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THE SUGAR DUTIES.

THERE has been a great deal of discussion of late,
both in commercial circles and in newspapers
throughout the country, touching the effect Mr. Galt's
last tariff has exercised on the West India Sugar trade,
on the trade in this country, and as to whether it has
or has not been unduly favoring to the refining interests
as against the trade at large.

The effect of Mr. Galt's measure has undoubtedly
been to very greatly reduce the trade in the higher
grades of raw sugar, and to give to the two Montreal
Refineries such a commanding position as to throw
the greater part into their hands. This fact, no one
acquainted with the sugar trade of Canada can pretend
tend to deny, and this being so, it follows that instead
of receiving from the West Indies high grades of raw
sugars, giving them the profits of refining, we have im-
ported very low refining grades and given the profits
to the two firms here. Now, after the expense of
sending, with a great flourish of trumpets, Commissioners
to endeavour to bring about closer relations
between Canada and the sugar islands, and to open up
new channels of trade, it was folly, or worse, to so frame
a tariff as to defeat the very object we had in view in
excluding out those Commissioners. To continue, after
the coming session, the present sugar tariff will be
worse than folly, now that time has made so palpable
the error therein contained, and we trust our present
Finance Minister will so frame his tariff, uninfluenced
by anything save a conscientious desire to benefit the
country, as to put an end to the present anomalous
condition of things.

Whether the Sugar Refiners here should have their
profits guaranteed to them at the expence of other
people is a question we leave for the advocates of pro-
tection to answer. On principle, we object to any in-
terference with commerce on the part of Government;
in this particular instance, we see no reason why any
exception should be made in favour of those who have
already accumulated handsome fortunes, and whose
only claim to consideration rests principally on the
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THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.

We publish, in other columns the report of the meet-
ing of the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank,
called to ratify the action of their Directors in amalgam-
ating with the Commercial Bank of Canada.

The agreement for amalgamation was confirmed
unanimously, and will, according to its terms, come
into effect from and after the 1st of March.

It has been stated that the assumption by the
Merchants' Bank of Canada of the liabilities of the
Commercial, would lead to such demands on the former
institution as would tax its resources to the utmost.
We are of an entirely different opinion. As we have
already shown, the unredeemed circulation of the
Commercial Bank is now not large, less, indeed, than
\$400,000, and the amount due to depositors has also
been very greatly reduced; while, on the other hand,
the resources of the suspended bank are sufficient, we
imagine, to meet any immediate demand which may
be made.

We presume arrangements have been made to open
branches of the new bank at all points where the Com-
mercial has heretofore done business, and we have
no doubt the people all through the West will give a
hearty and generous support to the same institution,
which, under another name, has done so much to for-
ward the prosperity of the country.

The following is a statement of the Revenue and
Expenditure of the Dominion of Canada for the
month of December, and for 7 months ending Jan.
31st, 1868:—

Revenue—Customs	\$ 866,828
Excise	253,883
Bill Stamp Duty	18,678
Post Office	76,553
Public Works, including Railways	32,674
Miscellaneous	116,087
Revenue for January, 1868	\$ 556,903
" July, 1867	1,076,452
" August	1,162,175
" September	1,932,263
" October	1,444,456
" November	1,420,473
" December	1,624,042
	\$9,216,764

Expenditure for January, 1868	\$1,063,627
" July 1867	1,446,591
" August	718,915
" September	778,056
" October	1,316,126
" November	817,579
" December	1,170,577
	\$11,115,747

THE NOVA SCOTIAN MUDDLE.

A MUDDLE it has indeed been well called for to us in this part of the Dominion the course pursued by that Province is, to a great extent, unintelligible, as it also seems to be to many among themselves who attempt to explain to us the existing state of affairs there. Until within the last few years we had always imagined that if any portion of British North America was desirous of a union of all the Provinces it was the Province of Nova Scotia. When formerly Upper and Lower Canada were opposed to the measure, or looked coldly upon it, Nova Scotia never seemed to lose sight of it, and generally had something to say in its favor. How, then, this change? The opponents of union complain that they were not consulted on the subject and that an act so important ought not to have been attempted and consummated without, and the consent of the people. Let us concede this; and we are ready to admit that the omission to do so was a previous blunder, if nothing more. But if Confederation be good in itself, or even necessary, is it not prudential to neglect it, simply on the score of matters of form? A man might as reasonably refuse to eat his dinner, merely because he was not consulted as to the mode of its preparation. Many of the most precious gifts of Providence come to us unasked for, and without any agency of our own; yet they are not the less valuable and acceptable on that account. We shall not here speak of the commercial and other benefits which union is calculated to confer on the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces respectively, the question has been debated and discussed to exhaustion, and is now a thrice-told tale. Besides in addressing the dissentients of Nova Scotia on that head, we fear that we should be preaching to deaf ears, labouring in the vain attempt to convince those who will not be convinced, and "to conciliate those who will not be conciliated." We shall therefore chiefly confine our remarks to an enquiry into the cause and probable results of the Anti-Confederate doings in that Province.

After carefully weighing all the facts of the case that have come to our knowledge, we have reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that the object of those who direct the movement in Nova Scotia is annexation to the United States. Upon no other hypothesis, as far as we can see, can their conduct be accounted for. It is true that they might be actuated in the course they have taken, sold by party spirit, and the lust for power and office—which supposition may be correct as regards some of them, and, to a certain extent, of all—but they have gone to too great lengths to admit of this explanation. But, with annexation as the key of the enigma before us, their policy is easily seen through, and it is, undoubtedly, not wanting in ingenuity, although we believe it is impossible that it should be attended with success. We can best show our meaning by referring to the annexation movement in Lower Canada, or rather in Montreal, in 1849. The leaders in that futile, though imposing pronunciamento appealed powerfully to the commercial and pecuniary advantages to be gained by becoming incorporated with the United States, and, perhaps, in that respect, the manifesto issued on the occasion was one of the ablest documents of the kind ever produced on this continent—even the famous documents of the American revolutionary era scarcely excepted. But its authors committed one important mistake. They forgot, or did not know, that the consideration of material interests alone have not, in general, led to a step such as they contemplated. It was, after all, a mere trader's view of the question. No case could have been better put from their point of view, but the feelings and passions of the masses must be attended to, as well as their reason and interests, to compass a revolution, a transfer of allegiance, or a change of dynasty. The Nova Scotian Anti-Confederates have avoided this error of the Montreal Annexationists, and have addressed their countrymen in language mainly intended to rouse their passions and prejudices. They told them that—contrary to the universal opinion of mankind

Colonial was weakness, and not strength, and that, in their instance, it meant tyranny, robbery, and oppression. When informed that England desired the Union of the Provinces, both for their own good, and to enable her to defend them, if attacked, the answer was that it would serve no such object but the reverse. They declared that the only aim of the Canadians, in pushing for Confederation, was to possess the power of despising the Nova Scotians of their wealth, wherewith to relieve their own poverty. All their declamations against the measure were much of the same char-

acter, with the exception, perhaps, of the grievance that the Customs duties heretofore levied in Nova Scotia, would go into the Dominion treasury instead of the Province, just as the Scotch Customs duties go into the English treasury. But the climax of these fallacies was attained by Mr. Attorney General Wilkins, in the string of resolutions moved by him in the House of Assembly, and in which he contradicts or travesties several of the best established principles of the British Constitution. Now, allowing for a reasonable amount of ignorance on the part of Mr. Wilkins and his abettors, can we conceive that the absurdities are put forth without a purpose, especially as Mr. Howe, at least, was well aware that his friends were uttering nonsense? What, then, is that purpose? In our estimation the intention is to present issues to England which she must necessarily contest to create antagonism between her and Nova Scotia; and to persuade the Nova Scotian people that the Mother Country in combatting unsound doctrines, or denying their correctness, is refusing them their just rights. But Mr. Wilkins, it seems, kept back his most important missive to the last, like a lady's postscript; for on Friday, the 21st instant, he moved two additional resolutions in the Assembly, one of which is in these words:—

"Resolved—That the Imperial Parliament have no constitutional right to authorize a Governor-General, or any other subject of the Queen, to make Senators, or create any part of a legislature, with power to tax the people of Nova Scotia, or otherwise legislate for them without a Provincial status, authorizing them to do so."

The same doctrines was contained in the first series of resolutions, but here it is more plainly and directly enunciated. The object, we suppose, is to revive a question which gave rise to so long and bitter controversy in the old English colonies, now the United States, immediately before the revolutionary war, and helped to bring on that event. In fact it embodies the well known dogma of those days—"taxation without representation is tyranny," and in the existing circumstances of Nova Scotia, it will be made to mean that legislation without representation is injustice. How far it is so is not our present business to enquire and we shall content ourselves with remarking that whether the principle evoked be true or false in itself, it can scarcely be applied to the cause of Nova Scotia in the matter of Confederation which was passed by the British Parliament at the request of the legislature of the Colony. The propriety of making that request, with the manner of doing it, is quite another affair.

In asserting that the men who are at the head of the Anti-Union Crusade in Nova Scotia are evidently labouring in the cause of annexation, it must be understood that we speak of these men only, and of a small minority of the population holding the same political views as they do, and who are to be found in every section of the Dominion. We believe that the eminently loyal people of that Province are entirely ignorant of the intrigues and designs which they would, at once, repudiate and oppose, if openly avowed. But avow them they dare not, well knowing the consequences. A like game was played in Upper Canada, previous to the rebellion of 1837. The annexationists there, as in Nova Scotia, were few in number, both in the legislature and the country. Their plan was to irritate the masses against the local and imperial governments, and in their irritation to involve them into the arms of the United States. But their schemes were unmasked, and the very people whom they had duped, turned upon and crushed them. So it will be in Nova Scotia some day, but it were wise in them, in the meantime to ask themselves, "whether are we drifting?" But on that point we shall have more to say by-and-bye.

BARLEY—Advices from Albany state that the receipts of barley at that point for the season of 1856, were 7,400,000 bush., for 1857, 8,800,000 bush. The stock in the hands of dealers is one-fourth short of the usual stock at this season of the year. What little variety is now on the market is in the hands of speculators, who are holding at much higher prices. At Buffalo it is said that no barley of consequence is held in store for sale, and very little is arriving by rail. Large shipments have been made to Pittsburg. In Chicago we learn that the stock in that city is 234,000 bushels less than last year. Sample lots are selling at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per bushel of 48 bush. The prices in the Cincinnati market are \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bushel, and in St. Louis \$2.00 to \$2.60 per bushel.

