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THE TELEGRAPH OCTOPUS.

SILENT and rapacious as VICTOR HUGO'S marine monster is the telegraph and cable combination. It has the advantage, however, over the creation of the great French novelist in that it has two realms, land and water, in which to prey. The telegraph combination in the States has already thrown out its fatal feelers all over the Union, and, with its destructive monopoly, is preying upon some of the best interests of trade and commerce. It has already extended its lethal influence in the Dominion to an extent altogether undesirable, and in our Far West especially has received considerable journalistic support. This, however, we should hope has been rendered rather from a hasty consideration of the merits than from any well-considered conclusion. The latest effort at encroachment on the part of the foreign telegraphic influence has been made within a few days. We learn, indeed, that for some time past the press of British Columbia has been attacking the Dominion Government for refusing to allow an American company to lay a cable across Puget Sound, from Point Angelos, in Washington Territory, to Victoria, on the British Columbia side. On enquiry at the office of Government Telegraphs at Ottawa it is learned that it is the intention of the Government to lay this cable next year to form part of their telegraph system in British Columbia, for which purpose an appropriation will be asked next session. At a large outlay the Dominion Government has acquired and completed the telegraph system of British Columbia, the line running from Victoria in a northerly direction, to Nanaimo, thence by cable via Burrard Inlet to the mainland, thence to New Westminster, where it connects with the Western Union Telegraph lines. The object in laying the cable from Victoria to Point Angelos, a distance of sixteen miles, is to connect with the United States government line, which it is understood will be built from New Dungeness to Cape Flattery, the extreme north-western point of Washington Territory. At New Dungeness connection will be made with bogus St. Denis Street article-if the old the Puget Sound Telegraph Company's line running to Seattle, where they form a connection with the Western Union system. old land and time mark which many 15 to 20 miles an hour. They will probably done at Victoria, by granting a private ly probable that yesterday's settlement at both those points.

company the right to lay a cable across Puget Sound the Government would in a final. The great growth of this metropolis, short time find that business would all be sent by cable to connect with the American lines, leaving the lines they now own an unprofitable burden on their hands. These, we believe, are the real facts of the case, and every Canadian will rejoice to see that our Government has put its foot down even thus far to arrest this foreign telegraph octopus. Such action is not only good in itself, but this movement will be hailed as an indication that the Government means to identify itself with the telegraph system of the country, at all events within our own boundaries, on a large scale. This policy we have all along advocated, and were indeed among the first, if not the very first, to bring it prominently before the authorities and the public. As we have many times before remarked, the people will endorse any action of the Government irrespective of cost, which will keep us clear of the fatal combination which is striving, with machinations as effective as they are well concealed, to bring this country under its fatal and octopus-like influence.

THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY TERMINUS.

THE site of the Montreal terminus of the Canada Pacific seems at length to be substantially selled. The protected negotiations have ended in a compromise, a species of result seldom satisfaciory to any of the parties concerned. For mon hs past it has been a case of "pull devil pull baker' between the now high contracting parties, and it was long doubtful whether the knight of the flour barrel or the pet aversion of the Salvation army was just a leetle ahead. Even so it is now, and it is therefore fair to assume that the 'settlement is on the whole one fair and equitable all round. We may say for the benefit of nonlocal readers that the line will come westwards into the city nearly as far as the old Bonsecours Market, with extension up to Notre Dame St. This is a central locality, but is certainly not so acceptable as the Champ de Mars site would have been, with the historic ground itself preserved as provided for. This was, however, prevented by what was euphuistically termed "a sentimental objection" on the part of the denizens of St. Denis Street and its environs. Put into plain English, such objection resolves itself into the fact that the C. P. R. would not allow itself to be too thoroughly blackmailed, and it has surprised and disgusted its late chafferers by incontinently swallowing the renewed Bonsecours proposition. It will be a matter of a good deal of real regret-very different from the Recollet Church has to strike its flag

-if such it should prove to be-will be and the centralisation here to such an extent of vast railway interests, will at no distant day make a general Union Station indispensable. There will be no getting over it, and the sooner the magnates realise this fact the more money they will save.

THE RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

THE English railway and financial papers are watching with a natural interest the result of the recent amalgamation of the Grand Trunk and the Great Western of Canada. A correspondent of the London Financier sends to that journal a table showing the united receipts, expenses and net revenue of the Grand Trunk and Great Western of Canada railways, in the second half years of 1880 and 1881, with an estimate for the second half of the current year. The result of the working since the amalgamation will naturally be looked forward to with much interest. The correspondent estimates the increase for the current half year as £7,000 per week, with a total (gross receipts) of £1,779,465, against £1, 597,465 for the corresponding half of last year, and £1,671,450 for the corresponding half of 1880. The working expenses he estimates at 64.34 per cent. during the current half, against 73.30 per cent. last year, and 65.77 per cent. in 1880, which would make the net receipts from working £634,534 this half, against £426,524 last year, and £572,019 in 1880. Adding "other receipts" and deducting "other expenditure " (interest, lease, rents, &c.) he brings out the net revenue as £378,115, against £170,105 last year, and £297,255 in 1880. The first-named amount he applies as follows, under the terms of union :---Grand Trunk.

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as it goes, and we are able to state our belief, founded on results already attained, that it is not an overestimate.

A C. P. R. FLEET.-A contract has been entered into with Olyde ship-builders for four first-class steel steamers for the Lake Superior trade and to aid in the construction of the Lake Superior section of the Canadian Pacific Railway. These steamers are to be splendidly equipped for to the spirit of modern progress. It is an freight and passengers, and will run from As fully seventy-five per cent. of the whole would fain preserve unless inexorable ne- run between Algoma Mills and either Fort telegraph business of British Columbia is cessity exacts its destruction. It is hard- William or Prince Albert landing, perhaps,

THE SHIP-CANAL FEVER. An epidemic taking the form of a shipcanal fever has lately broken out violently over a large portion of the world. These projects, if carried out, are calculated largely to divert or perhaps extinguish some of the prevailing channels of commerce and the course of the carrying trade, and are therefore worthy the attention of the business community. It should be mentioned, however, that some of these proposed shipcanals are designed as warlike aids, naval and military, making their utility for peaceful purposes quite an ulterior consideration. In addition to the now famous Suez Ship-Canal, and the Manchester project temporarily occupying only secondary public attention, and that of Panama of which for the moment we hear so little, the French authorities have under consideration the proposed construction of a ship canal from Bordeaux to Toulouse and Narbonne, by which a waterway would be gained from the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean, thus securing a great saving of distance as compared with the Gibraltar route. The length as far as Toulouse is about 270 miles, and the highest point 500 feet above the sea level. The supporters of the project contend that vineyards may be established with advantage all along the waterway, while naval men support it as substantially neutralising the value of the famous rock of Gibraltar, which closes the gate of the Mediterranean. It is thought that, however valuable this work would be both for military purposes and those of peace, the cost would be too much even for French resources. Again, the German Government, sensible of its insignificance as a naval power, in spite of its considerable fleets and armaments while virtually shut up in the Baltic, is proposing the construction of a canal connecting the North Sea and the Baltic. According to the original plan, as drawn up by the Government engineer, LENTZE, in 1865, the canal was to run from St. Margarethen, on the Lower Elbe, to Eckernforde, on the Baltic, and the cost was estimated at over \$20,000,000. It was afterward decided that, in order to make the canal more valuable from a strategical point of view, it should debouch in the bay of Kiel, and the extra expense of doing this was estimated by LENTZE at \$7,500,000. This was ultimately dropped. Other proposals were that the canal should proceed from Brunsbuttel to Holtenau, in the Baltic, and estimating its cost at \$23,000,000. Such are the German schemes, but in time of war the British fleet could with ease block up both mouths so that neither would be of any real use for strategic purposes. The Greeks, too, talk of cutting through the Isthmus of Corintha project also talked of, by the way, a score of centuries ago, and possibly as near to execution then as now. Coming nearer home, some American papers think that the and that this is perfectly feasible, not only the old country. Barley and peas show subject of comment the world over. That

by way of the Erie, but also by way of Lake Champlain from Lake Ontario to the Hudson River. The resources of the Federal Government are to be called on in aid, and with good prospects of a favorable response. We say nothing of the proposed second Suez canal, for though it would probably find abundance of employment the talk of its construction seems intended rather to convey a threat than to denote a serious purpose. We have said enough, however, to show that the world of enterprise is moving and that, too, in the direction of facilitating trade and commerce and cheapening freight and passage.

