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Issued during year enaing 30th April,	Original Sum Assured.	Bonus Added.	Present Sum Assured.
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1850	4,000 00		6.695 88
1855	3,000 00		4,496 54
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1865	2,000 00	779 01	2,779 01
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**per** We have sent a number of papers to shareholders and others not on our list in the hope that they may become subscrib-We shall be glad to hear from them. ers.

#### THE RIVAL GIANTS.

VARIOUS absorptions or amalgamations, more or less recent, have now virtually left the important railway system of the country, as administered by private corporations, in two hands only. The Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific now completely tower above all other lines, with the exception of the Intercolonial, which is a Government undertaking, and is outside of competition with the enterprises above named. Canada increase has just been decided upon. It is geographically extensive enough, one amounts to no less than fifty per cent. on might have imagined, to have permitted these two gigantic corporations to have and is to come into force on the 15th inst. pursued the even tenor of their ways without interfering with each other's interests or in any way coming into business collision. | fire insurance companies from Quebec risks, The old and settled portion of the Dominion and in its results will probably amount seemed to have become recognised as the practically to the same thing. The menace natural territory of the one, while the other of this retiring altogether has reached New was called into existence for the special York, and the Standard of that city says :purpose of developing our newly acquired "The present is not the time for fire insurterritory in the North-West. But, if the ance companies to withdraw. The time newspaper press is to be accepted as has come when fires are likely to be far less authority, these facts have not served "to sweeping than during the past few months, prevent the growth of a bitter hostility rates have been materially advanced, and a between these two great bodies. Each of general interest in the question of water existing companies to reasonable terms the lines appears to have, however, one or supply and fire extinguishment has been should the former show any disposition to

ments that may be herein referred to. The shows to be commensurate with the risks story, as taken from one of these sources they are called to assume, and, unless undeclares that the Grand Trunk has used reasonable, they will almost certainly obtain all its influence, and that successfully, to them. To withdraw now is to sacrifice the prevent the Canadian Pacific from raising business that is already on their books at a money in the London market; and that it time when it is more likely than for many has purchased either existing lines or charters simply to thwart the C. P. R. The supporters of the Grand Trunk retort, through the same medium, that the latter had and has no hostility to the new North-West scheme pure and simple, as at first contemplated, but that its projectors are going entirely outside the original conception. The older line complains that the new one began the war, in the East, by purchasing lines where it neither had traffic nor could reasonably anticipate much, for the sole purpose of annoying, embarrassing and injuring the G. T. R. Then, in self-defence, its friends say, and not till us, are not only confused but contradictory. then, the senior enterprise did adopt a and leave us in doubt whether the Federal retaliatory policy, and they claim that its authorities contemplate negotiating for efforts have fully attained the objects sought. transfer with existing corporations, or erect-But they sturdily contend that it was the ing rival lines of their own, or commencing C. P. R. which began the war of absorption and that the G. T. R. only followed its example, and did not initiate that policy. Advocates of the Grand Trunk further assert that it did not seek any war, but, being in, determined to fight it out without gloves, and is quite satisfied with the prospects. This is "a very pretty quarrel as it "stands," and one in which outsiders are not called upon to intermeddle. It is likely, however, to strike the majority of impartial on-lookers that such contests are calculated to bring an amount of exhaustion to both parties which had much better be avoided, and that the sooner they cease the better for all. The country can as little spare the one in the West as the other in the East, and with such almost limitless territory it should surely not be difficult to make such arrangements as would do away on both sides with the sense of hostile and unwarrantable encroachments.

#### FIRE INSURANCE IN QUEBEC.

In addition to the high rates hitherto imposed in the city of Quebec, a further the present tariff, imposed two months ago, This new tariff is promulgated in the place of a threatened total withdrawal of all the more champions in the daily press, and it is aroused. Let the companies remain, but purchase.

from these alone that we derive any state- let them charge such rates as their judgment months past to yield them a profit." The advice given in New York and the action taken in Canada were about simultaneous, and the one had no bearing on the other-Nevertheless rates have been advanced as advised, and formal withdrawal has not taken place, though the new tariff comes to very much the same thing.

#### GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPHY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE usual press despatches bring unconfirmed news of the progress of a telegraph system under the authority of the U.S. Government. The details, as they reach with trial lines only between the great centres of population as a tentative experiment. From another source it is stated that the bill now before Congress provides that the U.S. Government shall issue bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000, redeemable in twenty years and payable in thirty years, and that at the expiration of ten years there shall be set aside from the earnings of the telegraph \$300,000 per year, to form a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds. It further provides that there shall be a uniform rate of twenty-five cents per message of ten words or less, and twenty-five cents for every additional ten words. It also contemplates a telegraph postal office at. every post-office where there is a carrier system, and that there may be one at any office near the lines provided for where the postmaster can give a sufficient bond to cover any amount which the office may fall short of to meet the expenses incurred on account of the telegraph. The first telegraph line projected in the bill is to run from Portland, Me., to Topeka, Kan., with. branches to all principal cities between the longitudes of those points. In the meantime the telegraph postal line, conducted by private enterprise, for transmission of communications between distant centres of population at a revolutionary reduction of rates, is going on rapidly. The portion between New York and Chicago will, it is expected, be open for business next month. If found to pay, it will be followed by others, until, as the projectors hope, all important correspondence will go that way instead of by mail. The success of this experiment will be watched with interest everywhere, and will certainly lead to the adoption of the principle by the U.S. Government itself, while it will bring the

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WHEN Sir LEONARD TILLEY, in sub-Parliament, something over a year ago, declared his expectation of collecting a total of about \$30,500,000, the statement was received with by no means general belief. The first six months of the fiscal year 1882 -83 expired on the last day of last December, and the anticipations of the Finance Minister appear to be more than likely to be fulfilled. The following is a statement of revenue for the month of December last :-

Excise ...... Miscellaneous .....

\$2,480,764 61

The comparison with the December immediately preceding is as follows :----

Customs		\$1,349,542 02
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Revenue for	Dec., 1882	\$ 2,480,764 61
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Increase for Dec., 1882..... \$161,793 46 The following is a comparative statement for the first six months of the fiscal year 1882-83, ending 31st December, 1882, and the first six months of the fiscal year 1881-82, ending 31st December, 1881 :---

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Miscellan	eous	2,721,715	38
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	JULY TO DE	CEMBER, 1881.	
Customs .		\$10,362,088	92
Inland Ro	venue	3.0.73.275	48
Miscellan	cous	2,441,596	
•		\$15,878,980	70

1881-82..... 15,876,960 70

Increase for six months of 1882... \$2,188,637 13

It will thus be seen that the receipts of the , first six months of the fiscal year 1882–83 so largely exceed even the sanguine forecast of the Finance Minister as to leave no room for doubt that the sum named by him will be at least fully reached, to put the matter in the least favorable way. It should be remembered, too, that this end has been reached, notwithstanding the abolition of the duties on tea and coffee, stamps on bills of exchange and promissory notes, and postage on newspapers. It seems only the other day that Canadian Finance Ministers were compelled to make annual trips, cap in hand, to Lombard Street, to raise funds to meet the national obligations, the shadowy terror of an all but inevitable repudiation ever accompanying them. Today we have no longer to enter into these periodical bargains for fresh tribute to English capitalists. On the contrary, our reputation is high, our financial custom sought, and our Treasury overflowing. It might have been thought that this last fact would have been universally satisfactory, if even on no higher ground than that novelty line-even if the founder of his family was is pleasing, and assuredly it was a very new in the dry goods trade in rather a limited sensation to those who directed affairs at way-should have safely confronted the

revenue and that an undue amount is being mitting his Budget at the last opening of extracted from the taxpayers. This would, if true, be at the worst an error on the safe side, but as a matter of fact our receipts are by no means in excess of our needs. Our growing national importance is forcing rather plumal insult, to invoke his rapid gigantic works upon us in developing our resources, as none know better than those to whom the Reports of the Ministers of Railways and Canals and of Public Works are not sealed books. Our income, indeed, is by no means equal to the expenditure we might profitably make, and perhaps ought section before the truth-compelling Insolto make. Every contributor to it, too, large or small, has ever before him the fact, unparalleled in the history of any other country, that every dollar of our disbursement is in the direction of peace and the extension of civilizing influences. Not one latter addendum to the already fatal recipe cent of it is soiled by contact in any shape appears in some mysterious way to be with war outlay. There is not one drop of supposed to enhance the terrors of the blood sprinkled on our national ledger, and death-agony. To perish by the block would so long as revenue is extracted only for no doubt be more *d* la mode ducal, but that such purposes as it now is, and the people portion of an ancient yet truly respectare so easily able to pay it, they will not cavil at the gross amount. So long existent in England. No doubt the execuas we possess a Finance Minister of tioner could easily find one at Bobcaygeon, such consummate ability as Sir LEONARD however, and that without disturbing the TILLEY has proved himself to be, hostile forestry-a problem which our rural criticism of the financial policy of the Gov- THERSITES ought to be able easily to work ernment of which he is so invaluable a out of his own head. member will fall dead on the minds of our people as a whole, and the dissentients will hardly amount to a corporal's guard.

