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THE TWENTY-FIVE FEET CHANNEL.

IT was a "happy thought" this bringing together representative men of the financial, commercial, political and literary circles of the country to make personal cognizance of the existence and the utility of the new twenty-five "foot" channel. The daily papers have told us, principally by means of the publication of the speeches made on the occasion, the obstacles in the way of the accomplishment of this great work, the cost, the difficulty of raising the necessary funds, &c. We were specially glad to notice, by the way, the unanimity with which due merit was awarded to the lamented Hon. Mr. JOHN YOUNG for the great services he had rendered in connection with the improved waterway and the almost creative credit which is due to him in connection with it. We have, however, no intention of dwelling much on these speeches, or citing at any length the statistics connected therewith. It is the grand fact itself that we have mainly to deal with, and that is that any vessel of the largest size being constructed at the present day can come up, without danger or apprehension, into the heart of the port of Montreal. There are not over many in this city who remember the extent of our port trade previous to 1850, when the work of deepening the channel commenced, but the few who do will smile at the contrast between that date and the fall of 1882. The real prosperity of the port dates from that beginning, as the following table attests :---

. •	Tonnage,	Imports.	Exports.
1850	. 46,156	\$ 7,174,780	\$1,744,772
1854	. 70,740	16,221,004	1,833,640
1860	. 121,599	15,479,453	6,020,715
1866	. 205,775	28,793,321	7,286,878
1878	. 397,266	26,223,290	21,660,989
1881	. 531,929	45,622,719	31, 96,000

As a further illustration of the immense progress we have made it may be added that the exports of grain last week from Montreal exceeded the whole yearly average in 1845-50, and that there were, within a fortnight, twenty large ocean steamships at one time in harbor, loading or discharging cargo! It is made evident, so far, that as our channel deepens the volume of our trade widens. It follows, then, as a matter increase over the quarters for 1881 is of course that the twenty-five feet channel is barely officially and ceremonially opened when demand goes up for a still further that trade continued at the full for a year were \$17,100,000, and the net profits

But, with the recent tendency to add largely be attributed simply to the effects of specific to the dimensions of each new ship con- mismanagement. It will be seen that the structed clear-sighted men who look some- liabilities for the last are considerably less what before them are of opinion that it than for the previous quarter. This is will remain so but a little time. How far traceable in a great degree to the fact that this view is correct we do not undertake to in the South and West there have occurred say. One thing, however, is certain-that very few failures of importance. we must keep up the capabilities of our heaviest failures are mostly in the Middle port to the fullest requirements of future and Eastern States. Five failures in New shipbuilding, or prepare to see all the York city aggregate about \$3,260,000 in millions we have already expended as bad liabilities, or about 4 per cent. of the as utterly thrown away. In such circum- | liabilities for the Middle States, and about 20 stances the attempt made to sound the per cent. of the liabilities for the entire probable financial action of the Government country. On the other hand, the percentage should such a necessity arise was no doubt of assets to liabilities, though this is pretty generally anticipated. Sir HECTOR necessarily the result of an estimate, is less LANGEVIN, however, is about the last man than for the previous quarter. But as we to fall into a trap, especially so open a one have previously explained, such a resultant as was this. He accordingly parried it with is frequently caused by two or three his usual address and bonhommie, at the exceptionally large and bad failures. It same time avoiding disappointment or offence. This he was the better enabled to do because, though not caring on such an day of September are necessarily omitted." occasion to commit the Government of which he is so indispensable a member, the as the following tables show: friendly feelings he is known to entertain towards Montreal and its best interests are thoroughly recognised. This he has specially proved by the very important aid he has before rendered to the prosecution of that great work the completion of which was celebrated on Tuesday last. Besides, the perfecting of all the Public Works, over which he officially presides, is little less than a passion with him, and we are not to infer that a discreet silence means a careless inattention. The Province of Ontario is disposed to view necessary improvements of our harbor unstained by any feeling of jealous sectionalism. This fact will greatly open the way to enabling Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN to suggest at the Privy Council table financial aid to our Harbor Commission, as occasion may arise, and we feel assured that he would at all times support such a proposition with the most sincere earnestness.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

In Bradstreet's is an article on "The Quarter's Failures and the State of Trade." In this a most glowing account is given of the commercial situation in the United States, and reports from all quarters are said to be highly encouraging. Still the number of failures is on the increase, and much in excess of those for last year, as will be seen from the following table, showing their number for each of the three quarters of the two years as follows :-Third

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<i></i>	1,986	1,270
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On the figures Bradstreet's says :-- " The striking, but we are not prepared to GREEN states the receipts of the Western attribute it to anything beyond the fact Union Telegraph Company for the fiscal deepening, to the extent of a maximum of prolonged period over a country constantly over \$7,100,000, against gross receipts of thirty feet. The present channel is ad- extending necessarily results in numerous \$9,800,000 and net profits of \$3,100,000 the mittedly sufficiently deep for the passage of failures, with a tendency to increase. The previous year.

all existing ships except the Great Eastern. recent large failures in the eastern gities are to The should be stated that in giving the returns for the quarter to-day the failures of the last Canada compares favorably with the above,

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Canada and provinces 225 137	161
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United States15,323,591 12,006,174 9,1	22,250
New York city. 1,423,936 585,217 1,9	148,316
Canada 1,272,670 466,512 8	591,337
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Dominion to-day business appears to be on a sound and solid footing.

NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN COMPANY.-The last mail brings us news that the prospectus has been issued in England of the North American Land and Timber Company, Limited, with a capital of £500,000, in shares of £10 each. The object of this company is to purchase certain large tracts of freehold long leaf yellow pine and other lands in the United States, " in such quantity as to secure to the company a practical monopoly of this valuable class of timber, to fell and make merchantable the same, or to reserve portions for future sale, and eventually to encourage the building of saw mills and railroads for the purpose of working and transporting the timber, and enabling settlers to establish themselves upon the rich alluvial bottom lands of the company.

WESTERN UNION RECEIPTS.—President

THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHY. An innovation which seems not unlikely to result in a formidable amount of injury to the existing telegraphic companies is in a fair way of soon being tested. Nor can the Post-Office authorities fail to watch the experiment without a very real interest. It is claimed, indeed, that the business of the Post-Office Department will be very sensibly diminished under the operation of the new proposed Postal Telegraph Co. The objects of this Company are cheap and uniform rates; absolute certainty and celerity of transmission and delivery of messages to all points and at all times, without regard to atmospheric conditions; to transact any required volume of business without delay; to provide prompt and reliable communication between the stock and the produce exchanges and boards of trade of the large cities, and between them and the Atlantic cables; to provide a method whereby mercantile and financial houses may communicate by telegraph directly and promptly with each other and their correspondents at distant points over the Company's wires without the intervention or knowledge of any officer or employee of the Company; to supply a postal telegraph system by which long messages, letters, etc., will be received through the Post-Office or otherwise, and sent over the wires to be delivered by messengers, or through the Post-Office in the large cities, and through the mails, to places away from the lines, by posting at the receiving office; to transmit any amount of press news, at any time of day, simultaneously to all points, without delay, and without interfering with commercial business, and at cheaper rates than are now afforded. The intention, as we understand, is to commence this experiment with a communication only between New York and Chicago, making other connections from time to time as results may warrant. Rates are to be put so low as to tempt, in great commercial centres, the almost total substitition of telegraphy for communication through the slow medium of the Post-Office. The enormous economy of time thus effected is claimed as one of the most important elements relied upon for success, and the acquisition of marvellous speed, obtained by the purchase of some quite modern inventions connected with telegraphy, promises a capacity for promptly transat the rate of thirty thousand messages per day! As the promoters themselves claim, " The Postal Telegraph Company, with its " new and independent field with the most ceedings in about forty actions brought by

into 210,000 shares of \$100 each. First able arguments were paraded on both sides, mortgage gold bonds, to run thirty years, but though they were of great interest to interest at 6 per cent, amounting to \$10,- the profession, and exhibited abundant 000, have also been issued, and the Company | research, they would have so little attraction claims a contract for the exclusive interchange of business with a Cable Co. that to reproduce them here. The judicial deproposes to immediately construct and lay two submarine ocean cables, connecting the lines of this new Company with all the Court, will suffice for the present. After principal cities of Europe, the cable rates to be also cheap and uniform. There is no doubt that this scheme of uniform and very cheap rates is about to be practically tested on a large scale, for construction has already actually commenced. The result will everywhere be watched with lively interest, especially as success in the States means the putting of the system upon its trial in Canada also.

