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BANK OF MONTREAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of this giant institu tion, with its twelve million capital and five and a half million rest, overshadows in importance all other bank meetings. Its ramifications extend to all parts of the world, and in its dealings the questions involved in its management required a nerve and calmness such as were not found wanting in the able President's speech on the report. In his remarks is to be observed a comprehensive view of the state of the Dominion, from a financial rather than a political point, and, therefore, void of claptrap. Mr. SMITHERS states the present rest is the highest point the Bank ever reached, and at which it stood in 1875 until 1879, when the times required that half a million should be taken from it. The net profits reported last year were \$400,000 in excess of the previous year, and this year an improvement on last of \$188,000. But Mr. SMITHERS states that the increase of business has not been confined to the Bank of Montreal. The total loans and discounts on the 3rd April last show an increase over the same day of 1881 of \$36,000,000, amounting in all to the enormous sum of \$176,000,-000, a sum never reached before. Most 1,765 as shown in our previous table. interesting items to shareholders may be Montreal Telegraph has somewhat imculled from President SMITHERS' remarks. There is not a word wasted, and they will amply repay a careful perusal. On one point the President seemed inclined to prophesy. He clearly stated that banks could not go on expanding at the present rate, and that over-production may cause an unpleasant tightness of money. Coming from such an authority, we repeat President SMITHERS' statement. On a most important point, that gentleman said :--- " It is quite certain that we-that is, the banks generally-cannot go on expanding at this rate much longer, and the sooner we understand that the better. Of course, much depends upon the crops about which there is, of course, as yet considerable uncertainty. I do not wish to make any extravagant or exaggerated statements, but I think it is an undeniable fact of 250 sales. City Gas fairly maintains that trade is not in an altogether satisfactory its activity, the sales this week reaching condition. Complaints are very general 4,505, while they were 4,197 in our last that profits are light, and it is pretty well report; prices lower than last week, and closunderstood that considerable stocks of ing at 170. Cotton has not been "King"

least in certain directions-for example, I find from information obtained from the most reliable source, that there are 13 cotton mills now running and 6 under construction, making 19 in all, in addition to which we know that many of them have largely increased their capacity, and others are doing so." Mr. YATES, of Brantford, threw a little life into the meeting, as he generally does, by some remarks humorously put, to close up the rest to the required six million by a pro rata call on the shareholders. \mathbf{The} General Manager, Mr. BUCHANAN, found that the President had left little for him to say; nevertheless he made some useful discount to par. points. On the whole, it is a very important report, well recorded and clearly understood, and must have taxed the Secretary's, Mr. R. A. LINDSAY, powers in producing it to no little degree.

THE STOCK MARKET.

"THE STREET" has passed through a dull and uneventful week, the entire transactions having been on a very limited scale. In Toronto and Ontario, the sales were merely nominal in amount, and with a tendency to a fall, People's, Molson's, and Jacques Cartier were entirely unsought. Montreal ranged between $208\frac{1}{2}$ and 211, closing at 209; the fall was attributable to a rumor, well put about, that the proposed great land sale was "off," and the recovery to the fact that satisfactory negotiations for the transfer were about completed : sales this week, 2,554 as against 4,109 in our last report. Merchants' has fallen in sales from 1,038 last week to 776 this, while quotations have ranged between 128 and 130, closing at 128, a slight diminution from last week. Commerce holds its own pretty well, prices ranging from 147 to 148, closing at 147; sales 1,754 this week as compared with proved in demand, the sales amounting to 1,367 as against 645; quotations, too, have improved a shade, ranging between 132_4^2 and 134, and closing at 1331. It is worthy of record, as being almost without precedent that during one entire day of this week and last week, not a single transfer in this stock was effected ! The excitement in Richelieu continued, its motto being "onward and upward." Sales this week have advanced from 1,876 to 2,526, and prices ranged be tween $69\frac{1}{2}$ and 72 as against 68 and 70 last week, and closing yesterday at 71. By Thursday, however, the excitement appeared to have died away, as not a single transfer was effected. City Passenger has picked up a little, at about last week's rates, and closing at 1432, with a total merchandise have had to be carried over, this week, as with the exception of 172 sales 500,000 as compared with the same month

are being, or are likely to be, overdone, at were no transactions at all. St. Paul continues to grow in demand, the sales reaching 1,175 this week against 1,100 last, both showing an unusual amount of transactions; prices, too, were something more than maintained, having reached as high as 137, but $(x_{i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{N}$ dropping to and closing at 134.

The money market is unchanged, with rates of 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for call loans on stocks, and 6 to 7 for time loans and mercantile paper. Sterling Exchange 'was a trifle stiffer, but rates are unchanged at 98 to 9½ prem. for 60-day bills between banks, $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{5}$ prem. counter rates and 10 to $10\frac{1}{5}$ prem. demand. Currency drafts are 1-16

MR. SMITHERS' SPEECH.

THE National Policy does not sit well on the Free Trade and nondescript political parties. They have lost power, and when just wheeling into line with the rest of common-sense people as to the value of protection to this country, Mr. SMITHERS' speech aroused them. They dilate now on how all and sundry are coming rapidly to smash; and all they have said in favor of a modified protection, with a view of sneaking into popular favor-there was nothing real about it-they have suddenly swallowed. Now, we have carefully read the speech of the President of the Bank of Montreal, and instead of all this violent reaction, tattled about, by the electric-eel press, we find a calm and deliberate opinion that the country has highly prospered-under the National Policy of course-but that like many a country as well as many an individual making money too fast, we are warned in a fatherly way to pull up and reflect a little, let us first absorb, in fact, what has been over-imported. A truly sensible advice, which by no means reflects on the National Policy. Mr. SMITHERS, however, appears to have overlooked the fact that a part of the immense discounts he speaks of were once obtained elsewhere. For instance, we, until lately, imported a large number of things, both from the States and Great Britain, which we now manufacture ourselves; and of this change the banks are reaping a rich reward, as well as the people of the Dominion.

SURPLUS REVENUE.-The U.S. surplus revenue of the fiscal year ending June 30 is likely to reach \$150,000,000. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 will be required to satisfy the demands of the pension list next year The bonded debt decreased \$15,000,000 during May. The total Government receipts for May were \$36,500,000, an increase of \$4,300,000 as compared with May last. The total receipts for the past 11 months were \$374,425,000, nearly \$14,000,000 greater than the receipts for the year ending, 30th June last. a da se

ENGLISH TRADE RETURNS FOR MAY .----During May British imports increased £3,and then it is to be feared that manufacturers in Dundas and 10 in Canada Cotton there last year. The exports increased £959,000.

THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE.

LAND GRANTS TO RAILWAYS.

IN a country governed by party it has come to be a matter of course that any and every measure introduced by the majority will be opposed. Thus the announcements at Ottawa, Quebec and elsewhere, of great cessions of the public domain in the interests of railway construction for the purpose of developing the resources of the country encountered the usual obstacles. In some matters of detail there are no doubt frequently objectionable features, but that the policy as a whole is a sound one admits of little successful contestation. Indeed it is hard to conceive how, without such a bait, new countries would ever own these powerful adjuncts of civilization, these great attractors of population. The experiment was first tried on a large scale in the United States, where from time to time considerably more than one hundred and fifty million acres of the national domain were aliened in favor of the iron road. The result is shown in the marvellous filling up of the Western and South-Western States and, in the great influx beyond the Rocky Mountains. As a small illustration in point, there were in California, in 1850, only eight hundred and seventy-two farms. At that time communication was over a trackless waste, but since the opening of the railway, the homesteads have increased to nearly thirtysix thousand, to say nothing of the great urban populations. What the rail really has just done for that part of the world it can repeat on a scale of equal magnitude on a somewhat higher northern parallel, and, partisan prejudices altogether aside, the Canadian people expect confidently to see it done again, and that soon. Already its possible capacity to confer a national good has been foreshadowed in the recent speech of the President of the Bank of Montreal. That delivery took by no means an optimist view of the outlook for the early future. A wise warning was thrown out in ideas which were singularly closely anticipated in the editorial columns of THE SHAREHOLDER of the 26th ult. But at the late meeting the opening of our Great North-West was relied upon to break the force of any financial and commercial crisis that may come upon us. Into that part of the Dominion population and capital are flowing to an extent even beyond the most sanguine expectations. In Winnipeg alone the banks hold upwards of eight millions of dollars awaiting investment. The construction of the various lines and other public works will for years to come cause a large annual expenditure. Add to this the extraordinary energy which the various colonisation societies are exhibiting in filling up their lands, and the exceptional ing, and one can hardly doubt that that \$256,921. Of the \$3,715,624 increase in section of country at least has a long era of

in population and wealth of the North-West is therefore not an entirely unselfish one. We are ourselves quite confident as to its great future, and it has already demonstrated beyond all question the wisdom of the policy of a wise surrender of national domain for purposes of railway construction.

MONTREAL BANK SHAREHOLDERS. THE following remarks respecting the shareholders of the Montreal Bank have been generally read in this city. Outside, however, there are many places which they will not reach, unless through the medium of THE SHAREHOLDER. As they are by no means without interest, we republish them the speaker being Mr. W. J. BUCHANAN, the General Manager :--- " Another thing is the " stock of the Bank and the number of our " family, so to speak. The number of share-" holders this year is 2,012, or an average held by each of 30 shares. Last year the " number of shareholders was 2,191, or an " average of 29 shares held by each. So it " will be seen that our family has slightly diminished. Each one holds on an average one share more. The precise number of shares on the street it is difficult to ascertain. Last year we had in the hands of bankers and brokers 6,086; this year " the number is 5,087. That would appear as though regular investors held more, " but I think after an examination of our "list that there are more shares on the " street now than last year, as some of our " rich men make temporary use of a portion " of their accumulations by lending on the " stock."

LIFE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The annual official report for 1881 of the Government Insurance Superintendent is just issued, and contains some interesting statistics connected with this class of business. The principal of these may be thus ummarised :-

	Summariseu		
	Prems. for	Am't of new policies	Total am't in
	year.	policies.	force.
	All Co's. for 18813,099,925	17,632,511	103,092,159
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	Increase 398,797	3,715,624	11,820,033
•	Canadian Co's., 18811,296,262	11,158,479	46,043,591
	" " 19801,039,341	7,547,876	37,838,518
	Increase 256,921	3,610,603	8,205,073
	British Co's., 1881 613,595	2,540,620	20,784,319
	" " 1880 579,729	2,302,011	19,789,863
	Increase	238,609	994,456
	American Co's., 18811,190,068	3,923,412	36,264,249
•	" 18801,102,058	4,057,000	33,643,745
	Increase 88,010	•••••	2,620,504

133,588 Decrease . This shows an increase as compared with 1880 in premium receipts of \$398,797, of new business \$3,715,624, and of total in force \$11,820,033. It is worthy of note, too, that of the \$398,797 increase noted in premwealth of the immigrants arrived and arriv- jum income our local companies gained new business Canadian companies obtained prosperity before it. We in the East already \$3,610,603, and of the increase to the total possess, cotton-mills in the extraordinary in force \$11,820,033 Canadian companies creasing its unparalleled surpluses-a fact proportion of one to every two hundred are credited with \$8,205,073, while the which cannot fail to have its weight on the thousand of the inhabitants throughout the amount of new business reported by Amer. forthcoming general election.

