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"'If ye on'ly knew, ye've not turned ye'er back before I've chased those hard-earned dollars off my premises. With ye'er money I build a house an' rent it to you. I start a railroad with it, an' ye wurruk on th' railroad at two dollars a day. Ye'er money makes me a prominent citizen. The newspapers interview me on what shud be done with th' toiling masses, manin' ye an' Donohue; I consthruct th' foreign policy iv the government; I tell ye how ye shud vote. Ye've got to vote th' way I say or I won't give ye back ye'ei money. An' all this time ye think I've than could be obtained at the bank he that little bundle iv pictures nestlin' in th' safe in my brick house with me settin' at th' dure with a shotgun acrost me knees.

"'But wan day ye need th' money to bury some wan, an' ye hurry down to see me. 'Sorry,' says I, 'but I've just given it all to a lady who come out iv th' Chinese laundhrey nex' dure, an' said she was an illegitimate aunt iv Jawn D. Rockfeller.' An' there ye ar-re."—F. P. Dunne.

TRADE.

Last week the convention of Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia was held at Cranbrook. Among the principal resolutions which were adopted were those calling for an investigation of the alleged combine of powder companies, and for the abolition of the duty on American powder; for the purchase of gold and silver by the Dominion Government at the Trail refinery, and for provincial assistance to the Coast-Kootenay Railway and to the Boundary country in its efforts to secure more power for its mines, as well as the establishment of a 50,000acre park. Another resolution strongly urged investigation of the British Columbia Southern land grant. This caused a heated discussion.

### \* \* \* BUSINESS AND BENEVOLENCE.

There is a certain wondrously constituted corporation in Montreal, the Mutual Trust Company, which advertises its readiness to loan money at not more than 20 per cent. per annum, and at the same time to allow as interest to its depositors, from whom, presumably, its working capital is to come, I per cent. per month, and, in addition, providing the money be allowed to remain in its hands for a full year, a further bonus of (probably) 6 per cent. In other words, it will give 18 per cent. for the use of the money which is to bring in 20 per cent. per year, and the cost of management, advertising, office rent, etc., are to come out of the remaining balance of 2 per cent. No wonder that "vast experience" is bespoken for that man of "unblemished reputation," the general manager of the company. He will need all he possesses of that quality in order to carry on the business in that "vigorous and aggressive, yet consergative," manner, which seems, according to what we see in print, to be the thing nowadays. But we forgot; the business of this concern is to be combined with benevolence, though whether this particular feature is to be at the hands of the management or to be for the behoof of the people who are to borrow money at the cheap rate of 20 per cent, is not

On the authority of a Montreal paper a correspondent was informed that if he was looking for something better should send on to this concern a deposit so as to secure his first dividend on' February 1st, and every month thereafter. A good many people naturally are looking for a better return for their money than they can obtain at their banks, though whether they often get it is another story. Incidentally, another question of importance is brought up. If, indeed, it be true that this company has secured legislation empowering it to be the recipient of Fernie, B.C., December 22nd, 1905.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BOARD OF moneys from the general public, what safeguard is there that it has either the capacity or the intention to do with them what it promises so fluently? A bank is hemmed in with many restrictions as to the receiving and placing of deposits, and its proper use of these sums is ensured by ample guarantees, governmental supervision, etc. What sort of surety does this company, or any other like it offer? Benevolence and business are an alliterative combination; often, however, they are not equally profitable to the general public.

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#### KENTVILLE BOARD OF TRADE.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Kentville Board of Trade was held on the 31st ult., at Kentville, N. S. board was able to congratulate itself on being in a thoroughly prosperous condition there being now one hundred active members on the roll. In reviewing trade conditions of the town, the president, Mr. W. E. Porter, stated that the past season had been in some ways disappointing and yet a cause for thankfulness. The year 1904 was an especially hard one in farming communitieson which merchants largely depend for business done in the town. The price of apples was low and the crop was small, also owing to the small crop of hay and the severity of the winter, about all available money had to be sent out of the county to buy hay and feed to win-

## Marmora *DEBENTURES*

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 6 p. m. on Monday, February 12th, 1906 for the purchase of \$5.560 Debentures of Village of Marmora. These debentures will bear interest at the rate of four and one half (4) per cent. per annum. Principal ard interest will be payable in equal annual payments of \$422.78 for 20 years. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received for only the whole issue. For further particulars address
RENDOL SNELL,
Village Clerk,
Marmora, Ont.

# FERNIE, B.C.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, March 8th, 1906, for the purchase of \$45,000.00 Debeutures of the City of Fernie. These debentures will bear interest at the rate of five (5) per cent. per annum payable yearly. Principal will be re-payable as follows: \$40,000,00 Sewer ntures at the expiration of 30 years. \$5,000.00 Fire Equipment Debentures at the expiration of to years. The highest or any tender not necesceived for the whole or any part of either issues.

For further particulars address,

JOHN W. NUNN, City Clerk, Fernie, B.C.