

Commerce and Public Credit.

The Board of Trade and Industry for Lower Austria, in the palace of the National-Bank, Herrengasse 14. Reports on the meetings held are published in the official News-paper (Wiener Zeitung).

The Exchange, Strauchgasse 4, is open daily from 11 to 1. It has 2 presidents, 1 secretary general, 1 commissary, 18 counsellors, 54 brokers, and 107 agents. An exchange-list is daily published at 3.

The Austrian National Bank, Herrengasse 15 and 17. This institution received its statutes and privileges from the crown on the 15th July 1817. It was established by a society of shareholders and is divided into different sections namely, the office for the emission of notes, the discounting-office, deposit-office, loan-office, and an office for loans on mortgage. The bank issues notes to 1000, 100 and 10 florins, which are current in the whole empire instead of gold and silver. The administration is composed of 2 governors, 12 directors, and a great number of clerks. — It has branch establishments at Prague, Brünn, Triest, Pesth, Leopold, Gratz, Linz, Innsbruck, Temesvar, Hermannstadt, Kaschau, Kronstadt, Agram, Goritz, Laibach, Czernowitz, Cracow, Klagenfurt, Troppau, and Salzburg. The bank-notes are made in the building.

The Custom-house (k. k. Haupt-Zollamt), Zollamt-gasse 1 (see p. 43).

The Bank of the Credit-Mobilier (Credit-Anstalt für Handel und Gewerbe), Hof 6, was founded in 1855 by a society of wealthy merchants. It transacts general banking-business and commenced its operations with a capital of 60 millions of florins. Its main object is the encouragement and support of commerce and industry, and by its aid many a railway line has been constructed. The direction of this institution is intrusted to the care of four directors and a board of administration.

The Bank of Discounts for Lower Austria (Niederösterreichische Escompte-Gesellschaft), Freiung 8, undertakes Banking-business in general, more especially however the discounting of good paper.

The Anglo-Austrian Bank, Strauchgasse, commenced its operations in 1864, with a capital of 20 millions. — Its object is the same as that of the preceding.

The Viennese Bank for Immovables, Weihburg-gasse 14, for the buying and selling of land and estates, lending money on mortgage, etc., throughout the Austrian Empire.

The Bank of the Belgian Credit-Foncier, Babenbergerstrasse 1.

The Austrian Savings-Bank, Graben 12, instituted in 1819. — Its sphere of operations is very extensive and this bank well deserves the amount of public credit which it enjoys.

The Ground-Credit-Bank (Boden-Credit-Anstalt), Herrengasse 8. Its Governor, Count *M. Almasy*.

A great number of private Banks have lately sprung up, which, having obtained the sanction of Government, are already actively employed, each in its particular sphere of operations; we name some of the principal ones:

The Franco-Bank.

The Austro-Egyptian Bank, under the auspices of the Anglo- and Credit-Bank.

The Austro-Oriental Bank, under the auspices of the Franco-Bank.

The Commercial Bank (Handelsbank), Renngasse.

The General Bank, Minoritenplatz.

The Mortgage-Bank (Hypothekenbank), Wipplingerstrasse.

The Trading-Bank (Verkehrsbank), Wipplingerstrasse.

Insurance Companies.

Der Anker (The Anchor), Kolowratring 3. Insurance of Annuities; Life Insurance, etc.

The Company for the Twofold Insurance of Capital and Income, Sonnenfelsgasse 7.

General Austro-Italian Insurance Company, Lugeck 1.

The Austrian Gresham, Insurance of Income, etc., Tuchlauben 11.

The Apis, Insurance of Cattle, Dorotheergasse 9.

The Company of Mutual Insurance against Fire, Obere Bäckerstrasse 3.

The Danubian Insurance Company, Schwarzenbergplatz 14.

Insurance of Capital, Annuities; against Fire, Weather and Water (Azienda Assicuratrice di Trieste), Habsburgergasse 5.

The Adriatic Insurance Company in Triest. — Agency in Vienna, Stephansplatz 5.

The Patria, Life Insurance, Kärntnerring 2.

The Austria, Naglergasse 31.

The Phoenix, Riemerstrasse 2.

The First Hungarian Insurance Company, Planckengasse 2.

Vindobona, Insurance Company, chiefly on mortgage, Kolowratring 3.

The Imp. Pawning Establishment (k. k. Ver-satzamt), Dorotheergasse 17, was founded by *Joseph II* in 1783. — The business of a licensed pawnbroker is unknown in Austria, and all affairs of this nature are transacted at the above establishment, where any pledge not subject to breaking is accepted. Open every day, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Bankers:

M. L. Biedermann & Co., Breunerstrasse 6.

M. Königswarter, Kärntnerring 4.

S. M. Rothschild, Renngasse 3.

Alex. Schöeller, Wollzeile 12.

J. Sina, Hoher Markt 9.

J. H. Stametz & Co., Dorotheergasse 9.

H. Todesco's Sons, Kärntnerstrasse 51.

Weikersheim & Co., Habsburgergasse 5.
M. Wodianer, Tuchlauben 17.

Money Changers:

- J. M. Löwenthal*, Stephansplatz 9.
- J. Ribarz*, Kärtnerstrasse 10.
- M. Schnapper* (Discount-Bank), Kärntnerstrasse 9.
- J. C. Sothen*, Graben 4.
- K. Uffenheimer*, Graben 18.
- A. Zinner*, Stephansplatz 8.