THE NORTH AND SOUTH-SHORES OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

THE settlement on the south shore of Lake Superior is not older than that on the north shore, yet it has made much greater progress. The population on the United States side is about 33,000. The capital invested there in mining works and enterprises amounts in round numbers to \$60,000,000. A million acres of mineral land have been sold there by the Government. The annual taxes raised for state and municipal purposes are \$250,000. The exports from the mining regions may be set down at \$12,000,000. Twenty-seven steamers of an aggregate tonnage of nearly 18,000 tons, trade on the south shore. In 1856, 1,008 American vessels of 458,600 tons passed through the St. Marie canal, carrying over 13,000 passengers, and paying over \$22,600 as toll.

The details of the exports and imports from the south shore are worth considering in detail. The exports in 1856 were as follow:

Copper	9,267 Tons
Iron ore	347,784 "
Pig iron	11,164 "
Fish	7,294 "

For the same period the imports were as follows

Flour	48,911 bush.
Pork	6,649 "
Beef	4,838 "
Butter	1,067,124 lbs.
Cheese	65,060 "
Tallow	197,410 "
Sugar	69,709 "
Tea	1,653 chis.
Coarse grains	295,897 bush.
Machinery	818 tons.
General merchandise	8,884 "

These figures show a very thriving state of things on the south shore of Lake Superior, and they present a marked contrast to the backward state of things on the north shore. On the north shore the population is very scanty, and may be reckoned up at a few score. The capital invested is small, and consequently the country is not developed, and it yields no revenue. The exports from that region are confined to a few barrels of fish. But one solitary steamer of 650 tons burden breaks the stillness of our waters. No exports of Canadian copper, iron ore or pig iron are reported and the imports are confined to 160 bushels of flour, 180 of pork, and 2 of beef, 160 lbs of butter, 800 lbs of sugar, 600 bushels of coarse grain and a few other things of small value.

And yet it is admitted that the north shore is as rich in mineral deposits as the south shore. All that is wanted is capital, enterprise and industry, and new cities and towns would spring up like magic all along the north shore. We forgot, there is something else wanted to secure this consummation, we mean a liberal policy on the part of the Government regarding the mineral lands of the country, and an amendment of the present system of regulating the Crown Lands by orders in council. It is with great satisfaction we notice that the Government of Ontario is alive to the importance of the mineral lands in Ontario. The Premier, Mr. J. S. MacDonald, has promised a liberal measure on the mineral lands of the Province for next session, and in order that that measure may be as complete as possible, it is announced that two members of the Ontario Government, the Hon. Mr. Richards, Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Hon. Mr. Carling, Commissioner of Public Works, will personally visit the mining region as soon as navigation opens and examine for themselves the resources, and determine on the spot the best means of developing them so as to secure the greatest good not to a few speculators, but to the entire country.

A frightful source of complaint against the management of the Crown Lands Department regarding mineral lands, is that there were no fixed and certain rules by which those lands were disposed of. This objection was not without its advantages, in so far as it baulked speculators and land sharks; but, at the same time it also hindered legitimate capitalists from going in and developing that country. The vagueness of the Crown Lands regulations arose from the fact that it is left to each Commissioner to issue what rules and regulations he pleases regarding the Crown Lands, by a simple order-in-Council. Consequently, these lands are sometimes sixty cents, then eighty, and again a dollar an acre. Royalties are abolished, and again re-imposed, and, in fact, nothing is certain about the Crown Lands Office, except that the interminable uncertainty as to whether an applicant will ever get a patent for the lot he wants. These abuses require correction. They grow up under the

old system; and Ontario is anxious, and is doing her best to inaugurate a new system. We have every hope that she will ultimately succeed. Nature favors her. She has the most fertile lands in the Confederation; she has also the most valuable mineral and timber lands. Let her, as she is bent on doing, make the most of her resources, and success must crown her efforts. Her mineral lands are a source of incalculable wealth; and the sooner a portion of this wealth is extorted the better for Ontario and the Confederation at large. There need be no danger of exhausting the stock; for if a fifth of all that is reported regarding the Superior region be true, its riches are inexhaustible, and they have yet been touched.

MEETING OF THE MERCHANTS' BANK.

A Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank, to ratify the agreement of amalgamation with the Commercial Bank of Canada was held in the Banking House of the former on Monday, the 24th February, at noon.

The Stock was very largely represented, there being seventy-five Shareholders present, owning and controlling 12,176 shares in the Bank.

The President, Mr. Allan, entered into a short statement of the reasons and circumstances which induced the Directors of the Merchants' Bank to negotiate for the transfer to it of the Commercial Bank, and he explained the present position approximately of the affairs of the latter.

He then read the proposed indenture of agreement,

which was as follows:—

This indenture, made day of in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight, between the Commercial Bank of Canada, a Corporation of the first part, and the Merchants' Bank, a Corporation of the second part.

Whereas the party of the first part, by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, entitled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Commercial Bank of Canada, to authorize the amalgamation with any other Bank or Banks, or for its winding up," was passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, is authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with any other Banking Institution or Institutions for an amalgamation or union.

And whereas the party of the first part, and the party of the second part, have mutually agreed to enter into such agreement, and to amalgamate and unite together upon the terms, and subject to the provisions hereinbefore mentioned and set forth.

And whereas such agreement, and the several terms thereof, at a meeting of the shareholders of the party of the first part, duly convened and held on the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, have been duly confirmed and approved of.

And whereas such agreement, and the several terms thereof, at a meeting of the shareholders of the party of the second part, duly convened and held on the twenty-fourth day of February, have also been duly confirmed and approved of.

Now, therefore, these presents witness, and it is hereby declared, covenanted and agreed upon by and between the said respective parties to these presents as follows:—

1. That the said respective parties shall upon, and after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, thenceforth be, continue and constitute one united and amalgamated Corporation under the name, title and style of the "Merchants' Bank of Canada."

2. That the then capital stock of the last mentioned Corporation shall be the sum of Three Million Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, and each share shall be taken to be equal to and represent one hundred dollars in the capital stock thereof; and in such capital stock three shares in the capital stock of the Commercial Bank of Canada shall be taken to represent and to be equivalent to one fully paid up share in the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank, and the shares of the said two Banks respectively shall be exchanged for shares in the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank of Canada in the said above mentioned proportions, and in case any actions of shares in the Commercial Bank of Canada that may be insufficient to contribute one share in the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, the Directors thereof may make such arrangements in respect therof as they may deem proper; and dividends to be payable on the capital stock of the said amalgamated Bank shall be construed to begin and to be payable from the first day of January. In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

3. That the Directors of the said amalgamated Bank shall be seven in number, and from and after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and until the annual general meeting of the said Bank, the following persons now Directors of the Merchants' Bank, Hugh Allan, Edwin Atwater, Andrew Allan, Hugh Fraser, William F. Kay, Damaso Masson and Adolphe Roy shall be such Directors.

4. The Head or Principal Office of the Merchants' Bank of Canada shall be situate at the city of Montréal, and that the said office may be removed under the provisions of the said recited Act.

5. That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada shall be held at the Head or Principal Office of the said Bank for the time being, on the first Monday in the month of July in each year.

6. That the Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada may choose and appoint one of their number to be the President, and one other of their number to be Vice-President of the said Bank.

7. That upon and after the first Monday of July, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, the provisions of the act incorporating the Merchants' Bank, as amended by the amendments thereto; and the By-Laws made and to be made thereunder, shall regulate all matters and proceedings concerning the retirement, eligibility, and choice of Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada. But at the first annual general meeting of the shareholders of the said Bank, and of all the Directors hereby appointed shall retire, being, however, eligible for re-election.

8. That the Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada may, from time to time, establish branch banks, agencies, or offices for the transaction of banking business, or for the better and more profitable conduct of the business of the said Bank at such place or places as the Directors may think proper.

In witness whereof the respective parties of the first and second parts have executed these presents to the Commercial Bank of Canada on the day of in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the Merchants' Bank on the day of

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Executed and delivered in duplicate by the Commercial Bank of Canada in presence of

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After which he proposed the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

"That the agreement of amalgamation between the Commercial Bank of Canada and the Merchants' Bank set forth in the indenture of union now before the meeting be, and the same is hereby confirmed and approved for execution by the officers of the Bank, and that the same indenture be entered at length in the minutes of the meeting."

THE BREADSTUFFS TRADE.

An impartial survey of the condition of the grain

trade warrants the conclusion that the yield of the last harvest has not been over-estimated. It was generally conceded that our crops were unusually abundant; but the question arose whether, in view of the moderate average result of the European harvests and the depleted condition of stocks both at home and abroad, the new supply would be more than adequate to bring up the stocks to the average standard and to supply the current consumption. A negative view of this question was very generally taken, and has prevailed until quite recently; and hence the high prices at which breadstuffs have been held since the harvest. Now, however, the grain movement is assuming an aspect calculated to modify this conclusion. The stocks of wheat and flour at the grain centres are fully up to those of the same period of the last two years, and yet there is a large amount still in the hands of the farmers. At Chicago, our chief grain entrepot, the present stocks are very largely in excess of those at the same time in 1867, as will appear from the following comparison:

FLOUR AND GRAIN IN STORE AT CHICAGO.

	Feb. 1, 1868.	Feb. 2, 1867.	
Flour, bbls.....	82,703	91,482	Dec. 10, 1867
Wheat, bush.....	22,975	67,731	Incl. 216,21
Corn, bush.....	1,933,471	833,183	Incl. 1,302,783
Oats, bush.....	671,702	2,848	Incl. 216,437
Barley, bush.....	106,941	322,568	Incl. 216,325
Rye, bush.....	38,834	130,503	Incl. 83,623
Total grain.....	3,892,000	2,431,941	
Increase.....	1,413,789	

There is thus an increase in the stock of wheat of 246,224 bushels; in corn, of 1,802,283 bushels; and in oats, of 174,371 bushels, while in flour, barley and rye there is an immaterial decrease. The entire stock of grain at Chicago is 52 per cent above that of February, 1867. At the beginning of this month there was 925,148 bushels of wheat in store at Milwaukee, which is largely in excess of the stock at the same date last year. It is estimated that the stocks of wheat at the various points between New York and Milwaukee inclusive, aggregate 5,200,000 bushels, against 3,800,000 at the same period last year: an increase of nearly 50 per cent. At New York the stocks are exceptionally light, as compared with last year; which circumstance has considerable influence in sustaining prices against a condition of supply which would seem to call for lower values. The following shows the comparative stocks at this port:

GRAIN IN STORE AT NEW YORK

	Feb. 3, 1868.	Jan. 31, 1867.
Wheat, bush.....	1,300,30	2,200,000
Corn, bush.....	1,45,003	2,0,000
Oats, bush.....	2,167,663	2,700,000
Barley, bush.....	189,313	600,000
Total.....	3,673,123	11,300,000
Decrease.....	6,633,00

Notwithstanding this large decrease at this port, which as will be seen in the above statement is chiefly in corn and barley, the stocks at the several points combined, largely exceed those of last year. While in the item of corn there is a decrease here of 2,200,000 bushels, there is at Chicago an increase of 1,800,000 bushels. It should be remembered that the premature closing of the canals kept back a large amount of grain en route for this city; which will go far to-

ward accounting for the present lightness of our stocks, and much will come forward on the opening of navigation. The severity of the winter has been against the forwarding of supplies by rail, ad, while in the interior the excellent sleighing has enabled the farmers to convey to the markets a liberal amount of grain, making the receipts at the lake ports, since the opening of the year, nearly double the average for the same period of the two last years, the increase in corn being especially large—an indication that the corn crop has been under-estimated. The following statement shows the receipts of flour and grain at the ports of Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, and Cleveland from Jan 1 to Feb. 8, and for the same period of the last two years:

RECEIPTS AT LAKE PORTS FROM JAN. 1 TO FEB. 8.