#### A DOOMED DUKE.

It's all up with "the Dook." A voice from the wilderness—that desert which his Grace says he wishes to make blossom as the rose-denounces him. Bobcaygeon has spoken in an independent manner, put its finger in the pie, and thus settled the aristocratic hash, if such a slight confusion of metaphors may be permitted. But is it really a voice—or a screech—from the backwoods which makes the forest primeval to resound with such denunciations as "That contemptible money-grabber, the Duke of MANCHESTER, will probably meet with a fitting punishment for his nefarious attempt to exact a toll from the poor settlers who seek to make a home in the frigid " lands of the Northwest. The stock in his " company has fallen considerably, and still " continues to fall. It would be satisfactory " to learn that the Duke loses every shilling "he spent in his attempted extortion. It " will be a good thing if the Duke himself should be put in the insolvent court as a " warning and a caution to other land-grab-"bers who seek to place themselves be-" tween the settlers and the land and make " a profit out of the settlers' necessities. If " this thing had taken place in Ireland the " Duke would have been potted from behind "a hedge." Is it possible that one of ducal Ottawa. But there are not wanting a few horrors of the deep (return tickets at a re-

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to declare that we have now a surfeit of duction) to be called "a contemptible moneygrabber"? Or is this a possible misprint for money-grubber? And if so, is not the last offence worse than the first? Like piling PELION upon OSSA, as it were? And then, adding pecuniary injury to vocal or reduction to his last shilling-his "ultimate bob," as his Grace himself is said to be in the habit of facetiously expressing it, as he gazes at the diurnal decadence of his doomed deposit-is certainly cruelly bad. Next, shillingless, penniless, to suffer mental vivivent Court! Arrived at this stage, "the Dook " must be prepared to really welcome the final doom as pronounced at Bobcaygeon. It is merely to be "potted from behind a hedge," and that by an Irishman, which able lethal apparatus is in this age non-

#### THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

IT is complained that whilst the Bank of Montreal and the British Bank think the notes of the Maritime Bank, as now constituted, worthy of confidence, and accept them at all their branches, the Bank of Nova Scotia has played the Maritime Bank a scurvy trick by throwing them out, thereby seriously discrediting its standing. We have no special knowledge of the quarrel, but it seems a pity to strike such a blow at the Maritime just as it is emerging into smooth water with a fair wind, and has justly obtained a large local confidence as well as with the outside world. According to the last statement the capital paid of the Bank of Nova Scotia is one million dollars, and it has Dominion Government deposits to the amount of nearly three hundred thousand dollars. It is on this latter item it probably crows, whilst the plucky little Maritime has only one third of that amount. On the other hand, the directors of the Maritime have borrowed little or nothing, whilst out of the chest of the Bank of Nova Scotia the directors for a long time have toyed with nearly half its capital. The Maritime should set to work and obtain more Government deposits, and it could then crow too. Where is Sir LEONARD? Let it be understood we charge no commission for this hint.

MONTREAL COTTON CO.-Mr. DAVID MOR-RICE has been elected a Director of the Montreal Cotton Company, in the place of the late Sir HUGH ALLAN. Mr. A. F. GAULT was elected to the Presidency, lately filled by the deceased Knight, and the Hon. R. THIBAUDEAU was elected Vice-President, el also e en al caso de la la c 

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Bank of Hamilton	21,206.75	
Canadian Bank of Commerce.	80,5 <b>69</b> .76	900,000.00
Dominion Bank	27,429.73	
Ontario Bank	40,773.75	300,000.00
Standard Bank	44,274.00	50,000.00
Federal Bank	31,161.73	
Bank of Ottawa	16,510.76	
Imperial Bank of Canada	68,013.78	181,197.58
Bank of Montreal	1,659,481.53	2,500,000.00
Ba'k of British North America	5,177.00	••••
Banque de Peuple	4,186.47	
Banque Nationale	9,608.52	209,200.00
Banque Jacques-Cartier	42,002.43	•••••
Banque Ville-Marie	11,123.66	25,000.00
Banque de St. Jean	23,525.81	15,000.00
Banque de St. Hyacinthe	1,663.87	
La Banque d'Hochelaga	38,924.37	
Eastern Townships Bank	66,021.73	•••••••••••••••
Exchange Bank of Canada	57,342.00	•••••
Molson's Bank	50,155.€2	200,000.00
Merchants' Bank of Canada	301,507.29	453,060.67
Quebec Bank	32,413.78	300,000.00
Union Bank of Lower Canada	247.26	300,000.00
Bank of Yarmouth	49,764.27	
Bank of Nova Scotia	199,309.42	
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	164,833.15	100,000.00
People's Bank of Halifax	13,477.10	••••
Union Bank of Halifax	18,631.79	•••••
Halifax Banking Company	•	•••••
Commercial Bank of Windsor	20,420.77	•••••
Bank of New Brunswick	31,809.34 64,93 <b>3.</b> 00	•••••
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	34,211.11	50,000.00
St. Stephen's Bank	33,843.95	•••••

THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER .--- A special from Toronto says it is officially announced that the DUKE OF MANCHESTER has not resigned the presidency of the Land Corporation Co. of Canada, and has no intention of leaving the Board of the Company, despite the rumors to the contrary. The Toronto World maintains that "the dook," as it calls him, has resigned the Chairmanship of the Canada North-West Land Company, and that the Land Corporation Co. of Canada is altogether another and a very petty affair.

#### OUR IMPORTS.

In another column we give details of the total receipts of the Finance Minister for the past year. We now append a concise statement of the imports and exports, with the amount of duty collected, for 1880-81-82 respectively :---

-	Imports.	Exports.	Duty.
1880	\$37,103,869	\$30,224,904	\$5,232,783
1881	43,546 821	26,461,188	7,672,266
1882	49,749,461	26,334,312	8,395,653

It will thus be seen that while our imports. within the period named, have very largely increased, our exports have shown a palp able diminution. As we have before taken occasion to show, this has by no means arisen from the fact that the material for export has been non-existent in Canada. In their discretion, whether sound or otherwise is yet to be proved, our farmers are holding back this year's produce till the garise that at present select corps. A couple opening of next year's navigation, in the of years ago, VANDERBILT was modestly hope of securing higher prices. So soon as put down by these unauthorised assessors as this is liberated, our export table will, it is worth about \$60,000,000, which quickly calculated, be brought near in amount to grew to \$100,000,000, and thence in a little the demand for bills is small.

that setting forth the value of our imports. less than no time to the figures first above If, after that, the difference should still remain excessive, as it may, the covetousness of the agricultural community will le after have been punished and an uncomfortable orona dday. margin remain against the country. Re-\$ cts garded from this point of view, the falling-. . . . . . . off in imports which the tables of December, .000.00 1882, exhibit as compared with those of the . . . . . . . same date of 1881 is anything but an un-0.000.00 mixed evil; and, our exports for the 0.000.00 next few weeks in large measure ceasing, . . . . . . . the country will by no means suffer if the . . . . . . . 1,197.58 imports follow suit also. ,000.00

PANIC IN FRANCE .- A significant symptom of the depressed and distrustful frame of mind into which French investors have fallen is to be found in the sudden growth 5,000.00 of the French savings-banks' deposits. These increased in the first ten months of 1882 by nearly \$100,000,000—in fact, nearly doubled in amount; and the reason why this sudden leap has occurred is simply that the small investor has been frightened by the failure of the Union Nationale.

FAILURES IN THE DOMINION. MESSRS. DUN, WIMAN & Co. publish the following list of failures, with liabilities, in the Dominion of Canada for the last five years :---

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1877	1,893	\$25,523,993
1878	1,697	23,908,677
1879	1,902	29,347,937
1880	907	7,988,077
1881	635	5,751,207
1882	787	8,587,657

In our last we gave Bradstreet's statistics on the same subject. The two present some differences, though the estimate of each under the head of "general liabilities" does not very materially vary. As a matter of record and reference we give both.