BANK OF ENGLAND DIVIDENDS. THE Bank of England dividend of 101 per cent., declared at the late general meeting, is stated to be higher than any made since 1866, that eventful year of financial disasters. It appears that for a period of three months in that year the bank rate of discount stood at 10 per cent., and at one time at the end of May the private securities showing the assistance required of the Bank stood at £33,500,000, the dividend on bank stock rising from 10¹/₂ per cent. in 1865 to 113 per cent. Subsequently the dividend dwindled because the profits were lower, and the means of employing money at very high rates less, and a distribution of 8 per cent. was made in 1868. For three successive years 8[§] per cent. was paid, then in 1872 91 per cent., while 1873 and 1874 mounted up to 10 per cent. each. Nine per cent. was paid in both 1875 and 1876, 91 per cent. in 1877 and 1878, 10 per cent. in 1879, and 9 per cent. in both 1880 and 1881; so that taking the $10\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for the past year the return exceeds by ½ per cent. any dividend paid since the financial and commercial crashes of 1866. The price of bank stock is higher now than it was at the commencement of the present century, when, for a succession of years, some sixteen or so, a 10 per cent. dividend was paid regularly.

THE INSURANCE INJUNCTION CASE. WE mentioned in due course that proceedings had been taken on the part of insurance companies doing business in this mitting messages between any two places Province to test the validity of the tax imposed last session by the Quebec Legislature on sundry commercial bodies. The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company " perfect wire, improved systems, trunk appeared as plaintiff, and Mr. W. B. LAMBE, "lines. cable connections, superior and in his official capacity as Revenue Inspector " reliable service, cheap and uniform rates, for the District of Montreal, as defendant. " will discard inferior methods and ap. Plaintiffs asked for a provisional order en-" pliances now in use and enter an entirely joining the defendant to suspend all pro-" comprehensive and profitable telegraph him against them for the recovery of the "system in the world." It seems beyond new tax imposed on these companies, on doubt that plenty of money backs the pro- the ground that the law under which he about \$185,000. The reduction thus far moters. The capital stock of the Postal claimed his authority to act was ultra vires effected in expenses is at the rate of \$71,-Telegraph Company is \$21,000,000; divided of the Quebec Legislature. Lengthy and 819.45 per annum.

for the general reader that it would be idle cision, which has just been delivered by the Hon. Mr. Justice JETTÉ, in the Superior a lengthy explanation of the reasons on which he had based his conclusions, the learned Judge came to the pith of his views as follows:-For these reasons, I think it " my duty to grant the injunction asked for "by the insurance companies, but as the "delays of the proceedings may imperil "the recovery of the tax, by a possible " change in the position of the companies " when the final decision is rendered. I order " that the amounts claimed by the Revenue 'Inspector be deposited in the Bank of "Montreal by each of the said companies, to be paid to those who are entitled to ' them when the final judgment is rendered." This decision no doubt reaches all the reasonable hopes of the insurance companies at this stage at the same time that it can hardly be distasteful to the ruling powers at Quebec.

THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION UNDER QUEEN VICTORIA.

UNDER the above heading a London paper, the St. Jumes's Gazette, reviews the progress of the United Kingdom from 1840 to 1880. In other words, it commences its data shortly after the accession of Her Majesty. The statistics, taken from official sources, should be reliable, and they more than dispose of the alleged decadence of the mother-country. The article in question is the pleasantest possible reading to all who have the interests of the Empire at heart, and we therefore reproduce it in full. The remarks on the enormous lessening of the public burden between 1840 and 1880 viewed per capita are novel to the general public, and the view that the reduction of the national debt is no advantage is still more so. The aggregate of the colonial trade, as here set forth, is so suggestive that we must confess we should like to see it supported by full statistics instead of a mere declaration of an alleged fact.

THE NORTH SHORE RAILWAY. - The business of the North Shore Railway has steadily increased since it passed into the hands of a private company in June last, and a very considerable reduction in expenses has also been effected. The earnings in the past three months have been as follows :--July, \$43,040.36, August, \$52,687.97, September, \$57,091.12, making a total of \$152,819.46 for the quarter, in addition to which the accounts outstanding amounted to \$32,000, so that the gross revenue of the company in the three months foots up to

INSPECTION OF STEAMBOATS.

SOME terrible and ever-memorable accidents on our inland waters preceded the amended Inspection of Steamboats Act of last session, and other quite recent disasters have more than justified its passage. The loss of the Asia stands in every way foremost among these latter events, but others involving fatalities on a minor scale have unfortunately not been wanting. The mischief done, thorough official investigations have been made or are making into the cause of these so-called accidents. So far as they have gone they show that the excellent provisions of the late Act have somewhere been most criminally neglected. Whether the faults lie with the Government Inspectors, or with the captains or owners, or that the dereliction is parcelable between them, is not yet in all cases made clear. It is manifest, however, that vessels have been allowed to leave port with hulls totally unseaworthy, with defective boilers, and enormously overloaded with passengers. Now it was mainly to prevent all this sort of occurrences that the bill of last session was passed, yet it has proved so far ineffective. The pains and penalties incurrable seem to have carried no terrors whether to the captains and owners or to the inspectors themselves. Investigations being still in progress, we do not desire to anticipate what the final decisions may be. We cannot help here remarking, parenthetically, that an extraordinary oversight appears to have taken place in the Act of 1882 in failing to make provision to test the competency of the captain himself. The engineer has to undergo an examination before he can obtain his certificate, the ability of the inspector himself requires to be established, but any one, however incompetent, may take the responsibility of command so far as there are any provisions in the new Act to the contrary. This is a matter so grave that the Department of Marine and Fisheries should see to it at once, for an incompetent captain will have to rely only on a panicky crew in any moment of supreme danger. Some exculpation of these so-called accidents is attempted to be made out of the fact that the appointment of Inspectors of Hulls and Equipments, provided for in the Act, had not been made up to the time mental authorities at Ottawa have generally of the occurrence of the late tragedies. This pretext may go for what it is worth, and that is not much. It cannot, however, be again advanced, the Government having at length made an appointment in the person of Mr. C. R. COKER. A more judicious selection could not possibly have ly vindicated its assertions, and now vainly been made, that gentleman's thorough fit- asks, Why these local endeavors to suppress ness for the position being probably un- such important facts? The principal seiz-

It is, in fact, in itself the very highest certificate of merit, and we congratulate the Government as much on having secured his services as Mr. COKER himself on receiving the appointment. Accidents on our inland waters may again occur, and no doubt will. We think, however, we are safe in predicting that none such will arise through defects in such hulls and equipments as have undergone this gentleman's inspection. As a matter of professional seniority Mr. COKER will be chosen Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of course.

FIFTY-ONE PER CENTUM !- Such was the exaction practised upon the needy borrower last Monday, says the New York Produce Exchange Bulletin, and how much more frequently during the previous two weeks of stringent money is not named, but for that particular day the daily press of the following morning made special reference to. Fifty-one per cent., therefore, can be extorted on emergency from the man of business whose pressing need drives him into the den of the usurer! And another paper says :-- "New York has been the scene of a demonstration to establish high rates for money, the movement being rade possible by the low reserve of the New York banks, which had fallen last week to \$2,271,825 less than the legal reserve. On Monday the manipulators sent the rate for call loans on stocks up to plain 15 per cent. per annum, and Tuesday to 20 per cent. when they made loans among themselves at 1-16 per cent. per day. At this point the U. S. Treasury came in and ordered the prepayment each week, without rebate, of \$5,000,000 of called bonds, including the \$25,000,000 recently called for December 23, the prepayment to begin on the 27th instant. This broke up the plans of the money-squeezers, and the rate for call loans began to fall, though they have since recovered somewhat."