Dominion ! Our interest in the rapid growth | ican companies is actually \$133,588 less than in 1880. This latter result is no doubt directly due to the swindling policy of so many of the American companies in systematically resorting to litigation with a view of evading payment altogether. We have steadily pointed out and denounced this dishonest course for months past, and trust that the fact just pointed out by the Superintendent has been partially due at least to our oft-repeated warnings.

TIMBER LIMIT-HOLDERS' ASSOCIA-TION.

ALARMED at the recent action of the Quebec Government, by which the interests of all the limit-holders of this Province were so gravely menaced, these gentlemen held a meeting here this week to consider the best means for the preservation of their property in future, and for similar purposes. Although the gathering was a large one, the French names entered were conspicuous by their absence, the proprietors of all the limits being almost entirely Englishspeaking persons. The object of the new Association was, it was announced, to be that of protection against such future danger as that which has just so narrowly been escaped. Also, to secure such new legislation next session as will give further security to the titles under which they now hold. An annual subscription is to be payable by members, and the following resolution was also carried :-- " That the Council, should the emergency arise, have the right of levying a contribution per square mile on limits at the rate of and not exceeding : On pine limits valued at \$200 or upwards per square mile-\$1 per mile. Pine limits valued at less than \$200 per mile-50 cents per mile. Mixed pine and spruce limits, 50 cents per mile; spruce limits only, 25 cents per mile." Being now effectually organised, and ample sinews of war thus provided for any future contest, the limit-holders no doubt find themselves in a state of comparative security to which they have hitherto been strangers.

THE REVENUE.

033 THE following is the statement of the revenue and expenditure on account of the Consolidated Fund of the Dominion of Canada as by returns furnished to the Finance Department to the end of May, 1882 :--

De	partment to the end of ma	·y,	10	04	
	Revenue.		Å	nouni	
1.1	Customs	.\$	1.77	2,605	θÓ
	Excise			8,613	86
	Post Offices			3,689	
	Public Works, including railways .		28	6,283	03
	Micellaneous	••		4,581	
•	Total Less receipts from Dominion land	.\$	2,85	5,772	72
۰÷ .	transferred to capital	•			
·	Total	\$	2.38	2.216	07
Ċ	Revenue to 30th April, 1882	2	7,17	1,980	05
	Total Expenditure.	1.4	1		
	Expenditure	\$ 3	2,78	3,685	38
	Expenditure to 30th April, 1882	1	9,77	10,127	68
	Total	. <u>\$</u> 2	2,55	53,813	06

Thus the Treasury goes on steadily in-

INSURANCE BY GOVERNMENT. As was inevitable, the new insurance scheme of the English Post-Office is severe ly criticised by the English insurance journals, as likely to come into damaging competition with all ordinary life insurance companies doing a middle-class business. The most ridiculous feature of it, according to these authorities, is the "old-age pay," which is to commence at five years and go on to sixty. A child of five years is to begin saving two cents a week, which, when he is sixty, will furnish him with an annuity of \$20 for his remaining years. The Commercial World says, "Had it been put forward by any company or society, it would have been at once denounced by the press as a very clumsy swindle." But all the united protests of the press are likely to be of noneffect on the course of an Administration supported by a powerful parliamentary majority. Had not a strong Government existed at Ottawa also, we should doubtless have heard a good deal more than we did of the recent announced intention of our own rulers to legislate in the same direction. In either case, however, resistance would have been futile, and nothing was left in both but to put the best face possible on the matter.

THE PROGRESS OF TORONTO.

THE intelligent stream of visitors from the old world, by which we do not mean Great Britain alone, but Germany particularly. has been making some favorable comparisons between the capital of Ontario, as against any other European city of its size and neighborhood, in point of wealth, in manufacturing enterprises and in agricultural advancement. As a result of this goaheadiveness, let us take for a moment the vast amount of wealth accumulated and distributed in turn by banks, the value of loan and insurance companies. It is not the intention at present to mention the whole of them, merely such as occur for the moment. Meanwhile, the field for young men in charge of banks, thought to be too young for Montreal, has been covered with wonderful success. Headquarters seem to have put forward their most vigilant men to gather the golden harvest, and well they have used their opportunities on behalf of the shareholders. Of the young men who have signally succeeded in the Queen City is Mr. YARKER, the agent of the Bank of Montreal; Mr. BETHUNE, the first and present manager of the Dominion Bank, who, with a capital of a million, has put by a rest in eleven years of half a million, paying 8 per cent and all the expenses; Mr. WILKIE, of the Imperial; Mr. STRATHY, of the Federal, and others, no doubt, who do not suggest themselves for the moment. A glance at the wealth of some of these Toronto banks may be gathered from the following:

	Paid-up,	Rest.	
Bank of Commerce	.\$6,000,000	\$1,400,000	÷
Bank of Toronto	. 2,000,000	600,000	۰.
Dominion Bank	1,000,000	500,000	
Federal Bank	1,367,200	300,000	';
Im, erial Bank			0
The rests above stated	all refer	to the la	st

which has just held its annual meeting, the Ontario being left out at present, as undergoing repairs. For a young country that is a fine exhibit. If we look at a few other companies, we find a loan company, the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., managed by Mr. J. HERBERT MASON, standing so high that no man can buy its stock, because it is rarely for sale, with a capital of \$2,000,000 paid up, and \$1,000,000 rest, and whose total assets are nearly seven million ! The insurance companies are doing well. The report of the Western Assurance Co., under management of Mr. J. J. KENNY, in THE SHAREHOLDER not long since, showed a healthy state of things; whilst the North American Life Insurance Co. claim that their premium revenue for last year was the largest ever secured in Canada by any company in its first year, and is now largely in excess of that year. . The sign everywhere is of general progress in Toronto. They have the men, the means, and the back country to still cry, Onward! The manuthe port is in keeping with all its other prothe Province of Quebec.

NEW YORK INSURANCE.—It is stated that the entire assets accumulated by the life insurance companies doing business in New York exceed four hundred and fifty million dollars, against which their reserve and other policy liabilities amount to \$373,678, 800. This leaves a surplus, by the New York standard of valuation, which assumes that $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest is realized on investments of more than seventy-six million dollars. Of these, the thirteen New York companies hold considerably more than half, or \$40,007,918. As a whole, the companies hold one hundred and twenty dollars for every one hundred dollars of present liability.

BANK OFFICIALS.

THE eulogiums just passed both by the President and by the General Manager of the Bank of Montreal on the entire staff of that institution cannot fail to have been in the highest degree gratifying to the gentlemen thus flatteringly indicated. The President most properly thinks the Bank "very " fortunate in having able and intelligent " men at the head of these establishments" -that is, the principal offices and the various branches. Mr. BUCHANAN follows in the same strain, and says it is a service in which the officers take a pride, and that they not only serve the Bank with fidelity, but that they take a personal interest in observing and promoting its welfare. This is much to say of an institution employing Bank for years past of taking on young men should be well supported.

annual statements, except the Dominion, and allowing them to rise by seniority. Such a line cannot, of course, be pursued without deviation. Occasions must arise, either from markedly superior aptitude or other unquestionably good motive, when the right of seniority must be made to give way. Such cases, however, are the exception proving the rule as much so as that of clerks declining promotion and commencing life anew on their own account. The last tew days have been fruitful in such secessions, the great North-West being the invariable attraction, and we heartily wish the young adventurers the fullest success. The recent Report of the Montreal Bank called for the observations above alluded to as to the qualities of bank officials, and were of course applied solely to those connected with that great institution. They are, however, equally applicable, we believe, to all our Canadian financial institutions. This body of gentlemen enjoys, as a whole, a reputation for integrity, industry, suavity, and knowledge of the details of the business with which they are connected which people facturing, shipping, and general business of in other walks may envy and would do well to emulate. The pecuniary recompence gress-a great contrast to the older cities of they for the most part receive, inadequate as it always is, and ridiculously so as too frequently happens, they contrive to live on, and no newspaper records in any country can compare in infrequency with Canada in the reports of bank clerks found making dishonest use of the funds entrusted to them. They form a class of which the country may justly be proud, and we should be glad to see all Banks evince a better appreciation of their deserts by a large and general augmentation of their present inadequate stipends.

> INSURANCE ROBBERS.-The report of the special committee of the New York Legislature shows that seven million dollars of the assets of New York insurance companies have been absorbed by receivers and their attorneys. Thirteen defunct companies have been sucked dry. The New York insurance department appears to have been wholly indifferent to this wholesale robbery, if not worse. The law which permitted these abuses is to be changed, and it is not improbable that the judge who appointed the swindling receivers will be impeached.

> LIVERPOOL VIA HUDSON'S BAY .- At a meeting of the shareholders of the Nelson Valley Railway and Transportation Company held this week the Company was fully organized and Directors were elected. Of the latter all but one are residents of Montreal. This route, it will be remembered, has been made the subject of several editorial comments in THE SHAREHOLDER.

THE MARITIME BANK .- We are glad to some three hundred and fifty officers of the find the Maritime Bank, of St. John, N.B., class referred to, and it does them the is gradually getting over its difficulties. highest honor to have earned such lofty The report of the annual meeting elsewhere commendation. Mr. STEPHEN was doubt- distinctly shows this. There is every commendation. Mrs STEPHEN was doubt-less correct in attributing much of this r so will attain its original mission. It is espril de corps to the policy pursued by the an institution wanted at St. John, and

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THE GHOULS AGAIN.

THE United States Insurance Gazette says that the threatened collapse of the grave-BARON GRANT AND THE EMMA MINE AGAIN yard industry in Pennsylvania has been the means of making the agents branch out into fresh fields and pastures new, and efforts are now being made to extend the system south and west. Chicago is to be the centre of western operations; and in states where the laws are adverse to the business it will be carried on secretly. Chicago syndicate has now agents in Pennsylvania negotiating for \$5,000,000 of insurance on the lives of old persons, who, it is to be presumed, are wholly ignorant that getting his hand in at financing, he bloomed they are the subjects of such a nefarious in due course as a full-blown Company scheme. It is as astonishing as it is discreditable that in a country pretending to a high degree of civilisation such an atrocious system should have been so long tolerated. If statutory enactments are in some States lacking to suppress it, a healthy public opinion should alone suffice to put it down. But the latter influence seems also to be equally wanting.

MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.

