Small, 5,000 bushels of beans at \$23.4 per bushel; W. G. Bartlett, of Boston, 20,000 gailons of vinegar at 23c. per gallon. G. Bartieu, o. 23c. per gallon.

The Financial Casis is Cona—Letters from Hayana make further reference to the commercial panic reported some time since. From these we learn that there is careely any probability of monetary affairs righting themselves without first passing through a severe convulsion. It would appear that the Government expenses have quadrupled within the last few years, and that the necessities of the executive have from time to time been met by the issue of paper without the stock of buillion being in any equivalent degree increased. The disorganization beginning at the head has apparently permeated all classes of men. Every trader is reported to have engagements extravaganily in excess of his real assets. The end must come sooner or later, and the more it is staved off, as in the most recent case, by fresh note-issues, the more sovere will the reaction be.

A Good CROY.-Many farmers are said to be planting the Chinese sugar-cane in Texas this year. One gentleman living a few miles from San Antonio planted half an acro with it has year, and made tairty gallons of molasses, which he sold at a dollar a gallon, and four hundred gallons of vinegar, from which he realized lifty conts a gallon. He also secured over a ton or good fodder and many bushels of seed.

MARBLEIZED SLATE.-The Richmond Guardian says in itslast issue - We have had shown to us a piece says in usual issue—We have had enough to a piece of state from the top rock of the Prince Albert State Quarry, which surpassed even our highest expectations We also had the pleasure of seeing some most beautiful marbleized specimens of this product which serve to show that it is emmently qualified for the various purposes to which it is now so generally being applied.

THE BRITISH TEA THADE.—The Tea Trade is thus described in the last London circular of Messrs. Wm, Jas. and Henry Thompson:—

described in the last London circular of Messrs. Wm, Jas. and Henry Thompson:—

"There has been rather more doing in the tea market during the past week, and the late advance has been fully mainteined, and has become more general. Importers have continued firm in their demands, and the dealers have been buyers to supply immediate wants, but there has not yet been any active demand from the country. A moderate export inquiry exists for green teas for America. Foochow Congous.—In dust and broken leaf we have nothing now to notice; fair of old import is difficult to buy under 1s. 1d. per lb.; new has been sold from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d. per lb.; new has been sold from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d. per lb.; new has been sold from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d. per lb., or lb., which are last week squotations. In finest we do not hear of anything passing. Black-leaf Congou.—Common is wanted at 114d. but few are to be had under 1s. per lb., fair, of old import at 1s. 1d. per lb. are not readily saleable. new sell from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d.; medium, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d. per lb.; fine, 1s. 10d. to 2s., and for fluest 2s. 3d. per lb. has been refused. Some parcels of Amoy Congous have been sold at 1s. 0gd. to 1s. 3d. per lb. we make Canton Congous remain at late quotations. Olongos command late rates, the common qualities being scarce. Scented Capers. ex. Marx Nicoloson, of common quality, have been sold at 1s. 3d. per lb., which shows fully 1d. per lb. advance upon late prices. the better kinds have not benefited. Scented orange Pekoes, of inferior grades, sell for price, at 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d., but the better qualities are difficult to move. Green Tens.—The finer grades of the rices and of the sales passed with spirit, full prices and all modium to fine grades of other descriptions sell readily. Uncoloured Japans have been sold at 1s. 5d. to 1s. 8d. per lb. tor fair to good qualities. The Indian sale, held on the 22nd and 23rd inst., consisted of 3001 packages, but some of the infer vrgades sold rather lower. The next China mail is expected on the 2 "There has been rather more doing in the tea market

HALIFAX TRADE REPORT.

HALIFAX, February 9th, 1867.

WE have still to note a general quietness in business. no activity has yet taken place. The imports | 1866 and 1867 :and exports are in advance of last week.

BREADSTUYFS - Flour has slightly declined, and No. 1 Canada may be quoted at \$9.25 per bbl. There is quite enough in the market at present to supply immediate wants, and large quantities may be expected shortly, both from Boston and Portland. Retailers will buy but sparingly, and at present rates there is no room for speculation.

