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AN INTERESTING JUDGMENT.

A very interesting judgment was recently rendered in Vancouver against The Mutual Life and The Sovereign Life Insurance Companies, which have sought to evade payment of insurance amounting to \$200,000 on the life of the late W. R. Arnold, manager of the defunct Dominion Trust Company, whom they claimed to have committed suicide. The latter, at the time of his death, was personally in debt to the extent of from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000, and on the maturity of certain notes which were soon to fall due, would undoubtedly have had to declare himself a bankrupt. Shortly before his death he took out the large amount of insurance mentioned above, and also wrote a new will. These circumstances, the insurance companies claimed, together with the fact that he died by a bullet from his own revolver, were enough to establish the case as one oc suicide. The judge, however, in rendering an adverse ruling, declared that in his opinion these facts were more than outweighed by the facts that the deceased was a man of robust health, was used to facing difficulties, was happy in his family relations, and was a man of sanguine temperament. The absence, therefore, of any legal proof of suicide, rendered impossible any other ruling than that given, namely, that death was accidental.

WINNIPEG LIFE UNDERWRITERS.

The Winnipeg Life Underwriters' Association have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:-Honorary president, Mr. J. St. Clair Clark, Sun Life; past president, Mr. H. B. Andrews, Imperial Life; president, Mr. D. J. Johnston, Aetna Life; vice-president, Mr. H. S. Boynton, Metropolitan Life; secretary, Mr. W. M. G. DesBrisay, London Life: treasurer, Mr. W. T. Hart, Policy Holders' Mutual. Executive committee: Messrs, A. W. Newman, New York Life; F. P. Hayden, Great West Life; R. S. Rowland, Sun Life; J. K. Lowery, Travellers of Hartford; F. B. Blackeley, Western Life.

"A CALL TO ACTION."

The Canadian Trade and Commerce Bulletin No. 645 contains an article by Sir George Foster called "A Call to Action," which is a plea for preparedness for peace on the part of Canadian industry. Sir George announces a convention of Canadian business men to take place during the coming autumn in order to devise ways and means of meeting the dislocation of commerce and industry which will inevitable accompany restored peace. He reminds us of the many millions who will be thrown out of work and of the many industries which will require readjustment. A thorough mobilization of business forces will be necessary to meet the emergencies of the reconstruction period. Before such a convention, as is planned for the fall can take place successfully, preparation for it must be made by the large business associations of the country. "Therefore," he says, "I am venturing to solicit most earnestly the help and co-operation of Boards of Trade, the Manufacturers' Association, the great transport corporations, the bodies of scientific and industrial research, the engineering associations, the labor bodies, the mining, fishing, lumbering and agricultural interests, the banking institutions and generally of all men of knowledge and experience.

'If these will begin at once to examine, to think to discuss and to confer with one another in their respective fields of work and activity, they will be better prepared to answer certain fundamental questions which must be asked and answered before our productive and distributive capabilities become properly mobilized and energized for the great work that lies before us."

The seriousness of the coming crisis, he affirms, is not realized by many; the work to come will be greater than the work of war. The article concludes with the query, "Shall we take it up in dead earnest and prove ourselves equal to the task?"

There is no let-up in the volume of sales of the mail order houses. The Sears Roebuck Company, of Chicago, in May reported sales of \$10.868.897. an increase of \$2,404,184, or 28 per cent over May. 1915. It followed an increase of \$2,449,804 in April, \$2,824,007 in March, \$2,524,312 in February and \$1,-643,000 in January. In the first five months of the current year gross sales have increased \$10,895,219, or 23 per cent.

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The directors of the Guarantee Company of North America, at a meeting on Thursday last, prior to adjourning for the summer, declared the usual quarterly dividend of 21/2 per cent, payable July 15th.

LAKE OF BAYS. Highlands of Ontario.

The beautiful summer resort district in the Highlands of Ontario is anticipating one of the most successful seasons in its history. The Lake of Bays is reached through Huntsville on the Grand Trunk Railway, and offers splendid accommodation to the visitor, excellent boating and fishing, picturesque scenery and invigorating air.

The district is attracting many golfers. A fine course is available near the Wawa Hotel at Norway Point, and another golf course is to be opened this season at Clovelly, just across the Lake from the Hofel. The Wawa opens for the reception of guests on June 26th.

An attractive booklet, describing the Lake of Bays region may be had on application to M. O. Dafoe, No. 122 St. James St., Montreal.