THE net profits of the year's business, after deducting charges and interest on deposits were \$762,441.83, (provision made for the bad and doubtful debts of the year made in Contingent Fund Account); add profits brought forward from 1881, \$12,264.50; total, \$774,706.42.

This sum has been disposed of as follows : Dividend No. 26, at 31 p.c.....\$196,550 90 "No. 27, at 34 p.c..... 199,454 28

10.21, at 02 p.o 100,104 20	\$396.005	18
Written off Bank Premises and Furniture ac-		
count	20,000	00
Transferred to Contingent Account	120,000	00
Added to the "Rest"	225,000	00
Balance carried forward to next year	13,701	24
	\$774 706	40

THE NEW LAND COMPANY .- The lists of the Canadian North-West Land Company were opened yesterday, when \$1,000,000 worth were subscribed for. It is said that the applicants were not speculators, but substantial business men.

HUDSON'S BAY CO.-A special London cable says that a dividend of 14s. per share and a return of £2 per share will be recommended by the Hudson's Bay Company on their stock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of corres pondents.]

. To the Editor of THE SHAREHOLDER :

SIR,—I have only to-day learned that my name has been published in the circulars and prospectus of the Provident Mutual Association of Canada as an honorary with this Company was as a policy-holder, and which I am notifying them to cancel. I shall feel obliged if you will call attention to this in your valuable paper. Your obedient servant,

WM. FARWELL.

Cashier E. T. Bank,

Sherbrooke, 3rd June, 1882.

OUR LONDON LETTER. (From a Correspondent.)

The Emma Mine is again before the all asking for money to illuminate the English public, notwithstanding the terribly bad odor in which it stood a few years ago, when it was manipulated by Baron GRANT. The property is now handled by an entirely new Company, engineerd by Mr. McDoJG-ALL, a canny Scot and a determined opponent of the Israelite, GRANT. To my mind, this GRANT is one of the most remarkable men of our time, starting out in the world, I believe, as an acrobat, but, like most of his race, with a soul for money. Gradually promoter, at which he probably made more money, in a short space of time, than any ing purposes. Throughout the country man of our day. Leicester Square, a few years ago, was a receptacle for filth and carrion in the west end of London. The title to the property was in dispute, and the Board of Works did not like to act in the face of a lawsuit. GRANT was then Member of Parliament for Kidderminster, and he stepped in where the Board of Works feared to tread. He purchased out the claimants, and extinguished their titles. He then arranged with the parish to take over the property, which, at a fabulous cost, he laid out as a public garden. The area is about three-quarters of an acre. This he surrounded with a marble curb and a brasstopped railing. In each corner of the ground he put a statue of an historical celebrity, and in the centre a huge marble basin and fountain surmounted by a statue of SHAKESPEARE. The ground was beauti-fully laid out, and ornamented with plants and flowers of every kind. He also furnished a large number of seats for the public use, and certainly those seats in a city like London are a great benefit. For all this he expected a title; but instead of being one of the nobility he only escaped by the skin of his teeth from going into penal servitude. He built, at Kensington, the largest private house in London, but he never occupied it, and now, I believe, it is to be pulled down because it can neither be sold nor tenanted. This GRANT made.a big pile on the Emma mine, but McDougall put him into Court for fraud, and he had to disgorge a lot of the money. Now this same MCDOUGALL has floated a new Company to work the mine; but, in all likelihood, the only people who will reap any benefit are the vendors, promoters and employees. The mine is situated in Utah, a few miles south-east of Salt Lake city, in an auriferous district, palace at Greenwich to signify to him the said in the report to be rich in the precious metals. Wonderful the number of American enterprises floated from day to day on the English market, and with what readiness Englishmen subscribe for almost anything Yankee! in mines, in railroads, in banks, or, indeed, in anything else about which a good prospectus is put before the public! The resources of Canada are practicdirector. Whatever that may mean I do ally inexhaustible, yet there is, compar-history, and as a piece of scenery is simply not know, but I beg to say that my name atively speaking, little or no noise made magnificent, and no doubt a tramway to it has been so used without my knowledge or about them among capitalists in this country. would be a paying speculation; but the consent, and the only connection I ever had Last year English company promoters went trick of getting royalty to advertise it is with this Company was as a policy-holder, almost mad about gold mining in the East almost as good as Barnum's advertisment of Indies, not less than twenty-five companies Jumbo, about which silly people almost lost being formed to work the quartz reefs of their senses. You Canadians no doubt that historic land. Many a shareholder in fancy we English are a wonderfully hardthose wealth-creating companies severely headed race, but I can assure you that we burned his fingers, a result which your are pretty easily gulled, more especially if readers will remember I predicted at the there is a little royalty mixed up in the time when the excitement was at its highest. I matter.

ELECTRICITY. Now the sensation is Electricity, there being not less than eight different prospectuses at present before the public, and world with the new light. The question comes, Will they all succeed? because, as yet, electricity is dearer than gas; but I suppose the cost of production will be gradually reduced. No doubt it is the coming force for a great many purposes, and I suppose these companies are starting with a view of getting charters and concessionary rights more than for making immediate profit.

THE ROYAL FORESTS.

Within twelve miles of London is Epping Forest, one of the royal forests laid out by William the Conqueror for his huntthere were, in the Norman, Plantagenet and Tudor periods, a number of these royal forests laid off exclusively for the use of the king. There are a few of them still in existence, but for walking in them a man is not put in the stocks or flogged at the cart's tail, as in the days of old. The two largest of them are now to a certain extent public property, namely, the New Forest in Hampshire and Epping Forest in Essex, near London. After some trouble the city corporation succeeded in getting this rural piece of country ostensibly for a public pleasure ground, but in reality to make it a basis for patronage and getting titles for Lord Mayors and fussy burgesses. Recently the Queen opened the forest with a big hulabaloo, notwithstanding that it has been opened to the public for several years. This move directed a deal of public attention to the famous piece of woodland, and now there is a company in the course of formation to build a tramway from London to the King's Oak, in the centre of the forest. The royal visit was a capital advertisement, and now some of the parties who got up the show are looking for their reward in the formation of a tramway company to carry excursionists from the great city to Epping's Royal Forest. 4 At one side of the forest is Waltham Abbey, where Harold, the last of the Saxon Kings, is buried. William the Conqueror gave Harold's mother and his wife Edith, who implored the favor on their knees, permission to remove the body from the battle-field of Hastings to the Abbey of Waltham, where he was interred by two Saxon Monks, Osgood and Under the tree now called the Ailric. King's Oak, tradition says Henry the Eighth sat awaiting the report of a gun from his execution of Anne Boleyn. At last the gun-sound was heard, and then, for joy, the Lord's anointed hunted for the remainder of the day in the forest, and next morning married Jane Seymour. At the Queen's Glen it is said Elizabeth addressed the trained bands of the city on their way to Tilbury to oppose the Spanish Armada. Altogether, the forest has an interesting

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THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE.

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 8th June, 1882, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL	Share.	Capital Paid up.	Rest.	F	ri.	Sa No E		M	QII.	Tu	es.	w	ed.	Th	urs.	Total Trans.
ATONY CEAD,	цS	raid up.		Ŀ.	н.	Ŀ.	н.	L.	н.	L.	н.	Ŀ.	н.	L.	н.	ag
Batik of Montreal Merchants Bank Canadian Pric of Com. Bank of Toronto Ontarto Bank Banonedu Peunle	\$200 100 50 100 40 50	$\begin{array}{c} \$11,999,200\\ 5,614,570\\ 6,000,000\\ 2,000,000\\ 2,908,280\\ 1,600,000\end{array}$	\$5,590,000 525,000 1,400,000 660,000 100,000 210,000	210 1474	210] 150 1473		 		211 1294 148 xd129	208 <u>1</u> 147	210 1253 1474 1794 1284	209.1	209} 129 147 179} 129 89	147	209 128 1471 179]	2554 776 1754 7.5 156 16
Bank British NorthA Molsoa's Bank Dominion Bank Federal Bank Imperial Bank of G. Bungne Jac's Cartier.	100 50 50 100 100 25	4,866,666 2,000,060 970,256 1,867,260 1,000,000 500,000	1,216,000 110,000 415,000 300,000 175 000												128	3
Quebec Bank Banque Nationale Eastern Townships Union Bank Exchange Bank Banque d'Hochelaga.	100 50 50 100 100	$\begin{array}{c} 2,500,000\\ 2,600,000\\ 1,392,787\\ 1,995,510\\ 500,000\\ 680,060\end{array}$	200,000				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·····			124 1701	20 32
Maritime Bank Montreal Tel. Co Dominion Tel. Co Hich. & Ont. Nay. Co. City Fass. Ry. Co City Gas Co	100 40 50 100 50 40	2,000,000 711,709 1,505,004 8:0,000 1,800,000	171,432	 	1323 693 1434 1704	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		133} 70} 1704	1833 703 170	134 72 1413 1703	71 <u>1</u> 170	96 72 170]	48 1831 170	50 1331 1701	44 1367 40 2526 250 4505
Canada Cotton Co, RoyalCanadlanIn Co Dominion 5 p.c Mont. 5 p.c. Stock. Ont. Investment Ass. Loan & Mortgage	100 50 100	160,000 612,532	100,060 61,000			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1433	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10
Mont. Building Ass. St. Paul M.& M. Wway Graphic Frinting Co., Canada Shipping Co. Montreal Catton Co. Dundas Cotton Co	50, 100 			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	135				1353	jecy		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 	134	13J}	1175
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THE MARITIME BANK

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Maritime Bank of the Dominion of Canada was held yesterday.

The President, Mr. Thomas Maclellan, having been called to the chair, and the cashier, Mr. Alfred Ray, appointed secretary, the minutes of the last annual meeting of the shareholders, held on the 3rd June last, and of a special meeting held on the 26th Sept. last, were read and approved of. The President presented the Directors report, follows :-

GENERAL STATEMENT, 31ST MAY, 1882.

	Liabilities.	- 1
•	Circulation, (old issue \$3,962-new \$237,550 \$ 241,512	00
	Deposits from Dominion Government 42,377	
	Deposits payable to Dominion Government	
	(security for Ins. Co.) 45,000	00
	Deposits payable to Dominion Government	
	(Contracts, other Co)	00
	Other deposits, payable on demand 126,731	55
	Other deposits, payable after notice, bearing	
	interest 172,049	19
	Balances due to other Banks in Canada 14,471	59
	Bills payable in London, not yet matured 219,444	21
	Liabilities to the public \$914,311	32
	Capital, authorized, \$2,000,000	
	" subscribed, 698,000	
	" paid up 697,800	00
	R serve for rebate of interest at 6 per cent.	00
	on discounts not yet due, and for accrued	
	interest on deposits	18
	Profits	
	110003	
	\$1,637,654	82
	Assets.	0.2
'	Specie and Dominion Notes \$ 161,267	
	Notes of and Cheques on other Banks 19,587	
		73
	Balance due by Banks in the United States. 9,600	
	Balance due by London and Foreign Agents. 45,141	
	Investments (6 p. c. bonds) 3,632	00
	Stg. and Foreign Bills of Exchange purchased,	
	on hand and not yet matured 43,123	
	Loans to Corporations secured by Bonds 24,000	
	Loans, discounts and advances to the public. 761,313	
	Furniture	00
	\$1,069,074	00
	• \$1,069,074	82

Old balances	in	liquidation	:
Classific mark	- A .	an an at	

Contingent Account	67,8.3	4
(31st March, '81, \$69,314 07-3rd Oct.	-	
'81, \$67,359 41.)		
Albert Railway debt	290,629	1
(31st March, '81, \$291,318 69-3rd Oct.	•	
81, \$291,318 69.)		
Loss Account	209,997	4

(31st March, '81, \$237,722 52-3rd Oct.