CUSTOMS' SEIZURES IN MONTREAL.

FOR some weeks past our local Customs' authorities have been developing an amount of vigilance not hitherto always perceptible here. The result has been many seizures in various branches of importation, and the subsequent investigations of the Departendorsed the action of their officers here. The Mail was the first fully to expose these frauds, which for some inscrutable reason our local papers denied altogether, or made light of, or endeavored to explain away. The Toronto journal has, however, thoroughequalled by any one in the Dominion. Mr. ures have been mainly in connection with COKER has held the very responsible post frauds by importers of canvas and duck, of Lloyd's Surveyor in Canada for a period American flour and pork, teas, sundries in considerably exceeding a quarter of a which the Pullman Car Co. is under century, and if he was found sufficiently enquiry as delinquents, and, latest of all, competent to meet the critical requirements fine Japanese ware. The confiscations so produce silk piece goods will be constructed of such an important body of underwriters, far have been very large and the fines in New Chiang. A blow at Lancashire and that alone is full testimony of his ability. heavy, and if the fraudulent importers Cheshire commercial centres is feared.

escape without indictment for perjury they may think themselves very lucky. We are quite unable to sympathise with those who would shield such offenders simply from a local sentiment. They are neither more nor less than thoroughly dishonest traders who are pushing our fair-dealing merchants to the wall. Our sympathies are wholly with the latter, and we trust that the Toronto paper will continue its exposures as fully and with as little regard as to what wrong-doers it offends as it has hitherto done.

THE FREE-CANAL AGITATION IN NEW YORK.

THE New York State elections come on next month, when the question of making the Erie Canal free of tolls will be submitted to the people. It is being made quite a party matter, and appearances indicate that the abolition of rates will carry. A strong organisation, known as the Free Canal Union, is vigorously active, and its President, Mr. FRANKLIN EDSON, thus sums up the status quo :-- " I feel sure that the Canal has got to be made free or abandoned. It is not any contest between the railroads and Canal, but the issue has narrowed down to this-Can New York hold its commercial position against the free Mississippi River and the practically free St. Lawrence? It is one thing or the other. A vote against free canals is a vote in favor of permitting Canada to do the carrying trade of the North-West. And then, besides that, it is not a contest beween the people of New York as to free canals, but between the people of this State and the people of Canada on one side and the people of Pennsylvania and Maryland on the other side. If the State of New York abandons its canal, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston and Montreal will be enormously benefited, because we are then placed on an equal footing with them" The result of the voting will be viewed with no common interest in this country.

U. S. GRAIN PORTS .- New Orleans and San Francisco are the ports showing the greatest changes in the volume of cereals shipped last year. At New Orleans there was an increase, comparatively small in amount, but large in percentage, of over a million dollars, and at San Francisco there was a decrease of \$169,000. Associating the two movements, the inference seems to be that the new route by rail to New Orleans is gaining favor in comparison with the all-water route from San Francisco. The lake ports almost uniformly show a decrease, in some cases of an important ratio.

CHINA AS A COTTON RIVAL .- Some excitement is visible in the British textile trade journals, owing to an announcement that the Chinese are preparing to manufacture cotton and silk piece goods. A cotton factory of an approved pattern will shortly be erected in Shanghai, and a factory to

THE HUNTER CASE. On, as later developments seem to teach, 3.1 rather the HUNTERS' case. According to the Mail, the son is now detected following in his father's evil steps. The Toronto paper says that the son, C. S. HUNTER, has just had a criminal charge laid against him for obtaining moneys under false pretences. His modus operandi of raising the wind, according to this authority, has been to represent himself as an agent of the Citizens' Insurance Company, solicit parties to take out policies, and when he got the premium, to convert it to his own use. The victims who so easy, and the Banks have ample use for are taking legal steps are coal-merchants of this city, who paid him \$127, no account of which he ever gave to the Citizens' manager. The receipt which HUNTER gave to the firm he swindled bears signatures supposed to be forged. The insurance company repudiate the defaulter's connection with its business altogether. Young HUNTER is said to have absconded to the Western States. In the meantime fresh developments show additional and most cruel frauds on the part of the senior offender, and there really seems no end to his defalcations. So far, however, there is no actual proof that he has brought himself within the operation of the extradition law, though his son, according to the Mail's statement, undoubtedly has. The whole matter will probably result in another illustration of the HUNTERS becoming the hunted.

THE STOCK MARKET.

THE volume of business transacted on "the street" during the past week, so far as Bank stocks are concerned, has been below the average, and as a rule prices have not been maintained, but the differences have been so slight as not to require special comparison with our preceding report. Ontario and Molson's have slightly advanced, but the amount of transactions in neither was heavy. Montreal Telegraph was in greater demand than has been usual of late, the sales of this week and last being 1,510 and 662 respectively, while prices rose from a minimum of 209 as per last report to a maximum of 211³, closing at 211. Richelieu, for some time past so dormant. woke up suddenly in all its best energy, and prices crept up from 70³/₄ to 78 in the early part of the week, but towards its end fell to 751, and closed at 761. A few knaves started the report that a big French company was going to buy up this line, and many fools believed it, running up quotations with a rush. By the way, it is perfectly extraordinary the wonderful things these French companies are doing or going | equipments, or machinery, was 477, of which to do-on paper! The effects of the canard was to run up the number of sales from 380 last week to 4,923 this. The excitement has now, however, wholly abated after thoroughly doingithe work of its creators. City Passenger continues in its extra activity, 2,860; prices, however, were by no means time was 231, 2 of which were found safe year-a gratifying evidence of its progress,

week being followed by a reaction to 150, but rallying to 1551 and closing at 1521. City Gas sales have largely fallen off, as was to have been expected, but they nevertheless reached 4,206; prices, however, fell from 197 to 1861, and closed at 1871, this decline thus exactly carrying out our recent predictions. St. Paul, M. and M. continued in good demand, the total of sales this week being 1,460, while prices ranged between 155½ and 160¼, closing at 156½.

The Money Market is perhaps not quite all their available funds in making advances for the handling of crops and meeting legitimate trade demands. The rates at the close of the week to commercial borrowers remain unchanged at 61 to 7 for prime mercantile paper, and old reliable customers, but outsiders have to put up with $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and higher, according to the quality of the paper offered. Call loans on stocks are negotiated at 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ and 7. The market for Sterling Exchange continues dull at 84 for bankers, 60-day bills and 8¹/₄ to 8[§]/₈ to the public. Demand drafts are 91 and currency on New York 1 to 3-16 premium. In New York the market for foreign exchange is barely steady at the recent decline. The posted rates for prime bankers' sterling are $4.81\frac{1}{2}$ and 4.86 to $\frac{1}{2}$. The actual rates are 4.801 to 4.81 and 4.85 to $\frac{1}{2}$ with cable trans fers 4.86 to 3, and prime commercial bills 4.781 to 4.791.

OVERHAULING CANADIAN SHIPS .- Measures are being adopted to put into force the new U.S. law which provides for the annual inspection of foreign vessels touching at United States ports. The new provisions are important to Canada, as the law will affect lines plying between our ports and those of the States. There are to be six special inspectors at New York, and two each at Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, and San Francisco. The new Act will place foreign vessels almost on the same footing as American steam vessels in regard to the maintenance of their proper condition of hull, boilers, &c., and their equipments to secure safety. Should foreign vessels refuse to submit to inspection after arrival in port, they will be refused clearances by the Custom-house authorities.

