

being specially affected. Exchange on London, cheques, rose to 25f. 32c.

BERLIN, Wednesday.—The Bourse continued quiet to-day, but a slight advance was established in some of the international stocks. Austrian and Hungarian Gold Renten, however, declined. Exchange on St. Petersburg, three months, rose to 213m.

VIENNA, Wednesday.—The Stock Market was firmer to-day, and Austrian and Hungarian Renten advanced slightly. Anglo-Austrian Bank shares also improved; while Lombard shares were stationary. Gold coin advanced in value.

LATEST NEW YORK PRICES.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.		Previous day.
Exchange on London	4.82	4.82
Funded Loan, 5 per cent. (1871)	103½	103½
" " " (1876)	111	110¾
" " " (1877)	109	108¾
Union Pacific Railway	90¾	91½
Central Pacific Railway	112	111½
New York Central	131	132
Illinois Railway	106¾	107½
Erie Railway	42¾	43¾
Western Union Telegraph	106½	106½
Cotton (mid. uplands)	11 11-16	11 13-16
" " October delivery	10.50	10.63
Petroleum: standard white	9½	10½
Flour: extra state	4 15.4.35	4.15 4.35
Corn: old mixed	49c.	49c.
Red winter wheat	1.11	1.14
Wilcox lard	7½	7 11-16
Futures, July delivery	2 p.c.	2 p.c.
Call Money	2 p.c.	2 p.c.

Receipts 1,000 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,000, to the Continent *n/l*.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

	Week ending July 18	1880.	1879.	Inc.	Dec.
Caledonian	£ 5,533	£ 5,020	£ 6,534	—	—
Glasgow	13 .. 3,578	2,654	—	73	—
Cambridge and South-Westn.	17 .. 26,274	22,074	4,200	—	—
Great Northern	18 .. 58,744	61,635	—	2,941	—
Great North of Scotland	17 .. 6,774	7,035	—	261	—
Great Western	18 .. 141,003	133,807	7,201	—	—
Highland	18 .. 7,965	7,565	120	—	—
Isle of Man	18 .. 530	478	52	—	—
London and N.Western	18 .. 187,376	180,806	6,570	—	—
London and S.Western	18 .. 54,179	51,148	3,031	—	—
London, Chatham, &c.	18 .. 25,539	23,560	1,979	—	—
Manc., Sheff., & Lincoln.	18 .. 32,910	30,917	2,102	—	—
Do. Cheshire Lines	18 .. 3,249	2,745	503	—	—
Metropolitan District	18 .. 7,203	6,452	751	—	—
Do. St. John's Wood	18 .. 407	420	—	13	—
Midland	18 .. 121,647	119,242	2,405	—	—
North British	18 .. —	—	177	—	—
North Staffordshire	18 .. 11,254	10,738	523	—	—

LONDON, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at the Terminus Hotel, London Bridge, yesterday afternoon, Mr. SAMUEL LAING, M.P., the chairman, presiding. The report recommended a dividend of £2 7s. 6d. on the undivided ordinary stock, and of £3 per cent. on the preferred ordinary stock for the half-year.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated the shareholders on the improvement which had taken place in their business since this time last year. The circumstances had entirely changed. The traffic had increased, the expenditure had been kept down, and if he warned them at all, it must be that they should not be too sanguine. Some £30,000 additional had been earned during the half-year, with an extra expenditure of only a little over £3,000. This was owing to the cheapness of materials—coal and iron—and to the permanent way and rolling stock being in very much better condition than during the preceding seven years. He looked forward to the time when the line, working in conjunction with the other metropolitan railways, would become a prosperous concern. He moved that the report be received and adopted.

Mr. JONAS LEVY, the deputy-chairman, seconded the motion.

The report was adopted, the dividend declared, and the meeting terminated with the customary votes of thanks.

MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, AND LINCOLNSHIRE RAILWAY.

