

AFFAIRS OF CENTRAL
CANADA CO. EXPLAINED

Bulletin Issued by Insurance Superin-
tendent Tells of Liquidation and
Arrangements Being Made

RE-INSURED IN MONTREAL

Liability of Fire Contracts Assured by British Colonial
Fire Insurance Co.—Losses of \$15,000 Covered
by Government Deposit.

The condition of the affairs of the Central Canada Insurance Company, now in liquidation, the liability of the fire contracts of which has been assured by the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company of Montreal, is explained in a bulletin which has just reached here. It is issued at Regina by Mr. A. E. Fisher, superintendent of insurance for Saskatchewan.

The Central Canada Insurance Company went into voluntary liquidation on December 10 last, and appointed Mr. A. E. Ham, superintendent of insurance for Manitoba, as provisional liquidator. Mr. Ham at once entered into negotiations with several companies relative to the reinsurance of the fire and livestock contracts at that time in force. From December 19 until December 22 at 10 a.m. the outstanding fire policy liability was carried by the Home Insurance Company of New York. All losses occurring during that time will be paid by the Home Insurance Company.

Negotiations were entered into with the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company, of Montreal, Que., and as a result this firm assumed the liability of the fire contracts in force on December 22, 1914. Mr. Theodore Meunier is managing-director of the company. The outstanding losses in Saskatchewan, amounting to \$15,000 will be covered, although it may take a little time to secure funds for this purpose. By the terms of the Saskatchewan Insurance Act the deposit made with the Government will protect these liabilities pro rata.

The claims for unearned premiums on policies cancelled since the 10th of December should be filed in the office of the Saskatchewan superintendent of insurance even if claims have already been filed with either Mr. Ham or the Central Canada. By this means the interest of the insured will be more effectively protected, the Government deposit being available for this purpose also on a pro rata basis.

Arrangements are being made for the re-insurance of the livestock contracts, but at present a definite announcement is not forthcoming, as negotiations for the purpose of re-insurance are pending.

UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF REGINA.

Regina, Sask., January 13.—Mr. A. McBeth, representing the Mutual Life of Canada, who has just been elected president of the Underwriters' Association of Regina, is one of the best known insurance men in the province and has promised to give much of his time and attention to the work of the association.

The officers are: Vice-president, F. W. Hobson, Equitable Life of New York; secretary-treasurer, H. R. Lyne, Manufacturers' Life; executive committee, G. Barlow, Canada Life; A. H. W. Phillips, Travellers; A. L. George, Sovereign Life; H. J. Smale, Manufacturers' Life; and H. E. Drope, British Columbia Life.

DECREASE IN LAND ASSESSMENT.

Vancouver, B.C., January 13.—Together with a decrease in population, which, according to the assessment office returns, now numbers 106,170, Vancouver faces a diminution of \$5,026,458 in the assessment on land for 1915, as the total amount is \$145,608,952, as compared with \$150,635,410 for last year. It is on the land value that the tax rate is based. The value of improvements, buildings, that is, is \$79,132,318, this being an increase of \$2,951,595 over the value of last year, which was \$76,180,723.

The totals are \$224,741,330 for this year and \$226,452,192 for last year, a net decrease of \$2,103,862.

MONTREAL TRUST COMPANY.

Mr. C. A. Crosbie, of Vancouver, has been added to the Board of Directors of the Montreal Trust Company. He is supervisor of the British Columbia branches of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The balance of the Board was re-elected as follows: Sir Herbert Holt, president; Robert Archer, vice-president; Sir Alex. Aitken, J. B. Aldred, A. J. Brown, K. C., Fayette Brown, George Caverhill, Hon. N. Curry, Hon. R. Dandurand, Wm. Molson MacPherson, C. E. Neill, Hugh Paton, Edson L. Pease, James Redmond, F. W. Ross, Hon. W. B. Ross, F. P. Jones, A. Haig Sims and Stuart Strathay, with V. J. Hughes manager.

MANITOBA'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Winnipeg, Man., January 13.—The earnings of the telephone system operated by the Manitoba Government for the year ended November 30th, last, were \$117,000 in excess of the previous year.

Expenses were \$77,000 higher, with assets approximately \$600,000 greater.

The total revenue for the last fiscal year was \$1,241,112, net earnings \$477,749.

The total number of telephones in use was 46,549, compared with 43,281 the previous year.

