

which is also extended in no scant measure to Mr. Charles Magee, the president. The following shows the principal items in the statement as compared with 1900 and 1891:—

	1901.	1900.	1891.
Capital paid up.....	\$2,000,000	\$1,993,940	1,175,220
Reserve Fund.....	1,765,000	1,660,455	574,468
Circulation.....	1,958,966	1,866,361	1,031,468
Deposits and interest.....	8,768,411	8,262,401	2,692,953
“ not bearing interest.	1,630,593	1,436,875	531,523
Total deposits.....	10,399,004	9,699,276	3,224,476
Discounts.....	11,826,119	10,905,386	5,084,185
Securities.....	1,884,602	1,547,530	172,300
Call and short loans.....	735,765	748,108
Immediately available as- sets.....	4,174,852	3,573,374	962,955
Total assets.....	16,979,650	15,434,526	6,144,837

FIRE AT MESSRS. AULD'S CORK FACTORY, MONTREAL.

The following companies are interested in the fire which occurred in the above factory on the 15th instant, supposed to have been caused by over-heating:

	Auld's Building Stock.	Black's Stock and Machinery.
Alliance.....	5,000	5,000
Atlas.....
Caledonian.....	5,000
Commercial Union.....	5,000
Guardian.....	5,000
Hartford.....	7,500
Imperial.....	5,000
Liverpool & L. & L.....	5,000
London & Lancashire.....	5,000
North British and Mercant.	5,000	9,000
Northern.....	5,000
Norwich Union.....	5,000
National.....	5,000
Quebec.....	5,000
Queen.....	7,500
Royal.....	7,500
Union.....	11,000
Western.....	5,000
Totals.....	10,000	39,000
Loss total	Loss abt 5 p.c.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A British actuary has contributed an article to the "London Times" on the casualties of the war in South Africa, which is republished in full in the "Review," London. The tables he has compiled showing the relative rates of mortality per 1000 per annum for different ranks of the army are surprising. The following shows the mortality amongst the officers in the first and second years of the war as compared with the Franco-Prussian war 1870-71.

OFFICERS (RATES PER 1000 PER ANNUM).

Cause of death.	South Africa, 1899-1900.	South Africa, 1900-1901.	Franco-Prus- sian War, 1870-1871.
Killed or died of wounds..	71.48	21.94	65.6
Deaths from disease.....	29.09	15.03	8.9
Total.....	100.57	36.97	74.4

The frightful death rate in the early stages of the war was owing to the Boers making targets of the officers who then had not learnt to protect themselves,

as they did afterwards, and so reduced the mortality from 71.48 to 21.94. The next table is for

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN (RATES PER 1000 PER ANNUM).

Cause of death.	South Africa, 1899-1900.	South Africa, 1900-1901.	Franco-Prus- sian War, 1870-1871.
Killed or died of wounds..	19.62	10.87	30.9
Deaths from disease.....	31.07	20.56	14.2
Total.....	50.69	31.43	45.1

PROMINENT TOPICS.

The dispute arising out of the deposit of \$50,000 made by the Connors' Syndicate as a preliminary step in securing the contract to erect elevators in the Harbour, has been settled. Mr Connors is to receive \$47,000 as full repayment of his deposit, and the Harbour Commissioners will re-assume possession of the sites that were to be built upon, in preparation for which Mr. Connors had done a considerable amount of work. Some portion of this adds to the value of the site on which work had commenced. A wide difference of opinion has been expressed on this matter, some contending that the whole \$50,000 ought to have been forfeited. On the other hand, some who have read and studied the agreement with Mr. Connors consider that it would have been unwise for the Harbour Board to enter upon litigation in defence of the alleged right to retain the \$50,000, as this would have tied up the area in question probably two or more years, and so caused a very serious obstruction to harbour improvements at a critical period. The Connors' affair is now closed, and the course is clear for such measures as may be decided upon by the Commissioners and the Minister of Public Works for the much-needed improvement of the Harbour, more especially the erection of elevators.

Tributes to the memory of the late Major E. L. Bond have been paid by a large number of public bodies, of a business nature and otherwise, with which he was more or less associated, as well as by the Canadian Press generally. At a meeting of the directors of the Ontario Accident Insurance Company, held at the Company's offices, Toronto, on 9th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the Board have learnt, with feelings of the deepest regret, of the sudden and untimely death of their co-director and colleague, Mr. Edward L. Bond, whose connection with the Company, since its incorporation, has been one of their pleasantest associations; and to whose kindly interest and active co-operation no small share of its prosperity is felt to be due. The directors would also desire to place upon record their estimation of the loss sustained, not only by this Company, but also by the many business and social organizations with which he had been connected, all of which, they feel, owe so much of their development and power for good to his influence, sympathy and support."