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ness Loss

In a recent issue of the "New York In a recent issue of the "New York Commercial" appears an incisive and sane article on the "Innocent Stockholder." It is refreshing to find a great metropolitan paper unafraid to its merits. The writer points out that whenever a railroad or other large ceases to pay dividends, much sympathy is lavished by the press and interested parties on the "Innocent Stockholder," who has been deprived unfortunate investments or chance turns of the wheel of fortune It can not be doubted that very grave hardships are often inflicted on shareholders by the failure of an enterprise public against excessive charges, give in which they have invested their savings; but the risk is incidental to the

view of the case, it must be confessed that a man who puts money into a business, or a corporation of any kind.

The Montreal Harbour Mastership must assume ordinary business risks. An investor puts money into a concern, as a rule, because he expects to make large profits. If he takes a gambling chance and huge profits result, nothing more is heard of the matter, except congratulations from his sione; 3 of the port have been memor friends. The Boston capitalists who invested a small part of their surplus Shipping Federation. savings in helping Bell develop his telephone, made profits beyond the most important upon the American dreams of avarice. On the other hand, continent, and the position of Harbor wireless telegraph systems have been ing to the port are some of the finest heavily backed by sanguine specula- liners in the North Atlantic trade and tors, who have lost everything put the arrivals and departures of transinto the venture. These are extreme atlantic coasting and lake vessels ag-

must pay for identification both in busi- Marbor Mastership of a great port, it hess and in all the affairs of life. The ability to make profits, on a safe margin, seems to be born in some persons. he could pick out from the office boys trol while within the port limits. It of the Wall Street district the men is an unwritten law peculiar to the who would make successful financiers of the future, because the boy who necessary one, and it will be noticed knew a bargain in socks would know that the persons who hold authorit a bargain in stocks, when he became over the actual management of ships us that most small business men fail superintendent engineers, ship's hus in their ventures. Should the govern-bands, victualling superintendents, etc. ment ask the people of this country are invariably men who have served to guarantee the ordinary business their time at sea. This sea service takings? And ought investors who sympathetic understanding which can put their money into business corpora- be gained in no other manner. ons, including the large railroads, and who thus back their own judgrecouped in their losses if these ventures do not meet with success? There real and Laprairie hardly gives him is no valid reason why the investor the necessary experience to control who makes a mistake should ask the the ocean liners which frequent Mont public or the government to help him out of the difficulties in which he has throwed himself, and for which he tion in so far as the harbor and im-

to Congress pleading for higher rates for the raffroads. Upon the merits of this particular case we do not, at the present time, intend to enter; but it may be pointed out that this demand is backed up by the managing director of one of the greatest bends in Co. many. He asserts that American rail-roads are carrying freight at lower rates than the government-owned will have to depend upon his assistant owned roads of England. In view of owned roads of England. In view of these facts he appeals for higher freight rates on behalf of the "Innocent Stockholder" of continental Eurapean A. New, the simple truth is that the German, French and Dutch stockholder have taken gambling chances the day in the shipping interests require a Harbor Master who is a sailor, who has the German, French and Dutch stockholder have taken gambling chances the day in the sail of the St. Lawrence and olders have taken gambling chances with money that they could afford to ose. They bought low priced "Frisco" and Rock Island stock and onds because they hoped to make entroons profits, such as they were abled to gather years ago when they bought the Montreal trade would apply at the state of this shore betth if given the to gather years ago when they bought the Montreal trade would apply at Canadian Pacific at \$50.00 a share and once for this shore berth if given the opportunity an iess. This stock they held in a jess, the market price of at \$280,000 a share; in addition, ment is a political juggle. If so, it is in next Parliament will have 234

Men who ventured money in building a pioneer railroad through a northern wilderness, which Europe then thought began in a sea of snow and ended in a sea of mountains, as a out offices to political "job hunters" prominent. Canadian politician de in return "for services rendered" con Hon. W. B. Frieding. President and scribed it, deserved to win, and few mill begrudge the profits they made. On the other hand, the Europeans who strangle our progress and development

lem is to make the investor assume responsibility for his own judgment. Where he has been defrauded, the full force of the law should be placed at his command. This will protect the the investor all the safeguards that he the promoter of the fraudulent concern Now, to be quite frank about the where he belongs, behind the bars.

