

BOILER INSPECTION.

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upon for any class of boiler, which could then be shipped to any province in Canada.

Good Idea, but Not Near

Mr. J. W. Mackenzie, manager for Canada of the Maryland Casualty Company, said to the Monetary Times that he thought there was no question as to the desirability of having a uniform Boiler Inspection Act, applying all over Canada, making the same a Federal Act, but, he added, "I rather doubt if this good result will be brought about any time in the near future. There are numerous evils growing out of one Provincial Boiler Act differing from those of other provinces, both from the standpoint of the steam user and the company who insures boilers, among which might be mentioned the disadvantage to a business concern who have plants in different provinces of Canada having to attend to different provincial requirements as to the operation of their boilers, and on the part of the insuring company in the way of having to make different inspection arrangements for each province where such Acts are not in uniformity."

TEA TRADE.

Canada Imported Seven Million Pounds from India Last Year—Small Receipts from China.

The total area under tea in British India, including Burma, in 1908 is estimated at 548,127 acres, as compared with 540,533 acres in 1907. Of the total area of 544,937 acres for which either returns or complete estimates were received, 515,153 acres were reported to have been plucked during the year. The total number of plantations in 1908 was 5,839, as against 5,811 in 1907.

The total production of tea in 1908 was reported as 247,018,653 lbs, against 247,514,354 in 1907. These facts are gathered from a note on tea production prepared in the office of the Director General of Commercial Intelligence, India. The chief foreign markets for India's green tea are the United Kingdom and Russia for exports by sea and Afghanistan for exports by land.

Room for Canadian Growth

The direct exports of tea during the years ended March 31st, 1908 and 1909, were as follow:—

	1907-8. Lbs.	1908-9. Lbs.
Exported to		
United Kingdom	169,474,706	177,268,931
Russia	15,407,027	18,552,425
Canada	4,844,352	7,028,429
Australia and New Zealand	10,977,592	8,998,335
Other countries by sea	26,472,229	22,123,358
Total by sea	227,175,906	233,971,478
Total by land	1,011,920	1,117,648

Grand total

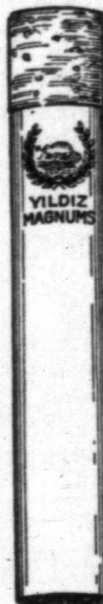
Chinese tea to the extent of 210,380,000 pounds was exported in 1908 as compared with 214,962,267 pounds in 1907. The following table shows the countries of destination of all kinds of Chinese tea exported in the two years:

Division of China's Trade

	1907. Piculs.	1908. Piculs.
Exported to		
British Empire—		
United Kingdom	157,372	118,222
Hong Kong	99,141	89,719
British India	9,342	12,239
Singapore and Straits	4,137	3,631
Australia and New Zealand ...	7,175	6,130
South Africa and Mauritius ...	1,725	475
Canada	13,382	20,806
Total British Empire	292,274	251,222
Russian Empire—		
European ports	189,002	154,646
Overland, via Tientsin and Kiakhta	190,542	215,674
Pacific ports	609,167	594,712
Overland from Hankow	2,092	1,717
Total Russian Empire	990,803	966,749
United States of America (including Hawaii)	201,740	208,647
Europe (except Russia and United Kingdom)	91,509	119,576
Other countries	35,891	31,659
Total (piculs)	1,612,217	1,577,853
Total (lbs.)	214,962,267	210,380,400

A picul is equal to 133½ lbs. avoirdupois.

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LIFE AND ACCIDENT NOTES.

Montreal's birth rate is higher than that of any other city in the world. Last year it was 38.43 per thousand.

Mr. C. B. Linton, who for so many years was the able and efficient district manager of the Mutual Life of Canada, at Hamilton, Ont., has resigned his position, owing to ill-health. It is to be hoped that only temporarily Mr. Linton will be out of active field work, in which he has been successful.

Four Canadian delegates attended the National Association of Life Underwriters' Convention, at Louisville. They were Messrs. J. O. McCarthy, H. C. Cox, John Burbank, and N. H. Bastedo. The convention next year will be held at Detroit. Amongst the new officers of the Association, are second vice-president, E. R. Machum, St. John, N.B., and executive members, T. G. McConkey, of Toronto, and A. Vipond, of Montreal.

It is time to get rid of the idea, says Elbert Hubbard, that life insurance is a quasi-charitable or benevolent institution. It is no more a matter of charity than fire insurance. It is true that it had its rise in benevolence, and its first manifestation was a passing of the hat for the afflicted family. But now it is a matter of business. A life insurance policy is a commodity. Its value lies in the ability of the company to keep its contract.

Bets have been made—that is to say, it was offered last month at Lloyd's, to pay a total loss in the event of general election taking place before December 31st, for a premium of 20 guineas per cent. But this month the rate has been increased to 40 guineas. A good many transactions took place last month; not so many since. To guarantee a loss should the House of Lords reject the finance bill, 80 guineas was charged, but scarcely any one would pay so high a premium.

The fall conference of the superintendents of the Canadian division of the Prudential Insurance of Newark, was held in Toronto recently. At this meeting a wire was read from the second vice-president, Mr. J. F. Dryden, congratulating the Canadian division on results accomplished. Superintendent W. A. Alexander of the Brooklyn No. 9 district was the recipient of the gold badge and certificate of membership, Class C, of the Prudential Old Guard. He has completed 15 years' continuous service with the company.

A special meeting of the Accident Underwriters' Association of Canada was held in Toronto recently. Mr. W. H. Cross, Western secretary of the Association presided and the following companies were represented: Railway Passengers (F. H. Russel), Maryland Casualty (J. W. McKenzie), London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident (F. McLean), Ocean Accident (Charles H. Neely), Canadian Railway Accident (John Emo), Imperial Guarantee (E. Willans), London Guarantee (D. W. Alexander), Dominion of Canada Guarantee (Mr. Withers), Employers' Liability (R. I. Griffin and C. W. I. Woodland). Matters of interest to the companies, such as rates, etc., were discussed.