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THE SHAREHOLDER.

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MORE SILVER REQUIRED.

SINCE the publication of our article a fortnight ago on the reappearance in Canada of American silver in large quantities, we notice that a cry of complaint on the same subject has largely gone up, especially in Western Ontario. There, owing to its deficient intrinsic value as compared with our own more honest currency, and its now large abundance, it has become a veritable nuisance in some localities, and, as we pointed out on a former occasion, the final loss which must inevitably occur falls on the class least able to afford it. On this subject the St. Catharines Journal-a paper full of vitality, by the way-at once thus comments and suggests a remedy. It says: -" There is, according to the last government return of paper circulation, \$169,630.10 fractional notes still outstanding. As these notes were all of the denomination of twenty-five cents, it is a puzzle to find out where the odd ten cents comes from. Very few of these fractional notes are in circulation. and the inference, therefore, is that most of the amount is held by the banks as part of the basis for the bank notes. Now these fractional notes are a legal tender, costing the people nothing, and if good for a bank basis are sufficient for all purposes as a medium of exchange. Under our, present system, by which the banks enjoy the great profits arising from the almost exclusive control of the country's paper money circulation, it is not unreasonable to demand that the banks should furnish the people with a sufficient amount of small silver change for the business requirements of the people. With a reported total of \$7.506,-237 specie held as a reserve for the Dominion note issue, which issue is the basis of bank circulation, now given at \$31,729,233, there should be no scarcity of small change. Under our present unbusiness like way of conducting our financial affairs, the Government borrow in England the funds wherewith to purchase the silver coin, minted abroad. All that is worn or lost is not a gain to the people, it in no wise diminish- Pacific Railway Company has announced ing the original debt, or lessening the amount the second half-yearly payment of interest of interest, The loss or destruction of gov- on the 5 per cent. first mortgage Land ernment legal tender notes is a direct gain Grant Bonds of the Company, payable on to the people, but not so with the silver, presentation of coupons, on and after the which is paid for before it is even used as 2nd of October next, at its offices here, New coin. The remedy for the present anoma. York and London,

lous condition of affairs seems very simple. Let all subsidary silver coin be abolished and substituted therefor nickle one and five cent pieces, made in our own country, and ten and twenty-five cent fractional notes, which would cost the people almost nothing, while serving every purpose of subsidary coinage." We long since suggested the reissue of fractional notes of not less than twenty-five cents. This would not only correct the deficiency in quantity of small change now existing, but would also prove a source of no inconsiderable profit to the Government. We can, however, manage to get along well enough without nickel or any base-metal coinage. More of genuine silver, such as now used, should be at once introduced. If we have to secure it, as the Journal says, without reaping a profit, even that would be far preferable to leaving the smaller branches of trade in the embarassment and subject to the losses in which they now find themselves.

GAS COMPANIES.

THE great "boom " now steadily recorded in our weekly table for some time past has continued this week, though signs of a "tumble" in prices began to set in early in the week. Whether the stock is really worth what it is fetching is a matter for those who speculate in it to decide for themselves. One thing, however, is clearly established, namely, that the accruing profits testify to a rate very much heavier than the public should be called upon to pay, and resulting in profits oppressively high at the expense of the consumers. A correspondent tells us that some time ago the Imperial Parliament established by law a sliding scale to govern the gas companies. Up to 1875 10 per cent. was the highest dividend authorized by law. But a great surplus accumulating in the hands of the companies, it was enacted that for every reduction of a penny for 1,000 cubic feet in the price of gas, the companies might declare an additional dividend of one-fourth of one per cent. above the prescribed limit. The benefit of the "sliding scale" was extended only to the chief metropolitan companies. The result was good. It induced a greater economy in manufacture, and the price of gas began to go down, while the dividends went up. One of the great companies has since that time reduced the price 14 cents, and another 20 cents on the 1,000 feet. Our local Gas Company is an extortionate monopoly, and the public would gladly welcome a release from its tyranny whether it came in the shape of the electric light or any other efficient rival.

THE C. P. R. BONDS .- The Canadian

ELECTRICITY vs. GAS. THE success which, after some years of patient study, has at length rewarded Mr. EDISON'S efforts to adapt electricity to the purposes of general illumination will be welcome news to all but such as are interested in the prosperity of existing gas companies. A little in advance of the time in which Mr. Edison finally perfected his work, Dr. SIEMENS, the illustrious English electrician, paid public homage to electricity as the coming illuminator. Practical proofs had also been given in London, Paris and elsewhere that the new light had been at last reduced under satisfactory control and supplied at a rate which could not fail to prove highly injurious to all existing gas monopolies. In fact it has already done so on no inconsiderable scale abroad, in connection, especially, with railway stations, ocean and other steamers, factories, printing establishments, churches, theatres, concertrooms, warehouses, museums, &c., and is now at length successfully introduced, in the streets of the largest cities of Europe and America. In New York it is said that the electric light has become so generally popular that in many private houses gas has been entirely dispensed with and the metres sent back. We trust soon to see the same thing in Canada, and as a move in that direction some Montrealers have just left to make final arrangements with the Edison Co. to introduce the system here. These gentlemen have gone on their mission just at the right time. The public here, ever ready to get rid of the incubus of its local Gas Co., is especially so at this moment when public demonstration has just been made, through our Stock Exchange and otherwise, of the immense profits of this giant monopoly. We trust to see local electric companies in early operation here, and gas turned off wherever it is possible to use the new light. Such is the sole method to teach the Gas Co. that exorbitant rates will no longer be endured, and we hope the lesson will be very thorough and come too late to be taken advantage of.

CIRCULATION AND SPECIE.—The amount of Dominion notes outstanding on 31st August was \$16,758,555.58, being an increase of \$375,774.67 over last month. The reserve in gold and Sterling debentures was \$7,152,506.70, being \$2,962,867.81 in excess of the amount required by law. The excess is almost entirely in specie, the several Assistant Receivers-General holding \$4,232,506.70, while the ten per cent, required by law only amounts to \$1,675,855.-

THE CREDIT FONCIER.-L'Assemblée Générale, a financial paper of Paris, contains a long article on the annual meeting of the directors of the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, which was held in Paris lately. The main business transacted was the approval given to a former determination to have the 50 years' privileges withdrawn, and obtain the right to lend at the current rate of interest, .

SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

SPECULATING ON MARGIN. WE last week briefly gave the gist of Judge TASCHEREAU'S decision in FENWICK v. ANSELL. The result has given rise, as might have been expected, to a good deal of press comment, and the Toronto Globe thus ingeniously speculates upon the judgment :--- " In the Superior Court of Quebec last week Judge TASCHEREAU gave a decision of some interest to the mercantile community. The case was FENWICK v. ANSELL The defendant had, in June, 1877, given to the suitor, who was a stock-broker, a cheque in payment of balances due on certain transactions concerning the purchase and sale of stock. On presentation the cheque was dishonored, and the defendant repudiated his liability on the ground that the cheque had been given for an illegal consideration. Mr. Justice TASCHEREAU, in his judgment held that the action on the cheque could not be maintained. The transactions between the suitor and defendant had been merely speculative, the only result of them being a payment of differences according to the rise or fall of the market. His Honor, however, refused to allow costs to follow the event. The cheque having been given in the ordinary way and accepted in good faith, the action would be dismissed without costs. This decision, it will be observed, relates to a form of gambling which has before been declared illegal in Canada, and does not touch the prevalent stock-jobbing practices of purchasing 'on margin,' or of 'selling short on margin shares which the seller does not possess, but which he really does purchase and hand over when the transaction is completed. The latter form of gambling is one which it would be very difficult to suppress by law without deranging business. A very large proportion of the world's commerce is transacted in anticipation of the manufacture or arrival of the goods sold. If it were suddenly to become unlawful for a man to sell that which he does not possess, business would be perfectly paralysed. Trade could not be carried on if the power of selling goods 'to arrive' were taken away. But what a dry-goods merchant does when he sells goods that are on the ocean or in process of manufacture is almost exactly parallel with the action of a stockbroker who sells to-day for future delivery stock which he does not intend to buy until it suits him to buy it, or the time of his contract runs out. It might be objected that the drygoods man takes for his goods a price fixed at the time of sale, and that therefore there is no speculative feature about the selling of goods 'to arrive.' But it is also not an unknown practice for certain manufacturers in Canada to sell goods not yet manufactured a price which will not be known till the time of delivery. The sugar refiners and cotton manufacturers, for instance, are in the habit, when the market is rising, of refusing to take orders at then current prices, but offer to book the orders and fill The other features of interest have, as them at the prices which shall rule at the before said, been long since anticipated.