CORN MEAL-Continues in fair demand at \$4 50 to to \$4.70 per bbl for "Brandywine." The imports for the week have been : - Ex "Fquator," from Portland-4,490 bbls Canada Flour; ex "Hope," from Portland. 4.400 bbls. Canada Flour; et "Hope," from Fortand, 1,200 bbls. Canada Flour; et "Ocean Traveller," from Boston, 550 bbls. Canada Tour; making a total of 6,150 bbls.; and ex "Star' and "Ada," from Now York, 79 bbls. Extra Ciate Flour and 10 do. Meal. There was also received ex "Equator." from Portland, 1,627 bags and 100 bbls Canada Wheat.

Figu -Operations in all descriptions have been limited. Cod remains unchanged. No sales of any consequence to note. Hard cured is still enquired for. and the stock is getting reduced. Our fishermen, from the experience they have had for the last four years, ought to see the necessity of paying more attention to the curing of Fish. A good hard cared article will always command ready sale at a remunerative price. Soft cured dull, with no enquiry; but we

Mackerel-There has been a slight enquiry for No. 1 for shipment to the United States, and prices are firm. No. 3 Large has also been in fair request for exportation to West Indies. Herring quiet with limited enquiry; and the same report can be given for Salmon and Alewives We look for more demand in all descriptions of Fish next month. The exports for the

West Indies—Codfish, 990 tres 1,085 drums 498 baces 135 hi bas : Scale, 185 tres. 40 drums ; Horring, 1,467 bbls. 8 hf bbls : Mackerel 560 do 8 do ; Salmon, 1645 do . Alawives, 90 do ; Smoked Herring, 363 boxes, Oil. 10 cks

To Canada (Via Portland).—Herring 381 bbls 1 145 hf-do., Mackerel, 22 qr-bbls 200 kits; Oil, 92 cks.

Oir .- Cod continues quiet at 58 to 600. Kerosene in fair demand at 30 to 35c per gall The imports for the week are 610 cks Keroseue from New York.

FRUIT-Dull; quotations unchanged. 75 boxes 95 lif-boxes 88 quarters. Raisins have been exported to West Indies during the week.

PRODUCE -- We have no change to note during the week Potatoes are in better request at 38 to 40c. per bushel for a good, sound, article.

OATS-Remain about the same, but sell readily at quotations.

BUTTER-Continues dull with limited demand, and quotations may be considered nominal. The imports for the week are 1,000 bushels Oats 174 pkgs. Canada Butter; and the exports, 160 pkgs. Canada Butter, and 60 bbls. Oats to West Indies.

PORK AND BEEF-Remain unchanged. Mess Pork is firm, and may be quoted a shade in advance of present rates. The stock in the market is light. Prime and Prime Mess not much enquired for The imports for the week are 75 bbls. pork, 8 do beef, and 200 pkg. lard from the United States, and 93 pkgs. Lard from Canada.

WEST INDIA PRODUCE -There is a general duliness in all descriptions. Molasses may be quoted a shade lower. Two small lots Cienfuegos (old stock) sold by public sale at 33 to 84c per gall., duty paid. There are two or three cargoes of new crop offering at present, the holders asking 2Sc per gall in bond for the cargo. One carge was sold yesterday at private terms. Sugar has slightly declined Rum is about 2c. per gall. lower. We do not look for any activity in West India Produce for some time. The following are the im ort, for the week -Molasses, 163 puns 23 tres. 4 bbls from Cienfuegos; Rum, 103 pur s from Demerara; Sugar, 33 hhds. from Demerara.

LUMBER,-358,000 feet have been experted to West Indies this week.

In our last we furnished a table shewing the comparative value of exports for the month of January, 1866 and 1867 to West Indies and United States, and now present the table showing the quantities imported from those countries during the same period:-

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ST. JOHN TRADE REPORT.

St. Jonn, N.B. Feb. 9, 1867.