\$1,637,554 82

ALFRED RAY, Cashier.

ST. JOHN, N.B., June 2nd, 1882.

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In submitting the tenth annual report of the affairs of the Bank, accompanied by a statement of its liabilities and assets, as on the 31st May last, the Directors have pleasure in congratulating the Shareholders on the action taken

eight months ago to resume active business. The Share holders, with only one exception, have baid up the calls on the stock, and it is gratifying to know that the public have extended so much confidence and patronage to the The new business has assumed proportions far Bank. beyond what was anticipated.

It will be noticed that not much progress has been made in winding up the old assets, but there is reason to hope that during this summer these will be disposed of.

The cash has been duly counted from time to time, the securities examined and a careful inspection of the Bank's affairs recently made.

As more capital could be profitably used, your Directors recommend that the 3,020 shares of the capital stock at present unallotted be allotted pro rata among the existing shareholders, and if any of these shares should not be taken up, that they be offered to the public. The subscribed cupital stock having been brought up to \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 stares of nominal value of \$100 each, the Directors further recommend that application be made to Parliament for a reduction of the stock to the extent of one half, so as to admit of the payment of dividends and to have the market value of the stock no longer under par.

Your Directors were appointed with the view of getting the Bank under way again, and this having been so satisfactorily accomplished, they retire confident that the Bank will now have continued progress and prosperity. By order of the Directors.

THOMAS MACLELLAN, President.

St. John, N. B., 1st June, 1882.

The following resolutions were moved and seconded :-Resolved. That the tenth annual report of the directors now submitted be received adopted and circulated for the information of shareholders. Carried. Resolved, That Mr. A L. Lockhart and Mr. Charles A.

82 Palmer be appointed scrutineers of the votes to be taken

at this meeting. Carried. Resolved, That the thanks of the shareholders he accorded to the present directors and officers of the Bank for their services since the re-organization of the Bank. Carried.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,500 be voted to the president for his services during the past twelve months. Carried.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 each be voted to the 48 other six directors for their services since their election. 00 Carried

Resolved, That the president be allowed to draw for the ensuing year \$2,000 for his services. Carried.

Resolved and ordered, That the following hea by-law of the Bank, viz: That, until this by-law be repealed, the remuneration of the directors for their services be twelve dollars for each meeting of the Board, not exceeding two meetings (ach week, and to be apportioned on the basis of their attendance at the meetings of the Board. Carried.

Resolved, That the directors take into consideration all matters in regard to the allotiment of the shares now unallotted and the reduction of the capital and report to the shareholders at an adjournment of this meeting. Carricd.

June last, allowing the 74 shares, which stood in the name of Mr. Domville's children, to be revived, was lost.

The election of Directors was then proceeded with and Mr. A. L. Lockhart not being present, Mr. H. J. A. Godard

was appointed Scrutineeer in his stead.

TO THE CASHIER-We, the undersigned Scrutineers appointed at the general meeting of the sharsholders of the Maritime Bank of the Dominion of Canada, held this day,

declare the undermentioned duly	elected Directors for the
ensuing year :	
Tuomas Maclellan,	Jer. Harrison,
LeBaron Botsford,	John H Parks,
Robt. Cruiksbank.	John Tapley.

Howard D. Troop

St John, N B, June 2nd 1882. At a meeting of the newly elected Board held subsequently, Mr. Thomas Maclellan was re-elected President, and Dr. Botsford, Vice-President.

ALFRED RAY, Cashier. St. John, N. B., June 2nd., 1882.

THE MARITIME BANK.

Some eight months ago we encouarged the re-organization of the Maritime Bank, but while we believed the shareholders were acting wisely in deciding to resume business and predicted a prosperous future for the Bank, we could not have thought that in such a short period of time and with its former record, such progress would be made as was shown at the Bank's annual meeting yesterday. The Directors' report and the financial statement are published in another column. From the statement and the President's remarks in moving the adoption of the report, we loarn that when the Bank re-opened its doors on the 3rd October last its new issue of note circulation was not ready, and yet well on to a quarter of a million of dollars has been put in circulation. The Bank has over one hundred current accounts on the books and the balances at the credit of these open accounts and the amount of special deposits on interest sum up over \$30,000. We learn also from the President's remarks that the Bank has done a large business in Sterling Exchange, and having made no losses and being managed economically, it can shaw \$20,000 already as profits on the new business, almost three per cent, on the paid up enpital. This, considering all the circumstances, is a very handsome return. Now that the Bank is fairly under way areain the denotity will no doubt increases again, the deposits will, no doubt increase, which will still further enable the Bank to do an increased business. The Directors having so well re-organized the Bank, the Shareholders acted wisely in re-electing them.-Daily Sun, June 3d, 1882.

HERR KRUPP'S NEW GUN

The Germans seems determined to be ahead of this or any other country in their practical efforts toward the adoption of every new idea in scientific warfare that will give them power in Europe. Once more Herr Krupp has come to the front. The enterprising inventor of warlike material has recently conducted a series of experiments with a new kind of gun or shell. This gun is on the muzzle pivoting system, and the shell has been specially designed for torped officet, that is, to burst on penetration of armor ed bips with a result similar to the explosion of a torpedo. Herr Krupp's recent experiments at Meppen were con-sidered to be highly satisfa tory, and quite sufficient to justify the great German manufacturer of weapons in taking immediate measures for the production of larger guns and shells than those tried. The gun experimented with was of 21 centimétre calibre, with a long shell having a tre-mendous bursting charge, so arranged that the shell should explode only after penetrating some distance into the armor plating. The gun's muzzle pivot is carried down into a socket fixed in the hold of the vessel in such a way as to provent the slightest recoil even with the heaviest charge. Herr Krupp's gun was worked during the trials with grat ease and certainty of aim, and obtained for the shell a very high velocity. This description of weapon has been de-signed for gun-boats built to carry guns up to 40 contimétres. These gun-boats are to be of light draught, high rate of speed, and exceedingly handy. In fact, two or even three for the same hosts would have your up to support output speed, and exceedingly handy. In fact, two or even three of such armed boats would be very ugly customers for a first class armoured ship to cope with, owing to their rapid power of manœuvring and their small size rend-ring them difficult to hit. Their cost would be but an eighth or a tenth of a first class iron-clad. The Germans are certainly a very practical race. A good idea once conceived and well considered in all its bearings, they then do not take very long to work it out. We shall hear more ere long of Hear Krupn's muzzle pivoting guns and torpedo shalls Herr Krupp's muzzle pivoting guns and torpedo shells, -London Engineering.

RESIGNATION OF MR. SCARTH, INSPECTOR OF THE QUEBEC B. NK -- We learn that Mr. Scarth, the esteemed Inspector B. N. - We learn thick Mr. Betten, the esternic inspector of the Quebec Bank, has tendered his resignation to the Directors of that institution. This st p has been taken in consequence of Mr. Searth's arrangements to associate himself with Mr. W. B. Searth, of Teronto, who is engaged in the management of the land companies with which he is connected in the North-West. One now in course of formation, is that with which the Duke of Manchester and Lard Elphinstone are connected, and which is to have a capital of three millions pounds sterling. During Mr. Scarth's residence in Quebec he has made for himself many friends, who will regret his departure .- Quebec Chronicle.

ALABAMA COAL -Alabama papers are giving due pro-ALABAMA GOAL —Alabama papers are giving due pro-minence to the rapidly increasing output of coal in that state and the attending growth of the industry. In 1872 Alabama mined but 10,000 tons of coal. The output in 1879 was 290,000 tons; in 1880 it was 340,000 tons, and last year the output was 400,000 tons. The Mobile Register states that great difficulty was experienced in introducing Alabama coal into the New Orleans market because of the Guideners of like attempts in former times; and second ha A motion to extend the time given at the meeting in failures of like attempts in former times ; and, second, because of the opposition of the rich and powerful Pittsburgh coal interest, who controlled that market. The Alabama product has succeeded in spite of these obstacles in establishing a foothold, and it is even alleged that for domestic and steam purposes many residents of the Crescent City now prefer the Alabama coal to any other. The Louisville & Nashville has made arrangements to supply New Orleans to any extent, and to this end 2,000 new coal-cars have just been built.

The Scrutincer's Report was as follows :

BANK OF MONTREAL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-A GRATIFYING STATEMENT.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held on Monday last, at noon, in the Board-room. There was a very large attendance of shareholders, prominent among whom were :--Hon. D. A smarcholders, prominent among whom were — fion. D. A.
Smith, Messrs. George Stephen, George Macrae, Q.C.,
Alexander Murray, Robert Anderson, Alfred Brown, Henry
Joseph, C. F. Smithers, W. B. Cumming, James Burnett, R.
A. Lindsay, H. Yates (Brantford), Gilbert Scott, Hugh
Mackay, George A Drummond, Hon. Senator Ryan, James
Tasker. Hector Mackenzie, Hon. John Hamilton and Thos. Cramp.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. Henry Joseph moving that Mr. C. F. Smithers take the chair.

The motion was carried, and Mr. Smithers having taken the chair he said that the first business before the meeting was the appointment of scrutineers. He would move that their kind friend, Mr. W. B. Cummings, and Mr. Jamos Burnett be nominated to act in that capacity, and that Mr. R. A. Lindsay be the secretary of the meet

ing. Mr. Joseph-I would suggest that the scrutineers should be instructed to record the total number of votes

cast. 'The CHAIRMAN-You had better then make an amend ment to that effect.

Mr. Jossen then moved that the scrutineers be also in-structed to record the total number of votes cast for the directors.

Mr. GILBERT SCOTT seconded the motion. Mr. MURRAY—I do not know that there is any objection

to that course, but I am not aware that it is a customary

Course to pursue Mr. JOSEPH-There is not a meeting of this nature held in the United States at which the total number of votes cast and the number cast for each caudidate is not reported by the scrutineers.