time of delivery. Now this is a purely gambling contract, running almost exactly in parallel lines with the worst form of stock-jobbing. But we have never heard of the legality of the practice being questioned in Court. No one can have any doubt of the desirableness of such legislation as will put an end to gambling in stocks and shares, in produce and manufactures. Especially is it to be desired that difficulties should be put in the way of speculating 'on margin.' Half of the world would be surprised to learn of what inveterate gamblers the other half consists. Clergymen, teachers, ministers of the crown, bankers, lawyers, and all those to whom we are taught to look for examples of life, are holding stocks in Toronto to-day on margins so slender that a single railway accident, a defalcation, or any one of a hundred events might sweep out their investments. The same persons would be very much offended if they were asked to take a hand at vingt-et-un, yet the game mentioned is of a less gambling nature than is the holding of stocks 'on margin.' But here, again, when the means of suppression come to be considered, a difficulty stares us in the face. Why is it more illegal to deal in stocks 'on margin' than to deal in hardware groceries, or dry-goods on a margin? We suppose that there is many a prosperous merchant who holds his stock in trade by means of a margin of twenty, fifteen, or even ten per cent. It would be very difficult to show wherein stock-jobbing on margin is necessarily less reputable than carrying on trade on margin. So that, however much it is to be regretted that the spirit of stock-jobbing is infesting the community, it is to be doubted if any practical remedy can be looked for from the law. The reformation, cannot spare it, and then endeavour to make money from the rises and falls in a market outside of their influence, and in most cases beyond their comprehension."

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE.

THE above Report is now published in full, but as we gave a synopsis of it some months ago there is little of interest to add. The only new matter of importance we observe is that concerning the deposits for the protection of policy-holders, held by the Receiver-General in trust for the various insurance companies, sixty-nine in number. which on the 30th June amounted to \$7,032, 377 in securities as follows :----

Canada stock	52,997,296
Canada sterling and currency debentur's	148 746
United States bonds	1.592 000
British annuities	364,999
Cash in sundry banks	270.788
Montreal Harbor bonds	288,500
Municipal securities	1.175.076
Bonds and stocks of banks and incor-	•
porated companies	194,969

Total\$7,032,377

REVIVAL OF AMERICAN SHIPPING. Is American shipping "kilt entirely"? It looks very dead just now, but in spite of this, in the Princeton Review for September Mr. GEORGE F. SEWARD takes up the much discussed question, how to revive it. After remarking upon the decline of the shipping interest during the war and its rapid and steady decadence since then, he adduces reasons for the belief that no marked increase of that interest can be looked for in the near future. The point is made that on account of the substitution of iron for wooden ships the Urited States cannot construct vessels as cheaply as England. The writer points out that the free-trade system, whatever else may be its effects, is more favorable to an exchange of products than the system of protection, and so tends to develop the shipping interest. It is suggested, as an additional reason for the view taken, that the carrying trade has actually passed into the hands of others, and is now held by them. Mr. SEWARD remarks that much has been heard of the protection of ship-builders, but nothing has been said about the protection of ship-owners, for whose interest chiefly the ship is built. He urges as a first step toward the revival of our carrying trade the repeal of all laws which limit ship owners to the home market for the building and purchase of ships. This step should be followed by the removal of other regulations of a restrictive nature, such as those which require the employment of American officers and those which impose various high charges for registry fees, tonnage dues, etc. Although Mr. SEWARD believes the resumption of the American ocean carrying trade must be gradual, and is not to be regarded as immediately attainable, yet he thinks that it is far from when it does come, will arise out of the impossible, and intimates that in many repressure put by the steady-going part of the spects the last comer in navigation possescommunity upon those who, in haste to get ses certain advantages, as, for instance, rich, take capital from businesses which in the improved construction of vessels and the lessening of the cost of running. Mr. SEWARD must be constitutionally a man of very sanguine temperament, but if resuscitation is to take place he has certainly hit on the methods, if any, of revival. The reminder that such a class as ship-owners exists, or should exist, as well as that of ship-builders, is well taken. Hitherto, for years past, the existence of the former has been wholly ignored in the framing and socalled amending of tariffs. And until shipowners can make their power felt in Congress, or show that there is within the country the possibility of the existence. under proper legislation, of such a class, there will be no probability of American shipping holding any less ignominious position than it does to-day. The suggestions as to the removal of the necessity for the employment of American citizens alone, the registry obstacles, &c., are good, though only of secondary importance. But why foreigners, who are profiting so largely by the shortsightedness of Brother JONATHAN,

should take so much trouble to point out to

which he should walk has always puzzled us. It is about as stupid a policy as is his own self-imposed and self-destructive legislation.

WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS subject was alluded to by us incidentally some time ago when comparing the national wealth of England, France and the United States. Since then, a new estimate has been made by an American authority, who says that the increased wealth in ment and railroad stocks, \$900,000,000. These the United States during the last eighty are principal items, but large investments are years has been materially greater than the increased advantage in per capita. In 1800 the wealth of the United States was but \$1,110,000,000, a per capita of \$210; since among the population, will give each person then it has grown to \$49,800,000,000, a per in the United Kingdom about \$23 a year. capita of \$990. This is the most remarkable It is estimated that one-half comes from advance of actual wealth in financial history, as there was but a population of 5,300,000 in the republic in 1880. There are some interesting evidences of growth in the following statistics, showing property values in the United States: Houses, \$13,360,000,-000; farms, \$9,615,000,000; manufacturers, \$5,255,000,000; railways, \$5,220,000,000; public works, \$5,252,000,000 ; forests, mines, etc, \$2,793,000,000; cattle, \$1,820,000,000; bullion, \$720,000,000; and shipping, \$315,-000,000. And then there is the little item of furniture, \$5,420,000,000, to make up the aggregate. The best of such statistics are not wholly reliable, however, as is proved by the fact that the leading statists of the three countries just mentioned all arrive at conclusions so widely apart that the figures can hardly be said to be even approximately correct. Perhaps the most that can be said of them is that they give a fair idea of the in that it shortens the length of the Pacific fully provided with invaluable knowledge extent of national wealth without by any Railway by seventy-nine miles, a matter-of means exhibiting it with any scrupulousness of accuracy. As proof in point a very recent. English compilation, certainly from a source much looked up to in the financial world, trade from Europe to Asia. It is now genergives an average per capita in the United ally known that the Canadian Pacific is the Kingdom not only exceeding any former statements, but setting the mother-country on and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. With a golden throne much more exalted and valu- the road shortened by the 79 miles which able than that owned by another real or would-be rival. This is in direct conflict with the conclusions come to by the French Canadian and American Pacific lines :and American statists.

INSURANCE IN QUEBEC .- The disastrous conflagration in St. Roch's last week presented all the usual deplorable features connected with fires in the Ancient Capital. No wonder that the insurance companies are at last getting frightened of the risks and sick of the results, and that they have lines with regard to European and Asiatic instructed their agents to take no new ones. | trade :---

NEW YORK EXPORTS .- The exports during the month of August from New York amounted to \$36,078,918, or, exclusive of specie, \$33,361,491, against \$36,186,699 and \$35,218,960 respectively in August, 1881. The total imports in August amounted to \$45,313,548, against \$48,166,881 last year, but included in last year's figures was \$5,-

him the error of his ways and the path in 287,804 specie, while the specie imports in the last month were only \$469,051.

BRITISH CAPITAL.

THE London Bankers' Magazine estimates the possession of British capitalists at \$17,-325,000,000, producing an annual income of \$885,000,000. This money is invested in various ways. Their investments include the bulk of the British national debt, \$3,750,-000,000; bonds of the colonies and foreign countries, \$3,750,000,000; Indian governmade in canals, railroads, shipping, iron manufactories, and other kinds of industrial enterprise. The income, if divided pro rata abroad. Every January thirty-two million pounds sterling, \$160,000,000, is distributed among the holders of securities. About onehalf as much falls due in February, a little journals contains an inquiry into the chances less in March than in February, but more of the European, American, Canadian, and in April than any month, except January and July. The last six months of the year correspond with those of the first in order of be levied between Europe and America. occurrence.