WHE past week has not been productive of any noticeable change in the business of the city. Almost every branch of trade remains unusually dull, and transactions generally are restricted within very narrow limits. The state of the weather has doubtless something to do with the prevailing duliness, but under any circumstances, we do not now look for much im provement until the spring trade opens. Exchange is in fair demand, and 60 days bills on London are still at 10 to 101 per cent premium. There has also been more enquiry for New York and Boston gold drafts, and rates have advanced a per cent. The shipping arrivals of the week are represented by three vessels in ballast from United States ports. The steamer "New Brunswick" still continues on the route between Portland and St. John, but her trips so far have been made very irregularly. The heavy snow storms of January look for more activity as the Lentenseason approaches. have been succeeded by a thaw of nearly a week's

duration, and at the time we write it is raining heavily. and blowing hard from the southward.

LUMBER.—The clearances of wood laden vessels for the week comprise two for Liverpool, and one for Warrenpoint with deals, three for Havana with shooks, and one for Barbadoes with boards. There is no change to report in either prices or freights, except that there is just now a little firmer tendency in West Indian charters, but with freights at Portland at 15c. for shooks to north side of Cubs, while the rate here is 22c. to 23c., we do not think that any advance is probable.

FLOUR.-The past week has been about the dullest of the season in this department. Sales have been endirely confined to city consumers, and the large accumulated stock has consequently been but little reduced. There have been no arrivals since our last report, and as the margin between Canadian prices and those provalling here still continues so small as to leave no profit to the importers, we look for a cessation of imports until some further enange takes place in the condition of the market.

Quotations are unaltered, but holders are firm, and not disposed to submit to any reduction.

Strong Superfine \$8.25 to \$3.50.

PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES.—Provisions are very dull, the demand is small, and prices remain unaltered. Molasses is dull, with a declining tendency in prices, the stock on hand being very large, and the same may be said of sugar. The first cargo of new crop molasses was offered at auction and withdrawn, the prices offered being insufficient to pay costs of importation.

offered being insufficient to pay costs of importation. Brig Clara Hickman, Pearson, from Baltimore for Queenstown—before reported per Cable as having become tost at soa, had a cargo of \$9.480 gallons of Petroleum. Sho registered \$13 tons, and was built in 1855 at Yarmouth. N. S., whence she hailed.

The U. S. revenue cutter Toucey seized the schooner Panther, (of and from this port.) for Stockton, Me. for violation of the revenue law, Jan. 16. She was taken to Castine, and her cargo, consisting of knees, from, spikes, etc., was discharged, and it was found that but a small part of the cargo was on the manifest. The steamer Equator, which arrived at Hailfax on Trasday from Portland, had as freight a new locomotive and tender belonging to the Nova Scotialkaliway department, but the locomotive broke from its fastenings on Wednezday, and went overboard, carrying with it a portion of the house on deck, and a part of the rail and butwarks of the steamer.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 20, 1867.

BUSINESS continues dull. Flour market firm without change in prices. Demand small. No arrivals sluce last report. Strong Superflue, \$8 60 to \$8.70. Provisions unchanged.

NEW MANUFACTURING BRANCH.-Among the new devices of the day are paper pantaletts for ladies. The Lewiston Journal says that a company has been organized at Mechanic Falls, called the Furlong Paper Pantalett Company, to manufacture borders to ladies' drawers and children's pantaletts—an ornamental appurtenance to be buttoned to the garment, which may be readily replaced when solled.

TELEGRAPHY IN SOUTH AMERICA .- A submarine electric telegraph has just been inaugurated between Monte Video and Buenos Ayres. The two great commercial courtes of La Plata are thus more closely united than they have ever yet been. The first tele-gram sent published a decree of the Government granting a general amuesty in political matters.

THE FARCY TRADE.

