

# FINANCE and ECONOMICS

## THE MOLSON'S BANK TO GET ENGLISH CAPITAL.

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The directors of the Molson's Bank have issued a letter to their shareholders stating that Messrs. Sperling & Company, of London, on behalf of the English interests, have offered the bank \$210 per share for 5,000 shares. The directors favor the acceptance of the offer, and in support of same draw attention to the advantage of increasing the number of English shareholders, also to the fact that the sale would bring into Canada upwards of \$1,000,000. Inasmuch as the present shareholders are entitled, under ordinary circumstances, to their proportion of any additional issue of stock being made by the bank, they are asked, in view of the present circumstances, to renounce their claim by signing a document, which accompanies the letter. One share of the new stock will be issued to every seven of the old.

The price mentioned above is in the vicinity of the present market value of the stock. In the years 1905 and 1906, the stock reached its highest price, being \$230 a share, while during the panic of 1907 it sold as low as \$185 per share.

The Molson's Bank report for last year showed that the net profits amounted to \$493,479, the profit and loss account being \$257,760. The bank pay dividends to the amount of 10 per cent. annually. The Government Bank statement shows that the Molson's is doing an exclusively Canadian business; it being in the somewhat unusual position of having no deposits from abroad and no loans abroad, whereas the great bulk of the call loans of many of the banks are placed outside of Canada. The proposed increase of \$500,000 stock will bring the total issue of the bank up to \$4,000,000. The following figures represent the principal affairs of the bank at the end of 1909:—

Authorized capital \$5,000,000; issued capital \$3,500,000; reserve fund, \$3,500,000; greatest circulation in 1909 \$3,385,362; deposits on demand, end of 1909, \$7,890,769; deposits, saving, \$20,989,077; total liabilities \$32,718,368; total assets \$23,700,265; call loans \$4,610,755; current loans \$25,701,351.

## EQUITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Several satisfactory features are noted in the revenue statement of Equity Fire Insurance Company for the past year. The surplus on underwriting account is \$62,813, figures which show a careful selection of risks during only a fair year from the insurance companies' viewpoint. Payments on capital stock last year amounted to \$59,540 and interest earnings to \$4,880. Security to policyholders, amounting to \$488,412 is made up as follows:—Uncalled capital, \$212,400; cash in bank and on hand, \$19,502; net premiums in course of collection, \$36,663; bonds debentures and bills receivable, \$214,542; and surplus assets, \$5,521. The accumulated reserve fund totals \$63,612, while the reserve on unearned premiums based according to government standard is \$215,708. It will be remembered that the Equity recently ceased to do business in the United States and for the cancellation of this business, fees amounting to \$2,364 were paid. The company, we think, took a right step in withdrawing from the neighboring republic. The financial statement shows the position of the Equity Fire to have improved during the past year.

## OCCIDENTAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Several notable increases are seen in the financial statement of the Occidental Fire Insurance Company which has its head office at Wawanesa, Man. The company inform us that for the year ended December 31st, 1909, they made a satisfactory increase in their premium income. After paying dividends they were able to add \$17,669 to the net surplus. In the same period, the paid-up capital increased by \$9,636. This places the Occidental in a good financial position. The capital stock subscribed but not called amounts to \$105,041. Among the assets are real estate and office building \$5,177, loans on mortgages \$32,906, debentures \$61,500 and cash in banks \$60,014. The capital stock subscribed is \$306,600, while there is reserved for unearned premiums a sum of \$56,191. The net surplus at the end of the year was \$22,671.

## LONDON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

That the year 1909 was in many respects a record one for the London Life was a statement made by Mr. John McClary, president of the company, at the recent annual meeting. The fact is especially noticeable in the case of new insurance issued and net increase of insurance in force at the close of the year, also in the matter of cash profits, matured endowments, claims and other payments to policyholders. These latter payments now aggregate almost a quarter of a million dollars. The new insurance written during the year was \$5,011,227, representing 29,912 accepted applications, and was an increase of 37 per cent. over 1908, while the amount of insurance in force was \$14,189,613, this being an increase of \$2,036,663 over previous year. The net premium and interest receipts of the year were \$593,149 and \$161,158 respectively, making a total of \$754,307, this being an increase of \$101,575 over the figures for the previous year. The assets of the company consisting principally of first mortgages on real estate, amounted to \$2,927,055 and show increase of \$263,061. All the bonds and debentures under

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