THE NEW PASS.

SOME doubt was at first thrown as to the correctness of the report that a more advantageous pass, practicable for the Canadian Pacific Railway, through the Rocky Mountains, had just been discovered. Later information, however, fully establishes the This new pass through the Rocky fact. Mountains is about 100 miles south of that selected by the Government engineers and which was at first adopted, and is important considerable advantage in competing with trade from the Pacific to the Atlantic and with the American Pacific lines for the through shortest possible route from Europe to Asia, this new way will take off, the following will be the comparative distances by the

Miles. From Montreal to Port Moody, via C P.R. . 2,850 From New York to Port Moody, via C P.R. 3,260 and Montreal

These figures show the advantages of our line for through traffic. But they are still greater when we compare the respective Miles.

These figures prove that the Canadian route must infallibly become the great highway between Europe and Asia. If Halifax be taken as the terminus instead of Montreal the distance from Liverpool to Port Moody would be 6,186 miles, which would still be less than from Liverpool to San Francisco by 646 miles. The rapidity with which this railway construction is proceeding is so far ahead of contract obligations that the line through from Lake Superior to the Rockies will be all laid and ready for opening by Christmas. At the same time operations are going on with equal rapidity on that portion between the great mountain range and the Pacific. Thus the uninterrupted course of the iron horse from Halifax to Vancouver, regarded but the other day as little better than a dream, is already nearly a fait accompli.

THE NEW CABLE COMPANY.

ONE of the leading London commercial Asiatic Cable Company being able to work profitably at the new rates published as to The matter is gone into with great thoroughness, and it is made to appear that the proposed rates could even be still further much reduced and still yield a fair percentage on the capital invested. A good point is made in recalling the fact that no large sumsor any, in fact-have to be sunk on costly and finally profitless experiments. Practice and experience have at length made the manufacture, laying-down and working of cables as commonplace a business to-day as any other. The new enterprise thus comes purchased at the expense of its predecessors. and we trust to find in it the destroyer of the monopoly-rates now existing, as well as a liberator from the vassalage in which we are now held by alien and hostile telegraphic and cable capitalists.

MONTREAL IMPORTS .- The value of merchandise entered for consumption at this port during the month ending 31st August. shows an increase of nearly half a million dollars on the corresponding period of 1881, the gross amount for the month being-

August, 1881. \$4,044,794. August, 1882. \$4,505,431. Of these amounts the value of the goods on

which duty was paid was for-August, 1881. \$3,149,090. August, 1882. \$3,283,649.

And free goods, exclusive of coin and bullion-

Augnst, 1881. \$894,521. August, 1882. \$1,221,532.

FENWICK US. ANSELL.-Mr. W. J. FEN-WICK states in regard to the decision against him in his case against ANSELL, referred to in our last, that the \$170 check contested in the dispute was given his firm in the ordinary way of stock business. There not being sufficient funds in the Bank of Montreal to the drawer's credit the Bank refused payment. Mr. FENWICK states his intention of appealing the case.

THE STOCK MARKET.

THE early part of the week showed great activity and firmness in nearly all kinds of stock, bank and other. Later, however, a reaction took place, and prices as a rule gave way, but not entirely without exception. Montreal rolled up a total of sales amounting to 1,340; quotations, however, rose from 210⁴ to 213¹, but closing at 210. Merchants' also was in but little demand, with somewhat improved prices, closing at Commerce displayed much more 130. activity than any other bank, the number of sales for the entire week aggregating 2,635 as against 628 before. Quotations, too, ran up to 145², closing at 145¹. Toronto also felt the early prevailing activity, and rose from 1921 to 1951, receding later to 1911, and closing at 1901, with 818 sales. Ontario has for some time past been only rarely asked for, and then in small quantities; its price, however, continues almost immovable, but certainly not receding. In most of the other bank stock there were no transactions, and the few there were require no special remark. Montreal Telegraph" pursues the even tenor of its way' almost undisturbed, affording a striking contrast to the exciting days of the late parliamentary session; its average price now is about 132. Richelieu has gone back both in demand and quotations, the comparatively small sales of last week, namely 1,690, having still further retrograded to 340, while the price went down to 73 and closed at 73. City Passenger continued active, but by no means comparably so with the two preceding weeks, when the sales were 2,135 and 2,683 respectively; this week they reached only 1,705, with prices ranging between 159 and 1621, closing at 159. City Gas has had another busy week. but the "bulls" are evidently giving way and the bubble is pricked. The sales commenced, since our last report, with 4,780 and gradually tapered away to 3.315. 2,035, 1,060, but then rose to 3,348, making up the formidable total of 14,538. The price on Monday ran up to 1981, but subsequently receded to 1941 and closed at 1961. The fall will probably be as rapid as was the rise, the value just reached having been wholly fictitious, while the great success attained this week by the electric light in New York and elsewhere shows that the beginning of the end of gas monopoly is happily upon us. St. Paul, M. and M., so long torpid, has "resurrected" itself, giving an aggregate of sales this week of 4,700; quotations, too, have risen from 147¹/₄ as per our last table to 167 on Monday, closing at 1631. This appreciation is partly at least attributable to its improved financial position, the net income of the St. Paul, M. and M. this year being \$3,113,915 in the place of \$1,837,816 in 1881. Cotton and other stocks are quite inactive, and there is \$4,133,365, the premiums amounting to nothing else noteworthy in connection with \$124,758. The number of lives insured by this week's stock market.

have been compelled to pay higher rates for money being the stock-brokers. The outstanding circulation is large, and the drain upon the currency for crop purchases continues. Still customers are obtaining discounts at 7 per cent. for the ordinary run of good commercial paper, while gilt-edged bills can still be negotiated at 6 per cent. Call loans on stocks are not so readily obtainable, and 6 @ 7 per cent. is the ruling rate. Sterling exchange is quoted at 9 premium for round amounts of 60-day bills, 91 premium cash over the counter, 91 @ 91 premium for demand bills.

THE TELEPHONE IN FRANCE.

THE Société Générale des Téléphones, now attracting much attention in France, has a capital of 25,000,000f., in 50,000 shares of 500f. each, 17,300 shares being fully paid, and 32,700 shares having 250f. paid, making a paid-up capital of 16,825,000f., with 8,175,-000f. not called. The present society is the amalgamation of three original enterprises. It possesses the telephones of ADLER, BLAKEE, CROISELEY, EDISON, GOWER, GREY, and PHELPS. It experiments with each system, the last adopted being the sounding-board of ADLER. The society has a central office, near the Avenue de l'Opera. with nine branch offices in different parts of Paris, forming so many groups of subscribers. There are also bureaux in Bordeaux, Havre, Lille, Lyons, Marseilles, Nantes, and Rouen. The subscribers in Paris have increased from 355 in 1880, to 2,390 in 1882, and the total for Paris and towns is now 3,384. The annual subscription is, Paris 600f., towns 400f. The wires are generally carried along the sewers. The number of messages sent during the last week of April, 1881, was, for Paris 48,171, total with towns 51.018; and for the same period in 1882, Paris 109,224, total 133,364. The State takes 10 per cent. of the receipts. The profits for 1882, including 1,000,000f. derivable from the sale of cables, are estimated at 2,383,685f:, or 50f. per fully-paid share; the profits for 1884 are put at 4,580,000f., or 80f. per share, when the subscribers are to number, Paris 4,400, towns 2,400. The concession, which expires at the end of 1884, will probably be renewed by the State, though the latter is making investigations as to the advisability of itself monopolising it. By the way, the English Government has finally and officially declined to buy out the private telephone companies in the United Kingdom, or to work the system itself under any circumstances.

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE CO .- The report of the 35th annual meeting of the Canada Life Assurance Company shows that the prosperity of this Company continues. The new business during the year amounted to 2,174 policies, covering an insurance of the Company is now 12,370 for \$27,429,725. to pay since 1817 \$20,000,000 annual interest The Money Market is easy for this period The total income of the year was \$1,058,164, on the Irish debt, which in sixty-four years

on sale of debentures made up \$271,232, while the death losses amounted to \$233,-491, on 105 lives. The assets of the Company amount to \$5,064,206, an increase of over half a million dollars for the year. The usual dividend of 15 per cent. was paid to the proprietors. Special credit is due to Mr. A. G. RAMSAY, the Managing Director, for the high position taken by this Co.

