

Notes and Items.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

OTTAWA CLEARING HOUSE.—Total for week ending Jan. 25, 1906—Clearings, \$2,265,374; corresponding week last year, \$2,045,231.

NEW ENGINEERING PROSPECTUS.—A company is seeking incorporation which is to be styled, "Baron Gustave de Coriolis & Sons, Limited," Montreal. Its main object is advertised to be, "to aid investors on the other side of the water" in placing money in such Canadian enterprises as are to be prepared by the company for developing the natural resources of Canada. No specific enterprise is mentioned.

Baron de Coriolis is an associate member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, who was for some time in the public service Mauritius from which he retired on a pension. He is very sanguine that a large inflow of British capital can be drawn into Canada to float and maintain new industrial enterprises that will be promoted by his Company.

British and other investors naturally wish to have full information respecting any enterprise for which they are invited to subscribe capital.

HAMLET AS AN INSURANCE AGENT.—A member of the Royal staff, San Francisco, is charged with being the author of the following clever parody, by which Hamlet is transformed into an insurance agent. A bad parody

of a classic passage is a crime, and this is redeemed by its wit and humour.

AN INSURANCE SOLILOQUY.

To take the risk, or not to take it,

That is the question;

Whether 'tis better in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of the angry managers,—

If it burns;

Or to take it anyhow and trust to luck

That it don't.

To make a bluff, to seem to sleep;

To sleep, perchance to dream.

Ay, there's the rub;

For, in that sleep what risky risks

The other fellow'll try to unload;

He'll try to shuffle off his whole mental coil,

And the underwriter must make him pause.

There's the loss department, that makes calamity
Of so long life.

For who would bear the whips and scorn

Of S. A. Downey; Neiley's scowl;

The manager's, "How'd you come to take it, Jim?"

The pangs of deep remorse,

And all the spurns and kicks

The poor underwriter has to take,

When his "take" burns; when he himself might

His quiet ease enjoy, and turn down everything

That's offered?

Thus the loss ratio doth make cowards of us all,

And thus the annual contingent is sickled o'er

With the pale cast of "nought."

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