Mr. MUSHAY-I do not know what is done in the United States, nor was I going there for a precedent. I am more in the habit of attending public meetings in Canada. What I desire to know is, is this proposal the custom of the Bank. The CHAIRMAN—No, it has never been customary in the

Bank

Mr. CUMMING-I do not think the course proposed would be a desirable one to adopt. Within my experience within the past fow months one gentleman only received one vote. The CHAIRMAN-There is a great deal in what Mr. Cumming has said. It should be morely the vote of those elected that is returned.

Mr. George Stephen—I quite agree with what Mr. Cumming has said, and I think if the sense of the meeting is taken it will sustain the old-fashioned plan that we have been in the habit of following heretofore.

Mr. YATES-Why should we adhere to the old fashioned In if it is not satisfactory? Let us have the vote cash for each gentleman and the total vote reported if it is desired. Mr. MAGRAE-I wish to understand distinctly whether by Mr. Joseph's motion it is intended that every vote re-

by an observe that the second second shall be reported here to day. If so, I object to it, because it would not be a very pleasing thing for some individuals who might only get one vote. For my own part I am rather in favor of the reporting of the number of votes cast for the gentlemen elected. (Applause.) The CHAIRMAN-I do not think there is any objection to

the motion in that shape. Mr. JOSEPH agreed to the amendment of his motion in

that direction. Mr. GILBERT SCOTT withdrew his name as seconder of

the amended motion, as he had understood that only the number of votes polled should be recorded. Mr. MACRAE'S name was substituted in place of Mr.

Scott's, and the motion was carried.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

In response to the request of the Chairman, Mr. BUOHANAN read the following report :-

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AT THEIR G4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD 5TH JUNE, 1882.

The Directors have much satisfaction in presenting to the shareholders the 64th annual report, accompanied by a statement of the result of the business of the year ended April 30 :—

The balance of profit and loss ac- count on 30th April, 1881, was The profits for the year ended 30th April, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for all bad and doubt- ful debts, were	\$ 274,067 1,641,256	
	\$1,915,323	68
From which have been taken divi- dend 4 per cent, paid 1st Decem- ber, 1881\$479,968		
Bonus 1 per cent., paid 1st Decem-	•	.
ber, 1381 119,992 Dividend 5 per cent, payable 1st		
June, 1882 599,960		
Addition to " The Rest " 500,000	\$1,699,920	00

Leaving a balance of Carried forward at credit of profit and loss account for the current year,

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The Directors are pleased that the profits on the year's business have enabled them to carry the above mentioned sum of \$500,000, to "The Rest," as it replaces that fund where it stood for several years previous to 30th April,

The Shareholders will learn doubtless not without regret, of the retirement of Mr. Peter Redpath from the Board, where he had so faithfully and ably served their interest for upwards of 13 years. The vacancy thus created was filled by the election of Mr. G. A. Drummond in March last.

GENERAL STATEMENT. 19th April, 1882. Liabilities. Capital Stock paid up (sub-

scribed \$12,000,000 00

Rest ...

...\$ 5,590,000 00 Balance of profits carried forward 215,403 68 \$ 5,715,403 68 Unclaimed dividends.... 15,108 22 Half-yearly dividend, payable 1st June, 1882.... 599,960 00 \$ 6,330,471 90 \$18,329,671 90 Amount of notes of the Bank in circulation\$ 5,086,340 00 Deposits not bearing interest. 8,785,494 56 Deposits bearing interest.... 12,330,586 50 Balance due to other Banks in Canada.... 833,875 91 \$27,036,297 03 \$45,365,968 93

\$11,999,200 00

Assets Gold and silver coin current.\$ 2,245,016 50

Government demand notes.. 2,908,922 00 Balance due from other

banks in Can-

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Due from agen-cies of this

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tries 6,505,919 47

Due from agen-cies of this

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banks in G.

Britain 1,130,429 76

\$ 7,770,609 69 Notes and cheques of other

banks 978,382 61 \$13,902,930 80

Bank premises at Montreal and branches... Loans and bills discounted..\$30,639,566 09 440,000 00 Debts secured by mortgages

and other securities.... 264,886 42

Overdue debts not specially secured (estimated loss provided for).....

128,585 62

\$31,023,038 13 \$45,365,968 93

W. J. BUCHANAN, General Manager.

BANK OF MONTREAL, MONTREAL, 29th April, 1882. }

The CHAIRMAN then moved, seconded by the Hon DONALD A SMITH,

That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the shareholders.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, said :--Perhaps it would be just as well to add nothing to that report, and allow the tigures to speak for themselves. There is nothing like results, and we think that the result must upon the whole be considered satisfactory. We claim nothing more than that, and it is at any rate a mat-ter for congratulation that we have been able to restore ter for congratulation that we have been able to restore the Rest to \$5,500,000, the highest point it ever reached, and at which it stood from 1875 until 1879, when the exi-gencies of the times required that \$500,000 should be taken from it. There may be, and doubtless is, some difference of opinion among the shareholders as to the policy of building up the Rest to 50 per cent; but, as far as I am able to judge, it is approved by a large majority, and cer-tainly it is by the gentlemen you have placed upon the Board to manage your affairs. I need scarcely remind you that it is no new departure—it is the goal at which suc-cessive administrations have been aiming for a number of provement of \$188,000, or about 1} per cent. It is per-haps worthy of notice in this connection that the increased profits were earned to a great extent within the last half of the fiscal year. The accounts show a very large in-crease in the amount under discount; but, as I have in-timated, this occurred largely during the latter half of the \$215,403 68 year, and therefore did not contribute so much to the our exports. This is what we most need, and if our ex-s account for year's profits as would have been the case if it had begun pectations in this respect are to be realized, it will do earlier. You will understand that there is a correspond- more than anything else to enable us to carry with com-

ing decrease in the amounts employed in foreign countries not quite that either-because we have made a gain of nearly 21 millions in deposits, and not much short of one million in circulation—so that to that extent the increase has been accomplished without the necessity of withdrawing funds from other channels. The movement of funds lately serves admirably to illustrate the usefulness of our American agencies, which serve to promote the elasticity of our system. It has not been an uncommon thing for some people to cry out about the amount employed in the United States by the Canadian banks; but by the inexor-able laws of finance the money always comes here when it is wanted, and when it is not wanted it returns and earns what it can, at the same time relieving this over-burdened market But the increase of business noted is not by any means confined to this Bank; it is general, if not universal, and embraces all the items of discounts, deposits, circulation, &c. The total loans and discounts of all classes upon the 30th April show an increase over the same day in 1881 of \$36,000,000—amounting in all to the enormous sum of \$176,000,000, a sum which I am quite safe in saying they never reached before. In 1875 they touched \$160,000,000, which was thought to be, and doubtless was at that time, a very dangerous expansion; the result prov-ed it, for the banks did not get back to safe limits without ed it, for the banks did not get back to safe limits without passing through a very severe ordeal, which overwhelmed some of them, seriously crippled others, and damaged all to a greater or less degree; and in calling attention to the much larger figures which have now been reached, I do not wish to be considered an alarmist; but, to say the least, the figures are somewhat startling. I am quite sonsible that the conditions of the country have greatly changed, and we can perhaps corrue a backing load now ceill it is the and we can perhaps carry a heavier load now; still it is the part of wisdom to look the matter squarely in the face. I do not say that I see trouble in the immediate future, but it is well that we should be on the lookout and be prepared if it does come. It is quite certain that we—that is the banks generally—cannot go on expanding at this rate much longer, and the sooner we understand that the better. Of course, much depends upon the crops, about which there is of course, as yet considerable uncertainty. I do not wish to make any extravagant or exaggerated state-ments, but I think it is an undeniable fact that trade is not in an altogether satisfactory condition. Complaints are very general that profits are light, and it is pretty well understood that considerable stocks of merchandise have had to be carried over, and then it is to be feared that manufactures are being, or are likely to be, overdone, at least in certain directions-for example, I find from inform-ation obtained from the most reliable source, that there are 13 cotton mills now running and 6 under construction, making 19 in all, in addition to which we know that many of them have largely increased their capacity, and others are doing so Another feature of the times which must not be overlooked, is the large falling off in the exports in the face of increasing imports. This has been the case in the United States to an extent which has caused an outflow of gold amounting to twenty millions of dollars since the 1st of January in excess of the amount imported. The same unfavorable balance of trade exists here, but owing to the very imperfect returns published it is difficult to say to the very imperiect returns published it is difficult to say to just what extent the balance is against us, and impos-sible to make satisfactory comparisons with former years. It is to be hoped, however, that importations will be light this season. One other point worthy of notice is that it is quite possible that railroad building may be pushed for-ward in advance of the wants of certain localities, and in that case there will be a halt until the country grows up to it out that in advance of the wants of certain localities. to it, and that is always a tedious and painful process. all know what happened in the United States in 1873, and it took until 1878 or '79 for the traffic to overtake the facilities provided for its transportation. With us, in this country, the case is somewhat different, as, whatever may be the fate of some of the minor enterprises projected, the Canadian Pacific Railway, heavily subsidized as it is by the Government, nust go on, and will doubtless be pushed forward with vigor. The energy with which it has been so far prosecuted is the best guarantee of that. And this brings me to the other side of the outlook, a favorable feature of which is the very large expenditure which is going on in connection with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and other public works, which puts money into circulation, and contributes materially to the development of the country. This may, and doubtless will, help to defer if it does not avert trouble. It is difficult to over-estimate the part that Manitoba and the Northwest are to play in the future of Canada. Immigrants are flowing in much more rapidly than the most sanguine of us antici-pated, and with them an immense amount of money is also pated, and with them an immense amount of money is also coming into the country. I don't know what amount each immigrant is supposed to bring; but I have seen it estimated that those arriving at Castle Garden bring an average of \$90 per capita, and I have been led to believo that those going to the Northwest are of a superior class-they are said to be largely from the middle classes and possessed of means. Perhaps Mr. Stephen may be able to give us some information on this point-I will give him give us some information on this point—I will give him an opportunity shortly. However this may be, it is cer-tain that the money coming into the country in this way cessive administrations have been aiming for a number of is an important addition to the financial resources of the years. To glance for a moment at the figures before pas-sing on, I may remind you that the net profits reported stantily being sent out by mortgage and other companies last year were, in round figures, \$400,000 in excess of the previous year, and this year we report a still further im-provement of \$188,000, or about 11 pay cost 14 pays. sumption of what might otherwise prove to be the over-production of our mills and factories, and will also absorb a large amount of imported goods. It is, in short, the hope of Canada; but it is as a producer that it is to excrete the most important influence upon our future. It is to this source mainly that we must look for any large increase to