GAS STOCK.

A VALUED correspondent sends us the following. It will be seen that it goes over a good deal of the ground taken by ourselves in another column. It is, however, well worth reproducing :-

"Gas stock has during the last week or ten days been forced up to what may be considered abnormal figures, considering the rather slender justification of a probable extra one per cent dividend out of the profits of the last half year. There have been some rumors of a further watering of the stock, but this is mythical, and even if real does not in any material sense enhance the value of a stock which is so soon to be brought face to face with its cleanly and more brilliant competitor — electric light, the rapid and important strides in which have recently placed its applicability for lighting the inside as well as outside of dwellings, offices, &c., beyond a question. On the first blush of electric light, Montreal Gas stock ran down to 106. Now that electric light is an attained fact and success, by some strange anomaly gas stock is run up to nearly 200! Possibly when the unloading has been got through, or a tight money market makes it hot for the manipulator, some of the "gas" will escape. If it does not, then the consumer may have an argument in favor of cheaper illumination, pending the introduction of the electric light, as Gas stock at 195 means gas bills 75 per cent. too high. The electric light is now being rapidly supplied to numerous. offices and houses in New York, and is as easily" and simply handled as gas. It is connected by a metre, and is capable of being turned on or off from the main in the streets. The present gasaliers are: easily adapted for its use, and it is turned. on or off in precisely the same manner as gas, in the drawing, dining, bed-room or office. There is neither smell, heat, dust nor danger; no matches to light; no plumbers' Only a pure bills for constant leakage. atmosphere and brilliant light, a boon not to be undervalued."

MR. M. H. GAULT RETIRES .- The Witness says :-- "Mr. M. H. GAULT, for thirty years Manager of the British America Insurance Company, lately retired from that position, and is succeeded by Mr. H. A. HOLDEN as Manager of the Company here."

IMPERIAL FINANCING. - According to figures given in the Contemporary Review Ireland has contributed on an average, from 1817 down to the present time, not more than two and a half millions of dollars annually toward the outlay of the United Kingdom for Imperial purposes. On the other hand, the United Kingdom has had of the year, the only class of customers who of which interest on investments and profit has amounted to \$1,280,000,000. In other

words the union of Great Britain and Ireland has resulted in a net pecuniary loss to the former country, so far as taxes are of the week ended 14th Sept., 1882, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week. concerned, of \$1,130,000,000.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. J.—The HUNTER defalcations are now put down at about a quarter of a million of dollars, and the end supposed not to be reached. The defaulter is said to be in the States, and, so far as is yet known, has committed no offence bringing him within the provisions of the defective extradition treaty as now existing.

GLEANINGS.

Life insurance teaches men to care for the futur.

The Cincinnati Commercial gives preference to canal boats as a safe means of travel, for the reason that the boats never run off from the track, and the propelling mules seldom explode. seldom explode.

The fushion of putting 650 buttons down the back of a dress has disappeared, but they now use 1,300 hooks and eyes on the front, and a man can't lay up a dollar to save

Extend your charities according to your means, but never forget the saying that " charity begins at home," nor that the beginning of it is an insurance on your own life for the security of your family.

WHICH IS THE BETTER.

The UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE Co. stands to-day as the representative company which embodies in its policies the Maine non-forfeiture law, which guarantees certain rights to policy-holders. The policy with this law is directly opposed to the Tontine policies advocated by other companies.

Is directly opposed to the Tontine policies advocated by other companies. The policy issued by the UNION MUTUAL recognizes rights of policy holders and declares in event that disaster or inability to pay premiums come to the insured, their policies shall be continued for a given time, (which, in many cases would be until they can rally from their misfortune and be able to again take up their insurance and pay the premiums.) Thus one of the benefits to be secured by a policy in the UNION MUTUAL is this: "The "continuation of the insurance after three annual premiums " have been paid for a positive period when the insured " cannot pay premiums for want of funds, and this is the " time when, of all others, he needs the protection which " comes from a life policy." The value of this is practically seen in the fact that during the last year and a half, the UNION MUTUAL paid \$24,006 under policies where the insured had paid nothing from six months to eighteen months. Thus in these cases the benefits to the heirs of the insured were most welcome.

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welcome. A TONTINE policy differs radically from the above. A party instruction of the policy for a given number of years—ten, fifteen or twenty as the case may be—suppose he pays three, four or five years and is unable to make further payments, he loses all he has paid in, and his insurance ceases. At the point where the non-forfeiture law takes up the burden and continues the insurance in the UNION MUTUAL, the Tontine policy drops him and leaves the party having such a policy, entirely unprotected and without insurance.

without insurance. If a party ever reaches a time during the Tontine period, when he cannot afford to pay for his insurance, he applies in vain for any redress or security under a Tontine policy. All is lost, insurance ceases and the money he has pail in goes into a common pool where others may get the benefit and he gets none. This is not the idea of life insurance—it is the old story of the "rich growing richer, and the poor growing poorer." On the other hand a policy protected by the non-forfeiture law as issued by the UNION MUTUAL, insures a party for a stated premium, but after three annual premiums have been paid, should misfortune overtake the insured and he cannot make further payments, there can be no forfeiture of the policy until the value has been exhausted. Thus a Tontine policy is a fair-weather contract and may be worthless if policy is a fair-weather contract and may be worthless if adversity comes. A policy in the UNION MUTUAL secures equity and a protection while premiums are being paid, and an extended protection when the holder of a policy finds himself unable to pay the premiums as they become due. Which is the better?

A CHAP who had been severely afflicted with palpitation of the heart, says he found instant relief by the application of another palpitating heart to the part affected.

NATIONAL DEBTS.—The world has a great many big debts, most of which can be traced to wars as their cause. The aggregate public indebtedness of the world in 1848 amounted to \$7,627,692,215. This had risen in 1860 to \$10,399,341,688, or an increase of thirty-six per cent. in twelve years. During the next decade the figures swelled to \$17,117,640,428, or sixty-five per cent. advance. Dur-ing the decade from 1870 to 1880 the total was still further swelled to \$23,286,414,753, a further advance of thirty-six per cent. This makes the average annual increase for the period between 1848 and 1880, \$489,335,079. These are pretty large figures, but the world seems to be big enough to owe it. Germany, Holland, Denmark, England and the United States are the only nations that are reducing their indebtedness.

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THE STOCK MARKET.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of stocks on the Montreal Stock Exchange on each day

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA. RETURN OF TRAFFIC, WEEK ENDING 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1882. Passengers, Express, Freight and Mails. \$ 141,419 Freight and Live Stock..... 205,228

Total.....\$ 346,647 Corresponding week 1881..... 315,196

Increase, 1882.....\$ 31,451 Of which, \$,12,345 is in passenger, &c. traffic and \$18,606 in freight. Miles open :--1882, 2,322, 1881, 2,213, inease, 109.

Crease, 109. AUSTRALIAN FRESU MEAT IN EXGLAND.—To illustrate the course of trade, and how Australia is sending her fresh meat to market, we take the following from the Belton Chronicle of 21st August :—"A telegram from Egypt states that 150 tons of fresh Australian meat preserved in a frozon state was served out on Thursday last to the ironelad fleet at Alexandria, and the experiment was well appreciated This meat was shipped at Sydney, Australia, on the 1st of May last, in the steamship Sorrento, and brought to England through the Suez Canal in the hottest season. It was kept frozen by cold air machinery, designed and manufactured by Messrs. Hicks, Hargreaves & Co., engineers, of the Soho works, in this town. The cargo, consisting of 402,000 pounds of beef and mutton, was taken to London, where 150 tons of the meat was hought by the Government, and sent back to Egypt for our sailors on the ironelad fleet. The Sorrento has sailed again for Australia to bring home another cargo.