AMERICAN MILLIONAIRES. THE New York Sun thinks it is a sorrowful paradox that the free republic of America, the home of labor and the land of promise to the oppressed of all nations, should head the world in monopolies. What other nation on the face of the globe, it asks, can show a list like this :---

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	Vanderbilt	\$260,000,000
	Gould	100,000,000
	Stanford	100,000,000
	Huntingdon	100,000,000
	Crocker	60,000,000
	Mrs. Hopkins	50,000,000
	Sage	40,000,000
	Flood	
	Fair	40,000,000
	Mackey	30,000,000
	Field	25,000,000
	Keene	20,000,000
	Estate of Thomas Scott	20,000,000
	Garrett	20,000,000
-	Tilden	15,000,000

Fourteen men, it adds, thus own \$920,000,-000. The question, What other nation on the face of the globe could not present a list like this, or even a more startling one. might just as well be asked. A free draft on the writer's imagination is all that is required, and the crop of millionaires becomes at once so large as actually to vul-

recorded. Let us be thankful they stopped there. JAY GOULD, less than a year ago, is said to have actually "planked down" \$50,000,000 in good money's worth, and that was alleged at the time to be a thoroughly exhaustive effort for him. Now the reporter has doubled his resources with one stroke of the pen. Who would not be a reporter-or even an editor-to be able to accumulate thusly? By the way, what has become of Mr. JAMES GORDON BENNETT, who used to head the list of these fabulous MIDASES? Mere esprit de corps, if nothing else, should have impelled the "reportorial" corps to have maintained so good a press representative at the head of such a list. Yet he is strangely and painfully nonpresent. The truth is that all these figures are the merest guesswork, and it is more than doubtful if any one of them is approximately correct. If they form a good " readable item " the ambition and the purpose of the concoctor are attained. There is no doubt, however, that a very vast accumulation of capital has been gathered with astounding rapidity within the hands of a few men-an amount sufficient in some other bodies politic to be a menace, if not an actual danger, to the State. Any such apprehensions are, however, impossible to arise in the neighboring Republic, but were the case otherwise no means exist to prevent these gold-heroes from going on increasing both in numbers and in riches.

N. Y. EXCHANGE.—The sales at the New York Stock Exchange for 1882 exceeded those of any preceding year, amounting to 113,720,665 shares against 113,392,685 in 1881, 97,200,040 in 1880, and .74,166,652 in 1879. The stocks recording the largest number of sales were Denver and Rio Grande, amounting to 9,569,000 shares. The sales of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western amounted to 8,243,000 shares, Lake Shore to 7,717,000, Western Union to 7,-553,000, St. Paul to 5,569,000, Erie to 5,461,-000 and Louisville and Nashville to 5,108,-000 shares. These seven securities aggregated 49,210,000 shares with a par value of \$4,921,000,000. The total securities of these companies amounted to only \$313,564,800. showing that nearly fifteen and three-fourths times the actual amount of the securities were sold.

THE BANK OF FRANCE.-Cable reports state that the half-yearly accounts of the above bank were made up to Christmas day. The profits show a large falling off, compared with the same period last year, when they amounted to 31,503,093 francs; in the present return they are set down at 22,551,380 francs only. Besides the decrease of business, the discounts being now 350 millions and the advances 70 millions less than in 1881, the rate of discount during the half year has not exceeded 31 per cent; while in the same six months of last year it was 4 and 5 per cent. Trade continuing dull, discount is easy at 32 per cent., although

### THE PRESIDENCY OF THE MER-TAN MUSICAL STATE OHANTS' BANK IT SEE COMMITTEE WE observe that, following the sensible example set by the Bank of Montreal, the shareholders of the Merchants' Bank have it in contemplation to appoint Mr. GEORGE HAGUE, the present Manager, to the honor of the presidential chair. To the professional abilities of that gentlemen has been unanimously conceded the credit of placing that institution in its present thriving condition as well as of pulling it out of the slough

into which it had sunk in the bad years of depression now fortunately passed away. Mr. HAGUE has thoroughly earned the grateful vote of thanks unanimously passed in his favor at the recent meeting, and when inducted as President will be emphatically the right man in the right place.

#### THE STOCK MARKET.

THE total volume of business transacted this week, whether in bank or miscellaneous. is not quite equal to that of last week, nor have the prices then quoted been invariably maintained. Montreal Bank sales amounted to 2,385 as compared with 3,510 as shown in our preceding table, while quotations fluctuated between  $199\frac{1}{2}$  and 202, closing at 2001. Merchants' fell off from a maximum of 123 last week to 1213 this, falling to 1203, and closing at 121<sup>3</sup>; sales this week, 404 -last week, 536. Commerce also was fractionally lower than last week, closing at 1321, with only 709 sales. Toronto rather more than maintained last week's prices, closing at 175, but with limited demand, the total being only 1,015. Ontario was weak and little sought for, prices ranging between 108 and 109, closing at 109: one per cent. has been paid for the privilege of "putting" 100 shares Ontario Bank at 99 within 60 days. In other bank stock there was either no demand whatever or so little as to require no further comment than that which a glance at our weekly table will afford. In miscellaneous, Richelieu went down with a run, getting as low as 631, rallying to 67, and closing at 651, with 1,598 sales as compared with 480 last week. City Passenger kept up to about late averages, closing at 1281, with 650 sales. City Gas fractionally advanced, ranging between 1801 and 1773, closing at 1791, with 1,400 sales. Canada North-West Land Co. was fairly active, the transactions reaching 3,185 as against 3,645 last week, while prices rose to 49s., subsequently falling to 46s., and closing at 46s.: our publication of the full list of shareholders created great interest and excitement throughout the Dominion, and copies have since been eagerly sought from all quarters. St. Paul, M. and M. has been very quiet, with a tendency to retrograde. Cotton stock is, as usual, quiet. The Dundas Cotton Company will, we understand, at the next annual meeting, propose an addition of ing \$2,041.32 to be carried forward at credit \$100,000 to its capital stock, making \$500,000 of contingent fund. There was received in all. The close of the week brought from the Great Northwestern Company something very like stagnation with it on \$206,250, of which \$200,000 was applied to Clearing House go far to prove. The clear.

" the street," with no prospective indications dividends, and \$6,250 to the maintenance of of early-returning activity. It is suggested the lines. The balance at credit of continthat the uncertainty surrounding the issue of new Canadian Pacific Railway bonds is not wholly irresponsible for this.

The Money Market shows little change since our last report, but perhaps is a trifle tighter, and some think with a tendency rather to greater dearness than to relaxation. Good commercial paper, however, is readily discounted at 7 @  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , as to name and date, and the range on call and short-dated loans day bills and 93 @ 91 for demand drafts. itself to say. Currency on New York is steady at # premium.

#### THE G. T. R. AND THE TORONTO, GREY AND BRUCE.

JUDGMENT has been just given at Osgoode Hall in the two important cases of HENDRIE vs. the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Grand Trunk against the Toronto, Grey and Bruce. As will be remembered the first action was brought for the avoidance of an agreement made to lease the Toronto, Grey and Bruce to the Grand Trunk, and the second was brought by the Grand Trunk to have the agreement to lease carried into effect and enforced. The Judge held that the bondholders of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway were entitled to vote, and consequently the agreement to lease was never properly and legally ratified at a meeting of the directors, and could not now be enforced. The judgment, therefore, is for the plaintiffs in the first suit with costs, and for the defendants in the second suit also with costs. The solicitors of the Grand Trunk were authorised to take immediate steps to have the case argued in the Appeal Court.

#### MONTREAL TELEGRAPH CO.

THE report of the directors of the Montreal Telegraph Company was presented at the meeting of shareholders yesterday. H states that it was deemed unnecessary to incur during the past season the expense of an examination into the condition of the property, but "it is intended to engage from time to time the services of experts to examine thoroughly the various lines and other property belonging to the Company It is probable this work will be initiated and a great portion of it accomplished during the coming summer. In the meantime we are assured by the General Manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company that all has been done during the past season that was possible to do to improve the lines of the Montreal Telegraph Co." The revenue for the thirteen months ending December 30 (exclusive of that from the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company) was \$2,996.22, and the expenditure \$954.90, leav-

gent fund is now \$16,878.97, against \$36,-180.99 a year ago, there having been disbursed for 1881 and former years \$30,627.50 not accounted for in previous statements. The inactive assets, in which are included the lines, cables, offices and equipment, are valued at \$2,166,300.72. It is estimated, from the list of shareholders just published, that about 15,000 shares of the stock are held on St. Francois-Xavier st., but whether is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  @ 7 per cent. for customers and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  for it is in consequence or in spite of this that outsiders. The market for sterling exchange last year witnessed such heavy fluctuations continues quiet at 83 @ 81 for bankers' 60- in its quotations we leave it to "the street"

#### FAIR WEATHER AHEAD.

SETTING aside the misfortune of any widespread yielding to the temptations of overspeculating, the prospects for the year just opened are sufficiently promising. Large amounts of English capital are about to be immediately introduced to be used in the development of our North-West territories. Still more formidable sums, certainly ex. tending to many millions of dollars, are also about to be liberated in the construction of new railways, not in connection with the Canadian Pacific only, but likewise throughout the Dominion, especially in Ontario and Quebec. All Canada, right across to the Pacific, will feel the advantages of the moneys outflowing from this cause and the army of workers it will call into well-paid activity. An unparalleled immigration, too, is this year certain, to which the entire United Kingdom will contribute, and the Imperial Government has announced its intention of making large financial disbursements for this purpose. The Scandinavian and Teutonic elements are also expected to be largely represented. Our factories are overbusy, our mineral resources are being rapidly and profitably developed, and trained and rough labor finds everywhere ample and profitable employment. It must by no means be disregarded, too, in this outlook that the treasuries of the Government Savings Banks are filling at a rate never before witnessed, while their outgoings are proportionately decreasing. Combining all these things, at least a fair degree of prosperity is upon us unless we rush into self-destruction by overtrading or by attempting some other short cut to rapid independence.