N noticing the Fancy Trade for the year 1866, we perceive one or two general features in it which may not be unworthy of remark. In speaking of the Fancy Trade, we refer solely to that class of business which is distinct from provisions, groceries, hardware and dry goods, and embracing principally jewellory, watches and clocks, tobacconists' and druggists' sundries, electro-plated, cabinet and china ware, leather goods and toys. It is only within the last few years that this especial branch has attained sufficient importance to warrant a notice of it being taken. The wants of an increasing population in our midst, and of a prosperous labouring community extending to every section of Canada, has, of course, had its corresponding effect in developing a line of trade, that has for its main object the supply of article, which while they often serve merely for show or to meet a luxurious taste, are still of undoubted utility, and contribute to personal as well as social comfort.

On the whole, those directly and legitimately in that line have had no cause for complaint; the same pros. perity which has attended our other and more staple branches of commerce, has, in a great measure, marked its progress. The trade have every reason to congratulate themselves on such a result, for not only are their imports generally in excess of the demand, but new firms hat a lately spring up, who, while not professing the sancy trade as their speciality, seem rather to make it subservient to the more staple line of hardware or groceries. It is not for us to offer any comment on this system-this intermixing of businesses usually distinct from each other; at the same time we cannot but indulge in the hope that at no very distant date, the line of demarcation between them which is so clearly marked in the mother country will be as freely acknowledged and conceeded in Canada.

The imports of fancy goods generally in 1866 show a marked increase of about twenty-five per cent. over those of 1885. Under this head we class clocks, watches jewellery, playing cards, bagatelle boards, &c , gold, silver, and E. P. ware, toys and the unspecified term "Fancy Goods." The total amount in value of these articles entered at Montreal in 1865 was \$230,903, against \$464,418 cutered in 1866. The item of small wares, which is not here included, shows \$443,500 in 1865, against \$510,069 in 1866; but small wares cannot properly be considered fancy goods, as many nondescript articles in dry goods, such as buttons, tapes, shoo laces, &c., &c., come under the name of small wares. We thus perceive the trade is steadily increasing, keeping pace with our other and more important branches of commerce. It has not yet, however, in any one instance, attained to the dignity of manufacturing, and with the exception of a few samples in horn combs, said to be of Canadian make, the trade is altogether dependent on foreign markets for its supplies. A few years ago certain lines in American made fancy goods-better understood as "Ynnkee notions"-were regularly imported, but now the high rates of labour and taxation in that country have put almost an entire stop to that business, having made such importations unremunerative. The American clock, in most of its common varieties, is perhaps the only article which still commands a zale here, though at an advance of fully 100 per cent, over old prices.

The term of crodit in the Fancy Trade in accordance with the limited nature of the business, has been

usually three and four months, but during the last year there has been a growing tendency to extend these periods. We cannot but deprecate this tendency which is simply the result of excessive importations and the eager desire to forcesales. Long credits have always more or less been the bane of our staple branches of commerce. The little or no value which is put upon time, favours the after unpleasantness of granting renowals, eventually ending with other evils. Short credits which go hand in hand with moderato risks, should be maintained as much as possible. Such a system, though seemingly at the time, not so profitable as long credits and large accounts must tell favourably in the end, and also serves to preserve the squipoise of the retailer who never should be at the mercy of the importer.

MONEY MARKET.

MHERE has been only a limited demand for sterling Exchange during the week, the closing quotations being 1004 to 1004 for Bank 60 day drafts on London. An advance from last week's rates has taken place in the New York market, yesterday's quotation being 109 for prime banker's 60 day bills. Gold sight drafts on New York are selling at par to i per cent. premium.

GOLD in New York is higher, closing at 1384. Silven is abundant, buying at 44 and selling at 4 per cont discount.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George. Charlebois, A. & Co. Crathem & Cavethill. Currie, W. & F. F. & Co. Lyana & Evans. Fraser, F. Gilbert, E. R. Hall, Kay & Co.

Ircland, W H.
Kershaw & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mutholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Shums, F. H.

THE business of the past week has been of an ordinary character, with a fair demand for certain goods which are now in quite poor supply, and to which we have already referred in previous reports.