Mastership

Some dissension has arisen in Mo

Montreal, as a port, is one of the estors and promoters of various Master a highly responsible post. Comto be sure, but the success of grega es a considerable daily tonnage. the Bell Telephone explains fully why To ac equately handle this traffic with "Innocent Stockholders" take hold of in the harbor limits; control the berthproposals that promise big results. ing and moving of ships, and the Now the truth is, that each one of us multitudinous duties which fall to the

Russell Sage was fond of saying that officers of the vessels under his conman: Experienced creat men tell while in port-marine superintendents against the risks of his under imbues them with a knowledge and

Captain Bourassa may be fitted for the position of Harbor Master of our ent and risk their own money, be port, but his sea service as master of a ferry steamer plying between Mo maxims which has come down to us through history is: "Buyer Beware." lig ships and docking them, nor can in the United States, at the present time, lobbyists are going hand in hand

the deep water and holds a master's foreign certificate. This is not satisfactory, and never will be, and it is a great deal for the technical knowl-

they received melons which made an original share worth about \$400.000 to the man who held it and took advantage of all the privileges. All these gains were made in addition to substantial dividends.

It ime that all right thinking men really interested in the development of the present House. Under the new Bill, eastern Canada loses nine members, while Western Canada gains twenty-two. Eventually, the balance of power ture. We require men of the highest gualifications and experience for the

The true procedure is to give the in- some incident of apparently minor imnocent purchasers of stocks, who have been defrauded in their investment, a the moment is magnified unduly. To deal with a corporation problem on forcement of the law against obtaining tem there are usually two large politimoney by false pretences will do more cal parties which represent the preto check the average investor from /ailing opinions of the country, and becoming an "Innocent Stockholder" either of these parties, having obin black fox ranches, oil lands, mining tained a majority at the elections, is shares and prairie real estate than anything else that can be suggested. The
true remedy in the investment probtrue remedy in the inve It is usually at the polls, and not hrough unexpected votes in Parlianent, that our Governments receive heir dismissal. In France there are o many sub-divisions of political paries that one cannot easily anticipate what is to happen when a new Par liament is chosen or a new measure s brought forward. The Cabinet of Mr. Doumergue, after a short reign, 'elt that the result of the recent elecions had left it in a very uncertain position, and therefore their resignaion was determined upon. The fornation of a new Cabinet has proved o be a work of difficulty, more than one statesman to whom the President appealed for aid deeming it wise to lecline the honor of the Premiership. Now the veteran ex-Minister, Mr Ribot, influenced undoubtedly by a nigh sense of duty, has accepted the ask and has succeeded in forming a Ministry which includes several wellnown and experienced men. The im mediate questions of greatest import nce are the three years' military ser

> public finances by loans that are aparently unavoidable. For some reasons it is to be regreted that Mr. Poincare was tempted to etire from the Premiership and be ome a candidate for the Presidency. become the head of the French ation is an ambition that any citizen the Republic may legitimately in lulge. It was, perhaps, too much to expect that Mr. Poincare, with the pros ect of easy success before him, would ecline the great honor. Nobody can omplain because he accepted the omination and won the Presidency le has filled the office with grea nor and distinction. But the truth that the Presidency, high as the ffice stands, is a less exacting posi on than the Premiership and, per naps, calls for less talent and skill oincare had proved himself an ideal nan as the head of the Government irectly responsible to the Chambers Ie enjoyed public respect and confi ence in a degree that has not been ccorded to any of his successors oincare as Prime Minister was more ecessary to France than Poincare as

rice and the re-establishing of the

Let us hope that the courageous acion of Mr. Ribot, in agreeing to return duty at this time of trial, will be ewarded with a strong Parliamentary upport and a successful term of of

The outcry in favor of the abolition f the Senate will soon become a thing f the past, especially if they continue o show their usefulness by killing unise bills, such as the one relating to ostal Rate on Newspapers and Peridicals,

Some of the leaders among the memers of the Canadian Manufacturers' ssociation have been complaining nat business is so bad that they canot go into public life, needing all their nergies to keep the wolf from the oor. They should put into practice merson's definition of commerce which is, "Carrying things from where hey are plentiful to where they are In other words, our m acturers should cultivate foreign mar-

Up in Ontario they are becoming exited over the Provincial Election and nthusiastic Liberals are thoroughly onvinced that Mr. Rowell will be vic-or when the ballots are counted on une 29th. Conservatives admit that ie will make heavy gains, but do not

AS OTHERS SEE US

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Guarantees Against Business Loss

The true procedure is to give the innecedance of the profits they made, on the united stacks should tax themselves so that dividends on the watered stock of the Rock Island pyramid hoping to sell it at indicated values to others, have no right to demand that the people of the United States should tax themselves so, that these securities, which represents with the railroad itself, shall receive dividends. There is no reason in law or ethics why the people of Canada or the United States should be obliged to pay high rates and prices so that dividends on the watered stock of public utility corporations may be annually met.