	1864.	1867.	1866.
Flour, bbls.....	315,923	416,672	216,725
Wheat, bush.....	1,311,633	1,187,683	1,334,387
Corn, bush.....	3,115,973	1,113,687	860,018
Oats, bush.....	612,661	612,978	831,968
Barley, bush.....	208,143	184,918	16,122
Rye, bush.....	73,921	107,003	63,968
Total grain	5,722,976	3,8,6,271	2,900,622

The general tenor of advice from the West justifies the expectation that this liberal rate of receipts will be continued. It is admitted that the farmers have still a large balance of their crop on hand. The high prices they have received for their products have enabled them to hold back an unusually large portion of the crop, this reserve being variously estimated at from 30 per cent. to 40 per cent., or even at high as 60 per cent. of the whole yield. Any indications of a weakening of prices would be quite likely to bring this supply rapidly into the market. Nor are we to lose sight of the California supply, which now has quite an important bearing upon our market. Last year, that State exported 4,000,000 sacks of wheat, and 510,000 bbls. of flour, Great Britain taking about 80 per cent. of the whole. The latest advices represent that the surplus exportable from this source is likely to be more than was expected, and that, with a fair season, the next crop will be a large one. Moreover, it is reasonable to anticipate that the high prices realised during the two last years for cereals will induce in all parts of the world an extensive preparation for the next harvest, that being the almost invariable result of high price.

The present condition of the British markets is not favorable to the expectation of a very large demand from that source. The millers are represented as buying little, and the wheat trade is being very inactive. The stocks of wheat and flour at the ports are in excess of those of last year and equal to those of the preceding year, while the amount abroad for Great Britain is estimated to be about two million quarters. The following shows the stocks of flour, wheat, and corn at the principal grain ports of the United Kingdom at the close of the last three years:

Stocks of Flour, Wheat and Corn in the United Kingdom.

	1867.	1866.	1865.
London, qrs.....	229,000	220,000	241,000
Liverpool, qrs.....	181,400	169,000	144,022
Glasgow, qrs.....	100,000	100,000	22,000
Bath, qrs.....	65,000	50,000	18,000
Gloucester, qrs.....	63,000	49,000	30,000
Dublin, qrs.....	141,400	50,000	52,000
Total wheat	813,000	813,000	850,000

	1867.	1866.	1865.
Sacks & Bbls.....	82,000	18,000	81,000
London.....	51,000	10,000	17,000
Liverpool.....	21,000	9,000	21,000
Glasgow.....	27,000	3,000	15,000
Total 13.....	131,000	21,000	51,000
Total Sacks & bbls	373,000	333,000	333,000

INDIA CORN.

	1867.	1866.	1865.
London, qrs.....	603	18,000	5,000
Liverpool, qrs.....	43,000	14,000	6,000
Glasgow, qrs.....	700	39,000	19,000
Dublin.....	6,000	7,000	15,000
Total.....	46,000	79,000	61,000

Putting together all these considerations, it would appear that there is a strong combination of causes unfavorable to the maintenance of the present high prices of breadstuffs. These tendencies are strengthened by the depressed condition of industry in many parts of the country, enforcing a rigid economy of consumption, and by the further fact that in Great Britain and some parts of the Continent a similar depression exists. We venture, however, no predictions as to the future course of prices, but simply present these naked facts for the candid consideration of those whom they may concern.—A. Y. Financial Chronicle.

THE TAX ON MANUFACTURES.—A letter from George W. Allen, Member of Congress from Ohio, addressed to the Secretary of the National Manufacturers' Union, speaks of the prospect of repealing the taxes on manufactures as follows:—"The pressure brought to bear upon Congress is more than it can withstand. There is a general feeling of retrenchment, and I am mistaken if there will be radical reforms before long. The Committee of Ways and Means have already resolved to report a bill repealing all taxes upon manufacturers, except luxuries, and we hope to get the income tax off also, and expenses reduced sufficient to admit of it. To this end we are laboring with individual members and the different committees whose heads are expenditures, appropriations, &c. I think I am safe in saying that our labora will be crowned with success, but it must be watched and pressed to the end."

HURON AND ONTARIO SHIP CANAL CO.

WHilst bread in England is at so high a price as to diminish to a serious extent the few comforts of the labouring poor, and several of the continental states, owing to scanty harvests, are eagerly competing with us in the market for a sufficiency of food supplies, grain is as abundant in North-Western America that farmers in that part of the world practice economy by substituting Indian corn, which is grown on the spot, for coal which has to be fetched from a distance, as fuel for their ordinary domestic purposes. On our side of the Atlantic there are millions of mouths clamouring but clamouring in vain for more food, and on the other side of the Atlantic a thousand millions say up in the interior food good wholesome substantial food exists in such immense superfluity that to waste it on the hearth is an actual saving. To what cause is the contrast to be ascribed? How is it that the granary of the west full as it is to bursting is not more available for the wants of the east? The reply is but a repetition of the old old story. The means of transport are as yet so circumscribed and insufficient and therefore so costly that it is found impracticable to eat the corn collected at Chicago and Milwaukee down at Liverpool or London at a sufficiently low price and in a sufficiently large quantity to satisfy the need of our hungry population. Through already existing canals grain may be said to trickle into England, and the problem which waits to be practically solved is how and by what channel it can be made to pour in a continuing and copious stream.

Water carriage from Chicago to Liverpool supposing it to be at once direct and adequate would abundantly satisfy all the necessary conditions of transit which the case requires. Water carriage, it is true already does something—but both in time in distance and in capacity the present provision falls lamentably short of the want. The desideratum is canal accommodation that shall link together all the facilities nature has given so that ships of heavy burden shall, without the necessity of breaking bulk make a single passage from the far west to the east within a reasonable time. Is it really feasible thus to unite by a single line of communication the market of Chicago with that of Liverpool or London?

We are happy in being able to give a satisfactory answer to this inquiry. The Legislature of Canada has passed an act authorising the construction of a ship canal between Lakes Huron and Ontario, a distance we believe, of little more than sixty miles. This work, commencing at the Georgian Bay, utilising Lake Simcoe, and having its outlet in Lake Ontario, is intended to be of sufficient capacity to admit of the easy passage between lake and lake of 1,200-ton steam propellers, and will thus bring the two extremities of the line within 12 or 14 days distance. The engineering difficulties are not very formidable at any rate they present no obstacle which science and skill may not readily overcome. Indeed so great are the advantages promised by this scheme that half the capital required to reduce it from a project to a fact has been provisionally subscribed for already in the United States. It is estimated that the entire outlay required will be about £8,000,000.

The special facilities it will offer to commerce are the following—It will shorten the distance between Chicago and New York 375 miles, and between Chicago and Quebec—which for the purposes of European trade may be taken as on the direct route to Liverpool—not less than 428 miles, and it will abridge the interval between these places respectively even more in point of time—because, being far more direct as a line of transit, it will obviate all necessity for a transhipment of goods. It will thus diminish the cost of freight from 25 to 50 per cent. It is hardly requisite that we should point out the general features of the American district which the Huron and Ontario Canal will open up for the benefit of English consumers and manufacturers. The trade of the Western States is expanding with almost incredible rapidity and its capabilities may be soberly described as immense. The history topographical and commercial of Chicago and Milwaukee would read like a tale of the Arabian Nights' and every probability points in the direction of an early and progressive multiplication of such marvellous transformations. Agricultural produce of all kinds, but "rain especially" may be augmented to almost any conceivable extent. Natural wealth too lies undeveloped as yet and waiting only adequate means of intercommunication to reward the adventurous along the Canadian shores of Lake Superior.

Of course, it is not our business to set forth the numerous advantages or possible disadvantages of a great national project of this kind. We take no other interest in the enterprise than such as may be truly characterised as patriotic and cosmopolitan, nor, even if we did, should we venture to display that interest to our readers. But it is fitting that we should give as much completeness as the case will admit of to the information we have ventured to lay before them. We may, as well add, therefore, that Mr. Frederic G. Capreol, of Toronto, is in this country with a view to promote the undertaking, that he has with him all the preliminary surveys and plans that they have received the approval of the most eminent among British engineers, and that Mr. Capreol's reputation for judgment and enterprise in Western Canada is greatly facilitating his progress among capitalists in this country. The canal profits, it is estimated, will yield seven per cent on the capital invested, but over and above these there is anticipated at the Provincial Legislature a still greater grant of land along the line of the canal, which, like a similar grant made to the Illinois Central Railway Company, will offer great additional advantages to such as unite in the undertaking. We wish the project entire success. It seems worthy of it and could it be carried into effect of no use we are certain—that it will bring about results of vast importance to those of any engineering feat of the last times. London & Lancashire.

THE PROPOSED SHERBROOKE COTTON FACTORY.

SHERBROOKE, 10th February, 1863.

Esq., Montreal.

DEAR SIR According to promise, I have the pleasure to lay before you what I consider some of the advantages enjoyed by this town as a site for a cotton factory.

Before, however, entering upon the question in detail let me call your attention to the fact that all similar undertakings on this continent have been started in the country, and not in the large cities—these latter being the trade centres and not in themselves seats of manufactures, siding largely (and indeed in the case of Boston and New England almost exclusively) in the building up of country towns, where water-power is available. Lowell, Lawrence, Manchester, Great Falls, Lowellton, &c., &c., derive all their importance from Boston capital and in their turn contribute mainly to the growth and maintenance of the mother city if I may so call it. This proof of the value of water power for manufacture when even their establishment in remote places demanded a heavy outlay of capital for the building and maintaining of boarding houses for operatives ought not to be lost sight of in the consideration of the question as to the best available site for a cotton factory at the present time in Canada.

To one so thoroughly conversant with the details of the subject as you are, I need only refer to the immense sum expended in the building of the dams across the Merrimac and Androscoggin Rivers, as well as for the canals which render the power available to prove that if steam power could fairly have entered into competition with water power and that a great trading market had found an eligible site for manufacture, then on the New England coast made most extraordinary mistakes and have repeated their original errors over and over again knowing the New England character I scarcely think you will believe that the subject was not fully digested before the resolution was come to of utilizing their rivers instead of depending on steam for the necessary power.