Pio Inox -Not much doing Sales in lots of five and ten tons of No. 1 Gartsherrio at \$31, and of two ten-ton lots of Nos. 1 and 3 Summerlee at \$29 and \$28.

BAR IRON. - Several sizes of flats as well as of round, have become very scarce, and are much needed. Prices, however, though very firm, have not been adranced.

Boiler Plates.-Are also scarce and firm at quotations.

CANADA PLATES.-Not much doing, with sales of small lots of Pontypoole at \$4.50.

TIN PLATES-Are moving off in small lots at quota-

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Anderson, John & Co.
Isidavin, C. H., & Co.
Chayman, Fraer & Tylco.
Chayman H., & Co.
Childe, George, & Co.
Davic, Clark, & Clayton,
Fitzpatrick & Moore.
Foamier, Jules
Franck, J. C., & Co.
Gillerpic, Moffatt & Co.
Hutchim B., & Co.
Lingan & Kinloch.
Win.

Levining, Thomas & Co.

Locating, Thomas & Co.

Mathemaon, J. A. & H.

Tylee. Mitchell, Jamer.

Pholan, Joseph

Robertson, David.

Sidcalar, Jack & Co.

Tifin, Jos., & Sons.

Thompson, Murray & Co.

Torrance, David, & Co.

Truthara, Alex., & Co.

Went, Bros.

Winning, Hill & Ware.

THE business of the past week has not been to a large amount, orders from the west coming in but slowly. Some packages of teas and sugars have changed hands, but as a public sale of some 4,500 packages of teas is advertised, for the 6th March, buyers are holding off until then, and the market is

Sugares.—The stock in first hands is very light, and prices are well maintained, with an upward tendency. Sales in small lots of Porto Rico at Ge. in bond, and of white 350 hhds. Cubs and Barbadoes at 740, to 7ic. duty paid. Refinery sugars without change.

MOLASSES .-- No business has been passing worthy of notice. The market is firm at 40c. for Trinicad.

TEAS.-Sales for the week foot up about 1,200 to 1,500 half-chests, two thirds of which consisted of uncolored and colored Japans, at 50c. to 52jc.; the balance, medium roung Hyson, at 48c. to 60c., and Japan Imperials at 60c. Jobbers have for the most part ceased to operate, and swait the public sale in the beginning of next month.

Rick-The stock is light, and holders are firm at \$3.80 to \$4 for Anacan.

Figu.-Are very dull. At a public sale held yesterday, for account of Mr. James Mitchell, first lots only

were sold-prices being entirely unsatisfactory-and balanco withdrawn.

SALT .- Coarse advanced and held firm at 90c., and a further advance probable, as the stock is nearly all held by one firm. Sound in fair supply at 82je to 85c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

M.W. Thomas, & Co.
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M.S. Linden, Jack & Lo.
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NO now features have presented themselves in this department of business during the last week. Some few country orders are coming in, and some goods are being received, but there is no act vity to notice in any branch of this trade.

The Liverpool Cotton Market has fluctuated somewhat during the month, but closes steadier, the latest quotation for middling being 14d. Advices by mail are to the 2nd inst. In the Economist of that date, he Manchester markets are reported as follows:-

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"During the three days following our last report, a large business was done in yarns and goods for India and China, and as these purchasers imparted a firmer tone to the market, buying for other quarters took placoon an increased scale; but the advance demanded on Tuesday last caused a pause in buying, and since then our market has relapsed into the dull state reported in our last. Stocks do not now press on the market as before; hence producers are firmer in their quotations, believing that this dullness will be soon followed by more activity. Short time is still on the increase, especially for coarse yarns and goods made from these, which are the most dufficult things to sell. Producers still complain of prices not paying; consequently, many continued to consign largely, preferring that risk to selling in this market at a positive loss."

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From Rochdale, the report is that "there is a slight improvement in the flannel trade. Among them were a few on Canadian account; but they purchased sparingly, as did also the home trade buyers. Plain and fancy goods, also printers, were in about equal request, an ' late prices were fully maintained. There is no change in the Yorkshire goods trade. There is a moderate business doing in wool, and last week's rates are maintained."