SHIP INSPECTION IN ENGLAND.-A return has been issued showing that, from the passing of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1876 to the 30th June, 1882, the total number of ships ordered by the Board of Trade or its Officers to be provisionally detained as unsafe, and reported as defective in hull, 9 were found safe, 459 unsafe, 3 were still waiting survey, and 6 were improperly detained. Of the ships detained 56 were steamships (54 iron and 2 wooden), and 421 sailing ships (5 iron and 416 wooden). The total number of ships reported for overthe sales this week reaching as high as loading or improper loading in the same upon its capital stock for the current half-

maintained, the maximum of 1577 of last and 229 unsafe. Of those detained 197 were iron steamships, and 1 a wooden steamship, and 29 were wooden sailing ships, and 4 iron sailing ships.

> OUR IMPORTS .- The Customs receipts at Toronto, Halifax and St. John during September show a decrease of \$94,414 as compared with the corresponding month last year, while those at Montreal increased \$56,000. Judging from the returns received from eight of the principal ports of entry, the Customs revenues of last month will not exceed that of September, 1881, from which fact it is to be inferred that the extreme limit of importation has for the meantime been reached. It is inferred that the fact that the receipts at Montreal have considerably augmented means probably that this port is regaining its control of the import trade, which the depression seriously weakened.

> NEW TELEGRAPH COMPANIES .-- The following new companies were incorporated in the State of New York this week. The Commercial Telegraph Company; capital, \$500,000 (the lines of the Company are to run from New York to different cities and States). The Mexican Northern Telegraph and Telephone Company, of New York; capital, \$200,000 (its line is to run from New York through the State of New Jersey, and thence in a south-westerly direction to the city of Laredo and other cities in Mexico).

THE ESCOTT CASE.

THIS defaulter, it will be remembered, cleared " from Montreal about three years ago with some \$13,000, belonging to the Canadian Investment and Agency Company, having previously committed other embezzlements. He was traced to Chicago, and arrested there as a fraudulent debtor, and failing to "schedule out," has remained in the county jail from that time up to the present, and so long as the Montreal company is willing to pay his board bill, which is not very much, it seems likely that he will remain under the sheriff's charge. The trouble with him is that he does not account for the missing money. He can only show that \$5,000 of it went into a bad speculation, and for the sake of the balance hidden away, he seems willing to undergo a wearisome imprisonment. The judge told him that he had tried hard to find a way to let him out of jail, but that he could not do so. If he had only spent the money in gambling or riotous living, or in some aimless extravagance, so as to account in any way for the deficit, there might be some hope for him, but as it was he would have to return to jail. This is very like imprisonment for debt, which is made illegal in Illinois.

THE DOMINION BANK .-- It will be seen by our advertising columns that the Dominion Bank has just declared a dividend of four per cent. and a bonus of one per cent.

THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE. REPLY POST-CARDS .- The British Post-

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 5th October, 1882, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week.

Office authorities have issued a notice that on and after the 1st October double or reply inland post-cards, bearing an impressed 1d, stamp on each portion, will be sold to the public at all post-offices, the price of a single thin card being 21 cents. and that of a stout card 3 cents.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. I. C. E.-Subscribe to the Consulting Engineer, published in Toronto. It is by far the ablest journal connected with the engineering profession that has ever been published in Canada.

EDISON'S LIGHT IN USE.

RESULTS IN NEW YOUR CITY AND OUT OF TOWN. The work of the Edison Electric Light Company in the down-town district has almost ceased to be an experiment the lamps have burned steadily, night and day whenever wanted, since the 4th of September. The manufacturers of fixtures are overlaxed in supplying the demand, or the introduction of the lamps would go on faster; as it is, about one hundred lamps a day are added to the system, and enough are in operation at points further away from the central station to prove that the conductors are perfect and that no difficulty need be feared even on longer circuits. From the Pearl street station to the banking house of Drexel, Biorgan &Co., at Broad and Wall streets, is about half a mile, and is the longest distance over which the current is sent in this district. The only com-plaints received come from persons who, having seen the are lights in the streets, imaginea that the Edison light would be something of that kind, and are disappointed at finding it of about the same power as a good gas burner. The metres are going in as fast as the inspector of the Board of Fire Underwriters passes upon the " wiring" of the buildings, and are found to work well. The upper floors of the central station in Pearl street are being fitted up as offices for the business of the district. An ingenious arrangement for detecting serious differences in the amount of light given has been introduced. When the light becomes too strong, owing to a large number of lamps being suddenly extinguished, a lamp painted red, lights up automatically, and a bell begins to ring. When the light becomes too weak a blue lamp lights up and the bell rings, and continues to ring until some more currents are turned on. By the first of next January the company hopes to have all their lights burning, and the business as settled on as firm a footing as that of the gas companies.

On as firm a looting as that of the gas companies. Outside the city the Edison Company now has 16.976 lamps run by isolated plants, several of which are in this city. The *Herald* building, which is not in the district, has a plant of its own, and for several months has run 500 lamps from its own dynamos. Among the places into which the Edison light has been recently introduced, c will be shortly, is the new Fall River steamboat Pilgrin, which is to have 802 lamps; the American Printing and Dye Works at Fall River has 250 lamps; the Baltimore Sun, 150; the United States Fish Commission steamer Albatross, 130: Amory Mills, Manchester 250. Bridgenort Albatross, 130 ; Amory Mills, Manchester, 250 ; Bridgeport Albatross, 130; Amory Mills, Mathemetter, 250; Bridgeport Organ Company, 250; Pardridges dry goods store, Chicago, 310; Best Brewery, Milwaukee, 506; Beatty's Organ Factory, Washington, N J., 300. The most remarkable letter received by the Edison Company, in response to a request for statistics of cost, is from the Wamsutta Mills, New Bedford, Mass., whose agent, Edward Kilburn, reports that, after using three hundred Edison lamps for one year, the saving over gas at \$2 per 1,000 first-the price formerly paid-bas been \$2,250. Another report from the Merrick Thread Mills, at I plyoke, Mass., gives the cost of 120 lamps for 1,080 hours of burning at \$42, as against \$275 for gas; but this comparison is unfair, because no account is taken of the cost of the power used except the estimated coal burned. The greatest durability of lamps has been in these mills, where, with 120 lamps in use, only five have broken since last April.—N.Y. Evening Post, September 30.

STILLING THE WAVES WITH OIL.

In Parliament recently, the Earl of Carnarvon called attention to the effects said to be produced by pouring oil upon the sea in tempestuous weather, and inquired what measures the Board of Trade, had adopted to test the value of recent experiments, and to encourage a discovery valuable to life and property at sea.

Lord Sudeley said the idea of throwing oil on troubled waters had a certain fascination about it which would waters had a certain tascination about it which would always render the experiment interesting. Unfortunately, it was a subject on which a great deal of sensational and impracticable matter had been published. There was no doubt upon a certain point. With special conditions of wind, tide, and current, oil on troubled waters was of considerable use, and undoubtedly it had been found of currentee on tidel have and in case of heats head-inauvantage on tidal bars, and in case of boats beaching through a surf. They must, however, divert themselves of all idea that it would altogether prevent shipwreck and loss of life on harbor bars. Oil on waves had been constantly used on the Assyrian coast, and in Pliny's time it had been used by divers to keep the waters smooth so that they might get more light. Dr. Badeley, in 1857, had tried many experiments on the subject, but they were not very many experiments on the subject, but they were not very successful. A number of papers had also been read at many institutions, and there had been a very able review poor, blind man:" "Why, you humbug, you're not article on the subject. The Board of Trade had taken great interest in the matter, and they were most anxious must have given me the wrong one. I'm deaf and dumb."