I now proceed to mention some of the facilities offered by this town.

In the first place the Town Council will relieve the Mill from taxation for a certain number of years, or what is equivalent to it, will place so low a valuation on the property as to be of no consideration practically. They have done this in the case of the new Woolen Mill of A. Paton & Co., and that precedent meets with no opposition in the town. Secondly, the land consisting of three acres and water-power sufficient for a mill of 10,000 spindles and 240 looms, can be had of the British American Land Company in perpetuity for \$10,000, which the Company is willing to take in stock, or on a perpetual rent of \$600 per annum if preferred. The site is that where the old Paper Mill formerly in the occupation of Messrs. Angus & Logan stood. The dam is already built and even the bulk-head, and the expense of forming the connection to obtain the water supply would be trifling.

The power is never failing, and is at the same time not liable to the disadvantage of high water, so common in the large rivers in the States, and in most of our Canadian rivers. If reference be required as to the power, I am sure Messrs. Angus & Logan, will bear willing testimony in its favor.

Building materials are to be had in abundance at a low rate in this town. Timber costs from \$7 to \$8 per 1,000 feet inch board measure, sawn into dimensions there being a mil. in the town capable of sawing sticks upwards of 60 feet long if desired. Waste in timber is thus prevented. Bricks are also made within the town, of excellent quality, very hard and durable, and can be contracted to be laid in the walls at \$7 per thousand. The above prices were paid for the building of the new woolen mills of A. Paton & Co., recently erected. Good rough rubble stone for foundations can be had at the quarry within the town limits, and it a superior stone be required the boundary line granite can be had at a cheap rate, the cost of freight not being very heavy, owing to its being down grade almost the entire distance to Sherbrooke. If slate be desired for roofing it can be had of the most superior quality at the Melbourne quarries, within 2½ miles of Sherbrooke, and perhaps at a quarry recently opened within six miles of the town, where the samples are said to be excellent.

As to labour, Sherbrooke as you, I dare say know, is already a town of nearly 4,000 inhabitants and possesses two woolen mills, a paper mill, and several other manufacturing establishments. A cotton mill therefore will not have to build up its own market for labour but will only tend to cause a larger supply of labour to pour in, as is always the case when the demand is known to be large and steady. In consequence of the size of the town, there will be no necessity for the erection of boarding houses for operatives. Again the Eastern Townships possesses, perhaps, the largest amount of valuable labour for cotton mills that can be found in any part of Canada. For years past our young girls have sought employment in New England and are well skilled in the work and there can be no doubt that the establishment of such undertakings near their own homes, would always have the preference with such persons, their parents and friends. They would run no risks compared with those to which young girls are subject in a foreign country, entirely removed from supervision.

Sherbrooke is also well supplied as a market there being three market days in the week, besides a cattle market on the first Wednesday in each month from May to December. Fuel, as compared with Montreal, is very cheap indeed, the best cordwood four feet long, costing \$2.00 per cord. There is also, an excellent machine shop for repairs of machinery when needed, which would obviate the necessity of any ex-

pensive provision of that nature in connection with the mill.

You are, of course, aware that Sherbrooke is the principal way station of the Grand Trunk Railway between Montreal and Portland, and the raw cotton may either be brought from St. Louis by the great lakes and then by rail, or may be purchased on the Atlantic sea-board, and brought from Portland by rail. Both plans are adopted for the supply of the cotton mills in the State of Maine, at Lewiston, Biddeford, &c., the relative advantage of route being governed by the price of cotton on the Mississippi, or on the Atlantic coast.

I may here mention that the quotation of freight is an important one for the Grand Trunk Railway. I am assured that every facility will be given to aid the enterprise if established here. You are aware that the great bulk of the Grand Trunk freight is eastward, and it is a matter of great importance to them that their return cars from Portland should be filled. The raw cotton, purchased on the Atlantic coast, shipped to Portland, unloaded at the Grand Trunk wharf and carried to Sherbrooke, would be to them a most desirable source of business, and then the carriage to Montreal, of manufactured goods, is also in the light of return freight. I have no doubt Sir Brydges would be found to take most favorable view of this extension of the railway business, added to which it is by the increased business of the towns along the line that the railway company must look for an increased return to themselves.

I suppose the great bulk of the manufactured goods would go into Montreal for distribution, but it must not be lost sight of that the Eastern Townships would themselves consume large amounts if (as I presume would be the case), the cloth would resemble the best of the American goods in its manufacture.

The people of the Townships know well the value of American goods of this nature, and I am assured by merchants of long standing, that they can sell twenty yards of American cloth to one of English, even at a higher price than the English goods will command.

With these few statements I leave the matter in your hands, believing that in cheapness of land and power—permanence of power—security from excess of water in treacherous, cheapness of building materials, economy in fuel, abundance of labor, freedom from taxation and other advantages, the position of this town gives it the pre-eminence as a site for the establishment of a cotton mill.

I remain my dear sir,
Very faithfully yours,
R. W. HENEKER.

(Signed.)

NARROW-GAUGE RAILWAYS.

STATEMENT OF MR. G. L. REID, C. E.

HAVE had twenty-one years experience in railway construction: sixteen years in this country as chief engineer of the Great Western Railway, and ten years of these sixteen as engineer of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway in Michigan. The latter is of a gauge 4 ft. 6 in.

Was employed as engineer in converting several light narrow-gauge mineral railways in Scotland, in the general English gauge in 1848 and 1849, so as to enable them to connect with the general railway system of the country.

I have gone carefully into the whole question of the narrow-gauge system, as between 8 ft. 6 in. and 5 ft. 6 in. gauges, and I find that the difference (assuming 60lb rails for the broad-gauge and 40lb rails for the narrow, barely exceeds 10 per cent in favor of the narrow-gauge in first cost. The only saving is in a parallelogram of two feet in width in the middle of each cutting and embankment, and a contraction of two feet in length of culverts and of width of bridges, and also a reduction of weight of rails, length of sleepers and width of ballast. But in all other respects the two gauges are the same viz., in width of ditches, drainage works, right of way and clearing, fencing and road-crossings, station buildings, platforms, wood-sheds and water-tanks, turn-tables and engine sheds, and all general expenses.

The track of the 5 ft. 6 in. gauge is, as I have said lighter than the broad gauge, and consequently a smaller and lighter class of rolling must be used otherwise the rails would very soon be destroyed; but this lighter rolling-stock is not cheaper than that required by the broad gauge lines, inasmuch as a greater number of cars are needed to do the same amount of business. I have carefully estimated the amount of this difference, and I find that the excess in cost will reach 20 per cent over that required to conduct the same business on the broad-gauge system. The actual cost of working the traffic where it is of moderately large amount—such as that of the Northern railway, or of the Welland and Guelph railway, will be about 50 per cent cheaper on the broad gauge than on the narrow system.

A train of loaded freight cars on the 5 ft. 6 in. gauge consists, on a level road, of twenty-five loaded cars, holding ten tons each 240 tons, or on a railway having gradients of sixty feet per mile the load is fifteen cars of ten tons load—150 tons, whereas the load on a 5 ft. 6 in. gauge, having the same gradients is according to the statements of the advocates of that system, only ten cars of seven tons load—seventy tons in all, or less than one-half the capacity of the broad gauge.

The narrow gauge engines weigh from sixteen to twenty tons as compared with those of twenty-five to thirty-five tons on the broad gauge. If Mr. Fox is correct (as he says has been done in Queensland, a thirty-five ton engine on a narrow gauge railway, with a track of 40lb rails, the rails will be crushed to pieces in a few months). Capt. Tyler has recommended rails of 75lb per yard for the Grand Trunk Railway, for engines of only thirty tons weight, whilst on the other hand, if he distributes the load over a large number of small wheels (twelve wheels to 22 to 31).

the load to three tons on each wheel, as recommended by Mr. F. A.), he cannot then advantageously apply the power from the cylinders to the axles, and no losses probably more than one half of the available power of his engine. The power of an engine to draw a load is directly as the adhesion upon the rails which again is derived solely from the weight upon the driving wheels, and as this tractive power is only one-eighth of the whole adhesion it is extremely important to utilize as much as possible of the weight of the engine. This can only be done in the case under review, by increasing the limited weight of three tons on each wheel to nearly twice that weight and when this is done then rails of at least 60 lbs per yard must be used which of course, abolishes the light and cheap feature altogether. As regards passenger trains on a narrow gauge railway there are two serious objections 1st. The oscillation must necessarily be very great unless the body of the car is greatly reduced in width as compared with those in use on the existing roads of the country, or the speed must be reduced at least one-half.

In any case the width of the body of the car must be reduced at the very least by two. If not three feet, and the result must be to alter altogether the present internal arrangements of our passenger cars. Instead of a row of double seats along each side, there is a passage way for the conductor between them, it will be necessary to return to the style of cars in use on the street railway, where the passengers sit along the sides, face to face, leaving a passage for the conductor between them, an exceedingly uncomfortable mode of making a long journey.

The whole question resolves itself into this:—If the saving of ten per cent. in first cost is all important, and if the prospect is very unpromising, then a cheap light narrow gauge railway may be adopted. But if there is every reason to expect a moderately large amount of business such as the districts of Grey and Bruce will undoubtedly yield, then the saving in cost of working will repay the extra outlay of ten per cent. in first cost within two years time. In such a case (and this will apply to almost any district in Western Canada) it would be absolute folly to lay down a narrow gauge railway merely to save ten per cent. in first cost, and it is to be borne in mind that as the traffic increases so does the cost of haulage per ton diminish on the broad gauge system, whereas the opposite is the case on the narrow gauge track. As the business of a railway increases it is found advantageous to concentrate the loads as much as possible, and we find that the Great Western Company are now using cars for the transportation of lumber and bulky materials which carry loads of thirty and forty tons—one-half of the net load of a whole narrow gauge train.

The English broad gauge of seven feet is not about to be abandoned on account of its costliness of working, as alleged by Mr. Fox, but it is in contemplation gradually to bring it down to the 4 ft. 8 in. gauge, solely on account of the inconvenience arising from its being hemmed in on all sides by lines of that gauge.

The Irish gauge is 5 ft 3 in., and it was decided upon by the English Government after very careful and long deliberation.

The broad gauge of America is six feet, and within the past three years it has been extended from Erie to Cincinnati, a distance of 600 miles.

GEO. LOWE REID

Hamilton, 19th Feb., 1868

NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE INSURANCE.