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs, Sesmour, G. E.

DURING the past week, there has been no particular activity to notice them. activity to notice, though business to a fair extent has been transacted. Receipts of curried stock have been more liberal, but prices do not appear likely to give way at present.

SPANISH Sole.-Is inactive, and to effect large sales, prices below quotations would have to be accepted, as it is now known that the transactions reported last week were below current rates. Nominally, prices are unchanged.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.-Is less active, while receipts shew a slight improvement. Sales, however, have been made at highest figures.

HARNESS.-The scarcity previously noted still continues, without a demand, however, sufficient to absorb any very large quantity.

WAXED Urren.-Has had a moderate inquiry, though not from the class of heavy buyers and prices, though firm, cannot be quoted as any higher. Any marked advance would be checked by importations from the United States, which would then become prefitable.

BUPP AND PERBLED .- Receipts have somewhat improved, but sales of prime are still in excess thereof.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED .- The stock is light and would be inadequate to meet any greatly increased demand.

CALF-SKINS .- Are rather neglected and generally unchanged.

Sprits-The receipts continue to be meetly of heavy stock, while the demand is chiefly for light and - medium, which are scarce.

SHEET-SKIRS.-Meet with less ready sale, the stock having been considerably augmented.

HIDES .- A portion of the lots noticed in last reporas being on the way from Chicago, have been received but the supply is still ins ufficient for the demand.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick. Cameron & Ross. Cameron & Ross. (rawford, James, Hobson, Thomas, & Co. Kirkward, Livengetone & Co. Kaldlaw, Middleton & Co. Laing, M. Leeming, Thomas & Co Mitchell, Robt. Morrice, D., & Co. Raphael, Thomas W. Suclair, Jack & Co. Stewart, W. W. Seymour, C. E.

LOUR.—We have to note a continuance of heavy receipts, without any improvement in demand, and stocks continue to increase. Transactions have been mainly restricted to superfines, the inquiries being mostly for the better samples adapted for sponging purposes, and the supply of really good baking flour, being proportionately very small exceptional rates are given for the stray lots, found in all respects suitable. The stock both of the higher and lower grades is small, and the few sales made are mostly broken lots, rates being irregular according to circumstances, quality, &c. Bag Flour-Has been liberally supplied, and the local trade being unusually small, sales have only been practicable at some decline from former rates. Scales to some extent have latterly been made at \$3.35 to \$3.40, the relatively low prices causing bags to be taken to some extent instead of harrels.

CATMEAL .- There is very little offering on the spot and transactions are mostly in broken lots, rates varying according to sample, quality, &c.

WHEAT .- Arrivals as hitherto are mostly on millers account, and quoted rates may be considered nominal in the absence of any but casual transactions.

l'EASE.-Receipts are confined to occasional car loads. The little offered meets with prompt sale at 82c. to 83c, per 60lbs.

OATS .- Very little is being offered on the spot, but considerable transactions are reported at various points along the lines of rallway, to be forwarded direct to Portland, for export to Britain, rates being regulated by distance, &c. Ruling prices on the spot are 32c. to 33c., the latter for the choicer parcels.

PORK .- Remains unaltered. Mess is selling by retail at \$17.50 to \$18. Other kinds are mostly nominal, holders preferring to wait the opening of navigation to accepting present offering rates. Hogs-Arrivals during the week have been considerable, but with a steady consumptive demand, prices have been maintained, and a large proportion of the previous accumulations have been disposed of, the demand having been freely met by holders, who at this advanced stage of the season have not been willing to incur the rish, expense and delay of packing their stocks when fair prices are being offered. A few have been sent this winter by way of experiment to the Lower Provinces, should the result be such as to warrant it, considerable shipments may be made another season, and thus find outlets, rendering us by degrees entirely independant of our neighbours in the South.

HAMS, SHOULDERS, &c .- Will not be likely to be required till after Lent is past, when the low prices likely to rule will probably induce a large consumptive demand.