· MONTREAL TELEGRAPH CO. DIRECTORS. -Mr. WILLIAM CASSILS, late President of the Canada Central Railway, and Mr. E. K. GREEN, have been elected Directors of the Montreal Telegraph Co., in the room of the the late Sir HUGH ALLAN and Dr. CAMPBELL.

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.-London stock-brokers as well as merchants and manufacturers appear to be rather disheartened with the results of 1882. That they have transacted a smaller business than in 1881 the returns of the London Bankers'

#### JANUARY 12, 1883.

THE SHAREHOLDER AND INSURANCE GAZETTE.

ings on settlings days for the first eleven months were :---1881, £1,214,251,000; 1882, £1,140,388,000; less in 1882, £73,863,000. of the week ended 11th January, 1883, and the number of shares reported as sold during the week. In reality, the loss of business has been more than here indicated, for the exceptionally violent fluctuations at certain periods of that year have caused differences out of the usual proportion to the current volume of business.

U. S. DEFALCATIONS.-Some successful plundering has been again going on this week across the lines. At the head of the list is the Treasurer of Tennessee, one POLK, who has polked off with some \$300,000, subsequently bleeding freely to get liberated by a detective who arrested him, and finally making his escape clear, probably to Mexico. The City Bank of Jersey City and the Savings' Bank of the same place have also been so successfully, "busted" by their respective officers that about nothing is left. The culprits call it "overdrawing their accounts"! Full details are not yet forthcoming.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENT .- Sorry you had a poor copy; we can give you a better one if you call, or send your address.

P. Q.—The paid-up capital of the Ontario Bank is \$1,500,000; the rest at the last report, \$225,000. Originally the paid-up capital was three million. We don't care to enter into the other subject.

CO-OPERATIVE.-1. The recent Co-operative failure in the States was due to mismanagement. 2. Some of the employees here are friends and appointees of stockholders, but that is no reason why they should be supported in insolence to shareholders or members. A little of that would soon close the concern altogether.

LINDSAY. A Fellow of the Statistical Society visiting Canada, and being struck with the prosperity of the Bank of Montreal, wrote that it might be accounted for from the fact that none were employed in that institution, from the head officer downwards, but educated gentlemen. Lindsay probably was not built then.

THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE COUNTY OF JOLIETTE VS. E. N. DUPUIS.—This was an action in the Superior Court this week against the defendant, a member of the Company, for the amount of the as-essments on his deposit notes. The defendant was insured 25th March, of the Company, for the amount of the assessments on his deposit notes. The defendant was insured 25th March, 1880, for three years, and gave notes for \$280, \$300, and \$18, On the 29th January, and 10th February, 1881, liquidation of a Company was resolved upon, and by the first assessment the defendant was charged with \$126 29. Afterwards, in consequence, as it was alleged, of unforscen logses, a second ass sament was made, payable 25th January, 1882, by which the sum of \$411.19 was charged upon the defendant, making in all \$537.48 The defendant raised several defences, but the judgment turned mainly upon the fact that the printiffs had not sufficiently established the lasses alleged by them, and as the defendant was only liable for a proportional share of the proved losses, the action could not be maintained. The evidence showed that the sum of \$11,322.30 had been realised on the first asso-sment, and that this was aufficient to cover all the losses proved to have been suffered by the Company, even including those which were contested. The plea was therefore maintained and the action was dismissed with costs.

#### SPECULATIVE BANKERS.

It is very unfortunate that a private banker has been so It is very unfortunate that a private banker has been so injudicious as to speculate in stocks with money belonging to depositors; for, as the personal honor of the banker is the only guarantee that the depositor has, the whole system of private banking must suffer in some degree by the misdeeds of any offender. The number of persons who would deposit with any concern, however rich, known to speculate in any line of stocks is very small. No one places money in any kind of bank for speculative purposes; geople put it there because they deem it safer than in their own pockets. Cases like that should receive some attention from grand lines. like that should receive some attention from grand juries. -N.Y. Herald,

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

#### U S. CLEARING HOUSES

U S. CLEARING-HOUSES. The clearing-house exchanges for the whole country amounted to \$61,543,048 against \$64,332,186,128 in 1881, a falling off of 4 3 per cent. As compared with 1880 the clearings in 1881 showed an increase of 27.1 per cent. so that 1882 showed an increase of 27.1 per cent. as that 1882 showed an increase of 27.1 per cent. so that 1882 showed an increase of 27.2 per cent, as compared with 1880. Even 1830 showed an increase over 1879 of 28.9 per cent, when the figures stood at \$339,333,216,952. The clearances in New York decreased 5.4 per cent, as campared with 1881, while there was an increase in stock speculation of 00.3 per cent, which marks a greater de-cline in general business than the figures of clearances indicate. The most remarkable increase during the year was Kansas City, which shows a gain of 43.5 per cent., followed by Lowell with 33.5 per cent. and Pittshurg with 24.3 per cent. Boston shows a decrease of 14.1 per cent., which is the largest on the list. The decreases took place in January, February, May, June, July and December, the largest being in May. The increases were in March, April, August, S. ptember, October and November, the largest being in March. The increases in the early part of the year were due to increased speculation, while those in the last halt of the year were due more to the improved con-dition of general business—Boston Economist.

YEAR'S DISASTERS. - The Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette has evidently been keeping account of all the disasters occurring in 1882. The result is given out editorially in a recent issue of that journal, and only requires comparative statistics from former years to possess more interest, it not value. The totals are :--

Tornadoes.	396
Boiler explosions	
Fires	128
Powder explosions	83
Falling buildings	72
Fireworks explosions,	43
Deaths on lake	150
Floods	
Mining explosions	
	26
Snow slides	81
	11
Death on the rails	820

Fatal calamities by reason of rallroad disasters are thus seen to be the most numerou, yet feared by the general public probably considerable less than death by lightning, by flood, or by fire,

by flood, or by fire, UNITED STATES COMMETOR — Returns have been prepared of the commerce of New York, and of the other ports of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882. The figures have been prepared for the forthcoming twenty-fifth annual report of the Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of the Secretary of that body. The total value of foreign imports into the port of New York was \$521,-275,897; and of the imports into the Unit d States, adding those of New York, was \$767,111,964 The exports from the port of New York, meluded 29,737,053 bushels of Indian corn. Provisions include 263,104,270 pounds of wheat, 2,928,868 barrels of flour, and 22,519,185 bushels of Indian corn. Provisions include 263,104,270 pounds of bacon, 192,831,961 pounds of lard, 112,888,974 pounds of cherse, 27,588,881 pounds of ham, 47,097,217 pounds of fresh beef, 12,219,332 pounds of butter, 43,613,113 pounds of pork, 35,357,921 pounds of salted or cured beef, and pre-gerved meats valued at \$3,453,319. Cotion exports amount-ed to 288,753,497 pounds The mineral oils show :-1/linginating; 342,424,705 gallons; curde, 36,3:6,568 gal-lons; naphthas, 16,741,538 gallons; lubricating, 5,249,-so3 gallons, Among the other items are 142,666,017

and other leather, 25, 135, 544 pounds of sole, appendance of the sole of the from other ports, \$406,222,262; a total of \$776,720,003.