THE New York *Bulletin* says.—The meeting of the National Board of Fire Insurance Companies, now in session in this city, is especially worthy of public attention. All classes in the community have an interest in the welfare and stability of fire insurance companies. The risks and the principles upon which they are conducted are far from being matters of little importance. The standing and position of business men and the interests of property holders generally, are intimately connected with the stability of fire insurance. If the premiums do not cover all the risks or if the business of the underwriters is not conducted upon sound economical principles, the community must sooner or later experience the most injurious consequences.

In this view the meeting of the National Board of Fire Underwriters should certainly be attended with beneficial results. It ought to lead to collection of facts from a variety of sources that may tend to remove any defects in the present system of insurance. The heavy losses of the past few years have seriously affected even the most prosperous companies, and the time has arrived for determining whether a reform or at least a modification of existing rules may not be expedient. Upon this subject the report presented yesterday throws considerable light. It seems to authorize the conclusion that the risks of insurance are not covered by an adequate capital, or, in other words, that the present rates of premium are not sufficient. The report states:—

"The insured may find matter for grave consideration in the fact that, in 1859 \$19,809,620 at risk, had, for its protection, capital and assets to the amount of \$20,823,34, while at the end of 1865, \$2,153,695,506 had \$2,360,887. The per centage of protection in 1859 was 8.65 per cent., in 1866 2.88 per cent., and at the end of 1868 2.02 per cent., showing a decrease of 1.63 per cent. of protection to the insured—an alarming decrease when applied to a sum nearly as large as our national debt."

The report states that the risks involved in the management of fire insurance companies warrant the expectation of an interest of twelve per cent. upon the capital. But an average of five years establishes the fact that less than nine and a half per cent. per year has been realized. Over one per cent. of the profits have been absorbed by losses during that period. It is found that while the total amount of premiums in

1865 was three times larger than in 1859, the losses of the former year were five times larger. The per centage of losses on net premiums have increased from 42.67 per cent. in 1859 to 71.33 per cent. in 1866. In 1865 the aggregate losses of the various companies amounted to thirty-four per cent. of the net cash premium. It is probable that this disproportion has been increased during the last two years.

This statement of the position of the companies in relation to the heavy losses which they have recently suffered should, and probably will, lead to well concerted uniform action for the establishment of a closer equilibrium between the amounts of premiums and actual risks involved. The recent heavy fire in Chicago led the underwriters to advance the rates twenty-four per cent., but this action produced remonstrances from the merchants that may probably cause a modification of the new rates. Without presuming to decide whether this increase is or is not justified by the peculiar circumstances attending fire in derivering in Chicago, it is at least desirable that a larger inquiry should be instituted covering all the new interests introduced by the changes of commerce during the last decade, so as to establish the business on a basis that would be equally safe to underwriters and to the public at large.

THE GODERICH BRINE SPRINGS.

(From the London Grocer.)

THE manufacture of salt will probably become an important branch of industry in the Province of Ontario and give employment to a considerable amount of capital. Amid the excitement incident to the opening up of gold, silver, and iron mines, we are apt to overlook brine springs, which are likely to contribute in a large degree to our national wealth. The Onondaga formation, which is the source of the New York brine springs, is salt-bearing in the vicinity of Goderich. Evanson newspaper paragraphs now and again, make us aware, that salt is produced there and wells are being sunk, but of the operations we know little or nothing. Of the region referred to, Dr. Sterry Hunt speaks in his report (1866) as follows:—

"Recent investigations have shown that this formation, in its course northward, in Canada, becomes greatly augmented in thickness and includes beds of salt which bids fair to surpass in importance those of Central New York."

One well is mentioned in which, at a depth of 964 feet from the surface rock, salt was met with in layers of a foot or more in thickness; the whole volume of the salt-bearing mass being 41 feet, of which the salt itself formed about 30 feet. The salt brought up is described as beautifully white crystalline grains. The brine is remarkable for its purity, the solid matters from its evaporation containing over 99 per cent. of salt, while those of Onondaga, New York, have on an average, over three per cent. of impurities. It results from this that the salt manufactured from Goderich brine must be of exceptional purity. No draining or other mode of purification is needed with the brine to make it salt surpassing in purity the finest hitherto known. Some of the Onondaga brines are almost saturated with gypsum, of which they hold nearly six parts in 1,000, while the Goderich brine contains less two parts. The Onondaga brines also contain, on an average, about 15 per cent. of salt, while the Goderich brine has nearly 28 per cent. The well spoken of yielded 500 to 700 gallons of saturated brine per hour, the former quantity being equal to about 60 bushels in twenty-four hours.

The salt-springs in and about Lake Onondaga are the property of the State of New York. In 1823 the State took possession of them and began to furnish brine to manufacturers. Every encouragement was given to the trade. A bounty of three cents per bushel was paid for all coarse or solar salt that should be sent to the Hudson's River or to Lake Erie, or that should be sent from Oswego to Canada, and a bounty was paid for the transportation of salt barrels on the canals. During the last twenty years the State of New York has received a revenue from the salt manufactured at these springs, in the way of duty, of \$1,254,133. The quantity sent to Canada via Oswego, in 1866, was 61,330 bushels at \$2.03 per bbl. net. The average net price which the company realized for the production of 1866 was \$2.03 per bbl., the net profits of that year being \$272,237. The company paid for boiled salt 10c. and for solar salt 8c. per bushel. The cost for a barrel containing five bushels is placed as follows, in American currency:—

FOR FINE SALT.

Fuel, boiling, and repairs. 19 cents per bushel	95 c
State duty, 1 cent per bushel	05
Taxes and office expenses	10
Rent of block at 12½ per cent.	25
Packing	05
For the barrel	45
Total cost per bbl.	31.85

FOR SOLAR SALT

For manufacturing at 8 cents	40 c
For State duty	05
For taxes and office expenses	10
Rent of vat, &c., at 12½ per cent.	65
For barrel	45

31.65

It is said that the introduction of coal in the manufacture of fine salt has been attended with highly beneficial results. Its superiority over wood is declared to be evidenced in the superior quality of the salt, which can be produced at a largely reduced cost. The quality of salt by solar evaporation is, for many purposes, superior to that produced by artificial heat.

COMMERCE OF NEW YORK.

(From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

At the close of last year we noted the falling off in the receipts of foreign goods, and anticipated a continued reduction through the season upon which we have entered. Some days ago we gave a comparison of the imports of dry goods for the month of January, and renewed our reference to this declining trade. A correspondent, who examined our statistics, addressed us in a humorous vein, asserting that one of our contemporaries was disposed to attribute this falling off in the imports to "the wicked tariff," while others blamed the radical politicians for it, and asked our opinion of the cause of this change. We have already stated explicitly that a protective tariff is not itself a restraint upon the arrival of foreign goods. Frequent and vexatious changes in the tariff operate to discourage imports, but a tariff may be "wickedly" high and oppressive, while it operates to encourage the sale of foreign merchandise. Nor is the falling off due altogether to political causes. The unsettled condition of affairs has undoubtedly depressed trade in every department, and so far has induced a moderate demand for both foreign and domestic fabrics. The reason of this falling off in the imports may be found in the want (from whatever cause) of paying consumers for the products offered, thus making a poor return to the importer, and discouraging his enterprise. But this applies as well to the trade in domestic as in foreign goods. Indeed, the former is the first to feel its influence, so that a high tariff like politics' complications, only injures traffic through a general disinclination to engage in any sort of business venture while affairs are so unsettled.

All of our figures referring to the imports express only their foreign gold value, freight and duty unpaid. The total for January, it will be seen, is a little over fifteen millions against about twenty-one millions for the same month of last year, and thirty millions for January, 1868. It will be interesting to note the changes in this trade, in successive years, and we therefore bring forward the comparative imports in each January since 1850.

Foreign Imports at New York in January.

	Imports of Specie.	Total Imp'ts.
1860	\$433,883	\$12,365,434
1861	210,365	15,468,470
1862	104,706	11,014,097
1863	83,048	18,440,970
1864	283,565	10,607,819
1865	90,234	12,046,827
1866	51,884	15,673,084
1867	880,609	10,000,733
1868	300,512	8,106,743
1869	71,308	10,447,962
1870	228,050	21,766,273
1871	7,263,229	20,827,411
1872	103,658	12,620,849
1873	101,906	15,730,576
1874	141,700	18,977,334
1875	52,268	10,620,117
1876	72,711	30,109,530
1877	126,719	20,979,087
1878	138,574	15,418,571

The stock of goods in bond has not increased since January 1st, the withdrawals being a trifle in excess of the entries for warehousing. The following are the particulars for the last month as compared with the previous two years.

Foreign Imports at New York for January.

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Entered for cons'm.	\$18,556,738	\$11,048,856	\$10,855,830
Ent'd for wareh'sng	10,241,674	9,677,702	6,647,471
Free goods	1,228,757	71,810	778,298
Specie and bullion	73,771	126,719	136,747

Total ent'd at port \$30,109,620 \$20,979,087 \$16,418,571

Withd'n from wh're... 46,821,906 59,637,912 54,019,789

We have now passed through seven months of the fiscal year, and as many of our readers keep their record in even date with the government returns, we present a table showing the total from July 1st.

Foreign Imports at New York for the Seven Months ending January 31st

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Ent'd for cons'm	\$108,884,483	\$88,037,723	\$74,424,231
Ent'd for wareh'sng	66,171,603	62,894,173	53,833,519
Free goods	6,626,883	6,652,752	5,816,786
Specie and bullion	1,144,239	8,524,662	1,586,217

Total ent'd at port \$172,640,197 164,183,240 131,490,763

Wh'd'n from wh're... 46,821,906 59,637,912 54,019,789

The above shows that the stock of all kinds of merchandise now in bonded warehouse is about the same as it was at the close of last June. Before calling attention to the receipts for duties we wish to correct a popular error which is continually repeated in paragraphs going the rounds of the press. Many persons take the total value of foreign imports landed at the ports upon which to estimate the customs; and thus they often make the most serious mistakes in the computation. The duties in this district are collected only upon the dutiable imports actually marketed here. The total cash thus paid here in seven months was only a fraction less than sixty-two millions, upon a dutiable value of \$1,444,620, or an average of about fifty per cent. *ad valorem* upon the entire amount of merchandise subject to duty. The following are the official returns:

Received for Customs at New York.

Six months ending	1868	1867	1866
Jan 1st	\$63,077,823	\$60,631,571	\$54,741,201
In Jan.	12,37,574	10	7,183,423
	9,472,248	48	7,183,423

Total 7 months \$7,614,803 vs \$70,003,820 30 \$61,681,789.88

Our friend Peter Cooper, and his associates in the "Protective League," still keep up the fire against

"free trade," and are as clamorous as ever for more protection to American industry." The above shows what has been attempted in that line. If any inquirer for the results the depressed condition of trade may be reasonably included in the answer. The Eastern manufacturers are beginning to see the evils of such legislation, and the shrewdest among them are now ready to join the shipping interest in searching for some more excellent way of promoting the national prosperity.