THE NORTH-WEST CROPS, 1882.

A FEW years ago, when the news began to spread that a North-West territory of the rarest quality had been opened for settlement by the Government of Canada, the people of older colonies were induced to turn their attention to it, and, after them, those of Scotland and other parts of the British empire. About the years 1872-'73 it became known that north-west of the Red River there existed land of unsurpassed agricultural resources. Ten years have rolled away and the narratives of big crops of the highest quality have been supplemented by each succeeding year's reports until the new settlers wonder how it is that a land so fertile should have remained unpeopled so long. The latest reports continue to surprise and baffle all but those who have lived on the spot and witnessed the remarkable yields of produce. Nearly one hundred reports have been received from the Hudson Bay Company's agents, post-masters, railroad agents, and others, which show the crops of the present year to be in no degree inferior to any preceding one, while the areas under cultivation have immensely increased and the aggregate fruits of the kindly soil also. The yields of wheat have been from 25 to 60 bushels to the acre, the average crop being 32 bushels. In one case 104 bushels were cropped from two acres, and in another 60 bushels were taken from a single acre. This crop is remarkable for its fine quality of grain; the berries are large and plump, and weigh from 65 to 67 lbs. to the bushel. Such weights may well make farmers smile, and millers glad, when we reflect that the average weight of the grain is 60 lbs., and that 63 and 64 lbs. are considered very unusual weights. Such is the wheat crops of the great North-West. Oats are no less favorable, but excel the renown Irish and Scotch-grown grain. From 38 to 72 bushels an acre have been harvested of this important cereal, and an average of no less than 44 bushels an acre. The weight of this yield is just as wonderful as that of wheat, and is as much superior to the Irish or Scotch article as the quantity per acre. From 42 to 48 lbs. per bushel have couragement of great progress in the feedquestion of a "free Erie canal" in New been registered, a weight exceeding by ing of live stock. The excellent condition York must broaden into that of a ship canal, fully 5 lbs. anything which is obtained in of the cattle when brought to market is a

well both in yields per acre and in the specific gravity of the grains themselves. Potatoes show to greater advantage there than in any other part of the world. Considering that labor is dear and the crop needs a certain amount of cultivation even under the best circumstances, the yields of 200 to 400 bushels is little short of a miracle. The average produce of this crop is 274 bushels per acre, while many have reached 300 and 350, and in more than one instance 400 bushels were obtained. The price of wheat at the farm in most parts of Manitoba is 80 to 85 cts. per bushel. Now with 32 bushels per acre at 80 cts. per bushel we get a return of \$25.60. The cost of cultivating varies according to circumstances from \$8 to \$11. Taking \$10 as the average the profit of the wheat-grower is at once seen to be \$15. Farmers having one hundred acres of wheat make the very respectable income of \$1,500 on that crop alone. To men who are lucky enough to hold a half-section of 320 acres, and have capital enough to work it, \$5,000 net profit would be an easier result. Potatoes are still more profitable, as the demand for seed and the consumption of food in the North-West is such that every bushel grown is needed there for food. Potatoes are worth 60 cts. per bushel, and the average crop is 274 bushels per acre or eight tons and a quarter. Now it is very doubtful whether any one in Manitoba spends more than \$20 per acre on this crop; but supposing it is no less than that, and that the potato yield was five tons per acre, or 170 bushels, which is more than double the Irish average, we get a return of \$102 per acre, from which we deduct working expenses and then net the magnificent sum of \$80 per acre. For every ten acres we get \$800. With a horse and cart and plough any man could cultivate, with the assistance of a laborer, ten acres of potatoes and ten of wheat and five of oats. On good average land this would give him at least 200 bushels per acre of potatoes, or six tons, which at \$20 per ton would yield \$1,200 on ten acres, or \$1,000 net. Cabbages, tomatoes, cucumbers, and wild fruits abound, and tell the same story of excellence. The grand collection of the agricultural products of the North-West made by Mr. ALEXANDER BEGG, the agent of the Canada Pacific Railway Company, for the purpose of exhibiting in the English metropolis, is the best testimony that can be offered of the great value of the country for raising food. Already much of the beef and mutton consumed in Manitoba and the North-West is raised from native soil. The incompleteness of the statistics prevents us giving any details of yields in animal food. The high character of the natural grasses of the country has long been known and its ability to feed millions of beeves and sheep. The high prices of meat since last spring give en-

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north-western climate is in itself the strongest evidence of the profitableness of stock-raising. It would be interesting to obtain some idea of the area of land under arable crops, but as the Government do not collect statistics we are left to conjecture. It cannot, however, be short of two million acres, and two million five hundred is, we think, nearer the number. The area must increase largely during the coming season now the C. P. R. have an unbroken line of 1,000 miles of railroad from Old Wives' Lake to Thunder Bay.

THE WACKERLE CASE.

In our issue of the 13th inst., under the heading "A Life Insurance Cause Célèbre," we gave an epitome of the above extraordinary case. So far as we were then aware this was its first appearance before the Courts, but we had little hope it would be the last. We now learn from SLATORS' New York Insurance Journal of the 20th inst. that the Ætna Life Insurance Company of Hartford was the first to repudiate its obligations in connection with Mrs. WACKERLE. This company has gained for itself so much experience as a resistant of claims that it may possibly have expected to gain its point early. In this hope, if it was ever indulged in, it was on this occasion, and not for the first time in its career, defeated. The jury, as in the New York Life Insurance Co. case, quoted by us a fortnight ago, gave a verdict in favor of Mrs. WACKERLE. If that lady was ever sanguine enough to imagine that the matter was to end here, and that her future labors in it would be limited to accepting the monies due to her by these two companies, and giving a receipt therefor in full, she has ere this been painfully awakened. In our former comments on this case we said, "We read but too often of the glaringly " iniquitous resistances on the part of in-" surance companies to pay just claims, and " how, to avoid doing so, they drag the " poor and weary claimant from one Court " to another." We are not, therefore, in the least degree surprised to learn, from the question has to be decided. In the mean-New York paper above quoted, that both time, the ruling of the Court has proved far the Ætna Insurance Company of Hartford, and the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company have determined further to drag this poor lady into the United States porter, an eminent authority on all such Supreme Court. What that means is pretty generally understood. It means, among other things, a delay protracted it may be for years, at a cost which not only no poor person but even one of moderate means can possibly stand. In other words, it means a by a person without inquiry at the bank forced capitulation-forced by poverty-of the bank cannot reasonably be held liable the too presumptous plaintiff, and a submis- beyond the amount which it certified. But

" of all the barefaced rascalities in the above " line, the WACKERLE case, if fairly reported, " immeasurably bears away the palm above " all infamous competitors."

BIG BANK SWINDLE .- In the case of the Receiver against the Directors of the First National Bank of Newark, N.J., a few days ago, THOMAS, paying-teller, testified that in 1874, Mr. Cook, a director, informed him of a deficiency in the account of DOVELL, receiving-teller, of \$95,000. Cook said the deficiency would not be made public. A dividend of 5 per cent. was declared a week after DOVELL's embezzlement, and for the purpose of the dividend a false entry was made. The directors personally drew large amounts as dividends.

THAT TROUBLESOME TAX. - The local Government has just entered suit against the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, South Eastern and Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Companies for the recovery of the tax, whose legality is now in dispute. It is not improbable that, as in the forty insurance cases, one test case will be allowed to decide the whole. Similar proceedings have been instituted against the steamboat companies.