parative case the large debt of the Dominion. It is the enormous productiveness of the United States and conse quent heav avy exports that has made the country what it is The failure of the crops of 1881 has illustrated o-day. this in a way not to be forgotten, resulting in a heavy out-flow of gold, as already explained. One word now as re-gards the fiscal year of the Bank of Montreal upon which we have just entered. You know I never make promises, and can only say that if you re-elect us, we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability, as we have heretoto serve you to the best of our ability, as we have hereto-fore done. It has become increasingly difficult of late years to make money at banking in Canada. Competition is always on the increase, and additional taxes have just been imposed in the province, though it remains to be seen whether they are constitutional, a question which will undoubtedly be tested. However, notwithstanding all this, if we are favored with a good harvest, which will do more than anything else to stave of trouble, I am not without hopes that we may have a tolerably successful year. I think the outlook is in favor of fair employment of our funds at moderately remunerative rates, and there are one or two encouraging features. For example, I may mention the passage of what is known in the State of New York as Kiernan's Usury bill, which permits call loans on collateral security to be made at any rate agreed upon, and will be very advantageous to the borrower as upon, and will be very advantageous to the borrower as well as the lender, as it will certainly tend to modify the enormous rates hitherto paid in seasons of stringency, and it will, at the same time, enable us to receive our share of the benefit to be derived from dear money in times of scar-city. In addition to this there is still some nope that before Congress adjourns the internal revenue tax upon bank capital and deposits may be repealed, which, coupled with the measure just referred to, will afford signal relief. Before closing you will expect me to say something about the Canadian Pacific bonds. Soon after they were taken the money markets of both London and New York took the money markets of both London and New York took an unfavorable turn, which made them rather too high for investors, though they still remained a very desirable purchase for parties requiring them to pay for land, as you are all no doubt aware that they are available for that purpose at 110. and that therefore no one will dream of paying for land in cash so long as these bonds can be pur-chased at anything below 110. In the face of all difficul-ties, however, I am happy to say that we have succeeded in placing somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000-perhaps not quite that amount, but very little short of it; and I have also the pleasure of informing you that nego-tiations are going on for the sale of a very large block of and I have also the pleasure of informing you that nego-tiations are going on for the sale of a very large block of land by the Railway Company, which, if carried out, will make a market for a correspondingly large amount of bonds, and tend to enhance the value of all that will be left. You will therefore understand that the prospect for the successful placing of the whole issue is to-day much mere encouraging than it has been at any previous time. (Applause). (Applause).

THE LATE DR. CAMPBELL.

THE LATE DR. CAMPBELL. The CHAIRMAN—I have, before proceeding further, a very painful duty to discharge. The resolution I am about to propose is entirely out of our ordinary course, and I wish to bring it up here before we take another step. I about to propose is entirely out of our ordinary course, and I wish to bring it up here before we take another step. I do not propose to say anything in reference to this resolu-tion; in fact, I could not flud words to say what I would like to say. It would be utterly impossible for me to do it justice. 1 refer to the great calamity that has befallen us all as a community, but that has fallen especially upon this Bank. I need not tell you that I allude to the sad news we received but a few days ago of the death of our late Vice-President, Dr. G. W. Campbell. The news came after our report had been drawn up and after all arrange-monts had been made for the general meeting. The late Dr. Campbell was beloved and honored by everybody in the community. His name is a household word in almost every family, and anything I could say in addition would only, I fear, tend to weaken the force of the resolution. Personally, I had the highest regard for him, and I can assure you, as a stockholder of the Bank of Montreal, that there never was a director of any concern who took so much interest in its affairs as did the late Dr. Campbell in the affairs of the Bank of Montreal. I feel that I cannot do justice to this resolution. I will now merely move it, and I ask the seconder, Mr. Stephen, to do that which I am utterly incapable of doing :-am utterly incapable of doing :-

Resolved,-That the shareholders here assembled, hav Resolved, —That the shareholders here assembled, hav-ing heard with unfeigned sorrow and regret of the death of their late much esteemed Vice-President, George W. Camp-bell, Esq., M.D., desire hereby to record their high appre-ciation of his valuable services and unwearied devotion to the interests of the Bank as a director, for upwards of thirteen years, during the last six of which he held office as Vice-President, and they painfully recognize the loss the institution sustains through his decease.

the institution sustains through his decease. Mr. STEFINSN-I think I shall but discharge mv duty upon this melancholy occasion by simply saying that I second Mr. Smithers' motion and then sitting down. I would, however, add that the Bank, in the decease of Dr. Campbell, has lost a very efficient officer. He was con-nected with the Bank long before I was, but from my knowledge of him I can only say and repeat what Mr. Smithers has said to you as to his devotion to the interests of the Bank. Independently, however of the Bank there of the Bank. Independently, however, of the Bank, there is scarcely a family in this community that does not mourn his loss as an old, kind and considerate friend on all occasions.

The motion was then carried.

It was then moved by GEO. MACRAE, Esq., seconded by

ROBBET ANDERSON, Esq, That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President and directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank.

He said ; It is hardly necessary to say anything in

after the remarks that have fullen from the President and Mr. Stephen, that in this motion could not be included the name of one who has usually been here. I am not an officer of this Bank, and therefore I can speak as an out-sider. I fully agree with everything that has been said of the late Dr. Campbell. His name was truly a household word, and, more than that, his personal character, his learning and his wholo position in this city created a certain want in this board which probably no other indi-vidual engaged in commercial pursuits could have done. certain want in this board which probably no other indi-vidual engaged in commercial pursuits could have done. I regret his name could not be included in this motion. His memory is revered by all, and I am sure that the sympathy of all is with his friends in their sad bereave-ment. In concluding these remarks, I would say this: I think it would be more satisfactory to most shareholders —I have heard a good many say so, but of course we yield to the superior wisdom of the managers of the Bank—it would be highly satisfactory if the Rest could rest (to use a repetition of the word) here, and if the rest could all go would be highly sufficiently in the rest could rest (to use a repetition of the word) here, and if the rest could all go to the profits. But of course the affairs of the Bank have been managed with such wisdom that I think it would be out of place for me to find fault with it. I beg, thorefore, to renew my motion. Mr. ROBERT ANDERSON—I have great pleasure in second-ion the motion

Mr. ROBERT ANDERSON—I have great pleasure in second-ing the motion. Mr. ROBERT ANDERSON—I have great pleasure in second-ing the motion. Mr. YATES—I desire to say a few words in reference to the Rest. I am not a resident of Montreal. I live in the country, and when I come here I always tell the share-holders of the Bank of Montreal that it would be a good thing if we could close up this Rost, proceed on a straight-forward basis, and know what we are earning. I am neither a banker nor a professional accountant, but I think it would be more satisfactory to the present shareholders if the rest is set down at \$6,000,000 ; that they should con-tribute pro rata the sum necessary to bring it up to \$6,000, 000. (Laughter.) Then we would know what we are about, and an end would be put to speculation, and the shareholders would feel more comfortable. There is another matter to which I wish to allude. I understand we have a clean sheet now, and that we do not owe any-thing to anybody. What I mean is we have no bad debts. The CHAIRMAN—We have cleared off all those we sup-posed to be bad or doubtful.

thing to anybody. What I mean is we have no bad debts. The CHAIRMAN—We have cleared off all those we sup-posed to be bad or doubtful. Mr. YATES—Now, with regard to our directors. There are a great many gentlemen ambitious of being directors. Nearly every man you meet thinks he is qualified for that position. (Laughter.) Now, I think that we ought to set an example to other banks in proportion to our capital. We have in this Bank a capital much larger than that of the joint capital of all the banks of Philadelphia, with its population of 900,000. There is a general ambition on the part of the shareholders to become directors, and I think that a new departure should be made—this Board should be required to hold itself responsible for all the bad debts they incur. (Laughter.) I think if every director came upon the board with that understanding and remedied the mistakes he made, that the result would be more satis-factory to the shareholders. (Renewed laughter.) If this were done, I believe the shares of the Bank would advance 25 per cent. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Not only that; it would have the effect of preventing our customers com-ing back to us and urging us to settle their accounts at something less than 100 cents on the dollar. Now, there is another matter with regard to which I should like to effer some practical suggestions. I remember that some 13 years age railway accounts were kept the sume as your accounts are kept now. They were so complicated the offer some practical suggestions. I remember that some 13 years ago railway accounts were kept the same as your accounts are kept now. They were so complicated that the father of sin himself could not fathom them. It is something the same with the bank accounts. I cannot fathom them or get at the details. I would suggest that the accounts of every agency and branch should be kept separate, so that we can tell who does the best business. To those who do the best business we should be able to give good wages and good bonuses. I object to men receiving bonuses who have not been making any money for us.

for us. for us. The CHAIRMAN—Some of your suggestions would be gladly concurred in by other shareholders if they could be carried out. I am afraid that if the directors were made responsible for the bad debts of the Bank it would be a difficult matter to find a board. That, I think, is an answer to that point. So far as salaries and bonuses are concerned they are matters of detail which must be left to the directors, as it is for just such purposes that they are elected. I can they are matters of detail which must be left to the directors, as it is for just such purposes that they are elected. I can say that no bonuses or salaries were given to anybody by this board who do not deserve them. Every matter of that kind was criticized closely, and I think we give this money where it is best deserved. The accounts spoken of have all to go before the board. It is impossible to put all these things before the shareholders. The Board knows exactly how much is made at each office and how much is lost at is cach office and what the salary and bonus of each officer is. This gives me an opportunity of saying what otherwise I might not have thought necessary. It would be impos-sible to find a board that would give better attention to the affairs of the Bank than the expiring board have done. I never in my life had anything to do with a board that took so deep and intelligent an interest in the affairs of the Bank. Mr. YATES—You did not, Mr. President, touch upon the question of the Rest. I am of opinion that the share-holders should be put in possession of the same amount of information as that pessessed by the board. The CHAIRMAN—It is almost impossible in a short

addition to this except a word or two. I think you must all have been struck with the report of the affairs of the Bank, and especially with the address of the President. What struck me was that in style it was very much the same as his address of last year. It was very cautious, but at the same time very hopeful, and I think we have not been disappointed in any of the hopes he threw out last year. I trust the hopes expressed in this address will be carried out with equal success during the coming year. There is only one thing I regret very much, especially after the remarks that have fallen from the President and Mr. Stephen, that in this motion could not be included the still thought the majority approved of the course adouted. It is just for such purposes that the direct is are appointed. As to the Rest, I have only to tell you, of course, what I stated in my opening remarks, that I had no doubt there might be differences of opinion on the subject, but I said I still thought the majority approved of the course adopted. The policy of the Bank for the future in this respect rests with the board you elect to-day. They have yet to be elected, and we do not know who they will be. (Laughter.) Mr. LYMAN-I hope Mr. Stephen will be able to give us some information about the moncy brought into the country by the emigrants coming here now.

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The CHAIRMAN-It is estimated that the emigrants com-ing to Castle Garden bring \$90 a piece. Mr. STEPHEN-The last time I was in Winnipeg the

They were more crowded than Broadway, New York. They were for the most part the finest looking lot of young fellows I have ever seen in my life. How much money they brought with them I do not know. A banker recently told me that there were \$8,000,000 on deposit there, for in-vestment, I suppose.