The true procedure is to give the invited states is produced by some incident of apparently minor im-

Set a man with an automobile They were calling to the farmers to prepare a way to get the grain to town. They might have been shouting to this day had not the town man bought an auto. Previous to this town auto the town man looked on the country roads question as he did on missions in China—strictly the other fellow's business. It is different to-day. And the auto did it.—San Fran-isco Journal of Commission

"PROSPERITY WEEK."

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Psychological business men of Los
Angeles, who advocate a "Prosperity
Week," when everyone is to spend
oney for things he doesn't want, are
ike the Friendly Islanders who "eke
ut a precarious existence taking in
ach other's washing."— The Wall
Street Journal.

********** "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN" *************

Personally we have the utmost adr hair, but not while she is drying it Dallas News.

n't see you hanging around the par-ras you did when't first came. Bobbie—Not necessary since we got e dictagraph.—Life: "Why don't you get" rid of that

"Well, suh," answered Erastus Pinkwell sun, answered Erastus Pink-ey, "I hates to give in. If I was to rade dat mule off he'd regard it as a personal victory; He's ben tryin' foh le las' six weeks to get rid o' me." — Washington Star.

"Does the baby talk yet?" asked

er.
"No," replied the little brother, dis wistedly. "He doesn't need to talk ull he has to do is yel and he gets ev-rything in the house worth having." Hiram—Haw! Haw! Haw! I skinned ne of them city fellers that put the ightning rods on my house Hiram—Haw! Haw! Haw! I skinned ne of them city fellers that put the ightning rods on my house. Sflas—Ye did? How did you do it? Hiram—Why, when I made out the heck to pay him, I just signed my ame without specifying the amount. Il bet there will be somebody pretty and when he goes to cash it.— Mail and Empire.

Howard Elliott, chairman ew Haven lines, said at a d Vew York:
"I don't encourage back talk am ar employees—far from it—but I ty my sympathies are rather ne of our conductors who veni

der great provocation, on a little ack talk the other day:
"As the conductor was punching ickets, a man said to him, with a nasy sneer:

"You have a lot of wrecks on this oad, don't you?"

"Oh, no,' said the conductor, 'You're he first I've seen for some time.'"—
it. Louis Globe-Democrat.

MONTREAL, 10TH JUNE, 1914.

ITTLE BOY BLUE.

(Eugene Field.) The little toy dog is covered with dust, But sturdy and staunch he stands; The little ton soldier is red with rust, And his musket molds in his hands.

Time was when the little toy dog was And the soldier was passing fair, And that was the time that our Little Boy Blue,

Kissed them and put them there. 'Now, don't you go, till I come," he said.
"And don't you make any noise."
And toddling off to his trundle bed,
He dreamed of his pretty toys.

And as he was dreaming, an ange song, Awakened our Little Boy Blue; Oh, the years are many and the ye are long, But the little toy friends are true.

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue, they stand,
stand,
Each in the same old place,
twaiting the touch of a vanished hand,
And the smile of a little face.

And they wonder, as waiting the long additional And they women, as waiting the long years thro,
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
Since he kissed them and put them

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

Montreal Water & Power Co.

For the Year Ended 30th April, 1914

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Shareholders of the Montreal Water & Power Company; GENTLEMEN:—

Your Directors beg to submit herewith their Report and Audited Statements of Accounts of your Company for the Theorems Revenue continues to steadily improve that the Audited Statements of Accounts of your Company for the

year ending 30th April, 1914.

The Gross Revenue continues to steadily improve, that for the year under review reaching the sum of \$783,689.72, an increase over the earnings of the previous year of \$112,005.48, or nearly 17%.

The following table shows the steady growth of the Company in the past and indicates more clearly than words can describe the character and progressive value of the Company's undertaking.

Years Gross Revenue. Gross Increase.