"RAISED" AND CERTIFIED CHEQUES

In our last we called attention to an important decision of the New York Court of Appeals respecting "raised" and certified cheques. That decision, it will be remembered, declared a certifying bank liable only for the sum really due by a cheque. As regards this disposition of that point itself, it is not unlikely it may be sustained in a still higher Court, to which in all probability it will be referred. But in this case the "raised." cheque itself was exhibited to the Teller, who pronounced it "good" as it stood, though a reference by that officer to the books would have instantly shown the fraud. Was, or was not, the Teller justified, when the point was thus directly submitted to him, in making so cursory an examination as he confessedly did? This from unanimously satisfactory to the New York financial world, opinions being a good deal divided. Thompson's Bank Note Rematters, is a strong dissentient. It says :-" This may be good law, but it is a question whether it does not make a successful practice of fraud easier. When a cheque is raised after certification and is then accepted ever, nothing was kept back, we see no the fraud. A reference to its books will the money in real estate.

cattle should lay on flesh so rapidly in the occasion to recall our former words, that show the exact amount for which a cheque is certified, and at once disclose the fact of its being 'raised.' It would seem to be but reasonable to expect a bank, when asked whether a certification is good, to make this comparison between the certified amount as shown by its books and the amount appearing on the face of the cheque." When lawyers and judges disagree, who is to decide? It will doubtless fall ultimately to the Supreme Court to give an arbitrary solution, so far as the United States are concerned. But, without presuming to anticipate the decision of that august body, the view may probably be widely taken that in this special instance there was sufficient laches on the part of the bank, as represented by one of its recognised agents, to make it both legally and equitably responsible for the loss that certainly accrued to an innocent holder who had first taken every reasonable precaution to make himself secure.

INSURANCE LAW-INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT.

A CONVENTION of American Insurance Commissioners was held a few days ago, and on a discussion relative to the assets of foreign companies a leading member took the opportunity to repeat his legal opinion as to the treatment policyholders might expect if they ever had to collect their claims through foreign courts of law, which is opposed to the convictions, so far as Great Britain is concerned, of most eminent jurists on both sides of the Atlantic. A similar cry of alarm, retorts the New York Insurance Journal, was got up by the rivals of the two great American Life companies located in the British metropolis, when it was shown beyond a doubt that such claims would be internationally acknowledged, and that the naked assertion to the contrary was a mere weapon of the enemy. "As to the folly of acknowledging the branch of a great company and ignoring the root from which it receives its sustenance," it continues, "we have on several former occasions expressed our sentiments. The insuring public will reject such sophistry, as well it may, when it is remembered in the losses at two of our greatest conflagrations of the century-Chicago and Boston-when the losses of the British companies alone amounted to millions of dollars, every cent was promptly sent from the home offices, so that the funds in the States might remain undisturbed by the disaster." Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, and in view of the WACKERLE and a hundred other repudiations, both fire and life, the less stir certain foreign companies make the more fragrant the insurance air will be.

U. S. FOUR PER CENTS .- The Reporter sion to any terms offered by the defendants, the case is different when the person to says that the great mass of the American With all our experience in this policy of whom the raised cheque is presented takes people are too active, enterprising and pushresistance on the part of certain companies, the precaution of inquiring at the bank as ing to be permanently satisfied with four especially those of foreign origin, we are to its genuineness, and accepts it on the per cent as a return for invested capital. still loth to believe that this case was pro-assurances there received. In such case it and shrewd capitalists are selling out four perly reported in the despatches. If, how- is a very easy matter for the bank to detect per cent. government consols and putting

THE STOCK MARKET. THE week has been marked by a steady fall in prices and a reduction in extent of sales without any exception of importance. Comparing the prices of leading stocks with those of a week ago, we find a decline of 64 per cent. in Bank of Montreal, 6 in Commerce, 5¹/₄ in St. Paul and Manitoba Railway, 5 in Federal and City Gas Company, 4 in Toronto, 3 in Merchants' and 2 in Molson's. The Bank of Montreal, after declaring a dividend of 5 per cent. for the half-year ending this month, has fallen to $207\frac{2}{3}$ (206) ex. d.), with a total of 3,902 sales during the week. Considerable excitement was manifested on "the street" when the decision as to this dividend -was made public, speculation having been largely based on a higher rate or the addition of a bonus of 1 per cent. The directorate, however, appears to be resolute in its adhesion to its conservative policy-a policy thoroughly endorsed by all but mere speculators and a innings soon. North-West Land Company minority of shareholders. The official statement and report of this bank will not be Paul, M. and M. fell to 152, closing at 153. made known till next week, and an "approximate guess" made by a local journal is officially pronounced to be all "guess' and no "approximate." The views of the President, Mr. SMITHERS, on the present the past harvest, is coming in with a financial and commercial position are looked slowness unparalleled, the farmers holding forward to with much interest and some back for higher prices, and to this fact alone anxiety. It is rumored that the care and a good deal of the stringency is due. Farcaution inculcated by that gentleman in his mers are not paying the country storelast address will not only be sustained but be even still more urgently recommended, the necessity being alleged to have rather increased than diminished. Merchants' has this week declared a dividend of 31 per cent. for the current half-year, but as regards 7 per cent. for the bulk offering, but renewrates and sales it has to fall into rank with als and bills out of the ordinary are charged the other institutions as herein reported. The earnings of the half-year have been very satisfactory, but it is intended to build up a strong reserve before increasing the distribution of profits. The Bank of Toronto has also declared a dividend for the half-year of 4 per cent., an increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the last rate. This Bank at one time paid its shareholders 10 per cent. per annum, but during the bad times reduced the dividend to 6 per cent. rather than make a heavy inroad on the reserve. As the "rest" is again up to 60 per cent. of the capital, the shareholders hope to divide a larger proportion of the profits in the future. The Jacques Cartier is also expected to announce a dividend this week. The Bank of Hamilton has declared a half-yearly dividend of 31 per cent. Ville Marie has declared 3 per cent., an increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Quebec Bank, 31 per cent., an increase of 1 per cent. Commerce, like its rivals, has also retrogressed as to quotations, while the sales show some diminution over last week. The little flurry arising from the connection of the HOPE failure at Montreal with the affairs of this institution subsided as soon as it rose; but whether the additional permanent effect on its quotations has yet to Mr. SWEETMAN in conjunction with Mr. E. from \$400,000 to \$250,000. trouble of the Hamilton branch will have any Office investigation is being continued by

at which price they closed as we made up this report. Of the other banks, it is only necessary to say generally that quotations slightly retroceded and sales diminished, which may be said also of Montreal Telegraph. Richelieu sales amounted in all to 1,625, and prices were fairly maintained, closing at 741. City Passenger continues its facilis descensus, the comparatively small maximum of 1441 last week being exchanged for a minimum of 1251 this, closing price being 126: sales last week, 11,247; this, 4,283. Bottom is now supposed to be about reached. City Gas is being made the arena for the "bulls" to make a great fight to maintain unsoundly high prices, and they succeeded in getting it to a maximum of 192, whence it fell to 187³, closing at 1861, while the sales reached 8,610 as compared with 9,650 last week. It is expected that the bears will have a satisfactory showed 2,295 sales, at from 991 to 1001. St.

The Money Market has been much firmer this week, and the anticipation of any relaxation before spring is but little indulged in. The amount of produce, the result of keepers, and these latter are compelled to ask extension. On the local market, call loans on stocks cannot be made under 7 per cent., and even a higher rate is paid in some cases. Commercial paper is discounted at $7\frac{1}{2}$ @ 8 per cent. Sterling exchange is steady at 81 for round amounts of 60-day bills, 8§ prem. cash over the counter, 9103 prem. for demand bills.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

THE dividend recently declared by the Bank of Montreal has rather dampened the anticipations of speculators in this stock The managers of this vast concern, however, know what they are about. No pressure, however great will cause them to swerve from the right path. LUCIFEE, aye! many LUCIFERS, have fallen within the memory of modern times by taking the opposite course. It is the mission of this great Bank to do its best, but stand firm there.