BUCKET SHOPE .- An effort is being made to abolish the 'bucket shops," which have proved a curse to so many cities of the States The plan of gambling carried on in these institutions is simple and seductive. Twice a day ten lottery tickets are drawn in St. Louis, and the order in which these numbered tickets are drawn is telegraphed to all the bucket shops throughout the country, and the gambling consists of paying any amount from five cents up for the privilege of guessing, prior to the announcement, any two or more of these tickets in the sequence in which they are drawn. If two consecutive numbers are guessed twice the amount is returned; if three, the amount is thir o times as much, and so on in ever increasing proportion; according as the difficulty of the combination increases. The great evil of those shops is that they prey chiefly apen the poor, and one lucky hit in a neighborhood will tempt hundreds to throw away their hard-carned dimes and quarters. It is hoped that these dens can be suppressed by inducing the telegraph companies to refuse to unasmit the lottery numbers. these institutions is simple and seductive. Twice a day the lottery numbers

RAILROAD BUILDING FOR 1882 .- The Railway Age .. pube lishes a table showing that the number of miles of main track laid during the year 1882, was 10,821, on 316 lines, in forty-four States and Territories. Full returns will probably make the grand total 11,000 miles, which is 1,500 miles more than was constructed in 1881, the banner railroad building year up to that time. The aggregate number of miles constructed in the States. menimical below is as follows:--Iowa, 953; Texas, 817; New York, 752; Ohio, 555; Arkansas, 529; Indiana, 529; Conoradi, 500; Dakota Territory, 480; Peunsylvania, 464; and Mianesota, 444. Of the 316 loads noted 140 are still in-complete. The capital invested during the year is estil-mated at \$270 000,000; exclusive of the amounts expended in the preparation of the road-beds on which tracks are aot yet laid bably make the grand total 11,000 miles, which is 1,500

SUBTERRANEAN CABLE FROM PARIS TO MARSEILLES THE laying down of the telegraphic wire, which is to put Marseilles in direct communication with the capital, is being rapidly pushed forward. Two hundred and fifty workmen are at present employed on the right bank of the Rhone, following the highroads as far as possible. The able is enclosed in a cast-iron pipe, laid at a depth of fifd feet six inches under ground, the joints of the pipe, being covered with india-rubber weshers and leaden rings. About every 550 yards the cable passes through a covered chain-ber of cast iron, fitted with a manhole, by means of which it can be inspected. About every 110 yards the pipes are connected by cast-iron boxes, which also enable the which work is estimated at forty million france, or 7,800,0002. When this line (which may be said to traverso the length of France) shall be completed, it is intended to connect it with the Transatlantic and Mediterranean cables. being rapidly pushed forward. Two hundred and fifty

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#### A MAMMOTH STEAL

THE ALLEGED SWINDLES BY THE NEW YORK AND BROOKLY BRIDGE COMPANY, AMOUNTING TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

A good deal of noise has been made East about the wholesale plundering by the East River bridge ring, says a New York correspondent, but the whole truth has by no wholesale plundering by the East filver bridge ring, says a New York correspondent, but the whole truth has by no means yet been brought out. The World began an on-s-aught a few weeks ago, and threatened to expose every thief it could catch, but the contract was too large to be executed. It followed up Gen. Slocum until it defeated him as a candidate for governer; but when he was put on the track for congressman-at-large the World was con-strained to draw its bridge exposure to an end. A quasi court has now been organized for the trial of the alleged swindlers. Mayor Grace of this city and Mayor Low of Brooklyn have agreed to sit as a tribunal—outside of law, to be sure, but backed by a robust public opinion. They will not have the power to summon witnesses peremptorily, or to inflict penalties, but they will invite witnesses, and all that are important will come. The official engineers of the cities, which includes Gen. Isaac Newton for New York, will measure the work from end to end, and ascertain the various kinds of materials used and the amounts. Two inventory the property and material, and get the net re-sults of the engineers' investigations and measurements. It is certain that a gigantic theft has been perpetrated, and sults of the engineers' investigations and measurements. It is certain that a gigantic thoft has been perpetrated, and that it will be exposed as thoroughly as was that of the Tweed ring. It is chiefly remarkable for two characteris-tics. It is the largest single steal in the history of the country, larger by \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 than that of the Tweed ring. It has been organized and carried on with greater adroitness than any other in our history—by the side of Kingsley, Tweed was a merechild. The tracks have been covered up with amazing ingenuity. The ring buys quarries, foundries, saw mills, etc., thus constantly supplying itself and giving receipts to itself in such a way as to make investigation difficult. The scheme for the Brooklyn bridge is about sixteen years old. In New York City, Tweed, Sweeny, Connolly and Hugh Smith were omnipotent. Like Tweed, Henry C. Murphy was in the senate, and the two took the job of carrying the bridge bill through the legislature: Under their manipulation the bill passed in April, 1867. It was drawn in the inter-est of wholesale plunder. It simply provided that the trustees should build a suspension bridge with money furnished by the two cities. There was no restraints upon them. The trustees should be such enterprising private gentlemen as should subscribe the sum of \$500,000 to the great work. It was stipulated that the bridge should cost \$5,000,000 only, and should be completed ready for travel by June 1, 1870. William C. Kingsley saw

#### THE CHANCE FOR & GOOD THING,

THE OHANGE FOR A GOOD THING, and he subscribed for the whole of the \$500,000 on the spot. Then he saw his confidential friends, men who could be trusted with important secrets, and he distributed among them the rrivilege of taking parts of this \$500,000. These public-spirited citizens became, by the term of the charter, trustees. They met and elected Henry C Murphy president of the company, and Mr. Kingsley superintend-ent. They had the handling of all the money and were not accountable to any authority whatever. They could pay \$100,000 for a wheel-barrow, and there was nobody to object. The trustees also appointed an executive com-mittee, virtually for life, and then passed the following : Beselved that the acceutive committee shall proceed to

Resolved, that the executive committee shall proceed to the construction of the bridge to its completion.

They also voted that Mr. Kingsley, superintendent, should receive for his compensation "15 per cent. of all the moneys expended." If the amount ultimately exshould receive for his compensation "15 per cent. of all the moneys expended." If the amount ultimately ex-pended were \$5,000,000 it made Mr. Kingsley's compen-sation \$760,000. If the amount expended were \$20,000, 000, to which they had already secretly agreed, it made his compensation \$3,000,000. The executive committee was made up as follows:--Henry C. Murphy, William M. Tweed, Henry W. Slocum, G. S. T. Stranahan, Hugh Smith and Samuel L. Husted: They paid one-tenth of their sub-scription of \$400,000, amounting to \$40,000. The cities paid one-tenth of their subscription, making \$500,000 in the treasury. Of this, 15 per cent., or \$75,000, was taken out and handed to the overworked Kingsley for a part of his pay. That is, these philanthropists had already with-drawn \$35,000 more than they had put in. But this \$3,-000,000 which they expected to "appropriate" was to be the least of their perquisites. They organized financial machinery of the most intricate sort to enable them to steal at once magnificently and cunningly. They bought lumber mills, stone quarries, iron mills, and even the means of transportation. See how this claborate system contrasts with the crude and clumay method of Tweed 1 I met on Broadway, recently, Judge Robert B. Roose-velt, whom I had not seen in months. "So you had to get out of the board of bridge trustees?"

velt, whom I had not seen in months. "So you had to get out of the board of bridge trustees?"

I should think so I" he exclaimed. "They not only "I snould think so I" he exclaimed. "They not only would not let me know how things were going on, but they tried to convince me that it was something in which I should have no interest. They three werey obstacle in the way of an investigation. When I found I was being made a mere cat's paw I got out, of course. I'm going to Florida for the winter."

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On Thursday 1 met Col. — of the United States army. I must not use his name because he is engaged in unmasking these plunderers. "They have been very shrewd," he said. "They have hoodwinked the public by putting some very respectable men among the trustees—always two or three of them, just for figureheads—and then gagging and binding them. The 15 per cent. commission the gang have always felt was among the least of their privileges; and, when a big howl was raised about it a while ago, they secretly muti-

lated their books and changed the ' fifteen ' to ' five ' where "Did Tweed teach them any tricks?"

"Tweed I They could give him points. But on his trial he swore, you remember, that the bridge stock was given to him; it was not to cost him anything." "How much has been stolen?"

" Well, the bridge will have actually cost when finished t about as much as William A. Roebling estimated it Just about as mitch is within A. Roebing estimated it would cost fourteen years ago-between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000. The disbursements to all hands are said to have been \$19,000,000, and President Murphy recently announced that it would require \$3,000,000 more. At the most liberal estimate the actual cost of the bridge will not have been when finished more than \$8,000,000, being \$14,000,000 clear steal. This beats Tweed's court house."

"What is the chance of proving this?" "It will be proved within a year to the satisfaction of everybody as clearly as Tweed's plundering; and I haven't any doubt that one or more of the leaders of the gang will land in the State's prison."