LARD.-The demand has been fully supplied by the packers, who have been selling their rough Lard at very reduced prices, hence the market for rendered has been quito inanimate, and prices are purely nominal at about 9c.

BUTTER -A few sales have been made at 10c. to 11c., but there is little enquiry, and with British advices of sales at 45°. to 60s. per cwt., there seems but small chance of any improvement in the demand, unless the low price tempt a few Lower Port buyers into the market towards Spring.

Asnes.-Both Pots and Pearls have declined in value. Stocks, in spite of the small receipts, are increasing, and are in advance of the present probable consumption, which appears gradually to be decreasing, both in Britain and the United States.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co. | Linton & Cooper. Honter, Duffy & Johnson | Popham, James & Co. Smith & Cochrans.

DUSINESS is only moderately active, although country orders are begining to come in more finely than heretofore. Travellers report country stocks as unusually heavy, and anticipate a lighter spring business than was done twelve menths ago. Manufacturers, however, are busy in making up stocks and mean to be prepared for any demand that may arise Prices are unaltered and firm at our quotations, the raw material of leather baving, if anything, an upward tendency.

Ships Loading for the B. N. A. Provinces.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

(Including the Receipts of Montreal & Champlain and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railways.)

RETURN OF TRAFFIO, Week ending Feb. 16, 1867 :-\$28,002 5.250 5,250 76,613 \$109,955

Increase...... 29,307

STOCK MARKET.

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Fastern Townships Bank,	99%	99%
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Royal Canadian Hank	95	934
Muntreal Telegraph Co.,	131	131
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Government Debenture, 5 p. c.,	8514	5414
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c.	1014	1014
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IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the Imports at Montreal for the west ending 16th Feb., 186, with the figures for corresponding period of last year:-

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Woullens	181,753	17,901	1	100
County	190,461	9.123	1 .	116.23
Silka &c.,	23,50)	1,201	1 .	22.30
Hardware,	10 319	9,0:0		1.50
Other articles	171,516	30,300	••	140
Total Imports.	26,207	208,052		
" Decrease				34.40

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE. VIA GRAND TRUNK BAILWAY AND CANAL

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HAVANA PRICES CURRENT.

The following is the last (James M. Lawton) Havana Prices Current of Imports, dated Feb. 13 1867:

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RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURN.

FOR JANUARY, 1867.

		
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So Returns.

JOUN SIMPSON, Assistant Auditor.

STOCK OF FOREIGN GRAIN IN THE BRITISH MARKETS.

ENNETH Dowle & Co.'s Liverpool circular of the 1 23rd ult. contains the following comparative estimate of the stocks of foreign grain held in thounder-

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Cheese Factories—We are informed that a cheese factory is to be established in Newburg. Camden, large enough to use the milk of 400 cows, and that a person has gone to the States on behalf of the company to find out the best plan for the construction of the same. A company is also being formed to establish another, for at least the same number of cows, at Waterloo, near this city. Experience proves that cheese factories are the most economical manufactories of cheese, and we are glad, forther than this, to see that farmers are becoming alive to the fact that the removal of every grown crop from their lands is not the way to kern them in the rich and most productive state. Two cheese factories have been in successful operation in Ernestown the past season, and we are informed that 20 per cent, has been declared upon the stock invested. The poorest cows have more than paid for themselves in the one season.—Western paper.

OTTAWA PARSENOER RAILWAY COMPANY.—It is stated that stock to the amount of \$20,000 has been taken in the City Passenger Railway in that city; and but \$10,000 more is necessary, when the work will be proceeded with.

GOLD IN ELZEVIR —We learn upon good authority that gold has been found in the quartz on the east half of Lot No. 3 in the 3rd concession of Elzevir. about half a mile from Bridgewater. The farm belongs to Mr. James Mairs. The quartz, we are told, is cery rich. It is also stated that gold has been found in three other parts of the township. We shall in ail probability have the facts in a few days,—Western paner.

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