A BANK PRESIDENT'S FRAUDS. - The offence for which Mr. BENYON, President of the defunct Pacific National Bank, of Boston, is indicted is that of issuing time drafts illegally and fraudulently. BENYON broke the bank by loaning money without security, the institution losing two millions in this way. It has taken a year to work up the evidence.

THE POST-OFFICE MUDDLE.-The Post-

be seen; they have fallen, however, to 136, F. KING, the Inspector here. Much money stolen from the mails has been discovered, but we hear of none having been restored. We trust the P.O.D. does not mean to "annex" it permanently.

> TARIFF CHANGES .- The reports that important tariff changes are contemplated are, we have reason to believe, unfounded. Some minor changes of detail are, however, probably under consideration. Now is the time for grievance-mongers to let their complaints be heard, as they will have little chance of receiving attention when Parliament is actually in session.

> BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANIES. - Insurance circles in New York are excited over the report that a company in Ireland and another in Scotland are about to establish agencies there. Foreign competition has already driven several local companies out of the business, not only in the city, but throughout the state of New York.

BANK OF HAMILTON.-The management of the Bank of Hamilton is making a call of ten per cent. on the subscribed capital payable on the 20th prox. This, says the Gazette, will to some extent relieve the difficulty it has experienced in keeping its circulation within the prescribed limits of the law, and at the same time increase its earning power.

GRAVEYARD INSURANCE .--- A recent investigation at Springfield, Ill., shows that the Capital Life Insurance Company has been transacting the worst kind of graveyard insurance, and has swindled thousands of people. The Attorney-General has instituled quo warranto proceedings to wind it The officers will be arrested. up.

THE NEW G.T.R. ROUTE TO OTTAWA.

THE date originally fixed for the opening of the new route to Ottawa vid the Canada Atlantic Railway will be duly observed. On Wednesday next the Grand Trunk will initiate this additional course of traffic, the trains starting from the Bonaventure Station and proceeding on to the capital from Coleau. The running time is to be three hours and forty-five minutes into the heart of Ottawa, and those who have already been over the new road represent it as in perfect condition.

NEWS AND STOCK TELEGRAPH CO .- The News and Stock Telegraph Company of New York, capital \$600,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$2,000,000, was incorporated this week at Albany, N. Y. The line is to run through the United States and Canada.

INSURANCE STATISTICS .- A recent compilation of fire statistics shows that in 1881 there was paid for fire insurance in the United States \$79,000,000, and that at the close of the year the amount of property insured was \$11,000,000,000. During 1881 twenty fire insurance companies, with an aggregate capital of \$3,005,850, went out of

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THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE.

THE GREAT RIVALS-COMPROMISES POSSIBLE.

A RUMOR first made public some weeks ago is again revived, the gist of which will be found in the following extract from the New York Post :-- "The Grand Trunk of Canada, which for the present terminates at Chicago, seems to be working its way into the Northwest, and is taking the attitude to some extent of a competitor of the Canadian Pacific. According to the St. Vincent Herald, the Grand Trunk has bought up the Duluth and Winnipeg and the Emerson and North Western, which are now in process of construction, and by the completion of which, with some other connections, the Grand Trunk proposes to get into the Manitoba region. Upon this situation of affairs the St. Vincent Herald says :--- ' Accordingly we find that Sir HUGH ALLAN, the Syndicate and the Grand Trunk are now putting their heads together to make amicable arrangements to let the latter into the Canadian North-west. The Grand Trunk is very powerful, and the Syndicate has its match. We have no doubt, as things exist, but that the Grand Trunk will be successful.'"

THE OUTLOOK.

AMERICAN papers once more unite in expressing renewed confidence in the state of matters financial and in fresh declarations that the business outlook in the States wears even a more favorable aspect than ever before since the grand crash of some ten years ago. How is it with us in Canada? The banks of Ontario and Quebec in August place at the foot where "T. D. HARINGTON" last had outstanding liabilities of \$131,000,- appears on the old bills. In the lower 000, as compared with \$98,000,000 in Aug- right-hand corner the great seal of Canada ust, 1880. Their available cash resources in light red is separately stamped, thus last August were only \$31,000,000, as against rendering imitation doubly difficult. The \$45,000,000 two years previous. while their liabilities have in two years in-creased by thirty-three millions, their cash legend "Payable at Toronto," or some other 1881, \$38,028.48; decrease, \$7,290.87 resources have decreased by fourteen millions. With the exercise of due caution, however, there is nothing in the least alarming in all this. The money out will in due time find its way back after having accomplished a profitable mission. But every season, good or bad, should be a season of caution, and while there is nothing in the least shaky in the present state of affairs, there has rarely been a time when the good advice to "make haste slowly" was more timely than it is to-day.

IRISH BANKING Co. - It is announced that the prospectus of an Irish Banking Company is in circulation. The proposed capital is one million pounds. The project was received favorably at the preliminary meeting in Dublin.

MANHATTAN FIRE INSURANCE CO.-Business being unprofitable, the Manhattan Fire Insurance Co., of New York, has re-insured the risks and will go out of the business. At the close of last year the risks amounted to \$51,000,000.

WARNING TO IMPORTERS.

In consequence of the very frequent discovery of enclosures which are not noted in the invoice or entry in packages sent for examination, the Commissioner of Customs, as instructed by the Minister, has issued a circular embodying a copy of the fiftieth section of the Customs' Act, with a view to the future prevention of the practice. From the section referred to it appears that by the mere fact of an enclosure being found which was not mentioned in the invoice under which the package under examination was entered the goods so enclosed are absolutely forfeited, and no room is left for the consideration of extenuating circumstances.

THE NEW FOUR-DOLLAR BILL.

THE new issue of Dominion four-dollar notes is ready, and will be in the hands of the deputy receivers-general in a few days. The new bill, though containing no fancy work, has a very handsome appearance. It is printed on paper of very superior quality, which had to be obtained from England. and is made with a waterline containing the words "Dominion" and "of Canada," forming the transverse bars of a St. Andrew's cross, between the arms of which are the rose, thistle, shamrock, and maple leaf. This design can, however, scarcely be distinguished beneath the engraving of the bill. A well-executed portrait of the Marquis of LORNE occupies the centre of the engraving on the face of the bill, and the signature of J. M. COURTNEY occupies the large field; that's why. Thus reverse of the bill contains the words

place, so that the note appears to be, as it is, of equal value in all parts of the Dominion.

MOLSONS' BANK .--- It is said that the President, Mr. THOMAS WORKMAN, has inaugurated a new system never before practised in any of our banking institutions, namely, of making a personal inspection of the branches, auditing the books and counting the cash. Mr. WORKMAN is accompanied by the general manager, Mr. F. WOLFERSTAN THOMAS, and has nearly completed his labors, everything so far having been found most satisfactory.

ADAM HOPE & CO.—The Hamilton firm of ADAM HOPE & Co has not failed, but has suspended operations until a meeting of the c-editors, called for Tuesday, November 14. At that meeting a full exhibit will be made. It is thought in Hamilton that the creditors will take such action as will enable the firm to continue in business.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DEPOSITOR.-The suggestion is a good one. When banks charge 7 and 8 per cent. for discounts, they should allow more than 3 per cent. for deposits.

C., OTTAWA.-Enquiring about the bonds. Will send result by post.

X., KNOWLTON .- Should say a fair investment. The firm you speak of may be good enough; but, in large transactions, why not employ brokers of more experience?

TORONTO .- The Toronto Banks have a

The Traffic refurns of the Midland Railway of Canada for the week ending Oct. 21ts. 1882, was as follows:--Presenters and Mails, \$6,666.15; Freight, \$21,613.86; fotal, \$ C. 80.01, as compared with \$25,355.47 for the consponding week of 188; being an increase of \$2.924.54 and the aggregate traffic to date is \$860,384.83, being an increase of \$171,319.(8 over 1881.