#### BURIED ALIVE.

BURIED ALIVE. The question whether people are sometimes buried alive is one which, naturally enough, has excited a lively interest, insonuch as it concerns us all. Many persons the late Lord Lytton was one) have left special directions in their wills with a view to obviate all possibility of such a dreadful contingency, and cremation has found special favor with many for the reason that it is a certain pre-ventive of any ghastly blunder in this respect. There is quite a literature in French on the subject, and great prizes have been awarded for learned treatics thereupon, while several German States have adopted the practical course of placing a bell-rope in the corpse's hand which while several German States have adopted the practical course of placing a bell-rope in the corpse's hand which the slightest movement would affect, and we believe the same course is taken in Italy. Although such a terrible fate as burial alive is, happily, exceedingly rare, there is sufficient testimony to warrant the assumption that it has occurred. An instance almost occurred a few years ago in the case, thoroughly authenticated, of a railroad porter, at Cambridge, England, who was given up for dead, of bron-chitis, by the doctor. "He was washed, laid out, and eventually put into a coffin. Here he reposed for two days, and the funeral was fixed to take place within a week. At the close of the second day, however, in the presence of several persons, he rese in his coffin, got up and took a seat. The surprise, not to say affright, of those who saw him may be imagined. The explanation is that during the agonizing spasm of the disease from which he suffered his mother gave him a sleeping draught which had stopped short of carrying him to the grave, though it had planted him in his coffin." Had this occurred here he would probably have been burried alive, but in England burial him in his coffin." Had this occurred here he would probably have been burried alive, but in England burial rarely takes place under a week. Again, this very year, the Cincinnati Gazette recorded a telegram from Charleston, Weat Va., viz.: "Miss Jenkin, of Blue Creek, apparently, fell dead last Monday. After the funeral services, while her friends were taking a last view of her body, signs of life were observed, and she was taken from the coffin and conveyed to her home. Indications of life are still visible." We are reminded of these cases by the aunouncement by cable. a few days since, of the death of an aged and eminant We are reminded of these cases by the aunouncement by cable, a few days since, of the death of an aged and eminent prelate, Cardinal Archbishop Donnet, of Bordeaux, who will always be remembered in connection with this sub-ject. When the Interment bill was before the Senate many years ago, and the point specially under discussion was what time should by law elapse betwixt death and the placing a body in a closed coffin the Arabiether and the placing a body in a closed coffin, the Archbishop rose, and in thilling tones told to an awe-struck house the terrible experience of a young man who, as he lay given up for dead, was, by a merciful Providence, aroused by the sound of a familiar voice. The Cardinal spoke with deep emotion, and pausing a moment at the conclusion, said, "My Lords, I are that man ". You Know for the conclusion, said, "My Lords, I am that man."-New York Times.

#### BEER-DRINKING NATIONS.

Recently-compiled statistics furnish some interesting data respecting the relative beer-absorbtive capacity of various nations. The following presentation of the total quantity consumed in 1881, value thereof and average quantity drank per head of population, is prepared there-from the total there are a set of the total there.

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•		Total No. gallons		Gallons per head of
		consumed.	Value.	population
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Ŀ	United Kingdom	282,000,000	72,000,000	8
	Germany	240,000,000	65,000,000	51
	Austria	72,000,000	20,000,000	2
	Belgium	48,000,000	14,000,000	
-	France.	48,000,000	14,000,000	17
,	Russia	1,800,000		.02

The total value of the beer annually drank in Europe and America is said to be no less than \$250,000,000. Of the whole quantity drank in the United Kingdom it is estimated that, inasmuch as whisky is largely used in Ire-land and Scotland, England and Wales must absorb the larger proportion. This will give those races an average of ten gallons of beer at least per capita per annum. The United States stands third in the list in quantity consum-ed, and fourth in average quantity consumed per head of population. population.

THE Traffic returns of the Midland Railway of Canada, for the week ending December 30th, 1882, was as follows: Passengers and Mails, \$10,975.04; Freight, \$9,323.48; total, \$20,298.52 as compared with \$19,320.66 for the cor-responding week of 1881, being an increase of \$977.86; and the aggregate traffic to date is \$1,065,611.84, being an increase of \$206,388.55 over 1881.

#### OUTWITTING THE BRIGANDS.

#### (From Chambers's Journal.)

Ir was on such a morning as we fog-nurtured islanders seldom witness at home, that I stood upon the deck of the good steamer *Goumoundouros*, watching the nearing shores of the Pirzus, which as all the world knows or should know, is the port of the classic city of Athens. The beautiful unclouded sky; the bright outline of the sun-bathed coast; the air laden with the scent of the distant Hymettus; the for eminance with the grand old According standing out the air laden with the scent of the distant Hymettus; the far eminence with the grand old Acropolis standing out white and bold in the clear atmosphere; and close at hand the mouldering tomb of Themistocles—all combined to arouse such poetic fancies in my mind, that I forgot for the moment the prosaic business upon which I had come. The screaming engine of the busy little railway which carries the traveller from the Pircus to Athens, soon reminded me, however, that I was accredited with a mission from a London Greek firm to their friends in the Attic city: and I was soon whirling over the sacred ground Attic city; and I was soon whirling over the sacred ground

Where History gives to every rood a page!

Where History gives to every rood a page! We passed the monuments of those doughty champions of the War of Independence, Karaiskakis and Miaulis, and many other objects of interest; and after a ride of three or four miles, I found myself at my destination. After the first few days, I certainly had a very pleasant time of it, the few hours' work each day acting only as a stimulus to my varied pleasures; and having examined the Acropolis, and lunched by the fallen pillar of Jupiter, seated myself in the ruins of the Pnyx—whence Demosthenes declaimed, and Pericles evolved his plans—I looked around like Alexander, for more worlds to conquer. I thereupon declaimed, and Pericles evolved his plans—1 looked around like Alexander, for more worlds to conquer. I thereupon consulted my genial but unwashed host, Kyrie Antonio Pericles Pappaqemetracopoulos—who, although Plato was to him a text-book, and the sayings of Socrates as familiar as the story of Tommy and Harry to an English schoolboy, was 'always as dirty as a sweep—upon the propriety of hetaking myself to where The mountaing look on Merathon

The mountains look on Marathon, And Marathon looks on the sea.

And Marathon looks on the sea. For one might as well go to Egypt without visiting the Pyramids, or to Rome without entering St. Peter's, as to 'do' Greece and leave Marathon unexplored. And when my host tried to dissuade me by assuring me that a Greek gentleman's ear had been sent a fortnight before by the brigands to his obstinate relatives, to hurry the negotia-tions for his ransom, it so roused my blood, that I vowed 1 would go if I returned as close cropped as an English terrier. So away we started—myself and Themistocles the son of my host, a sallow unshaven youth dirtier than his father—mounted upon two high-spirited donkeys, our revolvers well primed, and our commissariat well stocked. 'Adios Kyrie!' shouted my long-named host as we cantered off. cantered off.

'Never fear,' I replied, waving my revolver defiantly, and feeling that I should be greatly disappointed if the rascals did not show themselves.

On we went, enjoying the scenery and holding a hybrid conversation—he in broken English, and I in sadly mutilated Greek—until in the excitement of the ride, and the glorious panorama constantly unfolding itself to our view, I entirely forgot that there were such beings as brigands in existence.

'Now,' said I to Themistocles, after a ride of some hours, during which my appetite had become unpleasantly sharpened, 'let us look about for a spot where we can bivouac in comfort.'

We soon found a delightful place, sheltered all round,

We soon found a delightful place, sheltered all round, save where through a small opening, we obtained a view of a charming landscape. Dismounting, and allowing our animals to refresh themselves on the grass, we soon made havoc of the good things we had brought. I was laying upon my back smoking a cigarette after the meal, gazing dreamily at the blue firmament; and being too lazy to rise, had called upon Themistocles to pass the bottle. 'Has the fellow gone to sleep?' thought I, still indisposed to turn my head. 'Themistocles!' But Themistocles heard me not; and when I raised myself upon my elbow, I saw him standing, as if struck dumb and motionless with fear, staring upon the opening. Instinctively I leaped up and clutched my revolver; but before I took a step, the cause of Themistocles' fear became apparent; and three shaggy forms behind three blunder-busses aimed direct at me, made me fully aware that I was in presence of those scourges of Greece, the brigands! But busses aimed direct at me, made me fully aware that I was in presence of those scourges of Greece, the brigands 1 But oh 1 what a metamorphosis 1 Where were the natty green jackets with silver buttons, the plumed hats, and the *tout ensemble* of the brigands of my youth, of the operas and the picture-books? Three ragged, disreputable-looking fig-ures, clad in greasy sheep-skins and dirty clothes, unkempt, unshaven, took the place of those tinselled heroes, and with stern gestures and muttered threats, ordered us to follow them. My first thought was resist-ance; but when I showed the slightest signs, the three bell-mouthed muskets were bent towards me; and I felt that the odds were too many, and determining to wait events, grimly submitted to be led down the mountain by our unsavoury guides. At last, after winding through ravines and hollows.

across glens and over mountain paths innumerable, this most unpleasant journey ended by our guides calling a halt as we gained the summit of an eminence surrounded by trees and tall rocks, ferming an extraordinary natural fortness. Beneath our feet, in a deep ravine, with seemingly but one outlet, and excellently sheltered by everhanging foliage, was the camp of the brigands; and here we found the rest of the shaggy ruffians—with the exception of one who stood sentinel—enjoying their siests with indelent content. with indologs content.