We turn now to the exports from this port, and remark that the shipments which follow are chiefly reckoned at their value in paper money. The specie sent abroad is given at its quoted or tale value, but all others at the market price in currency. The total sent abroad in January, exclusive of specie, shows a gain of one million dollars upon the corresponding figures of last year, but is far below either of the years preceding that date. We annex a summary of the returns:

Exports from New York to Foreign Ports in the Month of January.

	1863	1867.	1868.
Domestic produce	\$19,784,097	\$12,911,659	\$13,766,498
Foreign free goods	33,301	114,207	12,680
Do dutiable...	254,909	427,751	669,161
Specie and bullion	2,706,836	2,631,351	7,349,825
Total exports....	\$24,814,613	\$16,939,938	\$21,783,152
Do exc'te of specie	20,103,207	13,448,647	14,448,327

In 1863, the total of produce shipped in January amounted to \$16,651,598. We now bring forward the relative totals from the beginning of the fiscal year.

Exports from New York to Foreign Ports for Seven Months from January 31st.

	Domestic produce	Foreign free goods	Do dutiable	Specie & bullion
	\$125,883,634	\$5,313,522	\$100,829,047	
	34,140	381,896	162,097	
	1,582,297	2,863,846	4,600,668	

	Total exports....	Do exc'te specie
	\$142,602,381	\$117,361,905

The total for the same time in 1863 amounted to \$173,368,051, of which \$148,507,698 were made up of produce and merchandise exclusive of specie. We are glad to notice the little gain in January, and hope that it is a earnest of a more prosperous export trade.

THE KEEP-LOCKWOOD WAR UPON VANDERBILT.

(From the New York Tribune, Feb. 19.)

A PROTEST was this morning served by one of the Directors of the Erie Railway Company upon Messrs. Lockwood and Keep, of the Michigan Southern, to prevent them from making an agreement with the Erie to lay a third rail upon their road, by which broad and narrow-gauge cars alike can be run from the Long Dock to Chicago, and narrow gauge cars from San Francisco and the whole Western continent to the Long Dock. An arrangement of this sort would give the Erie Company new life, and enable it to compete much more successfully for business with the narrow-gauge roads north and south of it, which have grown rich while broad-gauge roads have gone to protest. Objections to a third rail would come with good reason from the New York Central, the Lake Shore, and Cleveland and Toledo Roads, or from the Pennsylvania Central and Western connections, but they are open to the gravest suspicion when they proceed from a Director of the Erie Company, which has always suffered in the traffic from its differential gauge. The following is a copy of the protest.

To the Board of Directors of the Michigan and Southern Indiana Railroad Company, and to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Erie Railroad Company:

GENTLEMEN.—I am informed that a proposition has been made by some of the Directors of the Erie Railroad Company to the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company, to the effect that if "the last-named Company will agree to lay a third rail from Toledo to Chicago, the Erie Railway Company will agree to construct, provide, for the construction of a wide-gauge railroad from Akron to Toledo. As a Director of the Erie Railroad Company and representing a large amount of the stock thereof, I hereby respectfully notify you that I protest against the making of such agreement or of any similar agreement, and that legal proceedings are about being instituted on behalf of stockholders of said Company to restrain the making of any such agreement, and that, in case any such agreement is made, legal proceedings will be instituted to have the same adjudged fraudulent and void, on the ground among others, that the Directors of the Erie Railroad Company who favor such proposed agreement are individually pecuniarily interested in the same being made, and that the said agreement will inure to their personal benefit and advantage, to the great prejudice of the interests of the Erie Railroad Company.

FRANK WORK.

To Le Grand Lockwood, Esq.

New York City, Feb. 17, 1868.

The Michigan Southern Directors have been in session to consider several topics of importance to their property. No dividend has been declared, but it is understood that the stockholders will have something to show for the earnings of the road and in construction, and amounting to \$2,500,000. A plan to lay a third rail upon its direct line has been under discussion, and is much favored by its most experienced managers. Such a rail, which would bring this road on the east in accord with the Atlantic and Great Western and Erie Railways and westward place the new combination in closer communication with the Chicago and Northwestern, would make a consolidation which would defy competition.

This means war upon the New York Central and Lake Shore interests, from which the party who now propose to use the already overburdened Erie corporation were ousted by Mr. Vanderbilt last year. The drive at Mr. Work is that he is regarded as the representative of Mr. Vanderbilt's views in the Erie direction, the Wall Street firm of Messrs. Work, Davis and Barton, being known as the occasional Brokers of Mr. Vanderbilt, as well as his close and intimate friends. But Mr. Work is at all times anxious to see the Western and other relations of the Erie company extended on reasonable terms. He simply protests against saddling new undertakings upon the Company, under existing circumstances, and in any event against fixing more worthless leases and ruinous endorsements of and for so-called connecting roads and coal-pits upon the Company than they are now unfortunately held for.

A DESPONDENT SHIP-BUILDER.

M. Donald McKay, the well-known ship-builder has written a letter upon the depression in the shipping interest, which should be scattered broadcast over the country as an evidence of some of the mischief which has been wrought by the national legislation of the past seven years. So few American vessels have been built of recent years, that the average age of each vessel is ten years, and the trade once done by them has passed to those of other nations, particularly of Great Britain. Among the statements made in the letter is the following:

"I have been endeavouring for several weeks, and without success, to find a sufficient number of ship-builders to sign a call for a meeting of discussion, and the feeling among those I saw, was—they had given ship-building up, and did not expect to ever lay any more keels. Most of these gentlemen have built thousands of tons of shipping and employed thousands of men, and are well known to the mercantile community. Within a circuit of five miles I can count 20 ship-building firms who are now idle, and have been since the war, and most of them built from two to four ships annually before the war."

The difficulty in the matter is the enormous cost of constructing vessels owing to the high tariff and high rate of taxation. In this connection Mr. McKay gives the following list of duties (in gold) upon the various articles required in constructing a ship of 1,000 tons.

Iron, 120,906 lbs.	\$1,209.06
Iron spikes, 9,956 lbs.	249.15
Galvanized spikes, 2,400 lbs.	60.23
Castings, 14,483 lbs.	216.12
Chain cables and rigging chains, 68,500 lbs.	1,457.50
Anchors, 10,700 lbs.	240.75
Metal, and nails for do., 20,838 lbs.	711.83
Salt, 1,200 bush.	218.00
Mainilla, 12,423 lbs.	310.57
Hemp, 28,774 lbs.	863.22
Duck for sails and house tops, including spare sails; 7,160 yds.	714.90
Chimney rings, 1,800 lbs.	88.00
Foreign white pine lumber and decking	822.00
Foreign hickory backstitch knees.	230.00
Copper bolts, composition, castings, paints, oils, crockery, cabin trimmings, nails, and sundry outfitts.	1,255.00

Total dutiable articles for 1,000 ton ship gold \$8,665.83

Is it strange, in the light of these figures, to say nothing of taxation and high wages, that our ship-builders cannot compete with those of Great Britain? Is it not strange that there should be any American vessels afloat? As a partial relief it is proposed that Congress authorize a drawback on duties entering into the construction of new vessels, as is done by Great Britain. Such action would be well enough so far as it went, but more is needed. When the principles of free trade are adopted by the United States, and not till then, will evils such as Mr. McKay complains of be removed.—New York World.

MOVEMENTS OF FISHERMEN.—Accounts from Gloucester state that twenty-five vessels of the herring fleet from Newfoundland have arrived at that port, leaving two stranded and due eight to arrive. Last year, at the same time, all but one vessel detained for repairs had arrived home. The use of frozen herring for bait is one of the most important discoveries of the past ten years. Previous to this discovery it was often a difficult and dangerous business to fish for bait, but now all this has been overcome by the means of ice. An experienced fisherman informed us that the use of frozen herring for bait had made a yearly difference of at least 400,000 quintals of fish in favor of fishermen, and had done more to develop the fishing business than any other event within his remembrance. Ice is also extensively used in preserving fish after they are caught. Instead of the old fashioned wells in which they were kept alive and brought to market half starved.

There are about 400 sail of fish vessels belonging to Cape Ann alone employed in fishing, valued on an average at \$8,000 each, and are manned by about 3,000 persons, including boys. The success which has attended the Cape Ann fishermen has stimulated other cities along the coast to enter the business also; but what New Bedford is to whaling, Gloucester is to fishing, the emporium of the world.—Boston Traveller.

Col. Brady, who made the offer to the people of Sherbrooke, relates to establishing a cotton factory in that town, has withdrawn his offer, the necessary stock not having been raised to comply with his terms. They do not yet despair of accomplishing the object, however, and efforts are to be made, at the suggestion of Mr. Heneker, to get Canadian capitalists in the undertaking.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS PER DAY.

—One of the richest yields of gold ever obtained from a quartz mine, was brought into town on the 23d inst. from a new mine at Mount Uniacke. A lot of fifteen tons of quartz, from a lead six feet thick, opened last fall, yielded the large amount of 235 ounces, or nearly sixteen ounces per ton. When it is considered that a three-inch lead, yielding three ounces to the ton, is considered a good investment, the enormous value of such a property as this must be apparent. The quartz from which the gold was obtained was the product of three men's labor from Christmas until the 25th inst., and, together with between \$200 and \$300 worth of specimens picked out of the rock while mining, gives a net yield of about \$230 per day for each man employed.—Halifax Citizen, 30th ult.

UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.—The N. Y. Journal of Commerce says:—There is probably no reason to apprehend any interruption of friendly relations with England, on account of events now transpiring, but the circumstances are very significant, and may well create a little uneasiness. The resignation of Mr. Adams, United States Ambassador at the Court of St. James, gives increased importance to the intercourse between the new British Minister and the Administration at Washington. Mr. Thornton, chosen to succeed the late Sir Frederic Bruce, was to have been officially presented to the President on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. A little previous to that time Mr. Thornton received a letter from Mr. Seward deferring the reception until Friday, but giving no reason for the postponement. In the evening it occurred to the Secretary that some further explanation might smooth over the seeming abruptness of the change, and he added a note stating that the President was indisposed. We do not know why there should be any necessity for suppressing the real cause of the delay, which is simply a want of accord between the President and his Secretary of State as to what should be said on the occasion about the existing grounds for dissension between England and the United States. We are glad to know that Mr. Thornton is not only a gentleman of rare ability and good sense, but is also devoid of that narrow prejudice against the people and institutions of the United States which characterizes many foreigners, and which has more to do with unfriendly relations between governments than is commonly supposed.