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to collect all the authentic facts which could be obtained. The Board of Trade, however, did not see its way to expend money or to become investors in this matter. It seemed to them that it was their duty in this respect to carry out in Toronto is not taken under \$1.12 in the millionaire's the same views as they had in regard to railways—namely, paradise. There is some justice, it would seem, in charg-to encourage experiments by others. After referring to Mr. ing a higher rate in Winnipeg than in Toronto, because Shield's experiments at Peterhead, and to their admittedly inconclusive character, pointing to the fact invisted on by many authorities, that oil was useless in very severe gales of wind, the noble lord said that those experiments would be repeated during the coming winter, and would be care-fully watched and recorded. There was no doubt oil would be of use to throw overboard during a wreck to enable boats to approach, and it might be of use when boats were being veered down to a wreck from the windward. There seemed also something in the idea of oil attached to a lifebuoy, for as it would smooth the surface, it would enable the buoy to be better seen, and it would give the drowning man if he did see it, a better chance of getting hold of the lifebuoy. In this way, therefore, it seemed very worthy of trial.—London Standard Parliamentary Report.

THE COST OF BRITISH LIVING.

From a report read by Professor L one Levi before a section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, we learn that the gross personal expenditure of the United Kingdom amounted last year to £878,000,000 of which sum £728,000,000, or about 83 per cent., was probably spent on necessaries, and £150,000,000, or 17 per cent, on luxuries and waste. The investigation of the committee shows that of this gross sum the working committee shows that of this gloss sum the working classes expended \pounds 423,600,000, or \$2,118,000,000, and the middle and higher class \pounds 454,000,600, or \$2,270,000,000. The reports point out that the expenditure on the necessaries of life has greatly increased within the past few years, and that a comparison of the quantities per head consumed of the principal imported articles shows that the people now have a much greater command over the articles of food than they previously enjoyed, and, what is highly encouraging, their expenditure on these has increased in a larger proportion than the expenditure on account of alcoholic drinks and other luxuries. With regard to the relative expenditure of the classes on necessaries and lux-uries, the report shows that the working classes expended 80 per cent. on necessaries and 20 per cent on luxuries, while the middle and upper classes expended 86 per cent on necessaries and 14 per cent on luxuries These figures show that the working classes are more prodigal in their expenditure for luxuries than those above them, a fact, which, the report says, is to be regretted, because it lessens their available means for necessaries. The report places the total income of the United Kingdom at £1,000,000.060, equal to \$5,000,000,000. Of this sum it is estimated bat £436,000,000 represents the earnings of the laboring classes, and £564,000,000 those of the middle and higher classes. Deducting expenditure, there is left to the working classes a surplus of £13,000,000, and to the middle and higher classes one of £110,000,000. These figures are interesting in showing the general progress and thrift of the country and it would be a good thing if some committee of economists and statisticians would undertake a like work for the United States. A comparison between the two countries would be interesting in showing the difference between a free trade country and one in which the system of protection is deemed necessary to the welfare of the laboring classes.

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INSURANCE IN WINNIPEG .- Insurance companies doing business in Winnipeg have combined to keep up the rates. The consequence is that a risk which is taken at fifty cents the risk in the former place, owing to the large number of frame buildings and the small area covered by the fire limits, is greater. Still Winnipeg insurers are dissatisfied, and they are endeavoring to induce some of the American companies not yet doing business in Canada to go over and help them. These companies, it is alleged, will not have to make the \$50,000 deposit with the Dominion Government, as they will not establish agencies in Canada. The Canadian insurer will simply step across the line and insure there, risking the recovery of his money in case his building is consumed by fire .- Mail.

A ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILWAY TUNNHL .- The Denver and South Park Division of the Union Pacific Railroad pierces the main range of the Rocky Mountains, 160 miles south-west of Denver, Colorado. The length of the tunnel is 1,700 feet, and its altitude above the sca 11,500 feet. The approaches on either side are described as marvels of engineering skill, laid through scenes unrivaled for grandeur and magnificence. Although the tunnel commences with a sharp curve at its castern end, so nicely was the en-gineering done, that when workmen from either side met in the heart of the great snowy range, they found only about one inch variation in their respective hours, This tunnel, said to be the highest in America or Europe, leads to the new silver region of Gunnison.

NEW U. S. RAILWAYS .- The amount of railroad building that is going on in the United States is something almost incredible. In the month of August last 1.274 miles were constructed, and the total for 1882 up to September is over 7,000 miles. The construction for the entire year is estimated at 10,500 miles, and the cost of railways built this year is on an average \$25,060 per mile, or \$175,000,-000 for the eight months. When a nation spenus a million dollars per day on building railroads there ought not to be much said about the decline of her carrying trade.

PLEASURE AND BUSINESS .- An American country editor who had the misfortune to lose his wife had the following combination epitaph engraved upon her tombstone: "To the memory of Tabitha, wife of Moses Skinner, Esq., gentlemanly editor of the *Trambone*. Terms, \$3 a year, invariably in advance. A kind mother and an exemplary wife. Office over Coleman's grocery, up two flights of stairs. Knock hard. We shall miss thee, mother, we shall miss thee. Job printing solicited."

THE CHEAPER LIGHT .- The Sanitary Engineer says the substitution of electric lighting by the use of two machines driven by one engine instead of gas, at the South K-usington Museum, London, has resulted in a saving in the working expenses at the rate of nearly \$3,700 a year, or more than \$112 per annum for each lamp. Up to the end of last year the 32 lamps illuminating the Lord President's Court and the Sheepshanks and Raphael Galleries had been at work for six months, or 345 hours of lighting.

THE FASTEST TRIP - The Guion Line steamer Alaska, Captain Murray, which sailed from New York September 13, for Queenstown and Liverpool, was signaled passing Fastnet at two o'clock September 19. She made the trip

THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION UNDER QUEEN VICTORIA

The St. James's Gazette has an article on the above subject, from which we make the follo wing extracts :---In a single generation Great Britain has risen in the In a single generation Great Britain has risen in the scale of national wealth and greatness as much as in the interval of 150 years from the fall of the Stuarts to the date of her majesty's accession. Commerce has quintupled since 1840, the ratio per inhabitant being now £17, which is three times the present ratio for the United States and double that of France. In shipping, the increase is no less remarkable, our flag representing 52 per cent. of the carrying trade of the seas, while the mercantile navies of the United States, France, and Italy are on the decline. Manufactures continue to form our chief industry, and herein it is easy to mark the progress of forty years:--

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Stationery en-	horse-power	1840. 600,000	1880. 2,200,000
Production of pig-iron	tons	1,396,000	8,326,000
Production of coal	"	35,000,000	147,000,000
Consumption of cotton	million lb.	437	1,404
Consumption of wool	t t	124	401
Value of cot- ton manu- factures		£26,000,000	£95,000,000

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Linen.... million yds. 186.. 429 Comparing the above figures with population, we find that in 1840 each inhabitant stood for 1 cwt. of iron and 14 tons of coal, and in 1880 for 5 cwt. of the former and 44 tons of the latter. In cotton goods there is a similar increase; the output from our mills averaging nearly £3 per inhabitant, or three times the ratio for 1840. As for linen, there is a popular delu-sion that the production has fallen since the abolition of the "bounties," whereas it has, on the contrary, become threefold greater. On the whole, our manu-factures have increased in about equal ratio with the output of coal—that is, they have quadrupled; while our population has risen but 33 per cent. So striking a development of industry has brought

population has risen but 33 per cent. So striking a development of industry has brought with it an enormous increase of national wealth, the estimates for 1880 being no less than 8.720 millions aterling, as compared with Mr. Porter's return of 4,100 millions in 1840. In other words public wealth has more than doubled; showing at present an average of £249 per inhabitant, against £158 at the beginning of the present reim.