Australia to oring nome another cargo. GREAT ROBBERY OF BOXDS.—On the 30th ult. a most audacious and extensive robbery was perpetrated on the London Stock Exchange by some one evidently thoroughly conversant with the mode in which business is conducted by the members of the establishment. The thief, having apparently learnt that a certain firm of brokers had to deby the members of the establishment. The thief, having apparently learnt that a certain firm of brokers had to de-liver a large amount of foreign bonds, presented himself at the office of the delivering firm, asking them for the bonds, as "they had to be sent up to the West-end," and saying that a cheque would follow. This being not an unusual custom, the clerk, taken off his guard, handed over the bonds. The fraud was discovered on a person from the delivering firm applying for the cheque. It is understood the value of the bonds is as least \$75,000.

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This traffic returns of the Northern and North-Western Reilways for week ending 8th September, 1882, and the cor-responding week of 1881 are as follows :---1882, \$34,746 51; 1881, \$33,798.70; increase, \$947.81.

THE Traffic returns of the Midland Railway of Canada, The Trans returns of the Midmain Railway of Canada, for the week ending Sept. 2nd, 1882, was as follows:--Passengers and Mails, \$7,988.40; Freight, \$13,622.58; total, \$21,610.98, as compared with \$18,963.40 for the corresponding week of 1881, being an increase of \$2,647.58; and the aggregate traffic to date is \$669,258.11, being an invrease of \$160,341.41 ovér 1881.

TURKEY MUST WALK OFF.

TURKEY MUST WALK OFF. Cannon Rawlinson, in the Princeton, suggosts as the most probable solution of the great unsettled question of European politics the scating of Austria upon the Bos-phorus. He thinks that some time within the present generation the beginning of the end of Turkish sway in Europe must surely come. Turkey is weak because of her geographical extent and the awkward position of her capital at one of her extremities. The number of subject races under her rule, and their bostility to her, are seeds of dissolution, especially since ready assistance to these urbulent tribes is always attainable from her jealous neighbors. Her unjust and rapacious sy tem of govern-ment by pachas exhausts the country and renders turbul-ence and sedition familiar things. The empire suffers from financial exhaustion and can no longer borrow. The policy of intervention, which has of late received such prominence in European international procedure, must sooner or later prove fatal to her. The main question has come to be, who will take possession of her deserted seat in Europe when she shall be removed? It is unlikely that either of the great rivals for eastern dominion— England and Russia—will be permitted to occupy the city of Constantine. The view taken by the writer that Austria will probably be installed in the Eastern Capital is one which has heretofore had the support of competent students of the Oriental dilemma It seems the more likely to be sanctioned by the powers since Italy, Germany and Russia-will without doubt receive accessions from Austria's pre-sent domains to compensate for her onward movement toward the East. IS IT A SWINDLE?

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IS IT A SWINDLE? A Hamilton correspondent writes warning wholesale men, bankers, and the legal profession against being " taken in " by the agent or agents of the pretended firm of " A. E. Martin & Co., mercantile agency," 115 Broad-way, N. Y. An exceedingly " oily" individual of fine address and finer clothes styling himself " Wm. Koppell, the superintendent attorney of Martin & Co.," has recently been canvassing Western Ontario for membership in the alleged agency. His plan is to obtain an agreement with a leading law firm in the city or town visited to act as " legal agents" of the concern in that vicinity, for which favor the law firm are assessed for the first year from \$30 to \$150, according to the size of the district in which they are to do collecting, &c., which assessment is required to be paid in cash. After the contract has been made with the law firm, the agent canvasses the wholesale dealers, bankers, manufacturers, &c. to become members and enjoy the advantages of "the most extensive and reliable mercantile and collecting agency in the Union" for the small fee of from \$50 to \$150 in cash per annum in advance. Our correspondent had occasion to visit New York a few days since, and at the request of some subscribers who had paid their subscription to Koppell, visited 115 Broadway, and was surprised to find that no firm of "A. E. Martin & Co." had offices there, and that in fact their names were not in the New York directory, nor couid anyone be found who had ever heard of them.—Mail.

SMALL SAVINGS .--- The Bank of England is a thrifty and foresighted old dame. In the payment of dividends on the part of the national debt, intrusted to its care by holders, it has always held to the practice of reckoning the fractions of a penny in its own favor. This clever bit of snug financiering has resulted in a profit to the bank of the sum of \$716,360,

ROMANCE OF THE GOLDEN LEDGE.

"A story about which there is a fascination which it is impossible to resist when you hear men tell it is that of the "Home of Gold." Somewhere in South-western New Mexico, in the Sierra Madre, it is said there is a wonderful valley. Small, inclosed in high rocky walls and accessible only by a scret passage, which is known to but few, is this extraordinary place. It is about ten acres in extent, has reiner the screen but the screen but the screen but the has running through it a stream, which waters it thoroughly and makes it a perfect paradise, with its exquisite flowers and beautiful trees. In it are thousands of birds of the most beautiful plumage. Running across it is a ledge of pure gold about thirty feet wide, which glistens in the sunlight like a great golden belt. The stream crosses this ledge and, as it runs, murmurs around blocks of yellow metal as other streams do around pebbles. The ledge of gold is supposed to be solid gold and to run down into the centre of the earth. The legend is of Indian origin, and around it clusters a number of Indian stories, in which the name of the ill-fated Montezuma occurs frequently. The descendants of the Aztecs believe firmly that the day will come when Montezuma will return and free them from the dominion of the descendants of the Conquestodores. They believe that the money necessary for this work will be taken from the Madre d'Oro. The secret of the entrance into the valley is carefully guarded by a tribe of Indians living near it, and among them it is only communicated to the oldest men, amid the solemn ceremonics of the medicine lodge. Having such a story to work upon there is little wonder that the vivid imagination of the Mexicans about here bare built menes it takes to here bare bare built menes it. should have built upon it tales of men who have found this wonderful place. One is that a certain Jose Alvaraz, while wandering through the mountain in search of game, saw the valley from the top of the wall. Finding that he could not hope to enter by climbing down, he took up his abode with the Indians who guard the canyon leading into it. The daughter of the chief fell in love with him and betrayed the secret to him. Exactly how she found it out they do not tell. Having been shown the entrance, Jose went in and would possibly have gotten away with some of the gold had he not weighed himself down to such an extent that he could not get up the declivity at the lower end of the passage. He was discovered and the Indians sacrificed him on the golden ledge with all the terrible ceremonies of the old Aztec religion. She, in despair at losing him, threw herself from the high walls into the valley below. Hundreds of prospectors have spent months of toil trying to find the Madre d'Oro, but it is scarcely necessary to say without result.—Las Cruces Republican.

LOVE-TOKENS MADE INTO TROUT-FLIES

An interesting story of trout-flies made out of human hair was related some time ago by a friend, who is a manufacturer of sportsmen's materials : "There used to be a gay young fellow in this city who made love to every young girl he came across. He must have been rather successful, for he always managed to secure a lock of hair from each of his conquests. This young man had another equally strong passion—trout fishing. He loved to fish for the speckled beautics of the brook and muse on the many beauteous maidens among whom he divided the treasures of his heart. An idea struck him ; he would have a fly constructed out of each lock of hair he possessed He took his collection of silky love tokens, gleaned from perfumed tresses, to the the manufacturer of sportsmen's materials and requested him to make the desired flies. When finished he placed them in his fishing pocket-book each one attached to a card with the name of the girl and the date of the gift. His subsequent fishing was a long dream of romance. Even in their broiled state the trout had a halo of memory around them which gave them a flavor for which Lucullus would have forfeited an empire. He brought every conceivable shade, color and kind of hair to be made into flies—black, light and dark brown, gray, white golden, yellow, auburn and red, curly, wavy and crinkly. In loss than three years he had made 150 trout flies, which would be at the rate of a new girl every week. He was asked one day which colored flies he pre-ferred. In roply he said that red flies were preferable to any of the others, and that in future he intended to confine his attentions to young ladies whose heads glowed with fame-like hues. In proof of this he married a girl with red hair, and had ten flies constructed out of one of her tresses. For some little time after his neptials his heart remained true to his fiery-polled bride and his red-haired flies. One day, however, he brought my friend a lock of hair of a deeper hue of auburn, and instructed him to make two flies, as he found the fish would no longer bite at his wife's hair. His better half discovered the change of bait wife's hair. His better half discovered the change of bait and began to smell a rat. To make matters worse, he one day want to his office, leaving the key of his private desk at home in the lock. The lady examined the premises and discovered the album of flies, to which he had only the previous day added his latest conquest. The wife returned to her mother that wary morning and instituted precedence. to her mother that very morning and instituted proceedings for a divorce.