The half-yearly meeting of the directors and shareholders of this company was held yesterday, in the board-room, London-road, Manchester, Sir E. W. Watkin, M.P., chairman of directors, presiding. The report was taken as read, and it was recommended that a dividend should be paid at the rate of £2 per cent. per annum on the ordinary stock, and £2 per cent. preference.—The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said people used to come, many years ago, and abuse him about Grimsby. They said it was in the wrong place, that it was a sink for capital, and that it would never pay; but the result enabled the directors to say that Grimsby, instead of being a failure, as it was in the first instance, had been a great success. Let them take the fish trade in Grimsby. They began without a herring, not even so much as a sprat; but they were now sending to London and other places close upon 1,000 tons a week, a retail value yearly of between two and three millions of money. Then, as to coal, there were 400,000 tons of coal went through the port. Of timber there was at first a little trade, but now it was 100,000 tons a year. Then, with regard to merchandise—imports of raw material and produce, and exports of manufactures and industry—there were 400,000 tons a year. These results were remarkable. He thought it wonderful that in that period the company had made a trade of such magnitude. The port was theirs; they had made it what it was; there was no dock trust as at Liverpool, no dock companies as at other places; the whole place belonged to them, and they had made it into such a focus of business that it was the fifth port of England. In the six months with which they had to deal, 15,000 tons of potatoes had been brought into Grimsby; so that, in addition to getting the traffic, the company had a good deal to do with feeding the population of these densely inhabited districts. Coming to the revenue account, he found that, comparing their increase with that of other companies, the Lancashire and Yorkshire had 5.8 per cent. in the half-year, the London and North-Western 6.98 per cent., the Midland 5 per cent., and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 7.64 per cent. This he did not consider an unsatisfactory state of things.—Mr. Underdown reminded him that he had said nothing about the Liverpool traffic; that involved a rather important feature. He saw that in the June half-year of 1872 the company shipped metal goods from Sheffield to Liverpool, mainly for America, to the amount of 46,000 tons. That gradually went down until in 1878 it came to only 16,000 tons. In 1879 it went up slightly, to 20,000 tons, and now it was only 25,000 tons. The reason of that was the enormous tariff of the United States. In America there was a Republican Government and universal suffrage; and he dared say his friend Alderman Bennett, who with him held Liberal views and opinions, would doubtless think that was an unimproved blessing. He (the speaker) used to think so; but now he was older he began to doubt it. Free Trade had been obtained, and it had broken down what was called the landowners' monopoly; but now they had Trades Unions monopoly, which was much worse.—Mr. R. Withers seconded the motion, and the report was adopted.—Subsequently the dividend as mentioned above was declared and ordered to be paid; and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the directors, and the officers of the company.

According to the *Temps* there is now every prospect of the approaching harvest being a fair average one throughout France. The reports from the vineyards, says the *St. James's Gazette*, are less reassuring. From the Borneolais come complaints of blight; while in the Burgundy, Orleans, and Tours districts the vines were much damaged by the severe frosts of the winter. On the whole, therefore, there is reason to fear that the total vintage of 1880 will not exceed the 25,000,000 hectolitres of 1879.

GRIMSBY FISH, Wednesday.

Plaice 12s. to 20s., soles 10s. to 12s. per box; dabs 4s. 6d. basket; ling 2s. to 5s., turbot 4s. to 9s., live ling 6s. to 8s., dead ling 1s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. each; dead cod 15s. to 35s., live cod 20s. to 70s. per score; live codlings 9s., dead codlings 4s. per box; skate 1s. 6d. to 18s. each; box haddocks 4s. 6d. to 13s. 6d.; kit haddocks 15s. to 20s.; live halibut 8s., dead halibut 6s. per stone; salmon 1s. 1d., grise 9d. per lb.; coalfish 15s. per score.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The contemplated visit of the Prince of Wales to Australia has not, it is stated, been abandoned, but only postponed till the end of the approaching Indian trooping season. His Royal Highness will have appropriated to his service the imperial troopship *Serapis*, upon which £70,000 are being expended in supplying her with new engines and generally refitting her. By the conclusion of the trooping season, the *Bacchante* will have left on her protracted cruise with the Royal midshipmen, and the *corvette* will in all probability join her at an outward port and accompany her to the colonies, instead of proceeding to China.

THE RISCA COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

Efforts were yesterday concentrated upon cutting a cross heading of 13 yards in length, from Harvey's Level to Pudget's Level, for the purpose of exploring the latter. More bodies, it is expected, will then be recovered. The work is difficult, from want of air, the men being compelled to take turns of a few minutes only. Several coats and caps were brought up yesterday, but the owners are supposed to lie under the falls of earth.

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Marriages.

LOWE—REYNOLDS.—July 20th, at Mirfield Parish Church, by the Rev. F. R. Grenside, M.A., the Rev. Thomas Hill Lowe, of Bedford Leigh, Lancashire, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Rev. W. Reynolds, of Mirfield.

Deaths.

BARING.—On the 16th July, at Basel, Frances Dorothy Baring, second daughter of the late Lord Bishop of Durham.

SHEEPSHANKS.—July 21st, at Park-place, Harrogate, Margaret, the beloved wife of the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks, of Arthington Hall, in this county.

WHEATCROFT.—July 19th, at 36, Albion-street, Herbert, youngest son of the late William Wheatcroft, Esq., of Derby.

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THE LEEDS MERCURY.

THURSDAY, July 22nd, 1880.

A CAPETOWN telegram, dated yesterday, says a detachment of Cape Rifles, 200 strong, had been ordered to march rapidly into Basutoland. The Aborigines Protection Society have also received a telegram of the same date, which states that there is a general refusal on the part of the Basutos to disarm, and that European women and children were being sent away. Adherents of the Government have been already attacked, and the Residency at Maseru is said to be threatened. The telegram adds that a general native rising is seriously apprehended.