A shrill whistle soon brought the rascals to their feet; and rushing up to meet us, they displayed a dozen of as unfavorable specimens of the human race as could well be unfavorable specimens of the human race as could well be found. Seizing our asses by their bridals, they relieved our captors, and led us down the ravine; and having roughly assisted us to dismount, brought us into the presence of the chief of the band. 'Bravo, lads! excellent, excellent!' he shouted, as his sparkling eyes bent upon us in delight; and after a cursory examination, we were conducted, amid the excited gesticulations of the brigands and without undue ceremony, into a dark cavern within the ravine. 'Shiver my maintops!' exclaimed a voice as I ground

into a dark cavern within the ravine. 'Shiver my maintops!' exclaimed a voice as I groped my way in; 'they might give us sea-room, the vagabonds, and not land us in this lubberly creek; and now they are shoving more craft in to anchor.' 'Haul in, Jack, old chum!' answered another; 'we must make the best of a bad job, mate.' To say that my heart leaped to my mouth at hearing such unexpected words, and finding myself in the company of mv own countrymeu. would no more than describe the

such the spectral words, and finding myself in the company of my own countrymen, would no more than describe the cheering sensation that thrilled through me. 'What cheer, mates?' I cried in the darkness. Answering exclamations of astonishment greeted my words; and in a few minutes our stories were told; and I learned that my new-found friends were the Captain and supercargo of a ship then lying in the port of the Pirzeus, who, seeking a like object, had met with a similar fate to my own.

who, seeking a like object, had hict with a similar late to my own. (And now,' said Captain Jack Jenkins, ' how are we to get out of this scrape? If I had Tim and Joe and Black Tom, each with a cullass and a barking-iron here, we'd soon make a passage, I'd warrant! ' That's all very well,' said Will Johnson the supercargo, but we haven't. If I'd but the opportunity given me I'd cuparantee'.

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Whatever the supercargo was about to say was cut short by the advent of two shock-heads at the little opening short by the advent of two sheck-heads at the little opening of our prison, and two harsh voices calling us—as my guide Themistocles informed us—to partake of a feast; for we learned afterwards that the chief, in commemoration of having made such a good haul, had decided to allow us, his prisoners, to partake of the general festivity. But as a preliminary, we had to undergo an examination as to our capability of paying the anticipated ransoms. First, we were relieved of our watches and rings, the Captain using language rather latrong for translution to these precess were reneved of our watches and rings, the Captain using language rather strong for translation to these pages, to the great amusement of his tormentors, who with similar gesticulations to his, endeavoured to imitate the sound of the Captain's words, which of course only added to his wrath and their hilarity. 'You uncombed, dirty-faced vagabonds!' he shouted, if I had a form of mer abound the during Martin Ed twint

'if I had a few of you about the Annie Martin, I'd twist your ugly heads over the yard-arm in the twinkling of a jiffy !'

yiffy!' Of course they only laughed the louder at his impotent rage; and I thought it quite as well that they did not understand the language in which he gave it vent. The operation of stripping us of our valuables gave me an opportunity to observe the appearance of my com-panions. Captain Jenkins was the beau-ideal of an English seaman. In age about thirty-five, of a large and robust build, a face broad, manly, and bearded, and limbs such as would delight a soulptor to copy. His height was nearly six feet; and he had an air of command about him which was doubtless bred of his occupation. The super-cargo, Will Johnson, was perhaps ten years younger; nearly as tall as his friend, strong and active; and take us altogether—for I am of no mean stature myself—we were three men who, under any circumstances, would be no

altogether—for I am of no mean stature myself—we were three men who, under any circumstances, would be no disgrace to our country; and if any opportunity should arise for an attempt at an escape, I felt certain that we should give as good an account of ourselves as any scratch three, here or there. Having satisfied themselves of the value of my late father's watch, which I parted from with some emotion, and of the intrinsic worth of the Captain's gold chronometer, as well as the supercargo's watch and diamond ring, we were interrogated, through Themistocles, as to our means. For myself, the name of the firm I was travelling for acted with a talismanic effect upon them. travelling for acted with a talismanic effect upon them, and I was immediately assessed—notwithstanding my protesta-tions—at three hundred pounds. At this price, too, the Captain's freedom was valued; while the unfortunate supercargo—whose business they persisted in confounding with that of owner of the cargo and ship—was unanim-ously voted to be worth twice our ransom. Having arranged this matter to their own satisfaction, if not to ours, we were told to sit down and enjoy ourselves with —bat amoutite we could muster. travelling for acted with a talismanic effect upon them, and

ours, we were told to sit down and enjoy ourselves with what appetite we could muster. The smell of the roast lamb and the freshly baked meal-cakes, however, soon aroused pleasant sensations, and dimmed for a time the memory of our griefs; more especially as, under the apparent certainty of obtaining his especially as, under the apparent certainty of obtaining his booty, the chief condescended to be quite patronising towards us, carving the joints himself for us, and delicately handing on the point of a dagger, our several portions. After we had satisfied our hunger with the more solid viands, we were regaled with dried fruits as dessert; and a large jar of a peculiar sherry-colored but bad-tasting wine of a resinous flavor—which Themistocles described as the common wine of the country—was brought in and set down in the midst of us. This we told them we could not drink; and the chief very generously oldered us a couple of bottles from his own particular store, doubtless the proceeds of a raid upon some well-to-do householder.

a rollicking chorus, and wound up with a hornpipe accompanied by the Captain with a pocket-comb and a piece of paper, the general enthusiasm knew no bounds, and the beetle-browed vagabonds laughed till the tears rolled down their cheeks.

Will now became on such excellent terms with then all, that he proceeded to take some freedoms with them and when he snatched the horn from the cup-bearer, and installed himself in that official's place, ladling the wine out of the wide-mouthed jar and handing it round to the company, his triumph was complete. 'For heaven's sake!' said he as he passed us, 'don't

take any of this stuff, and don't drink much of your own.' 'Never fear,' said Jenkins, making a wry face; 'one tasto is sufficient.'

And so Will went round with the cup, making a comical remark to this one, and a grimace at that, until the chief—evidently fearing from their hilarity that they were taking too much—ordered them to desist from drinking, and return to their several duties.

Meanwhile, we were sent back into our dungeon, with entinel stationed at the opening. 'Not a word,' whispered Will, as we settled down in

our prison .- ' Here's something, Captain, he continued

that belongs to you.' (Why,' said the Captain in reply, as Will handed him the article mentioned, 'this is a stopper out of my medicine chest.'

'To be sure it is, Jack,' returned Will; 'and I mus

medicine chest.' 'To be sure it is, Jack,' returned Will; 'and I must apologise for the liberty of taking your laudanum phial; but my confounded back-tooth was so painful on board the ship last night, that I got up and took it, and luckily forgot to return it this morning. You must debit me with the bottle and its contents, for I dropped them both into the vagabonds' wine-jar!' 'What!' we all exclaimed in a breath. 'Now, stop your clappers!' continued the supercargo. 'Jack, you know I'm not bad at sleight-of-hand tricks. Well, in the first place, having contrived to secrete the bottle while the blackguards were relieving me of my valuables, and then having attained the position of waiter, what was easier than to wriggle the bottle down my sleeve, whip out the stopper, and drop the lot into their swipes; giving the bottle a crack and stirring the laudanum up, every time I dipped the horn into it!' ' Bravo, Will!' cried the Captain, seizing his hand and giving it a hearty shake. 'If that's the case, we're safe; for the black-faced rascals won't wake up for a dozen hours I'll be bound. There! our guard has dropped off already !' And sure enough, the drowsy rufian had planted bimself right across the onening and was snoring

And sure enough, the drowsy ruffian had planted himself right across the opening and was snoring loudly.

'Now for it!' cried the impetuous Jack Jenkins

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'Hold hard!' said Will. 'Let them get well off.' So, settling ourselves down for half an hour, we talked the matter over. At the end of this time, we sent the trembling Themistocles to see how things were outside; and after peeping over the prostrate sentinel, he gave us to understand that all were sleeping except three, and they were retiring to the farther end of the ravine, and would in a minute be out of sight. 'Capital!' said Will with suppressed excitement. 'Now, each take a pistol and a cutlass from the fellows, and fellow me.'