1898-9 \$100.922.61 Gross Revenue Gross Increase. the Company's undertaking:
Gross Increase. Years
1906-7
\$16,369 49 1907-8
10,044 86 1908-9
13,579 10 1209-10
7,938 70 1910-11
17,052 26 1911-12
19,011 09 1912-13
28,830 02 1913-14 Gross Revenue 263,524,36 300,836,83 352,810,47

The Operating Expenses for the year, including the Operation and Maintenance of the New Filtration Plant, amounted the sum of \$324,340,22, showing a gross profit for the year of \$450,349,50. After paying interest in full on all its out. At the beginning of the year there was a balance of profits brought forward amounting to \$96,881,82, which, added to the \$208,812,59 just referred to, måkes a total profit of \$305,694,41 to be dealt with. From this total the Directors have set aside the year's proportion of the discount on bonds sold: the year's proportion of the premium due at maturity on outstanding bonds a mounting altogether to \$20,551,71.

Provision has also been made for possible losses and depreciation on extension has also been made for possible losses and depreciation on the premium due at maturity on outstanding bonds a mounting altogether to the sum of \$34,793, 35, while the substantial sum of \$60,000,00 has been added to Reserve Account for General Depreciation, leaving a balance to be carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$189,042,70.

Annual Net Profits, all the Real Estate belonging to the Company and bought many years ago remain in the Company's Charter and the last Session of the Quebec Legislature-your Company introduced a Bill amending the Company's Charter and became law, the City should have the right to purchase the Capital Stock of the Company, and, at any time after the Bill was a sum of stock, your Directors do not deem it proper to declare any such dividend during, the six months in question, but, the matter their favorable consideration.

Proviced the Company's Capital Stock from \$1,160,000,000 to \$4,000,000 00, and ratified and confirmed certain franchise agreements between the Company and several Municipalities.

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PHYSICAL CONDITION.

The general system has been maintained in a high state of efficiency, the Company having expended during the year RESERVOIR—The new Reservoir is unfortunately, still unfinished but your Manager, Mr. Pitcher, estimates that the first half will be available for use by September \$1st next, and the remaining half in a few months thereafter. FILTRATION PLANT—The Filteration Plant continues to be operated in a most satisfactory manner. The reports of your experts indicate that it performs the work with great efficiency.

NEW MAINS AND SERVICES—Additions to the Mains during the year were on a smaller scale than usual, only the greater demand for water arose from districts already piped.

NEW WORK ACCOMPLISHED—All the work set forth in the last Annual Reportas then being contemplated has been dusined a day in the greater demand for water arose from districts already piped.

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NEW MORK ACCOMPLISHED—All the work set forth in the last Annual Reportas then being contemplated has been dust and add spreadly to the efficiency of the system. In this connection it may be stated that a new Transformer Company. The same Company has also erected a duplicate tert of Transformers installed by the Power Supplying Pumps at the Main Station is now as secure as it is possible.

PROPOSED NEW CONSTRUCTION—It is intended to duplicate the electrically driven pumps at the Clarke It is also intended to instal a new and large Force Main from the Lower Pumping Station to the Northern Territory and which will eventually connect with the new Reservoir in Outremont. When completed this will give a duplicate supply complete.

to that important part of the Company of the Company of the Filtration Plant as soon as possible, all in accordance with the original plans and construction of the present Filtration System.

The Directors have pleasure in testifying to the efficiency and loyalty of all the officers and employees of the Company The Auditors, Messrs. Riddell. Stead, Graham & Hutchison retire and offer themselves for re-election.

EDWIN HANSON, President.

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The President and Directors of the Montreal Water & Power Company.

Montreal Water & Power Company.

Gentlemen:

We have audited and examined the books and accounts of the Montreal Water & Power Company for the year ended 30th April, 1914, and beg to report that the accompanying Balance Sheet and Relative Profit and Loss Account for 30th April, 1914, as shown by the books.

The inventories of materials and stock on hand habe veen cerified by the storekeeper and accepted by us as correct.

Your obedient servants.

Your obedient servants,
RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON,

Chartered Accountants, Auditors. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. For the Year Ending 30th April, 1914.

By balance brought forward from year ended 30th April, 1913.

By gross revenue for the year ended 30th April, 1914.

Less all operating expens.s, including maintenance, repairs, legal, general and other expenses. . \$783,689.72 459,349.50 Showing a NET PROFIT for the year of..... 250,536.91 208,812.59 \$305,694.41 This has been disposed of as follows:

1—To Amounts written off the following Accounts for depreciation:
Engineering Instruments.
Meters.
Stable Stock. Stable Stock.

2—To (a) Year's proportion of Discount and Expenses on sales of bonds written off. To (b)
Added to Reserve Account for premium (at maturity) on Prior Lien Bonds, and (c)
Interest for the year on amount at credit of Reserve Account for premium at

3—Special provision for possible loss on disputed accounts.

4—Provision for general depreciation.