THE CHEQUE BANK.

There are methods whereby money can be safely and "Whereas, Y more inexpensively transmitted, and that not only within the United Kingdom, but to the principal continental citics as well. I refer to the system introduced in 1873 by "Resolved, T the Cheque Bank (Limited). This is really a very deserving institution. The late Mr. James Hertz, seeing the shortcomings of the old-fashioned money order system, succeeded in establishing this novel undertaking, which would enable people to remit sums at a far smaller cost than the government would allow them to do. The Cheque Bank checks are issued up to amounts of £10, and the books of such checks can be purchased, and under certain regulations can be remitted at pleasure. The cost of purchasing a £10 check on any provincial center is only into that strike which is now absolutely at an end."

6d., and, while the system is less adapted to the transmission of small sums of £1 or under, it is certainly convenient for larger amounts. Anyone purchasing a book of checks, each one stamped not to exceed any sum above 5s. and under £10, can write the precise amount he desires to send upon the face of the document, and any balance which remains to him after the check has been paid in will be returned or fresh checks issued. But all along there has been one decided drawback to the system, and that has been the necessity for placing a ld. stamp upon every check. It was pointed out at the time that the postal note system was introduced that the government was in reality adopting some of the principal features of the Cheque Bank system, with this advantage to themselves-that the 1d. stamp would be entirely dispensed with. It would have been a gracious act on the part of the government had they either permitted the Check Bank to issue their checks free of duty, or have compensated the company when they appropriated the system. But this was perhaps more than we could expect any government department to do. The post office is certainly ready enough to make the most of the advantages of its position, and the Cheque Bank has been left to compensate itself as best it may. The expenses of such a system must, itself as best it may. The expenses of such a system must, of course, be considerable; the number of agencies es-tablished must necessarily be very large, and funds have to be supplied to them so as to insure the cashing of their checks. Neither does any very large amount of money remain over in their hands, and it has taken four years for those balances to increase even as much as £25,000, most of the money being paid away as soon as received. It is a class of business which must be carried on cheaply to the customer or it will not succeed, and until the year 1880-81 there had been a regular loss upon the business. In that year, however, a trifling profit of £268 accrued to the company. Owing to the increased competition of the post office, the gross earnings, which in 1879 were £8,347, and in 1880, £9,585, and in 1881, £10,022, have in the 1882 accounts receded to £9,591, and there was practically no profit whatever on the business. Of course, it would be impossible to permit Cheque Bank checks to become currency in the country, but I think it would be more satisfactory to all concerned were the government to pur-chase the business altogether. The complaint of the company is certainly well founded.—Bradstreet's London Correspondence.

THE BRITISH POSTAL SERVICE.

The English Postmaster-General, in his annual report after giving statistics of the service says that new mails have been established between many important places, and in some parts of the country "the acceleration of deliveries has been much facilitated by the use of tricy. cles." The number of letters, postal cards, books, news-papers, &c., received in the United Kingdom from abroad during 1881-2 is roughly calculated at 69,000,000, while the number dispatched to other countries is placed at 87,000,000. In the exchange of newspapers the United States occupy an exceptional position compared with other countries, having sent to the United Kingdom 9,500,000. England despatched to the United States only 7,500,000. while the number despatched from England to countries in Europe, to China, Australia, India, and Africa exceeded by many millions the number received from those The question of the development of telephonic countries. communication, Mr. Fawcett says, has engaged the careful consideration of the department, and as a result the conclusion was reached that it was undesirable in the public interest to create a monopoly in the telephone service, and that applications from responsible persons for licenses to establish exchanges would be favorably entertained. Among the advantages which he believes will follow this decision is a considerable extension of telephonic enter-prise, and, further, that it will not only secure to the public the advantages of competition, but will enable them to judge for themselves whether they can best be served by private companies or through the agency of the Post Office. The business of the Post Office Savings Bank is reported to be steadily increasing. The total amount due to depositors, including interest at the close of the bank's fiscal year (Dec. 31, 1880) was £36,194,495, as compared with £33,744,637 at the close of 1880; £826,990 was credited to depositors for interest, being £49,005 more than in the previous year, and the grand total allowed under this head since the establishment of the bank in September, 1861, is £8,285,644. The average amount of each deposit (exclusive of those made for investment in Government stock) was £2. This is the lowest average that has been reached, and the fact is due, Mr. Fawcett thinks, to the great increase in the number of small deposits made by means of the penny stamp savings scheme.

AN INEFFECTUAL STRIKE .- One of the most curious documents in the rapidly growing trades-union literature is the following :-

"Whereas, We, the late freight-handlers of the Erie Railroad, were induced to persist in the strike and join the union by accusations and false representations ; and, "Whereas, We now see our mistake in listening to such representations, rather than giving heed to our interests;

"Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our mistake in leaving our work and joining the strike; that we hereby renounce now and forever the union which we joined, carried away by the false representations and by want of proper reflection ; that we are ready to return to our work if the railroad authorities be pleased to overlook our misbehavior and be kind enough to give us another chance to support ourselves and our families, promising to be true and faithful employes, as we always were, until in an evil hour we were carried away by the impulse of the moment

SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

THE EXPORT TRADE OF GERMANY. The Pall Mall Gazette has the following :--" During the first half of this year the exports of goods from Germany increased in a very marked manner, when compari-son is made with the corresponding statistics of 1881. Of cotton yarns the export was 5,759 tons, an increase of 598 cotton yarns the export was 5,759 tons, an increase of 598 tons, or 10½ per cent, upon those of the earlier six months of last year; of cotton cloth goods, 12,281 tons, an increase of 876 tons, or 7½ per cent; of linen yarn, 1,131 tons, an increase of 206 tons, or 22½ per cent; of linen goods, 1,849 tons, an increase of 1½ per cent; of silk goods, an increase of 506 tons, or 22 per cent; of woollen yarn, an increase of 506 tons, or 28 per cent; of woollen loth roads, 550 tons or neguty 6 per cent; iron and steel goods, 550 tons, or nearly 6 per cent; iron and steel manufactures, an increase of 4,845 tons, or 7 per cent; machinery and implements, 14,481 tons, or 46 per cent; copper goods, 788 tons, or 15 per cent.; chemicals, 18,350 tons, or 161 per cent.; leather goods, 889 tons; or 16 per cent.; beer, 5,763, or 19 per cent. Only in plain iron and steel, in which the falling off is at the rate of less than 4 per cent., and 41 per cent. in sugar, are decreases apparent in prominent articles of export. German industry is therefore very active on the whole."

CO-OPERATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Rochdale plan of co-operative stores, which divides the profits among the purchasers instead of shareholders, is successful in England. In the aggregate these establishments divided last year nearly ten per cent. on the gross amount of their sales. This is equal to sixty per cent. on the share capital-a much larger ratio than the private dealer realizes, the greater profit arising from the fact that the co-operative stores are not required to go to any expense to get or retain custom, and that their business is so regular that they need suffer very little from dead stock. In 1861 there were 150 English societies, with 48,184 members, doing an annual trade amounting to about seven and a half million dollars. In ten years the number of members and sales increased five-fold, and the capital was nearly doubled. In the next decade the membership doubled, the capital increased three-fold, and the sales to more than half a million members amounting in 1880 to \$100,000,000. These are the figures given in returns to the Government of actual business. Scotland has a large number of societies in proportion to its population, but they do not seem to flourish in Ireland. Indeed, it is only in certain parts of England that they reach their highest development, in communities where the members are well known to each other. The parliamentary return shows that counties where co-operation prevails have the smallest percentage of pauperism.

THE FINANCES OF EGYPT.

