

PERSONALS.

Lieutenant E. R. Pease, reported slightly wounded but on duty in the recent fighting near Ypres, is the eldest son of Mr. Edson L. Pease, general manager of the Royal Bank, and was an officer of the 5th Royal Highlanders before going overseas.

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Captain E. J. Vessey, who was killed during the recent heavy fighting near Ypres, was secretary to Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, prior to his going overseas. Captain Vessey was regarded by his chief and others as one of the coming men among the younger generation of the Bank of Montreal's officers, owing to his wide knowledge and capacity for work, while his charming personal characteristics made him much liked by clients of the Bank who were brought into contact with him.

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Mr. William Mackay, Canadian manager of the Royal Insurance Company, returned to Montreal yesterday after an extended business trip through the West. He is very much pleased with business conditions generally. As a result of last year's excellent crops he reports collections as very good, especially west of the Great Lakes. Referring to British Columbia, he states that both the lumber business and mining are most satisfactory. The real estate business in the West he found very dull, many of the towns being overbuilt.

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Captain Bertram E. Hards, who, it is announced, is joining the 244th Overseas Battalion to be raised in Montreal, is assistant manager for Canada of the Guardian Assurance Company. Captain Hards has been closely associated with the 58th Westmount Rifles since their establishment soon after the outbreak of war. It will be in recollection that his only son, who went over in the ranks of the 24th Battalion, was killed in action a few months ago. Other Montreal insurance men going over with the 244th are Captain Arthur McBean, of McBean & Hill, insurance brokers, and an old officer of the Victoria Rifles, and Lieutenant Stewart Rolland of the Royal Exchange Assurance.

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Mr. John Emo, general manager of the Globe Indemnity Company, Montreal, has returned from a business trip to the West. He informs us that from information gathered during the course of his trip, he is led to believe that the acreage under wheat this year will show a reduction of about 20 per cent. as compared with last year. This is attributable mainly to the farmers being unable to handle last year's heavy crops in time to finish the regular fall ploughing. The recent heavy rains are not considered to be in any way detrimental to this year's crops. Mr. Emo states that the large number of soldiers to be encountered when travelling through the West would lead a stranger to infer that Canada was an armed camp. He found business generally improving.

It is estimated that during the war period the United States has bought back from Europe—principally from Great Britain—about a thousand millions dollars worth of American securities formerly held on the other side of the Atlantic.

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

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FIRE AT STRATFORD, ONT.

On the 13th instant a fire occurred on the premises of the Stratford Davenport Company, furniture manufacturers. Insurance as follows:

On Building, Hand-in-Hand, \$3,500; Waterloo, \$1,000; London Mutual, \$2,500; Economical, \$2,000; Mount Royal, \$2,500.

On machinery, Economical, \$1,300; Millars & Manufacturers, \$2,000; Waterloo, \$1,000; Wellington, \$1,500; Hand-in-Hand, \$1,500; Guardian, \$1,000.

On stock, North British & Mercantile, \$3,500; Guardian, \$3,000.

Loss about 65 per cent.

HAMILTON, ONT.—On the 14th instant, a fire occurred on the premises of the Jersey Cream Factory, communicating to Lumsden Bros. The following companies are interested in the Jersey Cream Factory:—Providence - Washington, Guardian, Protectors, Aetna, Phoenix of London, Queen. We understand the loss is about 80 per cent. On Lumsden Bros., the following companies are interested:—Guardian, Gore District, Perth, Wellington, Merchants, Phoenix of London, National of Hartford, Home, and Scottish Union & National. Loss on building 5 per cent, on contents 80 per cent.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Storehouse of H. Gold, rag and metal dealer at 1046 Henri Julien Avenue, badly damaged, with rear sheds of six tenements, June 12.

CANADIAN FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the C. F. U. A. will be held at the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews, N.B., commencing the 19th instant. The members proceed to St. Andrews on Sunday evening by special train from Montreal.

MONTREAL FIRE INSURANCE BROKERS.

The first annual meeting of the recently formed Montreal Fire Insurance Brokers' Association, Inc., was held at the Windsor Hotel on Monday evening. Officers were elected as follows:—President, R. L. Charlton; vice-presidents, E. Hurtubise and P. W. A. Burket; treasurer, R. J. Wickham; secretary, Ernest C. Cole. Directors: Messrs. G. E. Lyman, R. P. Adams, W. A. Ralston, G. G. Fox, C. F. Hare, I. Crepeau, E. Gauthier, J. Hurtubise, A. Simard and G. Pacaud.

MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

Hon. Sir Pierre Evariste LeBlanc, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, has been elected a director of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank in succession to the late Hon. J. Aldric Ouimet. The board is made up as follows: Hon. Raoul Dandurand, president; Hon. Robert Mackay, vice-president; Richard Bolton, C. N. Moncel, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, Dr. Donald A. Hingston, Fred. W. Molson, Clarence F. Smith, Hon. Sir P. Evariste LeBlanc.

The Bank of Hamilton announces the opening of a temporary branch at Camp Hughes, Man., for the accommodation of the troops located there.