THE traffic returns of the Northern and North-Western

THE STOCK MARKET.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of stocks on the Montreal Stock Exchange on each day of the week ended 26th October, 1882, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week.

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SUNDAY RAILROAD TRAINS. . Č

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SUNDAY RAILROAD TRAINS. The question of applying ordinary "Sundays laws" to the opperations of railroads and steamboats is confes-sedly difficult. The laws themselves are meagre and obscure. In most states the law protecting Sunday is little more than an old fashioned transcript of an act of parliament passed in the reign of Charles the second, and simply prohibits prosecuting labor or business on the first day of the week, excepting works of necessity, charity and mercy. To some it has seemed obvious that a railroad train, to say nothing of an excursion steamboat, is neither nocessary, charitable nor merciful; and they have demand-ed the immediate suppression of these conveyances as gross violations of the law. Opposed is a view that some, any indeed, of the rassengers aboard a train or boat may be travelling for necessity or charity—may be going to church, visiting the sick, hastening for physician, or the like—and how can the law assume to discriminate among motives? If some travel may be accessary, some con-voyances must be allowable. Again, if a train carries a United States mail can a state law obstruct it? Again, are not railroads and steamboats forms of commerce? and is not the power to regulate their movements on Sunday wholly vested in congress ? is not the power to regulate their movements on Sunday wholly vested in congress ? A broad and novel view has been taken by the court of

a preals of Kentucky. The case was no petry controversy between individuals, but a prosecution on behalf of the state against the Louisville & Nashville railroad company, covering its general business of Sunday trains. The state nuthorities frankly avowed that the trains carried mails as well as passengers, baggage and freight. But the company does not seem to have invoked federal authority at all: at does not seem to have invoked federal authority at all: at least the opinion discusses only the broad question whether the state Sunday law is applicable to railroads. The court said that "work of necessity" in these laws does not mean absolute physical necessity. The law regards that as nec-essary which the common sense of the country in its ordinary mode of doing business regards as necessary. The necessity may grow out of the general course of business, or even be an exigency of a particular vocation. And it sustained the lawfulness of running reasonable Sunday trains on the general ground that modern usages of travel trains on the general ground that modern usages of travel and transportation have made them necessary. --- N. Y Tribune.

WHY HE WANTED TO WORK FOR THE UNION MUTUAL.

not paying their premiums and then complain to me and to others of the money they had lost in life insurance. Although I knew they had failed in fulfilling a contract fairly made, and that they had received the benefit and protection of insurance during the period of payment, my argument was weakened and my sense of justice offended by the forfeiture of the reserves which I knew had been by the forter of the reserves which I they had been accumulated for the ultimate payment of the policy. Of course I talked about the right to a paid-up policy which they might have claimed while the policy was in force, but I knew that to many of them it was no protection, they all (with the exception of a few chronic grumblers at everything and everybody) expected to pay, up to the last moment, and until it was too late to make the application required by the policy. Large numbers of these men became the open enemies

of life insurance, and talked against me and my business

all occasions. It also occurred again and again that after a lapse of pars my customers would insist that I had made this and

It also occurred again and again that after a lapse of years my customers would insist that I had made this and that statement in relation to the policy.
It counted for very little that I know that they were mistaken, and that I had never said the things whereof they accured me; they were generally honestly self-deceived, but I had no means to convince them of the fact. After much trouble of this kind I accidentally became acquainted with the Union Mutual policy, and soon satisfied myself that it met all these difficulties perfectly, and that is the reason why I want to work for the Company.
In the first place, the policy is a perfectly clear and definite contract for every year that it is in force, and shows upon its face what will be the result of payment or non-payment of each promium, and the policy-holder don't need to do anything to take the advantage of the terms. The policy is self-explaining and self-operating, and will, I think, do more to make life insurance popular than any plan yet offered to the public.
No agent can misrepresent it or the policy will contradict him. If he is accused of falschood, he can appeal to the policy and find in its distinct and complete statements his perfect defence.
No policy-holder can, after three annual payments, allow his policy to lapse under any circumstances. If he stops paying, there are no letters to write, no policy to the stops paying, there are no letters to write, no policy to the stops paying, there are many others, such as your prompt.

payment of losses, your incontestable policy, your acceler-ating endowment, &c., &c. Indeed, I think your policy contains every good feature of any existing policy, and some which belong to it alone.

It is needless to add that this gentleman is now one of the active workers for the Good Old Union Mutual, and

	giving us earnest work and lots of new business. Com- municated.
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A \$20.00 Biblical Reward. The publishers of *Rulledge's Monthly* offer twelve valuable rewards in their *Monthly* for November, among

valuable rewards in their Monthly for November, among which is the following: We will give \$20.00 in gold to the person telling us which verse in the New Testament Scriptures (not the New Revision) contains the greatest number of words by November 10th, 1882. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner November 15th, 1882. Persons trying for the reward must sent 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the December Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published. This may be worth \$20.00 to you; cut it out. Address RUTLEDGE PUBLISUING COMPANY, Easton, Penna.

GRAND TRUNK OF CANADA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "RAILWAY NEWS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "RAILWAY NEWS." SIR,—I agree entirely with the statements made by your correspondent, "E. W. W.," in your last week's issue. Shareholders have only to wait for the half-yearly meeting, shortly to be held, and the usual "Monthly Statements" as heretofore published, and they will then be able to estimate accurately the value of their securities. I am extremely pleased to find that our beloved country is about to adorn our illustrious General, Sir Garnet Wolseley, with the highest distinction which a grateful country can confer, and I am confident that the shareholders of the above company will be disposed to act in the same generous spirit towards Sir Henry Tyler (ambo sunt equales), our worthy and distinguished president, who, by his profound sagacity, forethought, and tact, has overcome every obstacle in his path, towards making the company, of which he is president, one of the most prosperous and unassailable proporties in either hemisphere. The carrying out of any plan for evincing our gratitude to him I leave to wiser and more experienced parties than myself. All that I can say on this point is, I shall be most happy to contribute my mite. Hoping this subject may be further ventilated, believe, me very truly yours, A VER OLD Suscences believe, me very truly yours, A VERY OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Malfon, September 25,

TWO TONS OF THREE-CENT COINS. The United States Mint in this city has over two tons of three-cent silver pieces, which by act of Congress has been abolished from the national coinage. This is, however, only about one-fifth of the quantity of these small coins which are to be brought here from the these small coins which are to be brought here from the various sub-Treasuries in the country, there having already been redeemed more than 10 tons. These three-cent pieces now in the Mint would fill three large wagons. They are to be re-coined into ten-cent pieces, as the three-cent nickel pieces are to take the place of the old silver three-cent coins. The Treasury Department is redeeming the small coins as fast as possible, and in a few years they will entirely disappear, and only the nickels will be in circulation. The coins have lost a very considerable per cent. of their intrinsic value by usage, in some cases amounting to as much as 25 per cent. In fact, they are rapidly wearing out. This is one reason why they were abolished and the harder and more convenient nickel substituted.—*Philadelphia Record*.

ENGLAND PREPARING FOR FURTHER WAR.