£249 per inhabitant, against 2.200 ... the present reign. In the meantime the National Debt has been re-duced 19 millions (from 788 millions in 1837 to 769 millions in 1881) a reduction that has nowise done any service to the country. As if to rebuke the wisdom of those financiers who would ask us to pay taxes merely to reduce the debt, the course of events has come gradually to lighten the debt by one-third, or rather by one-half, thanks to the increase of population and wealth. In 1840 the debt averaged £32 per inhabitant, and amounted to 193 per cent. of national wealth; in and amounted to 19} per cent. of national wealth; in 1880 the average was only £22 per head, and the amount less than 9 per cent. (say 8.8) of the public

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All these, are indeed, evidences of material pros-perity, but if we examine the statistics of intellectual progress, we find no less remarkable results. The Post Office has risen from six to forty-nine letters per inhabitant, school population from 71 to 11 per cent., and the ratio of suluts able to sign the marriage register from 59 to 84 per cent. The newspaper circulation, which averaged 16 million sheets monthly in 1860, is now over 100 millions monthly, and the exportation of books has multiplied twelvefold since 1840.

Our colonial settlements, some of which hardly existed in name at the Queen's accession, have in a single generation attained the importance of European kingdoms, These

hese various colonies or plantations, as they These various colonies—or plantations, as they were called in 1840—have sprung up in a single generation to such a degree of prosperity that the aggregate of their trade is almost equal to that of the United States or France. Such indeed, has been the energy of their growth that if the United Kingdom had no other progress to record they would suffice to stamp the present reign as one of memorable and happy auspices in the destinies of mankind mankind.

CRAZY FOR SOCIETY.

THE EXPEDIENTS OF & COUPLE, TO SATISFY THEIR MERE AMBITION.

I met a few evenings since one of the fathers of New York, says a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. By which I mean not one of the "City Fathers," but one of the fathers of the children of the city. Drawing my arm in his as we walked one evening on the quieter side of Broadway, he said :—" I have a mind to tell you a story. I have a secret. I have a trouble. I have a daughter. Her craze is 'society,' I am not a 'society' man. I like sociability, congeniality, and friendly meetings. I like a cup of tea, and two or three friends present to develop the craze is 'society,' I am not a 'society' man. I like sociability, congeniality, and friendly meetings. I like a cup of tea, and two or three friends present to develop the teatable chatter and gossip. I like a cosy supper of four about 11 p. m. But that is not what this girl of mine is after. She has an ambition to shine in society, to be one of the 500 in this city whose names are published in the society columns of the newspaper. She is married, poor thing? She married another poor thing! He, too, had an ambition to get into 'society.' They met. They re-cognized each other's desire, inspiration, ambition—'two souls with but a single thought,' and that thought to get into society. They married. They have since been striv-ing to get into society, and they got on its ragged edge. They have desperately clung to the tail-board of the 'society waggon ever since they joined hearts and fortunes. 'They hadn't much fortune to join. There's the great They hadn't much fortune to join. There's the great trouble. Society will come to the rich. It runs from the poor. My daughter and son-in-law are on the run. Do trouble. Society will come to the rich. It runs from the poor. My daughter and son-in-law are on the run. Do you know, sir, she has scarce a whole stocking in her wardrobe? You wouldn't think it to see her in the street. She is a dashing-looking girl, and wears a \$250 seal-skin. That and her \$360 piano cost 2,920 meals, and that they went without in order to save money for the two purchases. Stated more spacifically, this is the bill of particulars. They went four years ago on one 'square' meal per day to raise the money, and make apologies to their respective stomachs for the other two meals per day with bread and weak tea. Here it stands :--365 meals multiplied by two lost meals per day equals 730 lost meals per year; multi-plied by four years, equals 2,920 tea and bread gastronom-ical apologies to two stomachs, which gained the sealskin, the piano and for both of them the dyspepsia. Such are the desperate make-shifts that couple have made to 'keep up appearance' and maintain their doubtful footing and the desperate make-shifts that couple have made to 'keep up appearance' and maintain their doubtful footing and position in society. They will live on one meal a day, and that a poor one, to save enough to make a spread for their regular weekly 'reception.' Their joint wash bill is scarcely one dollar a week, that they may hire a girl on their reception evening to attend the door and give the impression that she is one of their servants. There isn't a whole comb in the house, nor a decent hair brush, for everything that can be kept out of sight is used until it falls to pieces. But their parlor is furnished with 'ele-gance and taste,' and the kitchen is almost as dirty as a coal hole. Their house puts on a good front, but it dwindles at the rear—something after the anatomical proportions of the lion, all head but weak in the hind quarters."

BULLION PAYMENTS.

The New York Independent furnishes a very interesting historical article on the question of substituting bullion for coin in payments of large amounts and especially for export. We agree with our contemporary that little would be gained except saving the expense of coinage and that it will never come into general use in this country. Still it has many strong advocates.

it will never come into general use in this country. 5111 it has many strong advocates : When Great Britain was anxiously discussing the question of remedies in order to get rid of the evils of paper money, Mr. Ricardo, an eminent political economist, published a pamphlet, entitled "Proposals for an Econom-ical and Secure Currency." The object of the pamphlet, which appeared in 1817, was to show how bank-notes could be kept at par with gold without requiring the cir-culation of any gold coin. The system was that of bullion payments. The first element of the plan was that the Bank of England should, at all times, on presentation by culation of any gold coin. The system was that of bullion payments. The first element of the plan was that the Bank of England should, at all times, on presentation by the holders, be required to give an ounce of standard gold bullion for every sum of £3 17s 10jd. in its own notes. This being the mint price of an ounce of gold, the notes of the Bank of England would be maintained at the same level by being thus exchangeable for bullion, and the Bank would be guarded against any over-issue of its own paper by the necessity of redeeming it in this way. The bullion thus paid out in gold bars would not be in the form convenient for use as money, and, hence, would not, to any considerable extent, enter into the circulation, while

it would keep the notes of the Bank of England at its own level of value

The second element was to make the notes of all the The second element was to make the holes of all the other banks of the country exchangeable over their own counters, at the pleasure of the holders, for the notes of the Bank of England, and not for gold at all. This would keep these notes at par with Bank of England notes and

the bank of England, and not for goid at all. This wolld keep these notes at par with Bank of England notes and dispense with the necessity, so far as the country banks are concerned, of having any gold on hand. Their notes would circulate on the credit furnished by their exchange-ableness into those of the Bank of England. The third feature of the plan was to require all the banks, with the exception of the Bank of England, to place in the hands of the government securities amply sufficient to cover all the notes issued by them, to be held as a guarantee for their payment, in the way provided for by the plan itself. This was designed to insure the solvency of the country banks. They could issue no more paper than they could thus guarantee; and, hence, their solvency would be equal to that of the Bank of England and their notes circulate at the same value. Their bank-ruptcy would be rendered impossible so long as the Bank of England remained sound. Individuals or associations could not go into the business of issuing notes payable on demand without thus securing their convertibility into the notes of the Bank of England.

notes of the Bank of England. The plan of Mr. Ricardo was recommended by the committees of the House of Lords and Commons, appoint-

committees of the House of Lords and Commons, appoint-ed in 1819, as a temporary mensure, with the restriction that the Bank of England should not be called upon for any less quantity of bullion than sixty ounces, and sub-sequently adopted. The system of bullion payments, which has never been tried sufficiently to determine how it would work in practice, has not, so far as we can see, any advantage over that of coin payment, with the single exception of cheap-ness. The expense of coinage would be saved, and bullion bars, by being less used than coins, would be less subject to loss by ware. The security in both cases would be the value of gold; and this value is the same whether gold be in the form of bullion or coin, with the slight difference created by the expense of coinage. Coin payments are certainly the most convenient. A paper circulation con-vertible into coin and, hence, kept at par with it has all the advantages of one regulated by the value of bullion. We give the plan of Mr. Ricardo simply as a specimen furnished by the history of past financial thinking. That part of it which refers to the guarantee of bank-notes has been incorporated into the National banking system of this country.—Johnson's Bank-Note Reporter. Johnson's Bank-Note Reporter. country.-

