

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Index price of Canadian commodities for August, was 136.2, as compared with 135.9 in July and 133.3 in August, 1912.

Control of petroleum field of over 1,200 square miles in Colombia has been secured by Colombian Syndicate, Ltd., of Canada.

The per capita foreign trade of the United States is approximately \$40.

Seventeen tracts of land, ranging from 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 200 acres each, with a total of 801 acres, have been set aside for park purposes by the City of Edmonton.

Canadian department of trade and commerce estimates the Dominion wheat crop at 210,998,800 bushels.

Toronto has 120 telephones for every 1000 of population as compared with 105 in New York.

In the past ten years Canada has borrowed upwards of £225,000,000 in Great Britain.

Population of Greater Berlin on Sept 1, was 3,970,664.

American investments in Mexico are estimated at a total sum of not less than \$1,055,000,000, British interests amount to \$230,000,000 and those of French financiers \$140,000,000.

South Australia is going into the leasing of farm lands on a large scale. No less than 306,000 acres have been thrown open for lease.

The present United States wheat crop means an average of 7.82 bushels per capita, as against 7.65 bushels in 1912, while the consumption for the whole country is approximately 5.5 bushels per capita.

The capital invested in trade papers in the United States has been estimated at not less than \$50,000,000. The federation papers represent a capital investment of not less than \$35,000,000.

British Indians in South Africa, who number 140,000, threaten a passive strike for the redress of grievances. They declare they are discriminated against by immigration and local laws and they propose to break the laws.

Wrecks in United States for last five years have cost railroads in damages and clearing away lines over \$60,000,000. In last 24 years 188,000 persons have been killed and 1,395,000 injured.

Breakfast food for horses is the latest; it is made of chopped hay and mixed with feed of various kinds, and put up in packages.

United States Agricultural department estimated total production of all cereals this year at 111,484,000 tons, or 20.1% less than last year.

Wholesale prices in Canada in 1912 increased six and a half per cent over the wholesale prices in 1911. The increase covered nearly 300 articles which entered into the cost of living. In the United States the increase was about half as much.

The first wireless commercial message was sent from Canada to Europe on October 17, 1907.

Oklahoma expects its largest output of peanuts this season, having 100,000 acres under cultivation.

Postmaster General Burleson says: "Express companies will pass in the course of time. The parcel post must absorb the express business of the country."

The hens in the United States produced last year, 1,700,000,000 eggs valued at \$400,000,000.

During the past year six and one half million pounds of butter were imported into Canada.

During July and August over 100,000 automobile tourists visited the state of Maine and spent more than \$7,000,000.

Over \$1,000,000 has been spent by the Saskatchewan Highways Commission, with headquarters at Regina, on improving the roads throughout the province since the opening of the season.

It is easier for the average mind to believe a money fallacy than to comprehend an economic truth.

More than 40,000 business men in the United States give their service as directors of Young Men's Christian Associations.

London advices state that shipments of gold to Egypt are now averaging \$5,000,000 daily.

Co-operation, not competition, is the life of trade.—The Philistine.

CANADA'S RAIL PRODUCTION.

The following table shows the growth of Canada's rail production during the past eighteen years.

Years	Gross tons.
1895.....	600
1896.....	600
1897.....	500
1898.....	600
1899.....	835
1900.....	700
1901.....	891
1902.....	33,950
1903.....	1,243
1904.....	36,216
1905.....	178,885
1906.....	312,877
1907.....	311,461
1908.....	268,692
1909.....	344,830
1910.....	366,465
1911.....	360,547
1912.....	423,885

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS.

The ore shipments for the week ending Sept. 19 were:

	High	Tons
McKin.-Dar.....	1	28.15
Miscellaneous.....	1	45.65
Hudson Bay.....	2	61.67
Nipissing.....	2	63.26
O'Brien Mine.....	1	31.21
Cobalt Lake.....	1	31.80
Beaver.....	1	31.82
Total.....	9	193.56

The bullion shipments for the week are:—

	Bars	Ounces.	Value.
Nipissing.....	101	121,815.25	\$72,817
Buffalo.....	65	66,680.00	40,500
C. Reserve.....	45	48,790.00	29,268
Totals.....	211	237,285.25	142,585
	225	240,041.04	142,823.75