The Army and Navy Gazette says: — The Admiralty have decided to arm 14 fast and powerful ocean mail steamers, and to send them forthwith to cruise in the Indian Ocean, the China seas, and on the Australian Station. Fifty additional steamers have been surveyed and reported upon as in proper condition to the survey of and reported upon as in proper condition to act as armed cruisers, and should complications arise out of the Egyptian question at all likely to involve us in hostilities with a rival Naval Power, these will at once be armed and despatched to various complications arise out of the Egyptian question at all likely to involve us in hostilities with a rival Naval Power, these will at once be armed and despatched to various quarters of the globe, to safeguard our ocean highways, and convoy grain-laden ships to our shores, so as to insure an uninterrupted food supply, while our regular men-of-war are employed on more serious work. Sixty guns have been ordered for the 12 cruisers now being armed, besides 48 Nordenfelt machine-guns, and the usual service allowance of ammunition for each gun. Every cruiser will carry four M.L. 64-pounders, one B L. 40-pounder, and four machine-guns. It is somewhat signi-ficant that, at the same time, Baker Pasha and the English military officers serving in Turkey are being withdrawn from the service of the Porte, and transferred to that of the Khedive, to re-organize the Egyptian Army. We shall not be surprised to hear that Hobart Pasha and the English naval officers serving in the Turkish Navy have followed suit. But what will become of the Turkish ironclads. It is evident that the Admiralty are, at any rate, preparing for all eventualities; and the outlook is certainly not a very reassuring one, so far as the maintenance of the peace of Europe is concerned. The VOLUNTEERS.—Sir Noel Paton, R.S.A., has just

maintenance of the peace of Europe is concerned. THE VOLUNTERES.—Sir Noel Paton, R.S.A., has just completed the drawings for a medal which is to be struck in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the volunteer movement. The obverse of the medal will bear a likeness of Quoen Victoria, copied from a portrait of Her Majesty taken in 1868, and on the reverse will be an armed figure of St. Michael with a flaming sword, as the patron of righteous warfare, his shield charged with crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. On the one side, under the shelter of his outspread wings, is a group of a mother with a sleeping babe and a child in prayer, intended to symbolise Alter and Hearth, and on the other side, facing the sea, kneel three male figures in the attitude of defence, symbolising the volunteers of the threo kingdoms. Beyond these figures is a war galley, in allusion to the naval volunteer service, and over all is the legend Pro Aris et Focis. The drawings were shown to the Queen at Balmoral last week by the engraver, Mr. Macphail, snd cordially approved of by Her Majesty.

Macphail, and cordially approved of by Her Majesty. TELEFRONG.—An interesting telephonic experiment was recently made between Brussels and Dover. A submarine cable is practically a condenser, which, by its inductive action, materially interferes with the speed of signalling. The rotardation, indeed, is so great as to reduce the speed to one-fifth that attained on air lines, the same instru-ments being used in both cases. It was feared that this condensation would prove, for a long while, a great dif-ficulty in the case of telephonic currents, so transforming them as to render them unintelligible. The difficulty, however, has ibeen overcome, the honour of the achieve-ment belonging to a distinguished Belgian physicist, M. Van Rysselberghe. On June 9th the new telephonic ap-paratus, designed for the purpose of counteracting the effects of induction on air lines and condensation in sub-marine cables, was tried with success. M. Bordeaux, the engineer of the Submarine Telegraph Company, was stationed at Dover; M. Banneux, Inspecting Engineer of Belgian Telegraphs, was at Ostend; and a third operator at Brussels. Conversation was freely exchanged through the sixty miles of cable and two hundred miles of air line. The experiment is certainly very hopeful for ocean tele-honv - Nature. The experiment is certainly very hopeful for ocean tele. phony.—Nature.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT.—Australia is pushing to the front as a wheat growing country. The group will have an output of grain this season equal to about fifty millions of bushels. As the total population is under three millions, a very large margin indeed exists for export, and accord-ingly the value of the breadstuffs shipped from the colonies now runs to seven figures. Despite the facilities afforded by low rates of ocean freight and other favorable circumstances, the Australasian wheat-grower has of late awakened to the discovery that it is far better to export flour. Thus it has come about that the export of Australasian flour is gradually, but surely, assuming gigantic commercial proportions. In the year 1853 there were in Victoria, for example, only twenty flour mills; in 1880 they numbered 145; while taking the latest statistics for the whole of the colonies in the southern seas, the figures total up to at least 500 mills, and if we may credit well-informed authorities, the number is rapidly increaling. AUSTRALIAN WHEAT .- Australia is pushing to the front

THE MORTLAKE PEERAGE.

(From Chambers's Journal.)

CHAPTER II.

My next step, after seeing Miss Onslow, was to proceed to Sandgate, and call at the addresses given me of the doctor and lodging-house keeper. The latter I could not find; she had left the town, and no one knew where she doctor and lodging-house keeper. The latter I could not find; she had, loft the town, and no one knew where she was now living. The doctor, I discovered, had given up practising, and had taken up his residence at Folkstone; so I had to hark back to that town, where eventually I found him. Dr. Scudamore proved to be a very gentlemanly old man, in no way disposed to be reticent. He remem-bered the whole affair. He thought the young lady was good-looking; but not very strong-minded. And somehow he imagined she was not happy, and tried to gain her confidence, but could not. Both mother and child were strong and healthy; in the whole of his practice he never saw a finer infant. He knew nothing of what became of them after they left Sandgate, and could give me no information about Mrs. Pocock, the lodging-house keeper. He, however, voluntarily stated that he did not believe that the lady he attended was dead. He gave as his reason that, as he was crossing from Calais to Dover not many months since, he saw a lady whom he believed to be his former patient. She was attended by a gentleman, who seemed to be her husband, and had a large retinue of servants. He bowed to her, and she returned his saluta-tion. I did not attach much importance to this, because a bow from so courtly an old gentleman as Mr. Scudamore, I a:gued, even if given in mistake, would be almost sure to elicit a response. But Mr. Scudamore would not listen to such an idea; he was confident that the lady was the same person he had attended at Sandgate—only that she had grown more womanly and even more beautiful. All this was very tantalising. I could not entirely

to such an idea; he was confident that the lady was the same person he had attended at Sandgate—only that she had grown more womanly and even more beautiful. All this was very tantalising. I could not entirely credit Mr. Scudamore's story; nor did I feel perfectly satisfied with Lord Mortlake's assertion that his wife was dead. I did not for one moment imagine that he had treated his wife unhandsomely, or that she had been subjected to any foul-play on his part. On the contrary, I had a strong conviction that he had been deceived, and that he was in reality as much in the dark with regard to her existence and whereabouts, as I was; nevertheless, the conviction that Lady Mortlake was still alive had become so rooted in my mind that I was not inclined to give credence to anything to the contrary. It may be asked, why did I not go to Lord Mortlake and seek a solution of the mystery from him? At least he could give me his grounds for asserting that his wife was dead. That is all perfectly true; but it was not practicable. I did not know where he was to be found. Lord Mortlake had not been in England for years. He had been travelling in all parts of the world; and according to common report, had become a misanthrope, or been seized with a mania for trapping and hunting. At anyrate, as far as his friends knew, he was living somewhere in the backwoods of America; and no one had any idea when he was likely to return. One morning some time after this, I received a message was likely to return.

was likely to return. One morning some time after this, I received a message from Miss Onslow, who was seriously ill, requesting that I would call upon her. Accordingly, I went, and found the lady in her sick-room. I was shocked and surprised to see how much she was altered since I had hast seen her. see how much she was altered since 1 had hast seen her. Always thin, she had now shrunk into a mere skeleton. She beckoned me to approach her, and whispered : 'I want to speak to you alone—before my sister comes ; there is no time to be lost. I am dying !' 'You can leave the room,' I said to the woman in attendance. 'I want to have some conversation with Miss Onslow of a private nature.' 'The doctor said she was not to be left,' answered the attendant sullents

attendant sullenly. 'I will ring if there is any necessity,' I replied. The woman glared at me; she did not answer, but left the room without a word.

the room without a word. As soon as the door was closed, Miss Onslow put her long thin hand out of the bed, and thrust into my hands a packet of old letters. 'Put them into your pocket,' she whispered. 'Don't let her see them; she is a spy.' 'What are they?' I asked. 'Letters—their letters—the ones we suppressed.' 'Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope's?' I asked. 'Yes.' was the roply.

Yes,' was the reply.
'Then you were the cause of their separation ?'
She gazed at me pitcously, and then answered, 'Yes.'
'God will judge you for that wicked act !' I exclaimed
'Those who separate husband and wife will have much to answer for.