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and fellow me.' One after the other we stepped across the sleeping brigand at the entrance, Will relieving him of his pistol, dirk, and blunderbuss; while the Captain and I stood by ready to give him his quietus at the slightest sign of his waking. Then the four of us, gliding like ghosts, assisted ourselves to whatever weapons we could most easily lay hands upon; and as Themistocles was not of much use for forbting we gave him the has containing our valuables fighting, we gave him the bag containing our valuables— which we found by the side of the sleeping chief—as well as several spare pistols, to carry. Picking our way without speaking a word, we advanced towards the open end of the ravine, and just as we turned round a jutting piece of rock, we saw the three sentinels, seemingly in carnest conversation

'Halt!' whispered Will. 'Now for a rush !' and each singling out his man and clutching his rifle by the barrel-Almost simultaneously, and before the enemy had time to observe us, we were upon them, and three rifle-stocks descended upon three shock heads with such force, that busitive us, we work then the states and the states of the stock of any antagonist and cashed against the rock. With a stiffed cry, he turned; but in an instant my hand was upon his threat, and the sound died in his gullet; while with the strength of desperation, I dashed his head against the wounded me with his dagger—he fell from my grasp, apparently lifeless. 'Now,' said the Cuptain, 'where are the donkeys?—Come, Greeky1' he cried to Themistocles; 'bear a hand;' and looking around, we espied our four animals just as we left them, but with a brigand sitting by them. Here was an unlooked-for recontre! He was fully a hundred yards off, and to get at him, we should have to cross a small plateau.

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"Leave him to me l' cried Jenkins, preparing to rush forward. But under the advice of the supercargo, he stopped. We could have picked him off easily, but dared not for the noise of our rifles.

of bottles from his own particular store, doubtless the proceeds of a raid upon some well-to-do householder. Will Johnson after a time managed to ingratiate himself in the favor of our shaggy host and his friends by his genial happy manner and frank bearing, favoring the 'company with many remarks, which, translated by Themistocles, evidently pleased them. When, too, by sleight-of-hand—in which he was an adept—he performed stood, made for his rfile, which was leaning against a tree stood, made for his rfile, but a revolver huricd defity by Will

Johnson-for we had all followed-catching him directly in the face, so effectually stopped his progress, fell stunned to the ground. that he

'You persist in doing all the work,' said Jenkins as we came up to him. 'But quick, lads; off we gol' and in a moment we were on our asses, and under the guidance of our Greek companion, were making with break neck speed for Athens. Up hill, down dale, on we went for a couple of hours without stopping or meeting a human being; then, just as we were about to cross the summit of a mountain at which we had arrived, a harmless looking peasant wished us 'good day,' and was about to pass on. 'Seize him l' cried Themistoeles; 'he's a scout.' So seize him we did, for caution's sake; and as there were no trees near, we tied his hands and legs together, and left him begging for mercy. But there was no mercy in us, more especially as Themistoeles explained that there was such a curious and mysterious connection between the brigands and villagers, that it was by no means unlikely— 'You persist in doing all the work,' said Jenkins as we

brigands and villagers, that it was by no means unlikely— had we allowed him to go free—he would have hied to the nearest village and roused a swarm of semi-brigands about us.

us. Having travelled for four hours, and as our asses could scarcely get along for fatigue, we called a halt; and after resting ourselves and watering our animals, we continued our journey until, late at night, we reached Athens, where, round the hospitable board of our host, we soon forgot our traveler troubles.

#### WINNIPEG'S MARVELLOUS DEVELOPMENT.

WINNIPEG'S MARVELLOUS DEVELOPMENT. The Winnipeg Sun of a recent date gives a detailed statement of Winnipeg's growth in 1882. From that statement we learn that the imports—that is the imports from Great Britain and foreign countries—have increased from \$2,837,431 in 1881 to \$8,222,928 in 1882. The im-ports from the eastern provinces have run up to \$12,000,-000, making a showing of inter-provincial trade which illustrates the great value of the North-West to the older provinces. The exports are as yet confined to furs, and amount to about half a million. But next year this will be all changed, and the export of wheat and flowr will ke amount to about half a million. But next year this will be all changed, and the export of wheat and flour will be large. The inland revenue has increased from \$131,863 to \$185,270. The transactions in real estate have amounted to between ten and twelve millions of dollars. large. The inland revenue has increased from \$131,863 to \$185,276. The transactions in real estate have amounted to between ten and twelve millions of dollars, one firm of real estate agents having invested, on account of English investors, no less than a quarter of a million of dollars. The building operations during the year have reached the large figure of \$4,447,712. The post-office figures are simply marvellous. The amount of money orders paid reached \$650,000, against \$215,213 in Toronto and \$183,-661 in Montreal, while the post-office has reached the position of third in the Dominion in point of revenue, the sale of stamps amounting to \$70,000, against \$53,139 in Hamilton, which comes next. No less than 44,000 immi-grants arrived during the season, bringing with them, it is estimated, not less than \$10,000,000 ; and the picture drawn by the late Lord Beaconsfield is beginning to be in some measure realized, no less than 8,500 citizens of the United States having settled in Manitoba and the North-West. The population of the city has increased from 9,000 in 1881 to 25,000 at the close of 1882; the assessed value of property has increased from nine millions to thirty millions of dollars, and it is estimated that next year it will run up to forty-five millions. The deposits in the Government savings banks increased from \$310,129 in 1881 to \$1,018,051 in 1882. In fact, in every department there has been an expansion such as no one could have anticipated, at least within so short a period, for the rapid 1881 to \$1,018,051 in 1882. In fact, in every department there has been an expansion such as no one could have anticipated, at least within so short a period, for the rapid growth may be said to have taken its start only within the last two years.

#### CLYDE SHIP-BUILDING.

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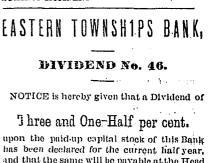
CLYDE SHIP-BUILDING. The Clyde ship-building trade in 1882 is stated, by the Glasgow Meraid, to have been one of unusual activity. The returns present a total of 50,912 tons above the total constructed in 1881, and 129,500 tons in excess of 1874. Many of the Clyde builders are said to have more tonnage already ordered for 1883 than they have turned out during the past year, which speaks well for the prospects for 1883. There were launched during the year by the various firms engaged in ship-building on the Clyde 291 vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 391,934 tons, as against 261 vessels and 341,022 tons during 1881. The use of steel in the construction of vessels is said to be on the increase. The majority of large steamers are said to be now built of that material. In 1879 the Clyde steel-built vessels amounted to 18,000 tons, in 1880 they rose to 42,000 tons, and in 1881 to 66,609 tons. During the past year, the steel ves-sels numbered 60, of an aggregate tonnage of 108,254 tons. The use of wood for ocean-going steamers and vessels, on the other hand, is declining, only 2 being noted, and they small ones, in the entire list of Clyde construction in 1882. "As a matter of fact," adds the *Herala*, " the construction of 'wooden walls' is being monopolized by our American cousins." The vessels launched on the Clyde were made up as follows: 172 screw steamers, 37 sailing ships, 14 paddle steamers, 8 yachts, 21 barges, 5 barks, 2 war ships, 2 hopper barges, 5 screw tugs, 10 steam launches, 4 lighters, 8 dredges, and 3 cargo flats. The Tyne has a monopoly of tugs, aud the east coast of England devotes its energies to cargo-carrying boats.

cargo-carrying boats. THE EDISON LIGHT,—The Edison light is now supplied to consumers at New York at a rate equal to \$2 an hour for a light equal to 2,000 candles, or about the cost of gas at \$2 per 1,000 feet. This is only a temporary arrange-ment. Meters will be used as soon as they are made and tested, and consumers will then be charged only for what electricity they use. In different parts of the States 159 establishments have been supplied with independent plants, and these are employing 30,000 lamps with great success. In New York, 266 houses are supplied from one station. The progress of incandescent lighting, which appears slow to us at a distance, is in reality very great.





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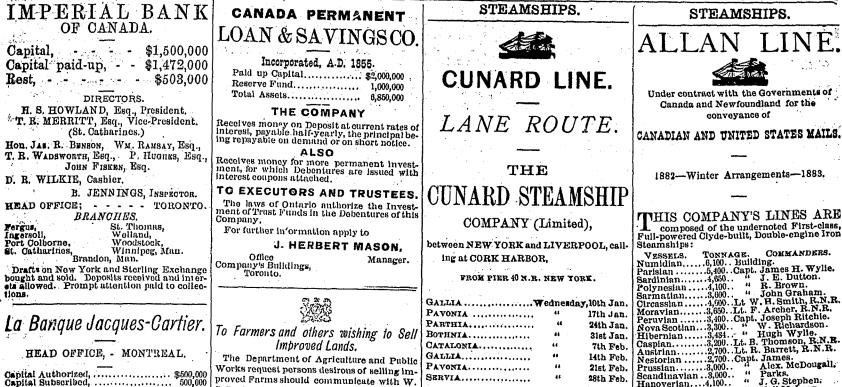
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