

There are no railways in Prince Edward Island. The New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company laid a cable from New Brunswick to the Island, but it is now damaged. On the land there are 30 miles of wire and posts owned by the above Company, and 20 miles by private parties. The following tables shew the nature and extent of the Banking business of the Island :—

	Capital paid up.	Circulation.	Deposits bearing Interest.	Deposits not bearing Interest.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank of Prince Edward Island .....	100,000	106,263	63,236	57,966
Union Bank of Prince Edward Island.....	100,000	93,270	28,690	61,023
Summerside Bank.....	34,980	40,250	1,760	1,056
Farmers' Bank of Rustico.....	8,426	16,230	833	nil.

	Amount of each Share.	Amount called up.	Dividend last six months.	Value of Stock.	Cashier.
	\$				
Bank of P. E. Island.....	33.33	The whole.	5 per cent.	43 p. c. prem.	William Cundall.
Union Bank of P. E. Island.....	33.33	The whole.	5 per cent.	30 p. c. prem.	James Anderson.
Summerside Bank.....	16.66	70 per cent.	nil.	par.	Edward L. Lydiard.
Farmers' Bank of Rustico.....	3.33	The whole.	5 per cent.	par.	Marin Blanchard.

The Government circulation remains at \$38,666.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Columbia consists of two parts—Vancouver's Island, 11,872 square miles, and the mainland 280,000 square miles.

No census has been taken, but the population of the two parts together is about 25,000 whites and Chinese, and 35,000 Indians.

The revenue is about \$300,000, and the expenditure somewhat more, *per annum*.

The debt is something under \$1,500,000, principally incurred in making roads, which are owned by Government, which collects the tolls.

The Government consists of the Governor and a nominate Executive and Legislative Council.

The imports are about \$5,500,000, and the exports, including \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 of gold, about the same.

The distance from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Victoria, Vancouver's Island, the capital of British Columbia, is about 4,300 miles by the valleys and mountain passes.

The climate of Vancouver's Island is milder than that of Canada—that of the mainland not very different.

For detailed statements on these and other subjects see "A Statistical Account of British Columbia," by the editor—a work of 41 pages, uniform in size and type with the *Year Book*, and published by G. E. Desbarats, Ottawa. Price 50 cents.

### MONTREAL OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The Montreal Ocean Steamship Company is now one of the largest steamship companies in the world—the Cunard and perhaps the West India Royal Mail and the Peninsular and Oriental being, we believe, the only ones equal to it. The Inman Company, we think, comes next.

The Montreal Ocean Steamship Company was formed in 1853; the first trip to Canada was made in 1854, but the regular mail service only commenced in 1856. It was then fortnightly, but in 1859 it was made weekly, and so continues. Each year, especially of late, has seen a considerable addition to its fleet; each year a diminution in the average length of the ocean passages of its magnificent vessels. Its magnitude and success should be a source of pride to every Canadian.

The individuals forming the Company are now the owners of thirty sailing ships of an aggregate of 26,000 tons. Of these, nine are built of iron, the remainder of wood, and they trade to all parts of the world. They keep constantly in their employ about 4,500 men, thus being the means of support for about 22,000 people, besides the large number of persons constantly engaged in building new vessels and repairing others. The capital of the Company in steamships, tenders, lighters, workshops and plant, may be estimated at \$9,000,000.

The Company's vessels now comprise the following :—

#### MAIL LINE.

Scandinavian.....Building.....	3,500	Tons.	Moravian.....Capt. Browne.....	2,650	Tons.
European.....do.....	3,500	"	Hibernian.....Lt. Smith, R.N.R.....	2,434	"
Prussian.....do.....	3,250	"	Nova Scotian...Capt. Aird.....	2,300	"
German.....Capt. Graham.....	3,250	"	North American...Barclay.....	1,784	"
Austrian....."Wylie.....	2,700	"	Belgian....."Richardson.....	2,434	"
Nestorian.....Lt. Dutton, R.N.R.....	2,700	"			
Peruvian.....Capt. Ballantine.....	2,600	"			33,102

#### GLASGOW LINE.

Ottawa.....Capt. Archer.....	1,831	Tons.	St. Patrick...Capt. Ritchie.....	1,209	Tons.
St. David....."Watts.....	1,650	"	Damascus....."Trocks.....	1,600	"
St. George....."Jones.....	1,468	"			
St. Andrew...."Scott.....	1,432	"			9,188

Aggregate Tonnage, 42,290.