The Quebec Chronicle says:—A late circular of a Glasgow timber firm refers to the disadvantage which Lower Province spruce has had to contend with owing to the competition of Norwegian and Baltic white-wood deals that have been recklessly thrown upon the British market. The circular states that the latter have been, generally speaking, better cut, more solid, cleaner, and of better lengths than the common run of spruce from the Lower Ports, and they have had the further advantage of being sold at rather smaller prices. They have, at any rate, been formidable rivals to Lower Port deals in the estimation of consumers and if equally liberal supplies of them could be depended upon, we would not vouch for the latter realizing any better rates than the rather disappointing ones that have been current for some time. What is true of the Glasgow, is, doubtless, more or less true of the other English markets where deals are sold in any quantity. Fears are entertained of the Baltic countries becoming formidable rivals of these Provinces in this merchandise, both on account of the quantity of wood procurable in the former, and the smaller cost of labor and of freights to Great Britain. The St. John N. B. Globe recommends the extension of every possible encouragement to the lumber trade of the Province, and the removal of every restriction upon it, including the export duty. The loss resulting from such duties falls principally upon the produce of the article exported, and frequently tends to embarrass the trade. In the present case the revenue accruing from the duty is but small, which is an additional reason why it should be at once repealed.

PROSPECTS OF COTTON PLANTING.—A South Carolina planter writes to the National Intelligencer as follows:—

"The majority of our middle men, who used to work from fifteen to twenty hands, are so much embarrassed by debt, unpaid at the surrender, and by the lots of their slaves, that they are bankrupt and have been sold out by the Sheriff, or have applied for the benefit of the Bankrupt Act. Lands are selling at \$1.25 to \$2.00 per acre, which were worth in 1859 from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Every hope of relief is abandoned, there is no encouragement to industry, while cotton is selling from ten to twelve cents, which cost fifteen cents to make it. We cannot raise cotton, sheep, or hogs by stealing; will not work, and cannot starve. The freedmen are becoming poorer every year, and in a few years more, without some great change, the negro must die out or be colonized. The whites are in the majority, and yet the negro has it all his own way throughout the South. They have carried, and will carry, every State election under the existing law.

"In Fairfield District, nineteen planters out of twenty have lost their money by their operations in 1867. Every freedman who worked for himself who rented land and obtained credit, has lost money. Some of them, it is said, made six bales to the hand; but, at the same time, their neighbors' cotton failed, turned out bad, and sold to the acre, besides the loss of corn and peas. Stealing prevails at night. The wages paid this year on my place, for men are \$60, with board, \$60 for women, and \$20 for half-hands with board. Some freedmen have bargained for one bale of cotton and ten barrels of corn; some for a third of all the crop, and bad, that is, steal their own provisions, with their clothing for themselves and families, medi-

cal bills, &c., there is not a dime left, and it will become worse in the future.

"The best negroes are discouraged by the fact that so many negroes get a living in some shape without work. Our district is not so bad as many others, but I am sure that there are in it five hundred families that will not have corn much less meat, after the 1st of April."

The distribution of corn last year by the Freedmen's Bureau produced a great injury. About seven-eighths of it was given to negroes who were able in most cases to work, and about one-eighth of white people, without proper discrimination, and the same people have their mouths wide open, waiting for federal rations. My candid impression is, that when we get relieved from military rule the whole people will go back to work, and will work cheerfully; and what is better, make every black man in the South work as he formerly did, or quit the country. We can then make a living with twelve cents a pound for cotton, and have provisions in abundance. But just as long as negroes are allowed to make laws (see Charleston Convention), our whole population will barely survive. The negro will subsist before we can anticipate any favorable change in the moral, political, or pecuniary condition of the people."

MONEY MARKET.

THERE has been no change in rates during the week, and the market is easy, in so far as the ability of banks to discount is concerned. A good caution is doubtless exercised in the selection of paper, but on good business paper, and on undoubted securities of other kinds, there is no difficulty in obtaining money.

STERLING EXCHANGE is entirely unchanged, and is quiet at quotations.

GOLD in New York has been in a very excited state, consequent on the political condition at Washington, the impeachment of the President, &c. It rose to 143½, but immediately fell back one per cent., and subsequently receded to 141½, the closing quotation. Greenbacks have fluctuated here according to changes in gold.

SILVER has been quiet, and rather more abundant, the closing price being 4½ to 4 per cent. discount.

The following are the latest quotations of Sterling Exchange, &c.—

Bank on London, 60 days sight.....	110½ to 110½
" " " sight.....	111
Private, " 60 days sight.....	None.
Bank in New York, 60 days sight.....	109½
Gold Drafts on New York.....	par to 1-10 d.
Gold in New York.....	141½
Silver.....	4½ to 4 dis

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baker, Popham & Co.	MacKenzie, J. G. & Co.
Matthews, James, &c.	McArdle, Joseph, & Bro.
Clark, John F. & Co.	May, George.
Claire, T. & Co.	May, Thomas, & Co.
Davis, Welsh & Co.	McCallum, Jack, & Co.
Donnelly, James	McLachlin Bros. & Co.
Junn, H. Fish & Co.	McMaster & Co. Wm. J.
Foulds & Hudgson	Moss, S. H., & J.
Gilmour, J. Y. & Co.	Muir, W., & R.
Greenfield, S. Son & Co.	Munderloh & Stomcken.
Hington, Tricker, & Co.	Orrlby & Co.
Hughes Brothers	Pilgrim, Ambrose & Co.
Johnstone, James, & Co.	Robt. Jas. & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Stephen, & Co.
Mackenzie, Andrew, & Co.	Suring, McCall & Co.

NO business has yet been done, but goods now begin to be received and will soon come in rapidly; but two or three weeks must yet elapse before stocks are at all in a complete condition. Travellers are about to start out on their first trips for the season, and orders will probably begin to be received during the next week or ten days.

Colton's odds are decidedly firmer, and it is probable that, under the influence of the continued advance in the Liverpool and Manchester markets, prices here will also advance slightly. In Liverpool, since last report, cotton went up as high as 10½d. for Middlebald Uplands, but receded from the highest point, and is now quoted 1d. lower. The Manchester market was affected in the upward direction, but the advance was less rapid than in the raw material.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Cathcart & Cavellill	LaBirrie & Bourdieu.
Evans & Evans	Korland, Watson & Co.
Evans, John Henry.	McMillan, & Baker.
Hall, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Jas.
Waddell, W. H.	Round, John & Sons.
	Waddell & Pearce.

WE have no alterations whatever to make in the price of goods in this branch of trade, and in the absence of any but the most retail business quotations may for the most part be looked upon as nominal. Holders of heavy goods would be willing to accept lower figures for round lots, but it is very difficult to obtain an offer even for small lots and no transactions are reported as having been made during the past week.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.	Mathewson, J. A. & II.
Chapman, Fraser & Tyers.	Mitchell, James.
Chapman, H., & Co.	Moore, Semple & Hatchette.
Childs, George, & Co.	Murphy, Martin & Beattie.
Davis, Clark & Lamb	Nobbs, David.
Duncan & Forster	Timms, Fred.
Frank, J. C. & Co.	Thompson, Murray & Co.
Gillepie, Moffatt & Co.	Torrance, David, & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.	West, Bros.
Kelgan & Kinloch.	Winning, Hill & Ware.

THE trade of the past week has been very limited and offers nothing to chronicle worthy of note. Some business at very low prices has been done in teas, and there is still some enquiry for uncolored Japs.

Sugars are very low in stock, and are firmly held at about quotations. In other articles, nothing has been done.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.	Seymour, C. E.
Bryson, Campbell.	Seymour, M. H.
Hus & Richardson.	Shaw F. & Bros.

Smyth & Edmundson.

THERE is as yet no marked improvement in the demand for leather, with the exception of rather more inquiry for Waxed Upper, but we learn of no large sales, as views of buyers and sellers are still apart.

Very little news has been arriving recently, owing probably in a great measure to the late storms, there is however a good supply of nearly all descriptions in market, but sales are very light.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Hannan, M., & Co.
Black & Locke.	Holmes, Thomas, & Co.
Buck, Robertson & Co.	Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb	Mitchell, Robt.
Crawford, James	Raphael, Thomas W.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	Sinclair, Jack & Co.
	Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—There is no change in the general features of the market to note. Arrivals have been small and irregular, and the demand of a hand-to-mouth character. Holders continue firm, finding that little additional movement could be effected short of concessions to an extent which they are yet unwilling to make, and for the little which has changed hands former rates have mostly ruled. Broken lots of Fancies and Extras for city use go at former quotations. Supers range from \$7.45 to \$7.65 for the several shades of quality. Nothing but the very best finds buyers at outside rates, while there is little doing in such samples as are on the market at inside figures, most sales consist of fair to good strong brands at from \$7.50 to \$7.60, according to sample. No. 2 and lower grades continue scarce, and meet a fair demand at former rates. Boys are in small supply, and prices well maintained. Rye Flour.—There is little in stock, and sales are restricted to retail lots at about \$6.

OATMEAL.—There are no wholesale operations to note, rates continue nominally unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat—We are unable to note any transactions during the week, and sales may be regarded as nominally unchanged. Peas—There are few transactions on the spot to note. A good demand exists for May delivery, and some sales have been effected at about \$1 per 68 lbs. Oats—Rates continue nominally unchanged, but little movement can be noted owing to the scarcity of cars at the several points of delivery. Barley—Few sales to note, former rates still prevail.

PROVISIONS.—Pork.—A steady contemplative demand exists for Meats, and prices have slightly improved. Prime, and Prime Meats are virtually nominal, although as the season advances hinders advance their view of prices somewhat. We quote \$19.25 to \$19.50 for mess; \$17 for thin mess; \$16.50 for prime mess; and \$13.50 for prime. Dress'd Hogs—Continue in steady demand for consumption, receipts are falling off, and it is likely the whole of the stock will be needed for the local trade at about present rates, \$5.75 to \$6.25 will cover the bulk of transactions; choice heavy in some instances commanding somewhat more.

Lard has somewhat improved, and may be quoted 10c to 10½c for fair samples. Butter has been active, even poor from scarcity commands more attention than it has done for a long time past. Choice continues to be sought after, and exceptional prices are paid for strictly desirable parcels. British markets have sympathised with those on this continent, owing to the entire falling off shipments from hence.

ASSES—Yards have been in better demand at a slight advance in price; closing steady and quiet. Pearls—A few have been sold at \$5.50 to \$5.85, but the demand is very trifling.