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HORRIBLE 1 No novelist ever devised a more intensely dramatic and pitiful situation than was witnessed last week beside the track of the Southern Coast railroad near Almeda, California. There was an accident on the road, owing to the siuking of a part of the track. The engine was over-turned, and the fireman, Dan Driscoll, was caught by two iron bars, one of which crossed his breast and the other one of his feet. He was not severly injured by this, but the bars h ld him inextricably f st, and meantime, on both sides of the track, which at this point lides on a low treatle bridge across a long stretch of march land, the salt tide pouring in from the Bay of San Francisco was rapidly rising. It was evident that unless speedily removed he would be drowned Six men labored with desperate energy to save him. They wrapped sheets about his body and exerted their combined strength to pull him from beneath the bars that pinned him to the track. He cried piteously exerted their combined strength to pull him from beneath the bars that pinned him to the track. He cried piteously that they were killing him. They tried again and again, but without avail. A levee was built around his head to keep the water from reaching him. Buckets were brought, and as the water cozed in it was bailed out. They then raised his head and held it as high as possible above the water. For two hours these labors were ceaselessly con-tinued, but at the end of that time the levee broke, and the finance of the decred man found that they could do no tinued, but at the end of that time the levee broke, and the friends of the doomed man found that they could do no more for him. The water rose rapidly above his body and reached his chin. Then all caught hold of him and tug-ged desperately, but in vain. A friend held his hand over the unfortunate man's mouth, but the water rose to his nostrils, and he was drowned in the presence of the help-less crowd

LABOR AGITATION.—The recent extensive labor disturb-ances in the United States, those which have taken place and which are imminent in Great Britain, together with strikes among various trades organizations in France, con-stitute quite a wave of discontented labor. But there are stitute quite a wave of discontented labor. But there are countries still to hear from. It appears that the influence has reached beyond the Pyrenecs, for on the 24th, 25th and 26th of this month the second congress of Spanish workmen to have been held at Seville alluded by advance circular to the industrial situation in Spain as follows:--"Notwithstanding the great labor crisis which exists in many districts, and the large number on strike and now being supported by the different branches, we hope that all will be present at the forthcoming congress, which will be without doubt the greatest labor manifestation ever organized by the Spanish working classes."-Bradstreet's. VANBERLY'S WEALTH.--A correspondent sends the

organized by the Spanish working classes."—Bradstreet's. VANBERBILT'S WEALTH.—A correspondent sends the following calculations with regard to the reputed wealth of Wm. H. Vanderbilt: Estimating it at \$300,000,000, to count it, at the rate of \$2 each second and ten hours a day, it would take 11 years, 151 days, 5 hours and 40 minutes. In gold it would weigh 781 tons and 500 pounds, requiring a train of 79 cars of 10 tons capacity to move it; in silver, 10,714 tons and 571 pounds, requiring 1,072 cars for its transportation. In \$1 bills, lying lengthwise in a contin-uous line, it would reach 34,919 miles, 162 rods and 7 feet, or entirely around the globe and along its diameter, with 1,919 miles, 162 rods and 7 feet to spare, or more than one-seventh of the distance from our planet to the moon.

ANECDOTES OF DAN O'CONNELL.

BY THE AUTHOR OF 'LIVES OF THE LORD CHANCELLORS OF TRELAND.

(From Chambers's Journal, 1875.)

Now that the centenary of O'Connell's birth has been celebrated, so many recollections of

That wonderful man,

Called par excellence 'Counsellor'-playfully Dan, have been stirred, I desire to add a very few of mine to the have been stirred, I desire to and it very lew of indet to the number. I was acquainted with him personally; we were members of the same profession—the Bar; and our creed and politics were identical. It is not my intention, in these Circuit Recollections, to dwell upon his career as a politician—that is more the province of the party newspaper or the political treatise, and has already been a theme for many pens. I prefer to dwell more upon his fame as a barrister. I often wished the sayings and doings of our distinguished advocates were better preserved. Tame as a barrister. I often whend the sayings and doings of our distinguished advocates were better preserved. There has always appeared to my mind much in common between actors and advocates; both come upon the stage, and play their parts, representing, with all the ability in their power, the character for whom they appear. The sorrows of the injured plaintiff, the innocence of the accused prisoner, are powerfully proclaimed; and, after a trial of considerable length, in which wit and wisdom, drollery and profound learning, are alike displayed, the auditor leaves the court impressed with much the same notion of the powers of the advocate as he feels when leaving the theatre after witnessing the representation of a first-rate actor. But while the theatrical critic records the actor's fame, the personal characteristics of the barrister are too often lost. Few in court have time or inclination to note his points, his humorous sallies, his ready and often felicitous jokes, his dramatic by-play. Let me endeavour to rescue the names of some of my brethren on circuit from oblivion. They were men of high personal and intellectual worth, and when I mention that mine was the Munster

oblivion. They were men of high personal and intellectual worth, and when I mention that mine was the Munster Circuit, I have said enough to recall the name and fame of the greatest advocates in Ireland. Here, in former days, flashed the wit of Curran, the intrepid oratory of FitzGibbon (afterwards Earl of Clare), the drollery of Harry Deane Grady, the quaint pleadings of Recorder Waggett, the wonderinl versatility of O'Connell. Here, in later years, were heard the dulcet voice of Pigot (afterwards Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer); the astute arguments of Stephen Collins, the Chitty of the Irish Bar; the rapid utterance of Harry Cooper; the stately and powerful eloquence of Jonathan Henn; the close and pointed statements of T. D. FitzGerald; the clear and logical reasoning of Deasy; the masterly speeches of Sullivan (now Master of the Rolls of Ireland); and here to-day the fame and renown of the great Munster Bar are logical reasoning of Deasy; the masterly speeches of Sullivan (now Master of the Rolls of Ireland); and here to-day the fame and renown of the great Munster Bar are worthily sustained by Heron, Gerald FitzGibbon, Murphy, Exham, and several other barristers of transcendent ability. O'Connell had a wonderful knack of what was termed insinuating a speech to the jury, prior to the Act which gave prisoners the benefit of counsel. Indeed, he acquired the knack of insinuating not one but half-a-dozen speeches to the jury in any case. His mode was this: when cross-examining, he asked some question which he knew would be objected to. When the witness was told: 'Don't answer that question, 'O'Connell gained his opportunity. He would say: 'You see, my lord, I have every right to ask that question, for if the witness answers in the affirmative, it is plain my client's innocence is proved, because,'&c. He possessed an extraordinary knowledge of his fellow-countrymen—the real cunning concealed by a stolid demeanour, the tact and cleverness covered by apparent simplicity. He often hazarded a guess at their thoughts, and seldom failed to hit off his point. Thus, when defending a man for a homicide, the principal apparent simplicity. He often huzarded a guess at their thoughts, and seldom failed to hit off his point. Thus, when defending a man for a homicide, the principal witness for the prosecution was said to have been drinking with the prisoner before the affray. O'Connell sought to shew he had drunk too much whiskey to be able to give a satisfactory account of the affair. Yet the man swore he only took his share of a pint of whiskey. 'You only took your share,' repeated O'Connell with emphasis. 'Now, on your oath, was it not all but the pewter?' The witness admitted the fact, and the astute counsel obtained the acquittal of the prisoner. O'Connell defended a man tried at the Cork assizes for murder. The case for the prosecution was exceedingly

was in him,' struck O'Connell. When cross-examining, he said : ' Now witness answer my constisaid: 'Now, witness, answer my question as you shall have to answer before the judgment-seat of God ! Was not there a fly in the dead man's mouth when his hand was

there a fly in the dead man's mouth when his hand was held to this paper ?' Confused and trembling, the witness replied: "There was.' O'Connell's drollery was often displayed during the assizes. When stating the injury done to a client who brought an action against the Earl of Bandon for diverting a water-course, the defendant's attorney's face was a good index to his devotion to Bacchas. His name was O'Flaherty, and O'Connell said: 'So completely was the stream diverted from the plaintiff's mill, there was not sufficient water left as would make grog for O'Flaherty!

When applying to change the venue of a case from Dublin to Tralee, the motion was resisted by a very unprepossessing-looking barrister, whose politics were averse to Kerry-men in general, and O'Connell's in particular. This gentleman contended 'there was no necessity to send the case to Kerry-a county very remote-where he had never been, and was very inconvenient."