5—Carried forward. 29,551.71 15,000.00 189,042.70

> Verified, RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON, Chartered Accountants. THE MONTREAL WATER AND POWER COMPANY.

_	Shire Capital authorized, \$1,160,000.00. Issued and outstanding:—		
	Ordinary Shares Preferred Shares	\$280,000.00 500,000.00)
th	Prior Lien 42% Bonds.		- \$780,000.00 250,000.00
s.	· Issued and outstanding	300	10
e	Current ordinary liabilities. Accrued Interest and Wages.		45,432,66
			100,012.10
1	Cost of System, Franchises, Real Estate, etc. ASSETS. Prior Lien 42% Bonds. In Treasury of the Company and being part of the Month.		6,818,371.92
I I	In Treasury of the Company and being part of the \$4,865,206.62 issued and outstanding Discount and Expenses of Prior Lien Bond issues (written off by yearly instalments). Stable Stock, Furniture, Tools, Coal, etc. Pipes, Fittings, etc., on hand Unexpired Insurance, etc. Cash on hand and in bank and on loan.		50,288.69 397,092.67 195,434.08 33,086.94 25,342.80 3,061.71 316,643.63
			7,839,322.44

In addition to the liabilities set forth in the above statements, there exists a further liability to the City of Montreal (formerly the Town of St. Louis du Mile End) the exact amount of which is not yet determined. There are also liabilities liabilities until the revenue derivable from the pipes represented by such debts reaches 10% on the cost. In all events the further Pipe System of precisely the same value that is to be taken over by the Company.

ALBERT CARVELL, Sceretary-Treasurer.

Verified. Secretary-Treasure RIDDELL, STEAD, GRAHAM & HUTCHISON, MONTREAL, 10th June, 1914.

Chartered Accountants.

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Turn Their Attention to it as Next Most Vulnerable Spot in Local List

TEXTILE WAS FIRMER

Received Substantial Order Canadian Northern—Shorts Covering in Nova Scotia

while the shorts were covering in Neva Scotia Steel on the Montreal lock Exchange to-day, the bears turn-d their attention to Toronto Railway, ch, latterly, has been quite no ted, and forced the price down

the year was established; indeed, one must go back three years to light upon a lower quotation for the stock. In 1911 it sold down to 721%. In 1912 was 131 and in 1913 it was 132. the period in question —in1911—it das high as 169.

side a high as 169.
Since the proposal to purchase the silway was put forward by Mayor focken—an agreement being reached etween the Mackenzie interests and he civic authorities being reached on up 18th 1913—the highest the stock the company has been was 148½. Railway Placing Orders.

No small enquiry developed for Dom-mon Steel common, the stock chang-ing hands in considerable quantities between 20½ and 21½, the latter the grei of the previous close. ort to the effect that large or had been given by the Canadian them Railway to the Dominion and oma Steel Companies could not b

It is understood that large orders along the lines mentioned were placed govisionally some time ago, but were held up pending the settlement of fin-micial details, on the part of the railway company at Ottawa.

A later despatch from Sydney, N.S., says that "the Dominion Steel Corpustion has received an order force."

says that "the Dominion Steel Cor-poration has received an order for 45,-600 tons of rails from the Canadian Selling Canada Steamships.

Continual liquidation was noted in both issues of Canada Steamship Lines. The preferred dropped over two points to 68, while the common was soft at 10. So far the weather has not been such as to induce any great amount of travel on the water, but with the hot spell that is about due, there is every reacon. there is every reason to expect marked stimulation in the company's carnings. R. and O. was also easier at V.

induced by the suggestion coming from Mr. R. L. Harris, president of the company, that it was unwise for any bider of the stock to allow himself

Dominion Textile was a point higher at 69, and Laurentide proved firmer at 177%. A single share sold at 180.

MONTREAL TO PLAGE

Canadian financiers are said to be turning their attention to New York with a view of placing some of the fu-ture loans there The City of Montreal is reported to

the made there
The Treasurer of Montreal says that
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305,694.41

BANK OF ENGLAND June 11.—The weekly state-he Bank of England shows

26,689,000 Decrease Un. Pac Un. Pac Un. Pac Un. Pac Sou. Pac Un. Pac U 688,000 549,000 rities 11,046,000

9, of the banks' reserve to Habili-is now 45.50 p.c. against 42.50 last 4.32 co.5134 per cent. In this week

ugh London banks for \$5,460,000 pounds, against 306,-last week, and 281,268,000 last nimum rate of discount re-mehanged at 3 per cent, to

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