CANADIAN COMPANIES PREFERRED.

Calgary, Alta., January 13.—That all school insurance should be placed with Canadian companies is the strong opinion of J. T. Macdonald, chairman of the board. It has been decided to leave the matter in the hands of the finance committee to report.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER RISING.

Philadelphia, January 13.—Residents of houses along the Susquehanna River between McCall's Ferry Dam and Washington Borough are preparing to flee to high ground, because of the rapid rise of the river, which is 12 feet above normal.

WESTERN ASSURANCE
FIRE AND MARINE INCORPORATED 1851

Assets over \$3,500,000.00

Losses paid since organization over \$57,000,000.00

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SOCIAL INSURANCE BY STATE
IS THE LATEST SUGGESTION

U. S. Industrial Commission Considering New Department to Meet Problems of Unemployment and Occupational Diseases.

New York, January 13.—State and Federal social insurance—insurance to meet the problems created by unemployment, by occupational diseases, and other poverty troubles that are the outcome of existing industrial conditions—was mentioned yesterday by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, as a remedy the Commission is considering. Mr. Walsh arrived in this city to-day to attend the public hearings which the Commission will begin January 18 in connection with its investigation of the Rockefeller, Carnegie, Sage, and other foundations.

Another idea put forth by Mr. Walsh was that the danger of allowing private agencies like the foundations to continue their control of educational progress and social betterment might be obviated by the substitution of public agencies supported by a tax on very large incomes.

"Men who control great industries and who enjoy their profits have recognized the need of expending large sums to alleviate distress," said Mr. Walsh. "We intend to inquire into the possibilities of danger that lie in this private use of enormously large sums of money for schemes of social betterment, and to raise the question whether or not the work of these private agencies could not better be done by the State. The Carnegie and Rockefeller endowments for philanthropic and educational work alone have an annual income of at least \$14,000,000.

"The largest of these private philanthropies is only in its beginning. The first annual report of the Rockefeller Foundation shows that the men who control it could not or at least did not use the interest on the principal of \$100,000,000. There is no requirement that the interest shall be used, and a situation is suggested to this Commission where the principal of this fund might grow to still higher proportions."

HOLDING ANNUAL MEETING.

The National Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions commenced its first annual meeting at Chicago yesterday. Eckford G. De Kay, recorder, and H. E. Ryan, assistant actuary of the New York Insurance Department, are attending the meeting. The papers to be read include one on the "Attitude of the National Civic Federation in regard to the Compensation of Statisticians," by Hon. Cyrus W. Phillips; "The Essential Factors in the Computation of the Cost of Workmen's Compensation," by W. H. Magoun of the Massachusetts Insurance Department; "Statistics of Accident Prevention," by Fred Croxton, statistician of the Industrial Commission of Ohio.

"MENACE" OF STATE INSURANCE.

Chicago, January 13.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Insurance Federation arrangements were made for a mass meeting to discuss the menace of State insurance, to be held at 7 o'clock Friday evening in the assembly hall of the Chicago Board of Underwriters. This covers the threat of State insurance as applied to fire as well as to compensation insurance.

The Illinois Insurance Federation has arranged for a meeting to be held in the rooms of the Peria Association of Commerce Saturday afternoon, January 16. Addresses will be made by representatives of the federation and discussion will be invited on the subject of "State Control of the Insurance Business."

VICTORIA RATE REDUCED.

The fire wardens' report recommending some alterations in the fire protection service, particularly the installation of a proper fire alarm system, came before the Victoria City Council again recently. The Council approved an immediate vote of \$2,135 for certain improvements and decided to recommend to the next year's Council the installation of the fire alarm system at a net cost of \$12,992, this cost to include the housing of the alarm system in a fire-proof building. In return for this improvement the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association will give a reduction of 4.3 per cent. on future premiums in the mercantile district.

LOSS OF A MILLION.

Underwriters have received word that the Danish motor ship Malakka, which ran ashore on Cedros Island, 300 miles south of San Diego, will be a total loss. The vessel was bound on her maiden voyage from Puget Sound ports to Europe. Underwriters are involved to the extent of about \$1,000,000.

PERSONALS

Mr. William Bennett, of Quebec, is at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. H. Russell Popham, has been spending a few days in Quebec.

Mr. G. H. Harrower will leave for a visit to Winnipeg to-morrow.

