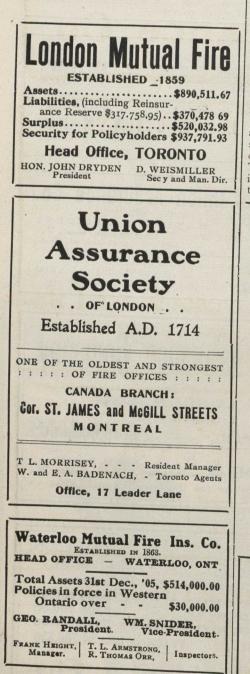




AGENCIES THROUGHOUT CANADA



FROM PENS AND LIPS.

If the Cobalt boom ever attains the dimensions of the Rossland craze, it will be a hummer. Office boys, motormen, waiters and chambermaids were capitalists in the Rossland boom, and any man could go into a tonsorial parlor, and, while being shaved, get tipped off to a "sure thing" by the gentlemanly barber. The Rossland boom reached the crest of the wave in 1899, and exploded early in 1900.—Montreal Daily Star.

Any man or woman who intrusts money to Lawson in response to his extravagant and bombastic advertising has absolutely no guarantee of its safety except Lawson's own personal statement that it will be safe " if he does not lose it in the stock market," and his equally frank statement that the money is not to be used in legitimate industry or investments but in the rankest and most extravagant kind of stock-gambling. In our judgment, the average curbstone broker and bucket-shop operator is a model of fiduciary responsibility in comparison with such a reckless schemer as Lawson's own written words describe him to be.—The Outlook, New York.

It is significant that Glasgow, the British city in which municipal Socialism has probably reached its highest development, is the worst sufferer (or, at least, makes the most noise about it), from "unemployment." The explanation is offered in some quarters that it is overbuilt, hundreds of new houses standing vacant. Municipal enterprise, illdirected, is said to have aggravated the conditions. Moreover, the Glasgow Unemployed Committee asserts that the very activity of the municipal authorities in projecting schemes to relieve the 'estitute causes the people to look more and more to the civic government for support, and induces a rush of that class of people from all parts of the Kingdom. The unmanning influence of Socialism is evidently already being felt.—Hamilton Times.