The London Bullionist says :--- 'In 1878 the Egyptian evenue amounted to rather less than eight and a half millions; in that year the expenditure was nearly ton and a half millions, of which more than six millions were required for the service of the debt. Under the new law of liquidation, issued July 17, 1880, it was expected that the cost of administration, as well as the reduced interest and sinking fund of the debt, would be discharged out of ordinary revenue, and this anticipation has been realized. Thus, in the budget for 1880, the total revenue was £8,-561,622—(Egyptian pounds, the unit of which is worth 10d. more than the pound sterling). The expenditure was \pounds 7,911,622, leaving a surplus of \pounds 650,000. The budget of 1881 places the revenue at $\pm 3,419,421$, and the expendi-ture at $\pm 8,308,870$, leaving a surplus of $\pm 110,551$. Here, no doubt, is a decided improvement, which ought in time to have brought relief and comparative prosperity to the country. But the native mind has not realized the im-provement. The fellahin still groan under the exactions of former years and the burden of a debt of nearly £100,-000,000. They have not realized the diminished expendi-ture of the state, which is to ameliorate their lot; and, if the truth were fully told, probably their lot is not actually ameliorated; yet there is a prospect—reasonable to their minds—of a speedy amelioration. If, therefore, they really have any sympathy with Arabi, the mutinous adventurer, we cannot be surprised."

ELECTRIC BAILWAYS .- The development of electric railways in Europe is considerable. Putting aside numerous lines that are merely projected, those which are working show a length of about 100 miles. Those now in operation include one at Lichterfelde, and that from the Spandauer Bock to Charlottenberg, near Berlin; another from Port Bush to Bush Mills, in the north of Ireland, and in Holland from Zandvoort to Kostverleren. Among lines in con-struction the following are noted :--In Austria, the Moedling line, near Vienna; in Germany, from Wiesbaden to Nurnberg, and from the royal mines of Saxony to Zankerode; in England, under the Thames, connecting Charing Cross and Waterloo stations; also in South Wales, for which the force will be derived from a fall of water. In Italy, Turin, and Milan will soon begin the construction of electric roads.

BURSTING OF A SHIP BY SWELLING OF CARGO .- The Gazette *matilime*, in its news regarding ters, relates the following curious example of the formidable power of molecular forces. The Italian ship Francesca, loaded with rice, put into port on May 11, at East London, leaking considerably. A large force of men was at once put on board to pump out the water contained in the ship and to unload her; but, in spite of all the activity exerted, the bags of rice soaked in water gradually, and swelled up. Two days afterward, on May 13, the ship was violently burst assunder by this swelling of her cargo.—La Nature, SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

ODDS AND ENDS.

(From Chambers's Journal)

Bobby.—It is not wise to do or say anything to a child under an injunction not to tell. Here is a story in point, which was reported to me from the ladies at Fingask, Perthshire (1853). A Highland family of some dignity, but not much means, was to receive a visit from some English relations for the first time. Great was the anxiety and great the effort a walk of the solution of the solution of the solution. English relations for the first time. Great was the anxiety and great the efforts to make things wear a respectable appearance before these assumedly fastidious strangers. The lady had contrived to get up a pretty good dinner; but, either from an indulgent disposition, or from some defect in her set of servants, she allowed her son Bobby, a little boy, to be present, instead of remanding him to the nursery. But, little was she aware of Bobby's power of torture.

both torure. Bobby, who was dressed in a new jacket and a pair of buff-colored trousers, had previously received strict in-junctions to sit at table quietly, and on no account to join in conversation. For a little while he carried out these in conversation. For a little while he carried out these instructions by sitting perfectly quiet till the last guest had been helped to soup, whereupon, during a slight lull in the general conversation, Bobby quietly said : 'I want some soup, mamma.' 'You can't be allowed to have any soup, Bobby. You must not be always asking for things.' 'If you don't give me the soup immediately, I'll tell yon !'

yon 1 The lady seemed a little troubled, and instead of sending Bobby out of the room, quietly yielded to his demand. Soup being removed, and fish introduced, there was a fresh demand.

Mamma, I want some sea-fish ' (a rarity in the High lands.)

Bobby,' said the mother, 'you are very forward. You can't get any fish. You must sit quietly, and not trouble us so much.' "Well, mamma, if I don't get some fish, mind I'll tell

yon. 'O Bobby, you're a plague !' and then she gave him the

A little further on in the dinner, Bobby observing his papa and the guests taking wine, was pleased to break in

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once more. 'Papa, I would like a glass of wine. By this time, as might well be supposed, the attention of the company had been pretty fully drawn to Bobby, about whom, in all probability, there prevailed but one opinion. The father was irritated at the incident. 'Bobby, you *must* be quiet; you can have no wine.' 'Well, papa, if I don't get some wine, mind——I'll tell *uon.*'

Stiff English party dissolves in inconstrainable merrri-

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ment. MRS. CHISHOLM (1853).—We have heard much of the extraordinary and disinterested efforts of Mrs. Chisholm to assist poor girls to emigrate and do well in Australia. I understand she never looks for gratitude for her services. She has had the good judgment, as well as good feeling, to dismiss this idea entirely from her mind. She tells some noteworthy facts illustrative of the bribery which goes on in London to get business. A number of provision-mer-chants, of front rank in character and appearance, have applied to her, offering her large percentages on orders she might procure for them for emigrant vessels. Their surprise at her rofusing, and at professions of a different principle of action, is such as to shew how common it is to accept commissions in this way. She once had occasion to accept commissions in this way. She once had occasion to call on a poor woman who let lodgings somewhere near the docks, having understood she had a room which might docks, having understood she had a room which might serve as a temporary residence for intending emigrants when detained in waiting upon vessels. The woman asked ten shillings a week for the room, under an impression that she would, as usual in the circumstances, have to allow Mrs. Chisholm two shillings a week for commission. On learning that she would take nothing, the woman gladly let the room at eight shillings a week. [This kind of rapacity agrees with what now often comes under observation. Petty civilities are to be required by money. People give bribes to get off from juries. Articles of food observation. Fetty civilities are to be required by monoy. People give bribes to get off from juries. Articles of food are adulterated—as, for instance, tea with iron filings. Calico is loaded with white clay, to give it the requisite thickness. Woollen cloth is mixed with shoddy, silk with

clergyman; 'the honest man has never had a day to do weel, since ever you took him in hand !'

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very much like a piece of Chinaism.j SUCORSS.IN LIFE.—Accidental circumstances, as regards time and place, of course, contribute much to success in life; but it may be laid down as a general rule, that men who seem to be successful have not attained to eminence without intense and continued thought and perseverance. A stickling about hours of work, professedly for the sake of recreation, is obstructive of all success beyond a humble mediocrity. Never was there a truer word uttered than that 'the band of the diligent maketh rich. In the book, Physic and Physicians [issued about 1846], there occur some remarks worth quoting: 'In no department of life do men rise to eminence who have not undergone a long and diligent preparation; for whatever be the difference in the mental powers of individuals, it is the cultivation of the mind alone that leads to distinction. John Hunter was as remarkable for his industry as for his talents, of which his museum alone forms a most extraordinary proof. If we look around and contemplate the history of those men whose talents and acquirements-we must esteem, we find that their superiority of knowledge has been the result of great labor and diligence. It is an ill-founded notion to say that merit in the long-run is neglected. It is sometimes joined to circumstances that may have a little influence in counteracting it, as an unfortunate manner and temper - but it cenerally meets with its due reward. The SUCOBSS. IN LIFE. - Accidental circumstances, as regards Say that merit in the long-run is neglected. It is sometimes joined to circumstances that may have a little influence in counteracting it, as an unfortunate manner and temper; but it generally meets with its due reward. The world are not fools—every person of merit has the best chance of success; and who would be ambitious of public approbation, if it had not the power of discriminating? ' [We would qualify the latter remark, 'every person of merit has the best chance,'by observing that it is only where such persons are allowed fair play. If subjected to artificial restrictions, they have no chance at all. When a man, by excelling in any particular craft, gives offence to his fellows, and is punished by contunclious treatment, or by the destruction of his tools, any special success, such as leads to fortune is out of the question.] ERSKINE OF DUX.—Mr. Erskine of Dun, a Scottish gentleman in a past age, had an old man-servant who took great liberties in virtue of his long and faithful service. He had grown quite gray in the family, and no one thou ht of taking amiss almost anything he said, though he often spoke very bitter things. At length, getting into an altercation one day with his master, he so far forgot himself as to call Mr. Erskine a *lear.* 'Well, Gabriel, this cannot be put up with any longer. We must part at last.' 'Hoot, toot, laird ; where wad your honor be better than in your ain house ?' VALUE OF ARISTOCRATIO INSTITUTIONS.—The extreme crucke politiciens who deery our avistographic institution

