

Rocky Mountains, on the north by the northern branch of the Saskatchewan, on the east by Lake Winnipeg, the Lake of the Woods and the waters connecting them. The conditions have changed vastly since 1672, but so far as human judgment can form an opinion, the great company is even yet only in the early stages of its financial development.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE MAITLAND SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Maitland Smith, son of Mr. G. F. C. Smith, of this city. Some three weeks ago the deceased gentleman entered the General Hospital to be treated for appendicitis. An operation was performed in due course, and hopes were entertained for his ultimate recovery. On last Sunday, however, symptoms of a grave nature developed, terminating fatally on the same night closing a life that was yet in its prime.

Mr. Smith was well known in insurance circles in this city. He commenced his insurance career with the Liverpool & London & Globe, of which his father was resident secretary until three years ago. Mr. Maitland Smith subsequently became joint manager with Mr. J. W. Tatley, of the Phoenix, of Hartford. He resigned this position about eight years ago to enter the financial business in London, England. At the time of his death he was connected with the Canada Engraving Company in this city.

PROMINENT TOPICS.

SHIPPING TONNAGE.—According to the "General Register of the Merchant Navies of all Counties" just published by the Bureau Veritas, the number of sailing ships of over fifty tons register classified by the Bureau is 26,579, with a total measurement of 7,550,273 tons, against 27,122, of 7,620,679 tons measurement last year. To make up for this falling off in the number and tonnage of sailing ships, the steamships of more than 100 tons have increased from 14,018 of 28,369,140 gross and 17,799,102 net tonnage, last year; to 14,656, measuring 30,265,366 tons gross, and 18,927,258 tons net this year. The British steamship tonnage has increased from 6,079 ships of 14,919,578 gross tons to 6,249 ships of 15,748,424 gross tons. The German steamships have increased from 1,273 ships of 3,033,333 tons to 1,351 ships measuring 3,415,193 tons. The American, which numbered 876 ships of 1,756,327 tons last year, now number 885 ships of 1,761,287 tons.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS which Professor Koch has been treating with remarkable success is a malady which prevails extensively on the West

Coast of Africa, but almost exclusively among Negroes, hence its common name Negro or African lethargy. It lasts for months, is characterized by long and continually increasing fits of sleep and nearly always terminates fatally.

THE HOMESTEAD ENTRIES in the last fiscal year, in Canada numbered 41,869 representing the settlement of 105,420 souls. Of these entries 7,584 were made by Canadians from Ontario, 12,485 by Americans, 5,897 by Englishmen, 1,657 by Scotchmen and 543 by Irishmen. The alleged overwhelming preponderance of American immigration, of which so much has been said, is not in evidence in the official statistics, the American immigration being much more than counterbalanced by the immigration from the old world.

THE QUINQUENNIAL CENSUS shows that the population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta has increased from 419,512 in 1901, to 806,928 in 1906. The populations of the principal prairie cities is given as follows: Winnipeg, 102,204; Calgary, 11,967; Edmonton, 11,163; Brandon, 10,411.

RADICAL SOCIALIST members of the Italian Chamber of Deputies at a meeting held to protest against the continued imprisonment in Spain of two men arrested on suspicion of complicity in the attempt to kill King Alphonso, and one of whom is known to be a teacher of anarchy, shouted: "Down with the papacy and the priests." They could not have paid the papacy and the priests a higher compliment than to recognize in them the natural enemies of anarchy and murder.

THE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS discovered in Egypt by Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Hunt, will doubtless be found to include treasures of great value to archaeologists and scholars generally and especially to New Testament students and critics. The daily newspapers refer to the manuscripts as papyri, but there are also references to leaves of vellum and, in all probability, most of the pages and fragments relating to New Testament literature will be in the form of palimpsests or of original parchments. There are few papyrus MSS of Greek literature in existence and very few relating to the New Testament. In this connection it is interesting to note that one of the oldest Gospel manuscripts in existence, was discovered and published as recently as 1894.

THAT THE MANUSCRIPTS will throw much new and important light upon sacred history is scarcely to be expected. There are more than two thousand New Testament manuscripts in existence, and it is