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing Price.	Last Week's Price.
RANKS.		
Bank of Montreal.	28½ a 125½	27 a 70
Bank of N. A.	10½ a 104	103 a 104
Dominion Bank.	10½ a 104	103 a 104
City Bank.	10½ a 103	102 a 103
Montreal Bank.	10½ a 103	102 a 103
Bank du Peuple.	11 a 112	111 a 128
Molson's Bank.	10½ a 108	97½ a 108
Ontario Bank.	10½ a 108	99 a 108
Bank of Toronto.	10½ a 108	99 a 108
Quebec Bank.	10½ a 108	99 a 108
Bank Nationale.	10½ a 108	98 a 108
Fore Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Montreal Acquies Carier.	8½ a 82½	82 a 83½
Montreal Royal Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Montreal Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Union Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Mechanics Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Royal Canadian Bank.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
Bank of Commerce.	10½ a 107½	106½ a 107½
RAILWAYS.		
T. R. of Canada	15 a 16	14 a 15
A. & St. Lawrence	10 a 17	16 a 17
W. & St. Lawrence	11 a 114	11 a 114
Do, preferential	72½ a 80	72½ a 80
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols.	\$1.90 a \$20	\$1.90 a \$20
Canada Mining Company	45 a 50	45 a 50
Huron Copper Bay		
Lake Huron S. & C.		
Quebec & L. S.		
Montreal Telegraph Co.	131 a 132	130½ a 131½
Montreal City Gas Company	132 a 140	131 a 140
Montreal & Ry. Co.	102 a 105	103 a 105
Hochelaga Navigation Co.	92 a 100	98 a 101
Canadian inland Steam N. Corp.	106 a 110	105 a 110
Montreal Elevating Company	100 a 102	101 a 102
British Colonial Steamship Co.	90 a 90	91 a 91
Canada Glass Company	93 a 93	93 a 93
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p.c. sig.	80 a 88	86½ a 87½
" " " 6 p.c. sig.	87 a 88	87 a 88
" " " 7 p.c. sig.	92½ a 100	92½ a 100
" " " 7 p.c. ev.	101 a 101	101 a 101½
Montreal Water Works 6 per cent.	91 a 92½	91 a 92½
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p.c.	90½ a 91	90½ a 91
Montreal City Bonds 6 per cent.	102 a 103	102 a 103
Montreal City Bonds 6 per cent.	80 a 80	80 a 80
Kingston City Bonds 6 per cent.	92½ a 93	92½ a 93
Ottawa City Bonds 6 per cent.	90 a 91	90 a 91
Champlain R. R. 6 per cent.	70 a 73	70 a 73
County Debentures		
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	110 a 110½	110 a 110½
Private do	109 a 109½	109 a 110
Private, with documents	109 a 109½	109 a 109½
Bank on New York	29½ a 29½	29½ a 29½
Private do	29½ a 29½	29½ a 29½
Gold Drafts do	par.	par.
Silver	33½ a 4	32½ a 4
Gold in New York	110½ a 110	110½ a 110

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 5th, 1863.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

British Columbia 6 p. c., 21st Dec., 1872.	— to —
Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877.	99 to 101
Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug.	98 to 100
Do 6 per cent. March and Sept.	100 to 100
Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July.	86 to 87
Do 5 per cent. inscribed stock.	85 to 87
New Brunswick 6 percent Jan. and July	99 to 101
Nova Scotia 6 per cent., 1876.	93 to 101

RAILWAYS.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence	64 to 66
Buffalo and Lake Huron	31 to 33
Do preference	51 to 53
Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c.	60 to 63
Grand Trunk of Canada	15½ to 16½
Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c.	78 to 82
Do 1st preference bonds	43 to 45
Do 2nd preference bds.	33 to 35
Do 3rd preference stock	27 to 29
Do 4th preference stock	18 to 19
Great Western of Canada	16½ to 17½
Do 6 without option, 1873	98 to 100
Do 5½ do 1877-78	91 to 93
North R. R. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds.	73 to 75

BANKS.

British North America	49 to 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Atlantic Telegraph	— 45 to 50
Do 8 par cents.	100 to 105
British American Land	15 to 20
Canada Company	60 to 65
Colonial Securities Company	— to —
Canadian Loan and Investment	2 to 1 dls
Hudson's Bay	14½ to 14½
Trust and Loan Company, U. C.	1 to 1½ dis

WEEKLY PRICES CURRENT.—MONTREAL FEBRUARY 27, 1866.

NAME OF ARTICLE.	CURRENT RATES.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	CURRENT RATES.	NAME OF ARTICLE.	CURRENT RATES.
GROCERIES.					
Canfous.	\$ 8	Alo.	2 50 to 3 60	Gins.	1 80 to 1 90
Lacayaya, per lb.	19 to 22	English.	1 20 to 1 60	German, ... per half box	1 80 to 2 00
Rio.	16 to 19	Montreal.	65¢ to 75¢	" 75¢ to 85¢	1 80 to 2 00
Java.	23 to 26	Porter.	2 00 to 2 25	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Mocha.	26 to 30	London.	3 20 to 2 50	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Ceylon.	22 to 24	Dublin.	0 00 to 1 50	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Cape.	17 to 20	Montreal.	10 14	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Marscalbo.	20 to 22	H.	10 16	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Fish.		"	10 18	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Herrings, Labrador.	4 00 to 4 50	Anvils.	12 14	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Prime.	3 50 to 5 00	Common, per lb.	12 16	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Gibbed.	3 50 to 3 80	Potter & Wright.	12 18	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Round.	3 50 to 4 00	BLOCK TIN, per lb.			
Mackerel, No. 3.	6 00 to 7 00	Copper, U.S.	12 18	" 80¢ to 1 00	1 80 to 2 00
Salmon.	18 50 to 20 00	Cut Nails.			
Dry Cod.	3 60 to 4 20	Assorted & Shingle,			
Green Cod.	3 50 to 4 00	per 100 lbs.			
Fruit.		Shingle alone, ditto.			
Raisins, Layers.	2 25 to 2 30	Lathes and dry.	3 40	3 00	
M. L.	2 00 to 2 10				
Valentine, lb.	0 06 to 0 08				
Currents, per lb.	0 01 40 to 0 00 3				
Mincasses.					
Clayed, per gal.	0 37 to 0 40				
Mucorad.	0 40 to 0 45				
Rice.					
Arracan, per 100 lbs.	4 10 to 4 35	Galvanized Iron.			
Fauna.	... to ...	Assorted sizes.	0 06 to 0 09		
Salt.		Best, No. 24.	0 09 to 0 10		
Liverpool Coarse.	1 50 to 1 60	Montreal Common.	0 02 40 to 0 03		
Stored.	1 50 to 2 00	" Crown.	0 04 to 0 05		
Spices.		Steam Refined Pale.	0 03 to 0 03		
Cassia.	0 31 to 0 34	Montreal Liverpool.	0 04 to 0 05		
Clove.	0 45 to 0 50	English.	0 05 to 0 05		
Nutmeg.	0 45 to 0 50	Family.	0 05 to 0 05		
Ginger, Green.	0 15 to 0 30	Compound Extract.	0 05 40 to 0 06		
Jamaica.	0 15 to 0 30	Pale Yellow.	0 08 to 0 08		
Pepper, Black.	0 03 to 0 25	Honey lb. bare.	0 12 to 0 15		
Pimento.	0 03 to 0 25	Lily.	0 07 40 to 0 07 4		
Mustard.	0 18 to 0 25				
Pepper, White.	0 20 to 0 25				
Sugars.					
Porto Rico, per 100 lbs.	8 75 to 9 00	IRON.			
Cuba.	... to ...				
Canada Sugar Refinery,					
Yellow Refined.	0 05 to 0 09				
Cruised.	0 05 to 0 09				
Dry Cruised.	0 05 to 0 09				
Ground.	0 11 to 0 15				
Extra Ground.	0 11 to 0 15				
Loaves.	0 14 to 0 18				
Syrup, Golden.	0 45 to 0 50				
" Standard.	0 41 to 0 45				
Barbados (11 p.c. fare).	8 75 to 9 00				
Teas.					
Twinkay and Kyon					
Twinkay.					
Medium to fine.	0 45 to 0 48				
Common to med.	0 35 to 0 38				
Japan uncolored.	0 50 to 0 62				
Common to good.	0 50 to 0 62				
Fine to choicer.	0 65 to 0 70				
Colored.					
Common to good.	0 50 to 0 60				
Fine to finest.	0 70 to 0 90				
Con por and Souch'g					
Ordinary and dusty	0 35 to 0 40				
kinds.	... to ...				
Fair to good.	0 43 to 0 50				
Fine to choice.	0 73 to 0 90				
Gool.					
Interior.	0 34 to 0 39				
Good to fine.	0 50 to 0 60				
Young Kyon					
Common to fair.	0 40 to 0 60				
Medium to good.	0 50 to 0 70				
Fine to finest.	0 80 to 0 90				
GUNPOWDER.					
Common to fair.	0 60 to 0 70				
Good to fine.	0 75 to 0 90				
Fine to finest.	1 00 to 1 10				
Imperials.					
Fair to good.	0 50 to 0 70				
Fine to finest.	0 80 to 0 90				
Hypocrites.					
Pearl to good.	0 60 to 0 70				
Fine to finest.	0 73 to 0 90				
TOBACCOES.					
Canada Leaf, per lb.	0 02 to 0 07				
United States Leaf.	0 02 to 0 07				
Honeydew, 10%.	0 35 to 0 82				
" 5%.	0 35 to 0 82				
" 3%.	0 30 to 0 47				
Bright, 1 lb.	0 35 to 0 60				
Extra bright.	0 35 to 0 83				
WINE.					
Wines, SPIRITS, AND LIQUORS.					
Met & Chandon Ch'd.	14 00 to 18 00				
Bouche, File & Co.	13 00 to 15 00				
H. More's Champ.	14 00 to 15 00				
Burgundy Port, etc.	10 00 to 12 00				
Port Wine.	1 50 to 4 00				
Sauternes.	1 50 to 2 00				
Ch. Glibert, per case.	12 00 to 15 00				
Jules Mumm's.	12 00 to 15 00				
Bainnart.	14 00 to 15 00				
Varni.	17 00 to 18 00				
Charet.	1 20 to 2 00				
French light wines.	2 00 to 3 00				
BRANDY.					
Henneury's, per gal.	2 25 to 2 30				
Martell's.	2 25 to 2 30				
Robin & Co.'s.	1 90 to 2 00				
Ch. de Lancourt per gal.	1 75 to 2 00				
Pineau, Castillon & Co.	1 90 to 2 00				
Ouard, Dupuy & Co.	1 90 to 2 00				
C. J. D. H. Mourat's.	1 80 to 2 00				
J. G. Sayer & Co.	1 90 to 2 00				
Other brands, per gal.	1 50 to 2 00				
Brandy in cases, do.	6 50 to 9 00				
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Hollands, per gal.	1 45 to 1 50				
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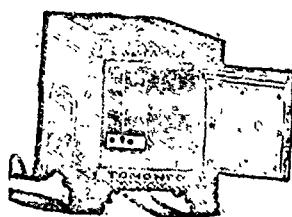
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