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the debates as the Lower House. It really is not for nothing that a nobleman has leisure, pecuniary means for study, and a kind of professional reason for fitting his mind to take a part in public affairs. He often does become fitted for the exercise of an influence in such become fitted for the exercise of an influence in such matters. These remarks are suggested (1852) by a casual reference of Mr. Kingston to the late amiable Marquis of Northampton (who died in 1851). He mentioned that this nobleman was able to converse in four languages, English, French, German, and Italian, and had been known to dictate to sceretaries in all the four at one time. He also dictate to secretaries in all the four at one time. He also possessed an extensive acquaintance with science and antiquities, fitting him to be the President of the Royat Society and of the Archaelogical Institute. Mr. Kingston referred to a fact of a differerent kind, but also creditable to the nobility, that the Duchess of Northumberland, wife of the late duke, used to spend ten thousand a year in benevolent objects. Another fact to similar purport—the present Duchess of Sutherland has been in almost every house in her husband's estate in Sutherlandshire, and knows something of the circumstances of the inmates. GORGEOUS DOCTORS' SIGNS.—The following caustic re-marks are taken from the *Canadian Journal of Medical Science* :—"We believe it is frequently remarked by strangers visiting Toronto that the doctors' signs are the strangers visiong Toronto that the doctors' signs are the most extensive and gorgeous now known in the world. It is but a few years since the modest and old fashioned door plate with 'Mr. Smith, surgeon,' or 'Dr. Jones,' sufficed, Suddenly, however, an enterprising medico exhibited a fan-light, adorned with his name over the door, much to the horror of the numerous conservative members of the profession. This was but the being and the horror of the numerous conservative members of the profession. This was but the beginning, and they soon became generally used, the patterns and embellishments being numerous and varied. At first simply the name appeared, and perhaps street number; now we have office hours, covering immense spaces, beautifully colored, in some cases; in others a good portion of the alphabet, in capital letters, after the name. Sometimes tin plates adorn various parts of the doctor's abode, being specially profuse about the corners of the house and fence. Enterprise has not, however; stopped here, and we have occasionally added a street lamp, or a huge grey stone slab, fashioned after the model of a modern tomb-stone, and decorated with the doctor's name." the doctor's name.'

GERMAN DINING CARS.

GERMAN DINING CARS. Another German triumph is the "travelling dinners" in vogue on the line between Cologne and Berlin. Between these two points, a matter of ten hours' journey, the train stops nowhere longer than five minutes. To enable the passengers to refresh themselves en route, therefore, the guard enquires before starting who will dine at Hanover, and when the train arrives at that station waiters deposit trays in the carriages according to the number indicated by slips stuck by the guard on the windows of each com-partment. These trays are electroplate, with a velveted support to rest them on the knees, and contain a whole assort-ment of covered electroplated dishes, fitting into holes to keep them firm during the oscillation of the train. Re-moving the lids the traveller fuds a soup or bouillon in one, a cutlet with peas or beans in another, a fine cut of a moving the full the traverier finds is bour or bournon in one, a cutlet with peas or beans in another, a fine cut of a joint with two vegetables in a third, and some stewed strawberries in a fourth. Add a pint bottle of white wine, and such conveniences as a napkin and a toothpick, and the usual condiments and bread, and even the stingiest traveller cannot begrudge the half-a-crown which is asked for this next little entertainment. By the time the train has arrived at Hamm, half an hour distant, the meal is over, and the traveller handing the tray out of the window, throws himself back with satisfaction in the carriage to indulge in an after-dinner nap, while the Courierzug rushes on with the same admirable speed as before to its destination.

RAW COAL AS FUEL.

A great amount of waste is involved in the use of raw coal as a fuel, the by-products derived from a given quantity of coal exceeding the value of the coal itself by more than one-half. Wherever smoke is produced, it seems, fuel is being consumed wastefully. The superiority of gas as a fuel is evident from the fact that the combustion of a round of gas yields twice as much heat as the comof gas as a fuel is evident from the fact that the combustion of a pound of gas yields twice as much heat as the com-bustion of a pound of ordinary coal. The effects expected to result from the adoption of the practice of distilling instead of burning coal are intimated by Dr. Siemens in the following striking forecast:----"Before many years have elapsed we shall find in our factories, and on board our elapsed we shall find in our factories, and on board our ships, engines with a fuel consumption not exceeding one pound of coal per effective horse-power per hour, in which the gas producer takes the place of the somewhat complex and dangerous steam boiler. The advent of such an engine, and of the dynamo machine, must mark a new era of material progress, at least equal to that produced by the introduction of steam power in the early part of our century.¹¹ century."

THE SAFEST LINE.—At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the London and North-Western Railway company a statement was made by the chairman which must have been as gratifying to the shareholders as it is re-assuring to the public. One of the gentlemen present complained of the amount that has to be paid annually for compensation to passengers who have sustained injuries on the line. The chairman explained that the company are only 'paying arrears of compensation, and added that no passengers have been killed on the London and North-Western railway during the past two years and a half, and that only one passenger had been killed during the past three years and a half. And this immunity from accident was secured on one of the greatest railway systems in the kingdom, running many fast trains, and with a heavy local traffic, traffio,

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INTERCOLONIAL BAILWAY, 1882 SUMMER ARRANGEMENT, 1882 Commencing 3rd July, 1882. THROUGH EXPRESS PASSEN-GER TRAINS RUN DAILY (Sunday excepted), as follows:- Conversion of the first second s Arrive with the Grand Trunk Trains leaving Montreal at 10 o'clock p.m., and at Campbellton with the Steamer St. Lawrence, sailing Wednesday Paspeblac, &c., &c. The Trains to Halifax and St. John run through to their destination on Sunday. The Pullman Car leaving Montreal on Monday, Wednesday and Friday runs through to Halifax, and the one leaving on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to St. John. ATTHROUGH TICKETS at EXCURSION RATES may now be obtained via rail and steamer to all points on the Lower St. Lawrence, Metapedia, Restigouche, Bay Chaleur, Gaspe, Prince Edward Island and all points in the Maritime Provinces. For tickets and all information in regard to Point December 2010 and an information in fegure to passenger fares, rates of freight, train arrangements, &c., apply to
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(Opposite St. Lawrence Hall,) Montreal. D. POTIINGER, Chief Superintendent, Moncion, N.B., 1st July, 1882. ROYAL MAIL LINE 1882. 1882. -OF-STEAMERS TO THE SAGUENAY, TADOUSAC, CACOUNA RIVIERE DU LOUP and MURRAY BAY COMMENCING ON THE 25TH INSTANT the well-known first-class Steamers "SAGUENAY," Capt. M. Lecours. "ST. LAWRENCE," Capt. Alex. Barras. Will leave the St.Andrew's Wharfas follows: TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 7.30 a.m., the "Saguenay," for Chicoutimi an Ha I Ha I Bay, calling at Baie St. Paul, Les Ebonle-ments, Murray Bay, Riviere du Loup and Tadousac. WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at THE 7.30 a.m., the "St. Lawrence," for Hal Hal-Bay, calling at Baie St. Paul, Les Eboule-ments, IIe aux Coudres, Murray Bay, Cap a L'Aigle (when practicable), Riviere du Loup, Tadousac and L'Anse St. Jean. Connecting at Quebec with the RIGHELIEU AND ONTARIO NAVIGATION COMPANY'S BOATS, Q. M. O. & O. RAILWAY, and GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY; and at Riviere du Loup with the INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY for and from the Maritime Brouiness and Atlantic States Maritime Provinces and Atlantic States. Leaving Riviere du Loup : For the Sague-nay, at 5.00 P.M. same day ; and for Quebeo, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5.00 P.M., and on Sundays at 7.00 P.M. TICKETS for sale, and State Rooms se-cured, at the General Ticket Office, opposite the St. Louis Hotel, and at the Office of the ST. LAWRENCE STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, St. Andrew's Wharf. St. Andrew's Wharf. A. GABOURY Secretary July 12, 1882. GRAND TRUNK R'Y. Tickets to Winnipeg and return will be on sale at the principal Ticket Offices of the Com-pany from August 1st to September 30th in-clusive, good to return within forty days from date of issue. First class tickets available via all the usual routes, those by the lake routes include meals and berths on steamer from Sarnia or Colling wood to and from Duluth. Fare from Montreal......\$65.30





