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It would seem that Canada is entering a period of prosperity hitherto unknown in this garden of the British Empire. With the growing reports of agricultural and industrial prosperity, part of the Dominion one cannot but feel that the business of the country, now that the depression of the money market is largely over, will be conducted on a basis more substantial than ever before. The crisis just passed has been indeed uncertain, but there is no doubt that the result will be beneficial, especially to the somewhat over-ambitious West. Business men have found where they stand, and municipalities have learned that their expenditures must be made with some degree of caution. In anticipation of a

The Labor Party in Great Britain has just presented to the public some interesting figures showing the strides made by their organizations during the last decade. The figures show both an increase in membership and the number of societies affiliated to the party is record since 1906. The financial situation of the party government is concerned is in splendid shape. At the new year they have on hand £38,000.

Eight years ago there were in the United Kingdom forty-one trade unions affiliated to the party with a total of 355,570. To this was added a membership composed of local labor parties, Fabian Society members, etc., numbering 100,000. The total aggregate of 375,831. This membership soon grew to 800,000, with 153 trades unions and 75 kindred societies. According to the figures presented to the public there were, in 1906, when the party met at Belfast, 179 trades unions and 85 miscellaneous societies, the total number being 264.

The growth since this time has been surprising, the figures for 1907-8 being 1,000,000, with 200 trades unions, having a membership of 800,000. The figures for 1908-9 show labor parties and other organizations, numbering 22,287 members, or a grand total of 1,027,431. It is claimed by the party that the growth has been more remarkable since it occurred during a year when the parliamentary constitution was increased from two cents to four.

Notwithstanding the fact that the

Tweddie is that the various sums reported on by Mr. Miller are all amounts which were due the Crown Land department for the purchase of timber berths. It had been the custom of the Crown Land department to accept notes from persons only, but from many others as well. For some reason these notes forming the suspense account remained unpaid for a long time, and Mr. Miller finally was required by a cash payment from Mr. Tweddie two years ago. It is a question whether the notes should have been called in, or whether the department was well wiser to wait until the notes were paid. Mr. Tweddie was in a measure responsible as the head of the department giving the credit and to have himself paid the notes. The auditor says that he is responsible also for the interest. Governor Tweddie in his letter to the Surveyor General says that he is not responsible for the interest, but that he has paid were not his. The auditor

There exists in British Columbia just as there is in New Brunswick—a Fire Protective Association which is constantly urging upon the government the need of establishing a better means of protecting the timber limits from the ravages of the bush fires. Had the principles so strongly advocated by these associations been adopted and enforced under government supervision in the different provinces, much valuable timber would have been saved. Quebec and British Columbia would have been richer; whole towns would not have been wiped out and scores of human lives would not have been sacrificed.

gations. Now the whole spirit of the awakening seems to be changed. This awakening of China means a lasting peace in the Far East. The moment China awakes comes strong enough after her awakening to maintain her sovereign rights and protect herself from aggression, the Far Eastern question will have been solved. The awakening of China means the dawn of a new commerce, and the day is not far distant when the Pacific Ocean will rival the Atlantic with the number of ships that sail on its surface. The world will then witness an expansion of trade never before known in its history, and this trade will also be a safeguard in the

QUEBEC, Aug. 4—The horizon in this city is darkened by the smoke emanating from, evidently large forest fires up north and along the southern coast. It is impossible to tell the exact location of these fires at present but judging by the smoke and smell of burning timber in this city, the fires are extensive and great damage is being done.

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