Mr. R. Innes Taylor, of Toronto, is in town, and is staying at the Windsor.

Sir George Perley will attend Buckingham Palace to-day to be invested with his knighthood.

Hon. W. T. White is back in Ottawa again from the Laurentian Mountains, where he spent the holidays.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, will address the Empire Club of Toronto on Thursday night on "Some Phases of the War."

Hon. T. Chase-Casgrain returned to Ottawa to-day after being banquipped at the Garrison Club in Quebec last night.

Hon. T. Chase-Casgrain was given a complimentary dinner at the Garrison Club in Quebec last night by his friends in the old capital.

Rev. C. A. Williams, of St. James Methodist Church, leaves to-day for Quebec, where he will speak at the 79th annual meeting of the Quebec Bible Society.

General Hughes, Minister of Militia, will leave for the West on Thursday night to pay a visit of inspection to the forces being raised there. The Minister is recovering rapidly from his injury.

The following were introduced on 'Change at the Board of Trade yesterday: G. R. Crowe, Winnipeg; by A. P. Stuart; F. A. Peters, St. John, N.B.; by A. C. Labelle; A. E. Hickman, St. John's, Nfld.; by S. M. Munn; John O'Brien, New York, by A. W. Grant.



MR. HUME CRONYN,
Director of the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, the latest company to form a rifle club in preparation for future demands.

THE "MUTUAL" RIFLE CLUB.

Although the head office staff of the Mutual Life of Canada, Waterloo, Ont., has not so far contributed to the overseas contingents, its members are preparing for future demands by learning to shoot. A rifle club has been formed, and a garage fitted up to provide a fifteen yard range. Two Ross miniature rifles are being used, and a competition is at present in progress. The members of the club have been divided into two groups, one captained by J. A. Harper, the other by J. M. Laidie. The group captained by Mr. Laidie is at present well in the lead. The following officers of the club were elected: Captain and instructor, E. D. Cunningham, Secretary-Treasurer, E. Pequegnat; Executive Committee, Captain, Secretary-Treasurer, and Messrs. Ross, Italy and McIntyre; Official Scorer, E. W. Schmidt; Assistant Scorer, M. Connor.

PLENTY OF INSURANCE.

Saskatoon, Sask., January 13.—That less than three per cent. of the total fire loss in Saskatchewan in 1914 was not covered by insurance is the statement of Fire Chief Deane in his annual report. The total loss was \$268,873, and the total loss not covered by insurance, according to his statement, is \$7,820.

REAL ESTATE AND
TRUST COMPANIES

Quotations for to-day on the Montreal Real Estate Exchange, Inc., were as follows:

