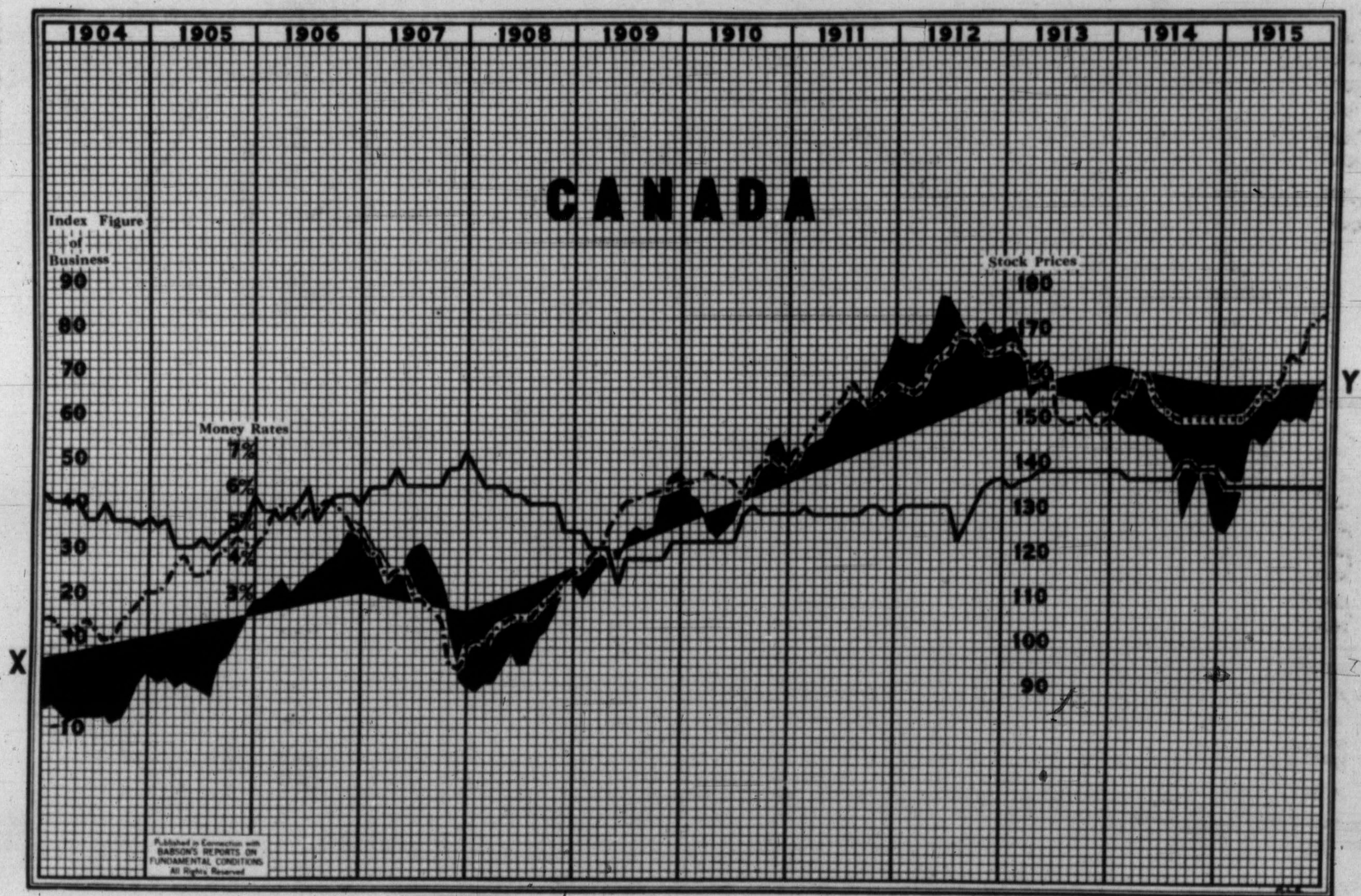
Composite Plot of Canadian Conditions

(Compiled for *The Monetary Times* by Babson's Statistical Organization).



As in the Composite Plot printed in *The Monetary Times* Annual 1915, the X.Y. line represents as nearly as possible the line of normal growth in Canada. This is formed by making a yearly composite of such figures as clearings, immigration, production of minerals, agriculture and fisheries, etc.

The black line represents money rates in Montreal.

The broken line indicates the course of stock prices with a break for several months in 1914-15 representing the closed period of the market during the first part of the war.

The line formed by the black and the white represents business activity from month to month.

The compilers of the plot indicated a year ago that Canada was passing through a period of liquidation. The advent of the war made this doubly severe and consequently resulted in a much more sound fundamental situation.

It is expected that business in Canada will continue to improve rapidly and the large percentage of business which is now the result of war orders should be steadily supplemented by domestic business. With another season of such crops as last year's, business in Canada is bound to be represented by an area above the X.Y. line. In fact, this area is already beginning to develop.