'I can promise my learned friend,' replied O'Connell a hearty welcome; and we'll shew him the lovely Laker of Killarney."

'Ay,' growled Mr. H-----; the bottom of them.' 'O no,' replied O'Connell. 'I would not frighten the

fish. His practice on circuit was so great, he was usually retained in all important records; and when required to defend prisoners in the criminal court, while the records were trying in the next court, not having the ubiquity of Sir Boyle Roche's bird could not be in both places at once. When engaged in defending a notorious White-Sir Boyle Roche's ord, could not be in outh places at once. When engaged in defending a notorious White-boy named Lucey, he was often sent for to attend in the Record Court, where a very important case in which he held a brief was at hearing. He refused to leave the Crown Court while his client's life was in jeopardy; but when the jury returned their verdict, 'Not Guilty,' O'Connell appeared in the civil case. 'Where were you all day?' asked Sergeant Jackson. 'You were badly wanted here.' 'I could not leave the Crown Court; I was defending Lucey' renlied O'Connell.

Lucey,' replied O'Connell. 'What was the verdict?'

'Not guilty.' 'Then you have acquitted a wretch,' said Sergeant Jackson-'a wretch unfit to live.' 'I am sure, my dear Jackson,' responded O'Connell, 'you will allow, if Lucey be unfit to live, he is still more

unfit to die.' When judges in Ireland are unable from illness, or other cause, to go circuit, a sergeant is usually sent instead. The sergeants in Ireland are only three in number, and take rank after the Attorney and Solicitor General; but as these law officers direct the prosecutions, and on great occasions personally appear for the crown, they are therefore disqualified while holding office, from presiding on the bench. Mr. Sergeant Lefroy was known to take great interest in religious matters, and the recent biography, written by his son, shews what a truly plous man he was. Fresh from taking part in a meeting for the conversion of the Jews, Sergeant Lefroy went as judge on the Munster Circuit. A man was tried before him at Cork, indicted for stealing a a number of valuable coins. Several were from the Holy man was tried before him at Cork, indicted for stealing a a number of valuable coins. Several were from the Holy Land, others of the time of Cæsar. O'Connell, who was defending the prisoner, heard the judge ask for the coins; when he instantly came out with a joke saying: 'Give his lordship the *jewish* ones, but hand me the *Deman*'

Having acquitted a man indicted for cow-stealing, Having acquitted a man indicated for cow-stealing, O'Connell was visited that night by his client, who was considerably the worse for his potations. They were alone in O'Connell's lodgings, in Cork, and O'Connell had no desire for such companionship. He said he had so much to do, that he could dispense with the man's

company. 'Well, counsellor, jewel, don't be angry with me; but before I give you my blessing, I want to give you an

adwise.' What is that?' asked O'Connell. What is that?' asked O'Connell. When you go for to steal a cow, don't take any that are by the ditch—they're lean, hungry craturs; but take the outside one—she's shure to have the most mate.' So saying, the grateful client took his

murder. The case for the prosecution was exceedingly strong. The principal witness had picked up the hat of the man on trial, near the body of the murdred man. The framewas path Hogan. The hat was produced in control to the vitness, 'you are quite an or trial, near the body of the murdred man. The framewas path hat was produced in the vitness, 'you are quite an exceedingly the winding up of the City of Glasgow stated or the vitness, 'you are quite an exceedingly the strong the same.'' 'Oyes; just the same.'' 'Oyes; just

580,0002, making altogether 1,080,0002. They had already paid in cash to the liquidators 557,0002, and they had on hand in cash 30,5002. Of the call due on the 21st inst. the nominal amount was 150,0002, but, part having been paid in advance, the exact sum to be received was 111,7912. Debentures have been taken by the banks or issued to the public amounting to 378,3112, thus forming a total of 1,077,6002, sufficiently closely approximating to the total of 1,080,0002, the share capital of the Company. The liabilities of the City of Glasgow Bank had now been paid in full with the exception of those due to the Scottish Banks, and a not unimportant advantage had been secured in the settlement with the liquidators of their chims for a sum of 25,0002, while 50,0002 had been provided for the expenses of the liquidators.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—London Standard, Sept. 19.

SAVINGS BANKS.

ber, and the aggregate deposits are \$220,000,000. The oldest of these institutions is the Bank for Savings, which has 103,254 depositors, who have saved more than \$36,000,-000. Next comes the Bowery, which has 95,708 depositors, with an aggregate of \$39,000,000. The Seamen's has 59,972 depositors and \$26,000,000. It is an interesting spectacle to see the crowd of depositors, whose varied character indicates every variety of humble life. A very large portion is house servants, while mechanics and clerks also are represented. The proportion of laborers is small, as this class can hardly earn a living, and it is rare to find any of the theatrical community, as they are proverbially improvident. Some of the largest fortunes ever made in this city were begun in savings banks. Peter Gilsey, for instance, when he worked at piano making while his wife kept a cheap cigar store, was a depositor, and in this manner laid the foundation of his wealth. The "Bank for Savings" has been in operation sixty-thee years, and a large number of its depositors have become rich men. Reader, never despise the day of small things.

A GREAT GAS PROJECT.

The fact that Bradford, Wellsville, Rivbburg, Bolivar, and all the towns and hamlets on the northern aud middle and all the towns and hamlets on the northern and middle oil fields are not only lighted, but heated by gas, the ma-chine shops, boilers, and hotels being supplied with the same fuel, has attracted the attention of capitalists, and, according to a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, a syndicate is forming to still further utilize the natural gas of the northern belt, which extends from Lake Erie east 200 miles, and from Bloomfield, Ontario county, N Y, south to near Pittsburg; in other words, nearly 200 miles equare. As an evidence that this gas is practically inexhaustible, the fact is stated that one well at Sheffield, Warren county, has been flowing steadily for fifteen years, and another in Westmoreland county nearly as long, and the gus from either would light and heat the city of Philadelphia. It is stated that the gentlemen who are interested in the enis stated that the gentlemen who are interested in the en-terprise are all large capitalists, and are confident of ultimate success in supplying the great cities of the Union with gas, for light and fuel, at much less rates than even electricity can be furnished.

A NEW PASS THROUGH THE ROCKIES.

A NEW PASS THROUGH THE ROCKIES. The Walla Walla Statesman of the 9th inst, in speaking of the new pass through the Scikirk range of mountains says :--The border land of her British Jajesty's dominions, across the 49th parallel, is now assuming unusual import-ance, owing to the discovery of a new pass in the Scikirk range, where one was never before supposed to exist. Major Rogers, of the Canadian Pacific railway, is the discoverer of this important pass, which is henceforth to be known as the Rogers' pass. The discovery cannot be over estimated, for it will give an impetus to the building of the road around Upper Columbia Big Bend, and will make the Canadian Pacific 500 miles shorter than any line now, or being built. Good practical judges, men who are not led away with enthusiasm, predict that by the new road Canada will have through connection by rail with British Columbia in four years. Heretofore it was considered almost impossible to find a pass through the rough and rugged Scikirk range, but after two years' explorations, undaunted by difficulties that would have defeated men less experienced and persevering, Major Rogers has accomplished his mission, and the new pass, though of heavy grade, is entirely practicable. The Kootenay country already feels the boom, and settlers are com-ing into that rich agricultural, timber, and mining country by scores. Kootenay district is famous as being a gold producing region for a number of years. In fact some of the richest placer diggings in the whole Columbia basin have existed there, and from appearances it is destined to loom up as a greater gold producer than ever. Capital and experienced men are now there working hard pros-peting the country, with every chance that they will reap a rich harvest for their trovble and enterprise. A TRAFALGAE VATERAN.-John Crawford, one of the less of the Trafalger heroes, has just died at Easthaven

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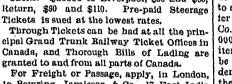
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