

Safe Testimonial.--What the Leading People of Fredericton say about R. Flaherty & Co.'s Celebrated Fire-proof Safes.

The undersigned having witnessed the action of a Safe of the make of Messrs. ROBERT FLAHERTY & CO., Safe Manufacturers, of St. John, N. B., do hereby testify that the said Safe was in the City Hall Building, burned on the 25th instant, and fell into the lower part of the building, remaining amid the burning materials for the space of (44) forty-four hours, or from Monday Evening, at 7 till 3 p. m. on Wednesday following, when all the contents were taken therefrom in a complete state of preservation, not being scorched or burned in the slightest degree. We have no hesitation in recommending the Safes made by Messrs. R. FLAHERTY & Co., as being in every particular a complete and thorough FIRE-PROOF SAFE, and do consider this test one of unparalleled severity. Signed.

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Safes on hand at Wareroom, No. 98 Prince Wm. Street, opposite Bank of New Brunswick.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 29, 1870.

R. FLAHERTY & CO., Safe Manufacturers, St. John, N. B.

"view of the fact that legislation will be proposed in the Parliament of Great Britain, consequent upon the report of the Royal Commission recently held in London, adopt such measures as the Government in its wisdom may deem necessary to prevent such legislation from prejudicially affecting the tonnage of the Dominion of Canada."

On the subject of Canal enlargement, the report refers to the circular issued by Mr. Page, asking information on the subject of the cost of grain transport, and whether the interests of commerce would warrant an expenditure of ten millions additional, in making the canals between Prescott and Montreal, of the same dimensions as the Welland Canal, and gives the answer of the Council in which the enlargement of all the canals is strongly recommended: and also to the fact that notice has been given the newspapers of an intention to advertise for tenders early in the present year for the construction of the Baie Verte Canal. Mention is made of the reciprocal arrangements entered into for the coasting trade with the following countries:—Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Brazil.

The text is given of the memorial presented to Her Majesty, through the Honorable the Secretary of State, in accordance with the resolution passed at the semi-annual meeting against the continued taxation of Canadian ships in Britain for the support of lights and buoys, showing that all lights and buoys throughout the Dominion are supported solely by Dominion funds, and are free to ships of all nations.

A letter addressed from the Secretary to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, written by instructions of the Board at its semi-annual meeting, pointing out that the punishment of pilots is practically impossible under

the 71st clause of the Pilotage Act, is given, together with the answers of the Deputy Minister. The latter states that previous to the receipt of the Secretary's letter, the subject had engaged the attention of the Department, and the Department of Justice had been consulted as to whether the 71st clause of the "Act had deprived the Trinity House of its jurisdiction in the cases referred to. In the opinion both of the Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the punishment of pilots by suspension of their certificates had not been taken away from the pilotage authorities mentioned in the Act." It is stated that the subject is still under the consideration of the Department, and will receive immediate attention.

A letter addressed by the Secretary to the Minister of Finance on the subject of the inaccuracy of official statistics, of imports and exports, and the delay and incorrectness in the monthly bank statements is given, with the reply of the Minister to the effect that "several of the subjects referred to are now receiving the consideration of the Government."

The President in his address referred to the injurious effect of depositing the large sums that are frequently in the Government hands in the Banks. He stated very truly that it was only a temporary inflation, and being liable at any time to be withdrawn, it might cause very serious embarrassment, as the Banks were of course paying interest for it, and were forced into investments in order to make it profitable. A vote was passed that the question of constituting a Department of Commerce, to be presided over by a Cabinet Minister, be urged upon the attention of the Dominion Government.

We are exceedingly pleased to find the matter of Courts of Arbitration came up, and the

**Canadian Pacific Railway.**

Tenders for Grading — Fort William to Shebandowan.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender Pacific Railway," will be received up to noon of SATURDAY, the 27th of February next, for the Bridging and Grading required on that Section of the Pacific Railway, extending from the Town plot of Fort William, near Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, to Lake Shebandowan, about 45 miles in length.

For plans, specification, approximate quantities, forms of tender and other information, apply at the office of the Engineer in Chief, Ottawa.

Plans and specifications for that part of the line between Lake of the Woods and Red River, will be ready in the course of two or three weeks.

By Order,

F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

Dept. of Public Works, }
Ottawa, Jan. 16, 1875.

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