

TRADE ENQUIRIES.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office, 17 Victoria St., London, S. W., during the week ending 17th March, 1906: A London firm of wholesale and export saddlers wishes to appoint agents in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and other Canadian centres on commission terms. An Edinburgh firm with a large connection for the sale of split peas would correspond with Canadian shippers. A London firm manufacturing tins for packing butter, preserved fruits, potted meats, etc., hopes to get into touch with Canadian users.

From the City Trade branch, 73 Basinghall St., E. C., the following: The Johannesburg (South Africa) branch of a London firm wishes to obtain the agency of a first-class British Columbia packer of tinned salmon for South Africa. A Liverpool firm handling nuts, fruits, spices, ginger, chillies, etc., wishes to get into touch with Canadian importers.

THE HOME BANK OF CANADA.

Coming eastward along King Street towards Yonge on a sunny day, and looking at the buildings on the north side, the white facade of the new Home Bank head office building makes a striking contrast with the greys and brick-reds of other buildings before and beyond it. It is undeniably handsome, with its tall Ionic pillars and its exterior gates, and has the exceptional and substantial appearance that one's mind somehow connects with the homes of financial concerns. Indeed it is a good specimen of modern concrete construction. At the beginning of the present year the doors of the new building were opened for business. But the Home Bank was not entirely a new-comer into the banking field. For many years it had virtually existed as the Home Savings & Loan Company on Church Street, and had a large clientele; but as our readers know it received last year a charter to do general banking business, and has at the present time three branches in Toronto and others in the province of Ontario.

The interior of the building is not gaudy but substantial, with a vaulted ceiling in the banking room and chambers in the rear for a directors' room, offices for the general manager and the manager of the Toronto branch. The receiving and paying tellers' cages are all fitted with the latest safety

ideas. In the basement cloakroom accommodation and other comforts and conveniences for the staff are provided.

Having between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 to take care of for some nine thousand depositors, substantial construction was obligatory. Concrete has been largely used and the great treasury vault with its time locks has been constructed with the Holmes electric burglar call service attached. In the massive concrete door are heavy steel lock bars six inches apart and running vertically as well as horizontally. Inside this again are two big burglar-proof safes. Close beside is the book vault, equipped with steel cabinets and steel book trucks for moving the heavy ledgers and office records.

The design and workmanship of the interior fittings deserve a word of notice. The Office Specialty Co. produced the furniture and the fittings of the vaults, while the Canada Foundry Company did the grill-work of the various tellers' boxes. The board of directors of the Home Bank includes Eugene O'Keefe, of the O'Keefe Brewing Company; president, Thomas Flynn, of L. Coffee & Company, grain dealers; vice-president, E. G. Gooderham, of the Toronto Silver Plate Company; M. J. Haney, civil engineer and contractor; Colonel John I. Davidson; Parkyn Murray, of W. A. Murray & Company, Limited, and Lieut.-Col. Mason, general manager, who has been manager for so many years of the Home Savings & Loan Company.

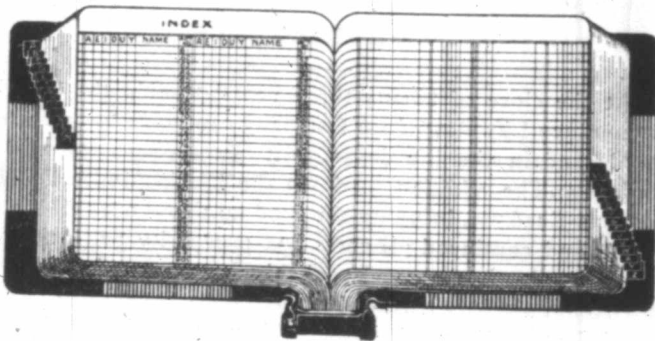
CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of the Canadian Clearing Houses for the week ending with Thursday, March 29th, 1906, as compared with those of the previous week:—

	March 29th.	March 22nd.
Montreal	\$25,296,910	\$26,276,917
Toronto	18,578,393	20,247,635
Winnipeg	7,071,105	6,981,535
Halifax	1,147,994	1,613,488
Hamilton	1,156,534	1,195,157
St. John	875,934	877,841
Vancouver	2,328,927	2,107,003
Victoria	934,829	911,436
Quebec	1,247,350	1,516,422
Ottawa	2,224,910	2,429,565
London	798,700	907,280
Total	\$61,661,585	\$65,064,279

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