• The wild yearning look in her eyes came back, and she said: • The thought of how we treated that poor girl has been like a canker in my heart. I wish I had my time

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• What is all this, Ann-and who is this gentleman?' asked the new-comer sternly. The sick woman essayed to answer-raised her head a little from the pillow, and then suddenly fell back. She was dead. She had been suffering, as I afterwerds learned, from heart-disease, and the shock of her sister's sudden entrance had killed her. I went home in a very sad mood. The scene I had just

witnessed was so deeply impressed on my mind, that I could not get rid ot it—it haunted me; while I was almost unmanned by the thought that a soul had passed into eternity in such a state. In the hope that the perusal of the letters given me by the dead woman might distract my attention from these morbid ideas, I sat down and read them. There were more than twenty, some of so touching and pathetic a character, that I was moved to tears as I read them. Mr. Stanhope's were full of love and tender-ness, urging his wife to disclose their marriage to her father, or to let him do so; vowing eternal fidelity, and complaining that she did not answer his letters. His wife's at first expressed the most unbounded love; but they complaining that she did not answer his letters. His wife's at first expressed the most unbounded love; but they gradually changed. It was evident to me that the Misses Onslow were trying to poison her mind, and persuade her that she was deserted. When the idea first dawned upon the young wife, her agony of mind as expressed in her letters was intense; but she evidently would not believe it and urged him to come and take her away. Poverty, she said, she could bear; but the thought that he had censed to love her, was maddening. Some of her letters were very incoherent, full of passionate love, alternating with vows of hatred and revenge; and I came to the conclusion that the writer at these times was hardly accountable for what she wrote. The mystery to me was, how human beings could have read these letters and acted such an inhuman part.

how human beings could have read these letters and acted such an inhuman part. From one of Mr. Stanhope's later letters, it was evident to me that he had procured an interview with one of the Misses Onslow, and had tried to discover the whereabouts of his wife. The letter was obviously written while he was in a state of great mental excitement. He said that though he still loved her, he was stung to the quick by her silence and neglect; stated his intention to accept an appointment in India, and gave an address in Calcutta where she could write to him.

accept an appointment in India, and gave an address in Calcutta where she could write to him.
The first thing I did after I had read these was to apply to Lord Mortlake's bankers for his address. They stated that they had not heard from him for some time; but they gave the address of a bank in New York through which he received his remittances. I wrote to the manager, inclosing a letter to my friend. Time went on, and I got no answer; but the letter was not returned:
Shortly after the death of Miss Onslow, I received a note from Dr. Scudamore. He said that, understanding that I was anxious to discover the whereabouts of Mrs Pocok—the person with whom Mrs. Stanhope lodged while she was at Sandgate—he had made inquiries, and had discovered that, having lost her first husband, she had been married again to a man of the name of Minter, at Ramsgate, a small shipowner. At the same time he inclosed her address. This was another link in the chain; and I started off to pick it up.
1 found the woman very uncommunicative. All 1 could get out of her was, that the child of the lndy I spoke of died a few months after it was born, and was buried at Ashford. She admitted that she had the charge of the child till its death; and she produced a certificate of its burial. I was about taking a copy of this, when I discovered that it was a certificate of the baptism of the child, and not its burial. I took no notice till I copied it, then I said: 'Thank you. Now I'll see the certificate of its burial.'

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of its burial.' She looked at me blankly; then she snatched up the paper and examined it. With a muttered exectation, either on me or herself, I could not make out which, she produced the other paper, and gave it me. Just as I had finished making a copy of this, a handsome boy of about fourteen or fifteen entered the room. He was about to withdraw, when I stopped him and asked his name. 'George Pocock,' he answered. 'This is your son, then, 1 suppose?' 'Of course he is!' she replied. 'What makes you ask?'

'Of course he is!' she replied. 'What makes you ask?' 'Because he is the very picture of what Mr. Stanhope was when he was young. 'The likeness is perfectly astounding? 'I can't help nothing about who he's like,' she said sullenly. 'He's my boy.—Ain't ye, George?' 'Yes, mother,' he replied meekly. I folded up the copies of the certificates carifully and put them into my pocket-book. 'The woman all this while was motioning to her boy and looking daggers at him. I was watching her all the time. At this moment, a voice in the passage called out: 'Dinner ready, Polly?' and a bluff, hearty-looking man entered the room.—'Sarvant, sir,' he said on seeing me, and he doffed his hat. 'This is your wite's son?' I said interrogatively. There was a broad grin on his face as he answered: 'So she says; but blame me if I know whose he is 1 He ain't a bit like the missus, is he? And he ain't no more like old Pocock than she's like the Queen. 'Tain't hern, sir; doan't You believe it.' 'What rubbish you do talk, Robert !' his wife cried;

sir; doan't You believe it.' 'What rubbish you do talk, Robert !' his wife cried; and then turning to me, she said : 'You musn't mind what he says. He's jealous of the boy.'

(To be Continued.)

ECONOMISING GAS.-The progress of the electric light is ECONOMISING GAS.—The progress of the electric light is leading to the discovery of new means of economising gas, either by reducing the consumption or by increasing the brilliancy of the light. The London Times of 23rd ult. announces that a small company with a capital of $\mathcal{E}50,000$ has been formed to deal with Sir James Douglass's ligh-power gas burner patonts, and to introduce the burners into general use. It is stated that by putting one of the new cones on a Sugg burner it increases its illuminating power by 40 per cent, on the consumption of gas. Out of the competition between gas and electricity now setting in will arise the light of the future, a cheaper and better article than until recently it was deemed possible to produce. produce.

THE MYSTERIES OF LONDON.

Last year, according to Col. Henderson's report, 26,170 new houses, covering a length of eighty-six miles, were built in the metropolitan police area, London, which now contains 4,788,657 persons—the largest number probably ever packed within fifteen miles of a centre. Out of this enormous multitude twenty-three children and one hun-dred and fifty four adults entirely lost. Their disappear-ance is one of the mysteries of London, upon which but little light is thrown by the fact that fifty-four before identification. There were three times as many people killed in the streets of London in 1881 as it cost to storm Arabi's position at Tel-el-Kebir, and ten times as many wounded, the figures being—killed 252, wounded 3,400. There were 800 fires, 274 suicides, 11 murders and only three convictions, 470 burglaries and only 91 con-victions; 27,228 persons were apprehended as drunk and disorderly—a decrease of more than 8 per cent. since 1881, although there has been an increase of population of over 80,000. The temperance movement seems to be telling at Last year, according to Col. Henderson's report, 26,170 80,000. The temperance movement seems to be telling at last, even in London—the proportion of apprehensions per 1,000 of population for the last four years being: 1878, 7,809; 1879, 7,345; 1880, 6,345; 1881, 5,698.

Two HUNDRED MILES OF OYSTERS.—The joy caused in gastronomic and epicurean circles by Mr. Olsen's paper on "The North Sea Fisheries," and the great cyster discover-ies there, will be shared by the whole cyster-eating world. Two hundred miles of cyster-beds, thirty to seventy miles wide, that is to say, 10,000,000 acres of splendid cysters within easy distance of the British coast, is a discovery to which all those of Stanley and Livingstone sink into insignificance. One curious feature about it is that the cysters lie at a depth of twonty-one fathoms, thus dispos-ing summarily of the prevalent idea that cysters can only be raised successfully in shallow water. The man who invents a new dish, according to some, the man who plants invents a new dish, according to some, the man who plants a tree, according to the Mohammedans, deserves well of mankind; but what is the reward of a man who discovers 10,000,000 acres of oysters? And yet all this is tinged with the melancholy doubt whether oysters will be cheaper in consequence.

in consequence. SELF-ACTING FIRE-ALARM. — A Manchester, England, inventor has exhibited a self-acting fire-alarm and fire-extinguisher of his devising. He utilizes the effect of the change of temperature upon the mercury. The float as it ascends moves a lever, the raising of which has the effect of turning on a stream of water, and, as an alarm, fires a revolving gun and rings a bell. The stream of water con-tinues until the fire is extinguished, when from the fall of the temperature the mercury descends, the lever is depres-sed, and the tap in the water-pipe is again closed. The depression of the lever at the same time stops the ringing of the bell, whilst the gun would continue to fire until all the cartridges were expended. This apparatus is affected by slight as well as by a marked change in the tempera-ture. ture.