A STATUE in memory of King Leopold I. was unveiled at Laeken, near Brussels, yesterday, in the presence of members of the Royal Family and of other distinguished guests.

THE King and Queen of Greece arrived at Copenhagen yesterday.

THE *Agence Russe* of yesterday says the satisfactory solution of the Greek and Montenegrin questions cannot be long delayed, as the unanimity of Europe must convince the Porte of the firm resolve of the Powers to obtain the complete execution of the Treaty of Berlin. It proceeds to show that no single Power could take the initiative, inasmuch as the strength of Europe lies chiefly in concerted action.

THERE is, says a Reuter's telegram from Constantinople, no foundation for the rumour that the Porte has solicited the mediation of Count Corti, the Italian Ambassador, in the Turco-Greek question.

THE Berlin correspondent of the *St. James's Gazette* says the Emperor has congratulated the King of Belgium on the jubilee of Belgian independence. The same correspondent says that the Czar, indignant at China's disavowal of her former Ambassador, has declined to receive the Marquis Tseng, declaring that St. Petersburg is no longer the proper place for the solution of the Kuldja difficulty. A Reuter's telegram from St. Petersburg says that in consequence of intelligence received there from China, hopes are entertained that war has been finally averted.

THE Financial Ministers of all the German States will, says the Berlin correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, shortly meet at Cobourg to continue the Conference held at Heidelberg in August, 1878. The tobacco monopoly, which is understood to be favoured by Prince Bismarck, is expected to chiefly occupy the attention of the Conference.

M. LEON SAY and M. GAMBETTA will, it is said, probably accompany President Grévy on his visit to Cherbourg. The *Armée Française* confirms the report that General Thomassin will shortly proceed to Greece at the head of a military mission.

ON the 26th inst. twenty-one individuals will be tried at Kief on the charge of forming an illegal society.

AN official despatch from Manila, which gives additional particulars of the earthquake, states that the first shock lasted seventy seconds, that nine of the natives were killed, and eleven injured. The second shock lasted forty seconds, when two natives were killed and fifty were wounded. Several public buildings fell in, and the inhabitants had fled in safety to the fields. The earth opened in several places, and jets of boiling water and showers of ashes were ejected from the fissures. The cathedral and the barracks at Manila have fallen in, and the troops are encamped outside the city.

THE shaft of a tunnel now in course of construction under the Hudson, at Jersey City, fell in yesterday, and buried twenty-two men. No hopes are entertained of recovering them alive.

DR. TANNER completed the 23rd day of his fast on Tuesday, and during the day took a ride in the Park at New York. The physicians pronounce his condition to be normal. He continues fresh and cheerful, and looks better than he did ten days ago.

THE QUEEN is reported to have offered a site in St. George's, Windsor, for the proposed memorial to the Prince Imperial of France.

IN the HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday, considerable progress was made with the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, Clauses 12 to 43 being agreed to without material alteration. Several amendments were proposed and negatived. Mr. Bradlaugh gave notice that, when Sir J. Eardley Wilmot moves his religious tests resolution, he will move as an amendment that the House cannot, directly or indirectly, sanction the opinion that any particular faith in the matter of religion is necessary to the proper discharge of duties purely political. A new writ was ordered for the Wigtown Burghs, the Conservative Member, Mr. Mark Stewart, having been unseated on petition.

THE Royal Commissioners on Agriculture held a meeting yesterday, under the presidency of the Duke of Richmond, when the Marquis of Lansdowne, late Under-Secretary for India, was examined at some length on the relations of landlord and tenant and the system of management on the Lansdowne estates in Ireland.

THE Press Association is authorised to state that as yet all statements as to the arrangements for providing the President of the Local Government Board with a seat in the House of Commons are premature. Neither Scarborough nor Ripon had been selected. The report that Mr. Goschen would be made a Peer is contradicted.

THE annual "speeches" at Ripon Grammar School took place yesterday in the Public Rooms. The Bishop of Ripon was present, and in distributing the prizes delivered an address to the scholars.

THE Wesleyan Conference resumed its sittings yesterday, the Rev. E. E. Jenkins presiding. An invitation from Sir E. Watkin offering free conveyance by the South-Eastern Railway, to enable members of Conference to visit Canterbury Cathedral, was declined through pressure of business. Thanks were voted to the retiring President and to the other officers, several of whom were re-elected. The obituaries of ministers who have died during the past year were then read. It was resolved to hold the next Conference at Liverpool, in preference to accepting an invitation also presented from Leeds.

AT Wimbledon yesterday, the Kolapore Prize was won by the English team, who defeated the Canadians by 63 points. The Duke of Cambridge's Prize was won by Private Humphrey, 3rd Cambridge, and General Eyre's Prize by the Royal Engineers. The Albert contest was borne off by Dr. Scott, of the U.S.A., with a score of 70; Private Humphrey took