The motion was carried.

It was then moved by ALEX. MURRAY, Esq., seconded

by ALFRED BROWN, That the thanks of the meeting be given to the General Manager, the Assistant General Manager, the managers and other officers of the Bank for their services during the past year. Carried.

and other officers of the Bank for their services during the past year. Carried. He said: I think we are very fortunate in our staff of officers, and since I have had the honor of being a director of the Bank, my attention has been frequently called to this gratifying circumstance. We have large and important offices established at different points outside of the city of Montreal, where a great deal of money is carned. I think we are very fortunate in having able and intelligent men at the head of these establishments. The whole staff so far as I am aware do their duty well and ably towards tho Bank. For a great number of years past the Bank has pursued the policy of taking on young men and allowing them to rise by seniority, which I believe is the best policy. The total number employed is some 350, and we are almost always sure of being able to fill vacancies satisfactorily from that number. There were some practical romarks made by Mr. Yates, with reference to bonuses and salarles. I believe that the board in this respect have done what was fair. We recognized the increasing cost of living in Canada, and we wish that our employees shall be fairly remunerated. The motion was carried. Mr. BUCHANAN, in responding on behalf of the officers, said — L have to that how year much for the hondern

In Contact, and we wish that out completes shall be fairly remunerated. The motion was carried. Mr. BUCHANAN, in responding on behalf of the officers, said —I have to thank you very much for the handsome way in which you have spoken of the services of myself and my fellow-officers. I am sure you have our thanks, one and all. I think I can say without fear of contradiction that the best energies of the staff are devoted to the service of the Bank. I know also that there is not only great loyalty but great affection for the Bank in the hearts of many. It is a service, which as a general thing they take a pride in. Of course occasionally we have men leave us, more especially this last year. With a magnificent country opening up in the North-west, it is not to be wondered at that some of our plucky and adventurous men should seek their fortunes in our own Northwest, but there are always plenty to supply their places. With regard to the Great Lone Land I would suggest that it would be for the board to consider the advisability of planting ourselves down in some of the posts advancing out towards the Rocky Mountains. We have not followed the example of other banks in going beyond Winnipeg, but I hope that good time is coming. Mr. Smithers has left very little for me to say. He has not, however, alluded to the question of inspection, in regard to which some of our lady stock-holders—none of whom I see here to-day—have been very particular about in the past. (Laughter.) But I may say the branch banks, both in Canada and the United States, have been very carefully inspected, and our London offices have been inspected by our able chairman, Mr. King, with the aid of the other gentlemen with whom he is associated. I had an opportunity within the last few weeks of seeing these gentlemen, and 1 can vouch for the interest they take in the Bank generally. Another thing not spoken of is the stock of the Bank and the number of our families so to speak. The number of shareholders this year is 2 take in the bank generally. Another thing not spoken of is the stock of the Bank and the number of our families so to speak. The number of shareholders this year is 2,012, or an average held by each of 30 shares. Last year the number of shareholders was 2,191, or an average of 29 shares held by each shareholder. So it will be seen that our families have slightly diminished, and each one holds on an average one share more. The precise number of shares on the street it is difficult to ascertain. Last year we had in the hands of bankers and brokers 6,086; this year the number is 5,087. That would appear as though regular investors held more, but 1 think after an exam-ination of our list that there are more shares on the street now than last year. I thank you again for the kind manner in which you have recognized the services of the officers. Mr. HENRY LYMAN said : I have a very formal resolu-tion to move which does not require any display of eloquence on my part to enforce it. It is as follows :--That the ballot now open for the election of directors be kept open until three o'clock, unless fifteen minutos elapse without a vote being cast, when it shall be closed, and until that time and for that purpose only this meeting be continued. Carried,

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I may be pardoned, perhaps, in making a remark

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which does not at all come within the scope of my resolution. It is with reference to the pleasure I have exper-ienced in listening to the remarks from the chair. I' consider the remarks made by the President upon this occasion to be of exceeding value. I do not know that any expositon has been made of banking in my hearing of so able and valuable a character as that we have listened to to-day. In fact I think a very great improvement has been made if I might, speak in reference to former years Hitherto it was not considered necessary to go set thoroughly into these questions, which are so interesting. But I think in this regard as in many other respects the Bank of Montreal sets an example which may be followed with very great advantage by other institutions, and I am sure that all bankers and financiers throughout the country and probably in the neighbouring republic will have very great regard for the utterances which have been made upon this occasion and which are so well carried out by the action of the board and their conduct of the business of this institution.

Mr. D. R. STODDART seconded the resolution, which wa adopted.

After a formal adjournment until three o'clock, the scrutineers, Messrs. W. B. Comming and James Burnett, reported the following gentlem in duly elected directors :----Alfred Brown, George A. Drummond, Hugh McLennan, Edward Mackay, Alex, Murray, A. T. Patterson, Hon. D. A. Smith, Gilbert Scott, C. F. Smithers.

A DREADFUL DISCOVERY.

(From the Family Herald.)

Self-respect, a desire to think well of myself, an obstinate determination to conquer my nerves, urged me to go down and enter that room. Fear-mighty and appalling demon !--rose up in all his tremendous strength, his so often irresistable and unresisted strength-and held me back. For what seemed a long time—I do not know how many minutes actually elapsed—I stood there fighting with my terror and my growing conviction that all was not well in the house.

That was the hardest battle I ever fought in my life ; but I conquered.

"Come what will," I said. "I will descend and walk once around that room !"

To one scated perhaps in the bright sunlight this may seem a little matter; but in that great dark house, in which I was to all intents and purposes alone-for the servants the dream I had had, the strange, undefined, and undefinable sensation that was prossing so heavily or me, was it a trifling thing to descend the staircase at two o'clock in the morning and open that door? I did it. I forced myself down the stairs. My feet

refused to move at first, but at last I compelled them.

My heart—what was it doing? Struggling violently I I seemed to be all heart. Hush I I was going softly down the stairs. Was that dreadful beast still crouching in the hall below ? What would Charles think if he saw me now With the thought of Charles came back a sudden rush of that mysterious terror, fresher, stronger, nearer. I half fancied that a low whisper came to my ear, and I started round with a cold sweat breaking out on my forehead. Ob, heaven, would this dreadful night never end? What was the matter with me? What fearful influence was at work in the house? Oh, to be safely up in the top gallery where the servants slept !

It was too late to go back now. I was at the door of the little seldom-used study. I turned the handle and passed in. Holding up my light, I looked round. room was in darkness, save for my newly-arrived lamp. With a frenzied determination I walked round the apartment. All was dark and quiet; the light I saw waevidently a deception of my own brain ; my nerves, it was plain, were all unstrung. Stay! What was this? The table was moved! I

advanced hurriedly, and, raising my lamp, looked down in wonder. The carpet, always kept nailed down, was partly taken up and thrown aside, revealing a corner of the bare boards beneath. I was in a dream of amazement. For a few moments terror gave way to wonder, and I approached and gazed on a piece of bare floor. I trod on it; in one part I fancied that the sound of my footfall was hollow

hollow. With a sudden impulse I knelt down and passed my hand over the spot. I hardly knew what I expected or dreaded to discover. In pressing somewhat heavily in one place a portion of the floor receded from my touch and disclosed—what? Wonder upon wonder—a flight of steps disclosed—what i would a poor would — a man of steps going down, down, down, and disappearing in the blackness bolow i My state of mind was like that of one in a dream, a confused dream. My actions had passed, as it were, out of my own control. I descended the steps. Mechanically I went down and down, and, after a time, found myself in

a 'narrow passage. "Where am I?" I murmured. "Surely I shall wake presently from this, and say to-morrow, 'What a strange dream I had 1"

I had traversed, as 1 thought, a long passage since I arrived at the foot of the stairs—a passage containing two or three doors that yielded to my touch, and several sharp turnings to the right and left; and now-now something bogan to strike upon my ears! Whence it came I could bogan to series upon my earst whence it came I could not tell, nor yet even guess at its nature; but, as I moved on, my blood began to scemed in my veins, and the hair seemed to stir on my head. Now indeed was my terror such that I wondered I could bear it and live. My trembing feet carried me on in spite of myself. The sound grew more distinct at every step-a horrible, a hideous sound, the like of which I had never heard before, and I pray Heaven I may never bear again!

Just as my senses were about to leave me, a door, similar to the two I had just passed through before, a yard or so in front of me, was pushed back, and, carrying a lamp in his hand, there met me face to face my husband's confidential man Martin. We stood and gazed at each other. I shall never forget

though I am utterly powerless to describe, the expression of horror on his face as he gazed at me mutely. I was the first to speak.

"What does this mean," I asked-but my voice was only a trembling whisper-"this secret passage and trapdoor—your being here at dead of night? And what— for Heaven's sake, tell me—what is that dreadful sound I hear? "—for it was louder now than ever, though still vague and undefined

He stood stock-still, staring at me with a face as white as a corpse.

"Are you going to answer me?" I said. "There is some hideous mystery here, and an unseen Power has sent me here to fathom it. Speak, man !"

Still he remained mute and trembling. "Do you mean to give me no answer?" I demanded. What is this that I have been led to discover to-night? hen my husband returns, I-

Such a look came into my face as I mentioned my husband that I stopped, and again we gazed silently at each other.

"Mrs Disney," he murmured at last-" madam, you

must go back 1" "Never," I replied, "until I have this mystery laid bare before me !"

"Madam, madam, you must-indeed you must !" he pleaded, white and shaking. "Dear madam, let me take you back !"

For all answer I turned from him and pursued my onward way. He sprang after me and tried to detain me. I wrenched myself from him, with a few incoherent words of reproof and anger, and hurried on. He followed, ringing his hands. The noise increased; and now I perceived that it came from underfoot.

I pushed back the door through which I had seen Martin come, and the passage came to an end in a square open space. From underneath came wild yells and howls louder than those of a savage beast. "It is a wild beast caged below us!" I cried. "My

dream was truth ! "

But, even as I spoke, there followed a burst of such frightful blasphemy as made my blood run cold, and then a laugh that rose and swelled and reached a shriek—a prolonged and awful shrick, like the wail of a lost soul and died away in distant moans and incoherent jabberings.

"Show me what this is!" I said to the trembling, stricken man behind me

He saw, that further resistance was useless. advanced, and stooped and removed a slab of wood from the floor, which left a glass skylight visible below it. I kneeled and looked through it into a dark room that was lighted by a lamp from the ceiling. A padded room I A wild beast in human form dashing

itself round and round, and giving vent to the cries and yells I had heard in the distance ! An awful face-a face with fiery eyes starting from their sockets, with the purple veins protruding from its forehead, with feam dripping from its chin! A face that I had at last seen quite melancholy, and thoughtful at my own side—the face of my husband 1

I have a dim recollection of being supported back to my room by Martin; and then there came a long blank o consciousness.