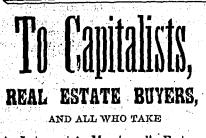
EUROPE v. AMERICA.—Emil Deckert, a German essayist, has been considering the prediction that North America will commercially overwhelm Europe, and his conclusion is that Europe will always hold its own, through advantages in the way of geographical situation, soil, and climate. "The forcign commerce of Europe," he says, "is twice as large as that of all the rest of the world together. In all manner of productions it likewise predominates. In the matter of coal and iron the European countries In all manner of productions it likewise predominates. In the matter of coal and iron the European countries produce annually almost four times as much as those of North America, Europe still possesses three times as many cattle as the United States, and four times as many sheep; the fields of Europe still produce three times as much grain, and four times as much wheat as those of North America, while on that side of the ocean the industrial establishments have two and a half times as much power in steam engines as those of America."

SPIRITUAL BANKING.—In bis address to the Bankers' Club, of Chicago, Ill., recently, Mr. J. O. Rutter, Vice-President of the club, recalled how, many years ago, a character named Seth Paine opened an office in the city, and called it the Bank of Chicago. In addition to his duties as banker, Seth added those of editor and preacher.' He published a newspaper called the *Christian Banker*. Seth was a Spiritualist, and the direction of the business of the bank was in, if I may so put it, the hands of the spirits. Seth managed in some way to get a quantity of the bills of the Bink of Chicago into the pockets of the people, and when any of them were presented at his counter for coin these supernatural agencies would indicate through the medium of a number of long-haired and not over good looking women whether it would be the proper thing to redeem or not. It was more frequent not. After being once or twice mobbed the bank was closed. SPIRITUAL BANKING .- In his address to the Bankers' After being once or twice mobbed the bank was closed.

EXTENSION OF THE GRAND TRUNK CATTLE YARDS.

YARDS. An idea may be formed of the importance of the live stock trade in this city, and its constantly increasing volume, by the large extensions which have recently been made by Messrs. Acer & Kennedy in the above yards. A new division of four yards, with every convenience for both cattle and sheep, has just been completed, with sufficient capacity for accommodating a whole train load of cattle. This division is watered from a tank in the centre, and each of the four yards is provided with everything necessary for the proper care of live stock after being taken off the cars. This latest addition to what were previously by far the largest cattle yards in the Dominion. previously by far the largest cattle yards in the Dominion, now gives them total capacity for accommodating comfort-bly 4,000 cattle, 4,000 sheep, and 1,000 hogs.—Gazette,

ÓCTOBER 27, 1882.



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An Interest in Montreal's Future

Any one who will carefully consider the ele-ments necessary to make a city prosperous, progressive and wealthy, connot but be con-vinced that at no time in all its nistory has our beautifue city of Montreal given more sub-stantial evidence of brighter prospects than at present. Everything that combines to make a really great metropolis, Montrea possesses beyond a doubt. Its success and prosperity rest on a solid basis and its natural position as the great Educational, Commer-cial, Financial and Raliway centre of the Do-minion is assured. The vast railway lines converging here, the new ones that are rapidly being pushed on, the building of depots, im-mense workshops, new wharves, docks, ex-tensive milis, factories and other enterprises (not dream tof a few years ago) involve the expenditure of millions of dollars and the em-ployment of thousands of people. The continuous development of new chan-hels of trade with foreign countries, and the consequent building of the world also. In this connection I would mention the deep-ening of the channel between Montreai and Quebec, and the magnificent canal locks, docks and basins constructed here by the Dominion Government. The would ner build not rour commercial connection with the "world" when fields," is a subject of congrutuation, the value of which can our fortune bids fair to realize the expectations of even the most and us ow out that actor in our fortune bids fair to realize the expectations of even the most sanguine, and we will find that every emit-grant who s tiles in Ma toba will be ention the realize the expectations of even the most sanguine, and we will find that every cont-merant whos s tiles in Ma toba will been the further set seapor. for the N-ath West Terri-tory.

grant who's tutes in wa hour will denominate the nearest seapor. for the North West Territory. Compare our position and prospects with those of other cities and then compare the prices now asked for real estate here with those of New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffilo, Winnipeg, or any trude centre, and it will be found that they are only about one half, and to subly less than half the figures asked and to be and the suble of the suble suble of the suble suble of the suble suble of the suble suble of the suble of the suble of the suble of the suble suble of the suble suble suble of the suble suble suble of the suble suble of the suble suble suble suble suble of the suble of the suble suble of the suble sube

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Friday, the First day of December Next.

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D. COULSON, Cashier. Toronto, 25: h October, 1882. 49-600

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. In consequence, I give Public Notice to all who intend to proceed against any prisoner now in the Comman Jail of the said District, and all others, that they must be present then and there; and I also give notice to all Justices of the Peace, Coroners, and Peace Officers in and for the said District, that they must be present, then and there, with their Records, Rolls, Indictments and other Documents, in order to do those things which belong to them in their respective capacities.

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October 21, 1882.

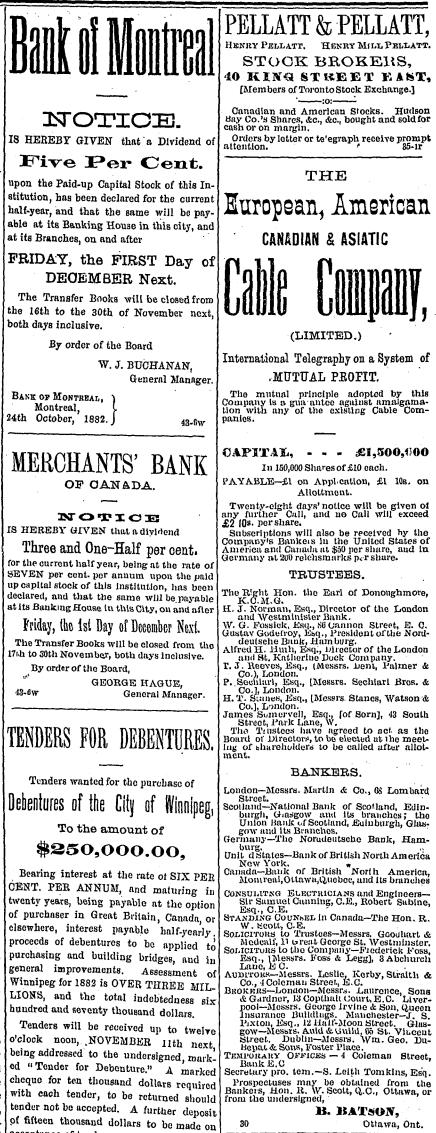
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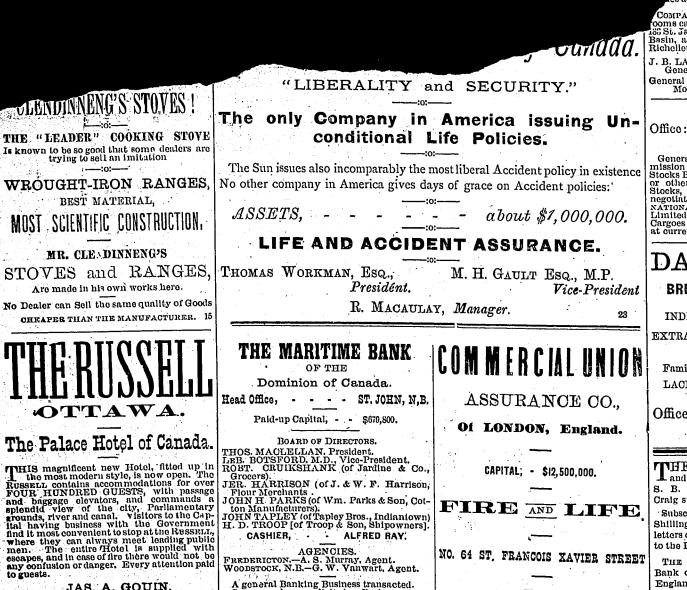
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