

WINNIPEG'S FIRE PROTECTION CRITICISED.

At a recent gathering of the Canadian Credit Men's Association at Winnipeg a discussion on fire waste and fire protection took place. Mr. A. H. Stead criticised sharply the provision made by the city for fire fighting. He referred to the domestic water system as the weakest spot, condemning the mains as too small and the pressure inadequate. It was particularly weak south of the river. Further, the city's water supply was much too low and had been stationary for two years, while the mains were being extended constantly. The high pressure system was good, but it covered too small an area, leaving unserved a big district south of Graham avenue, in which many large business concerns were placed. He said the fire department was undermanned, and the men lacked training in fire drill and life saving. Provision should be made for training men and for keeping spare men, and the department should get chemical apparatus for attacking incipient fires. Finally, the city by-law governing the question was inadequate. Until such defects were remedied, an appeal for a reduction of fire rates was out of order.

STERLING BANK'S REPORT.

The Sterling Bank reports for the year ended April 30 last profits of \$114,200, which is a slight increase upon last year. The 6 per cent. dividend absorbs \$69,105; \$47,615 is transferred to contingent account for bank premises and investment reserve accounts, etc., and a balance of \$87,982 is carried forward.

The general statement shows deposits of \$6,641,141, and total liabilities to the public of \$7,803,149, against which there are quick assets of \$3,355,673, or 43 p.c. of the liabilities to the public. Current loans are \$5,634,102, and total assets, \$9,395,219.

Traffic Returns.**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.**

Year to date.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
April 30...	\$37,361,000	\$41,495,000	\$33,813,000	\$7,682,000
Week ending	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
May 7....	\$2,439,000	\$2,572,000	\$2,119,000	\$453,000
" 14....	2,518,000	2,627,000	2,233,000	394,000
" 21....	2,551,000	2,663,000	2,199,000	464,000

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Year to date.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
April 30...	\$14,898,562	\$17,175,648	\$16,110,787	\$1,064,861
Week ending	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
May 7....	\$909,651	\$1,060,639	\$978,178	\$82,461
" 14....	952,083	1,104,297	945,082	159,215
" 21....	928,783	1,069,065	963,587	105,478

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Year to date.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
April 30...	\$5,612,300	\$6,343,300	\$6,038,800	\$304,500
Week ending	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
May 7....	\$391,200	\$472,400	\$423,400	\$49,000
" 14....	389,000	480,200	407,200	73,000
" 21....	453,200	507,400	369,300	138,100

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY.

Year to date.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Increase
April 30...	\$2,511,615	\$2,707,167	\$2,889,110	\$181,943
Week ending	1912.	1913.	1914.	Increase
May 7....	\$153,671	\$160,180	\$171,704	\$11,515
" 14....	151,137	160,578	171,700	11,182

A Quebec pond of the Ancient and Honorable order of the Blue Goose is in course of formation in this City. A delegation from the Ontario Pond, Toronto, will arrive in Montreal shortly to initiate the new members and attend to the installation of the officers.

WANTED.

Thoroughly experienced FIRE INSPECTOR and active road man, with valuable Ontario and Quebec connections and Western knowledge would affiliate with progressive Company. Intimate knowledge of Specific Rating—Late with the C.F.U.A. Best references. Address, A.B.C. c/o The Chronicle, Montreal.



Assets
\$8,020,276.62

Surplus to Policyholders
\$3,615,126.66

Applications for Agencies invited.

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J. W. BINNIE Manager

HAVANA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Week ending	1913.	1914.	Increase
May 3....	\$54,770	\$54,809	\$39.0
" 10....	54,681	56,906	2.9
" 17....	54,174	52,058	Dec. 2,116
" 24....	63,064	52,032	" 16,032

DULUTH SUPERIOR TRACTION CO.

	1912.	1913.	1914.	Increase
May 7....	\$20,645	\$23,028	\$24,094	\$1,066
" 14....	21,703	23,134	24,138	1,004
" 21....	21,565	23,685	25,086	1,401

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY.

Week ending	1912.	1913.	1914.	Decrease
May 7....	\$203,667	\$209,753	\$225,133	\$16,621
" 14....	195,977	238,110	221,628	16,471

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

	Week ending May 28, 1914	Week ending May 21, 1914	Week ending May 29, 1913	Week ending May 30, 1912
Montreal...	\$46,566,397	\$56,460,723	\$45,151,658	\$48,078,157
Toronto...	34,111,146	44,740,815	35,287,090	37,533,660
Ottawa....	3,259,891	4,161,016	3,134,898	4,683,552

MONEY RATES.

	To-day	Last Week	A Year Ago
Call money in Montreal...	5 1/4%	5 1/4%	6 1/4%
" " Toronto...	5 1/4%	5 1/4%	6 1/4%
" " New York...	1 1/4%	1 1/4%	2 1/4%
" " London...	2 1/4%	2 1/4%	2 1/4%
Bank of England rate....	3%	3%	4%