Aberdeen Estates.	Bids	Asked
Beudin Ltd.	125	125
Bellevue Land Co.	70	70
Bluey Inv. Co.	97	104
Caledonian Realty Co., Ltd.	17	15
Canadian Consolidated Land Co., Ltd.	3	5
Cartier Realty	3	5
Central Park, Lachine	100	107
City Central Real Estate (com.)	—	—
City Estates, Limited	—	120
Corporation Estates	—	55
Cote St. Luc & R. Inv.	51	52
C. C. Cottrell, 7% (pfd.)	—	75
Credit National	—	110
Crystal Spring Land Co.	—	58
Dagost Realty Co., Limited	45	70
Denis Land Co., Limited	75	100
Dorval Land Co.	15	201
Drummond Realty, Limited	—	100
Eastmount Land Co., Ltd.	97	97
Fort Realty Co., Limited	—	243
Greater Montreal Land Inv. (com.)	174	180
Greater Montreal Land Inv. (pfd.)	100	118
Highland Factory Sites, Limited	25	281
Improved Realty Limited (pfd.)	50	10
Improved Realty Limited (com.)	—	15
K & R Realty Co., Ltd.	78	100
Kenmore Realty Co.	—	70
La Compagnie d'Immeubles Unies Ltd.	55	674
La Compagnie Immobilière du Can. Ltd.	41	73
La Compagnie Immobilière du Can. Ltd.	—	—
N. D. de Grace	91	14
La Compagnie Industrielle d'Immeubles	—	10
La Compagnie Montreale	80	12
La Compagnie Nationale de L'Est	90	98
Lachine Land Co.	125	125
Landholders Co., Limited	—	100
Land of Montreal	—	100
La Salle Realty	—	97
La Societe Factory Sites, Limited	—	100
Lauzon Dry Dock Land, Limited	—	100
Longueville Realty Co.	—	100
L'Union de l'Est	101	101
Model City Annex	—	10
Montmartre Realty Co.	—	10
Montreal Deb. Corporation (pfd.)	—	44
Montreal Deb. Corporation (com.)	—	24
Montreal Extension Land Co., Limited	—	62
Montreal Lachine Land Co.	55	604
Montreal Land & Imp. Co., Limited	—	101
Montreal South Land Co., Ltd. (pfd.)	—	54
Montreal South Land Co., Ltd. (com.)	40	584
Montreal Welland Land, Ltd. (pfd.)	10	184
Montreal Welland Land, Ltd. (com.)	10	15
Montreal Western Land Co.	—	75
Mountain Sights, Limited	—	85
Mutual Bond & Realty Corporation	74	55
Nesbitt Height	—	84
North Montreal Centre	125	130
North Montreal Land, Limited	151	155
Notre Dame de Grace Realty	—	100
Orchard Land, Limited	101	124
Ottawa South Property Co., Limited	—	144
Pointe Claire Land	—	104
Pointe St. Louis	—	178
Rivera Estates	—	70
Rivermere Land Co.	—	70
Riverview Land Co.	103	1134
Rochfield Land Co., Limited	27	30
Roschell Park Realty Co., Limited	—	9
St. Andrews Land Co.	—	70
St. Catherine Road Co.	—	117
St. Denis Realty Co.	—	10
St. Lawrence Heights, Limited	—	10
St. Lawrence Inv. & Trust Co.	—	10
St. Regis Park	95	1024
South Shore Realty Co.	45	47
St. Paul Land Co.	651	651
Summit Realty Co.	—	60
Transportation Bldg. (pfd.)	—	15
Union Land Co.	—	84
Wentbank Realty, Limited	—	140
Wentworth Realty	141	140
Westbourne Realty Co.	—	17
West End Land Co., Limited	—	70
Windsor Arcade Bldg., 7% with 100%	—	15

Bonds and Debentures:

Alex. Bldg. 7% Deb.	110
6% Deb. com. Bonds	—
Arena Gardens, Toronto, 6% Bonds	—
Caledonian Realty Co. Ltd., 6%	75
City P. & Inv. Co., Bond	—
Marcel Trust Gold Bond	95
Montreal Deb. Corp. 6% Deb.	101
Transportation Bldg. 7 (pfd.)	—
Trust Companies:	—
Crown	110
Eastern	100
Marcel Trust Co.	260
National	184
Prudential (com.)	221
Prudential (pfd.)	490
Prudential 7% pfd., 50% paid up (pfd.)	95
Eastern Securities	115

LAND BOUGHT AS 70 ACRES
CONTAINED BUT 54 IS CLAIM

So Ald. N. Turcot and Syndicate Sue Vendor, Demanding Cancellation of Sale or Reduction of Price.

A case of interest to members of land syndicates who have purchased tracts of farm land, only to find out later that the superficial area of the real estate acquired did not come up to their expectations, was yesterday pleaded before Mr. Justice Lane, the suit being that of Ald. Napoleon Turcot, Themens and others vs. MacDuff.

Turcot, Themens and their associates bought a portion of MacDuff's farm, situated at Pointe Aux Trembles, and in the title deeds it was stated that the portion of the holdings involved contained 70 arpents, English measure, more or less. MacDuff sold that portion extending from the Terminal tracks to the limits of the land. After the sale the purchasers say they found that their portion of the land contained but 54 arpents, instead of 70.

In support of their suit asking for a cancellation of the sale, or, subsidiarily, for a proportionate reduction of the sale price, they aver that MacDuff must have known that the land sold did not contain 70 arpents more or less, since he sold only a portion of his farm, and the deeds to the whole showed that the whole farm contained but 65 arpents.

MacDuff, on the other hand, points out that in the deed of sale it was specifically stated that if the land purchased contained more than the 70 arpents the gain was to be on the sale of the purchasers; if it contained less, then so much the worse for the buyers. The latter had governed themselves accordingly; they had no reason to complain. The principal argument advanced in the plea, however, is that the sale was not one extending to any given area. It was a sale on title, the limits of the purchased land being specifically outlined in the deeds.