The next time that I came to myself, I was on a bed and my mother and two doctors were beside me. I thought that I discerned a crowd of pale, frightened domestics outside the half-closed door. I looked at my mother, and would fain have spoken to her, but my

unconsciousness left me again, and another blank ensued. I had a long nervous fevar. For many weeks, as they told me afterwards, I was raving half my time and the other half in a stupor. At last, when I was worn to a mere skeleton, I opened my eyes one day and found my mother scated near me in her black dress, her face lined and haggard with suffering, and her eyes discoloured as if with long weeping. I made a faint movement, and she approached and bent over me. I tried to whisper a word or two concerning the fearful memories that had returned between the state of primitive design and rough in aplips.

"Not to-day, Mary," she pleaded-"my darling girl, not to day l "

I was too weak to rebel; so I lay lay still. For several days I endeavoured to speak to her about what was always in my mind; but cach time I was put off with "Darling, not to day!" until, feeling my strength somewhat restored, I at length insisted on conversing with

"Mother-Charles"-I tried to articulate. "Mothér speak-tell me-do you know?" "I know, I know," she answered. "Oh, my poor, poor

child! "--and she quite broke down. "Mother, tell me of him !"

"My child-he-is- being cared for. Oh, Mary, Mary 1"

"Mother, why do you look away when y you keeping anything from me?" speak 7 Arg

"My child, my child you cannot bear it yet !" "Mother, if there is anything fresh, tell me !"

To be continued.

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THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.

The proposed channel trunel between England and France continues to excite much discussion. Two rival companies have been formed to undertake the work from the British side and experimental borings are still in progress on both shores. Strange to say, the enterprise is stoutly opposed by many bold Britons on the ground that the tunnel would afford a dangerous means of invasion from France in case of war! Sir Edward Watkin, who is the most enthusiastic advocate of the project, is the subject of much ridicule by its opponents. The following clever parody is a specimen of the attacks which he has to bear. It will be better understood by the explanation that Sir Edward, as president of the Southeastern railway company which is interview in the innue as here a company which is interested in the tunnel scheme, recently inaugurated a number of Saturday excursions from London to view the preliminary borings, the prominent guests thereat being entertained on arriving in a very hospitable and somewhat convivial manner :

"Break, break, break ! On my hard gray chulk O Sea ! But it would not be right to utter The words that occur to me.

"O well for the sailor lord, That he mocked my magnificient dreams ! O well for the wits of the Press That they laughed at my Saturday schemes! 0

"And the Channel boats go on

Making many passenger. III; But O for the tastes of my vanished feasts, And the pop of the corks that is still!

"Brenk, brenk, brenk, Into my tunnel, O Sea! But the money lost in thut flooded hole Will never come back to me."

THE COMING LIGHT.

In a recent lecture on future of electric light, Mr. George Lane Fox, of the Royal United Service Institution, said that it was safer to prophesy what electricity could do than what it could not; and he illustrated the unsafe character of negative prophecy by pointing to the fact that a committee of the House of Commons a few years ago arrived at the opinion, published in the Blue Book, that the sub-division of electric forces was "not to be hoped for." The lecturer expressed his opinion that the development of electricity, great as it had been of late, would be minds were how being devoted to the subject. He spoke of electric lighting as opening up, for one thing, a new industry, and then proceeded to describe the exhibition at the Grystal Palace as illustrating the strides which had recently been made. He declared that the questions frequently asked—whether the public could have the electric current in their houses, and whether the light would be cheaper than gas-could be confidently answered in the affirmative. He then went into details, and with reference to the various systems expressed the opinion that the arc light would shortly be superseded altogether by the "incandescent lamp." He believed that the cost of the incandescent lamp would be found far less than tha: of gas. The great cost arising from the breakage of these lamps would be remedied when the lamps were properly made : they would then be found practically indestructible. A 150-candle light by electricity would, he calculated, be produced at the cost of a 12-candle light of gas-a farthing an hour. With regard to the danger of human life from contact with the wires, the supply would require only a low tension, which could not effect life. Danger from fire could result only from gross carelessness.

A JAPANESE RAILBOAD.-Japan has a railroad in what would be called working order, perhaps, but the benefits likely to flow from it do not seem great, either for the Japanese or for the cause of railways in the cast. Near the end of the year 1880 a line 22 miles long was opened from Ottarunati to Sapporo. It supports one train each way daily, and carries an average of 200 passengers at moderate prices. Receipts, accordingly are so small that the road is not likely ever to pay the expenses of running

NEW RAILWAYS IN EUROPE .- Several new and important lines of railway are contemplated in various European countries. A direct and shorter line between Madrid and the Mediterranean has been begun, which, besides furnishing a speedier route to the east coast of Spain, is expected to develop rich coal deposits. Another line, to connect the French and Spanish capitals, is also proposed. Railway extension and consolidation by the Holland government has been announced. In Roumania new lines are being discussed, to cost \$12,000 per kilometer, which it is proposed to extend 370 kilometers. Plans for a new line from Rome to Naples, are almost ready for government inspection. In Switzerland the Monte Cenere line was opened April 10.

THE NEW LIGHT FOR CARS .- The use of electricity for lighting railroad cars has been lately under consider by the management of the Consolidated road in Connecticut. The plan talked of is to have the dynamo-magnetic machine generating the electricity placed in the baggage car, and operated by connection with the car wheels. By having each car provided with Charles H. Buell's recently invented apparatus for the storage of electricity, a sufficient supply of material to keep the lights going for some time could be kept on hand, even if connection with the original source of supply were shut off by dividing the train.

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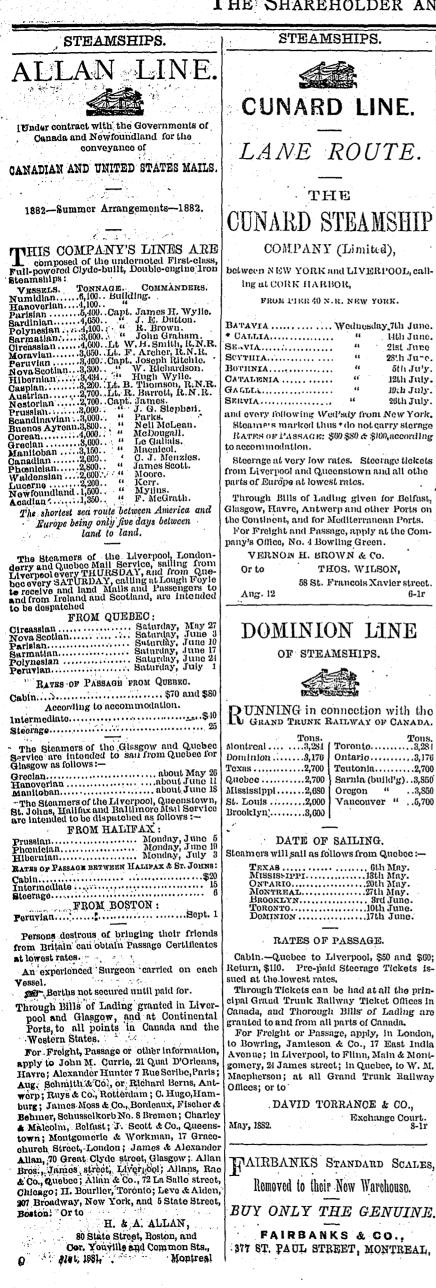
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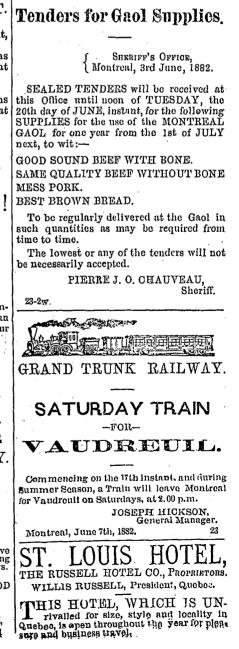
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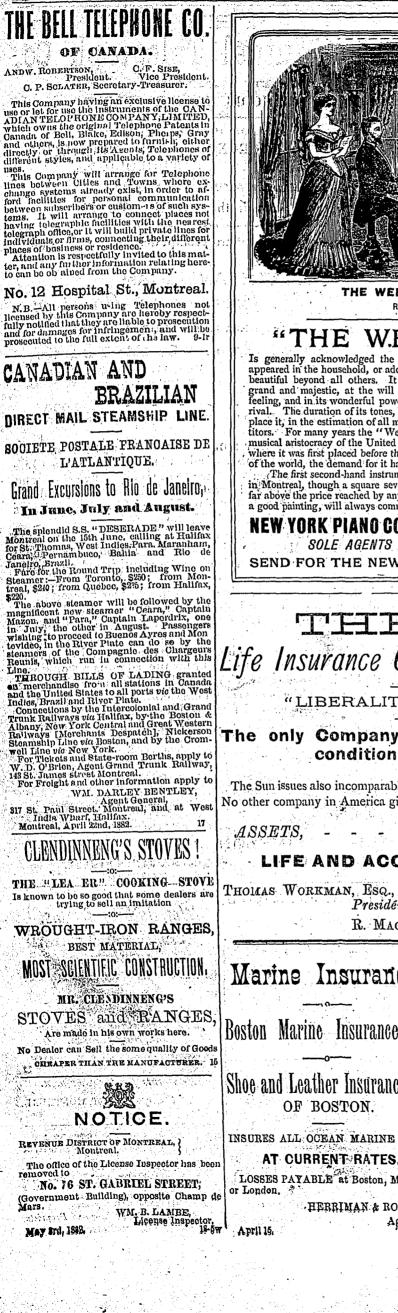




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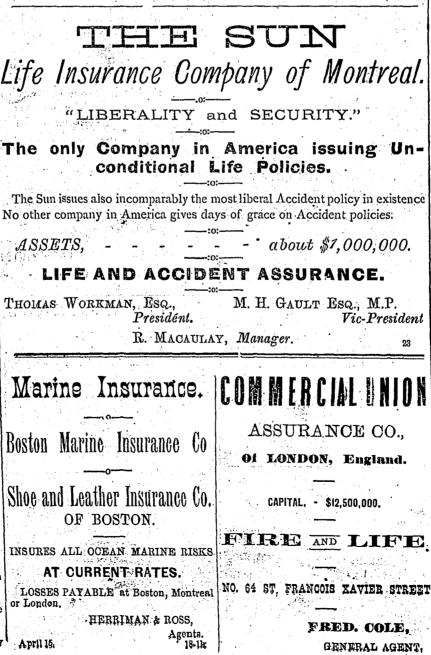
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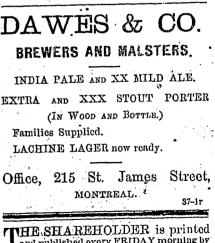
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