AT THE RECENT ANNUAL BANQUET of the Life Underwriters' Association, of Nova Scotia, the chair was occupied by the newly elected president, Mr. J. T. Wilson, provincial manager of the Canada Life. The other officers elected at the annual meeting preceding the banquet were: Mr. H. S. Crosby, vice-president, and Mr. H. C. Evans, secretary-treasurer. Together with the officers the board of management include Messrs. S. M. Beardsley, E. C. Hannahan and M. C. McLennan.

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS through the port of New York during the fiscal year 1909, ending June 30, were $86,000,000 in excess of those in the fiscal year 1908, while the exports of domestic goods for the year were $182,000,000 less. The imports for the year just ended were $774,125,624. Gold and silver imports for 1909 were about $96,000,000 less than in 1908, the comparative figures being $117,450,595, and $21,014,265. Exports of domestic gold and silver were $108,595,848, compared with $99,137,001, in 1908.

DETROIT UNITED EARNINGS for the five months ending May 30, are $2,940,573 gross and $1,113,041 net, surplus being $402,610. Grains over last year's corresponding showing are: $290,938 gross, $139,522 net and $130,941 in surplus.

THE MINISTER OF MINES for British Columbia has issued a report showing the total mineral production of the province during 1908 to have reached $23,851,277 in value—considerably over quarter the Dominion's total showing.

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MR. J. GARDNER THOMPSON, manager for Canada of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, who has been spending a two months' holiday in Europe, is expected to arrive in Montreal this week.

DEMERARA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S earnings follow:

	May, 1908.	May, 1909.	Inc. May, 1909, over " 1908.
Gross	$9,891.78	$11,046.75	$1,154.97
Net	4,070.42	5,125.78	1,055.36
For Five Months	1908.	1909.	Increase.
Gross	$49,757.35	$54,310.78	$4,553.43
Net	20,966.73	25,330.60	4,363.87

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS for the six months ending June 30, 1909, were $678,848,157. For the corresponding periods of 1908 and 1907 they were $520,635,652 and $602,778,817 respectively.

OWING TO SEVERE DROUGHT IN MEXICO, the Government has entirely abolished the duty on wheat until September 15, or possibly longer. This means that the export of Alberta grain to Mexico, via Vancouver, this season will be exceptionally heavy.

LORD STRATHCONA PRESIDED at the Dominion Day banquet, held in London yesterday. For the fourteenth time consecutively his Lordship proposed the toast to Canada.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE of Western Canada held their sixth annual convention at Saskatoon recently. About one hundred delegates spent two days in the discussion of problems relating to trade and transportation, and enjoyed the bountiful hospitality of the people of Saskatoon.

DIRECTORS OF THE MONTREAL STEEL WORKS, LIMITED, have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3-4 per cent. on the preferred stock, and an interim dividend of 2 per cent. on the common stock. The common stock dividend is virtually a half-yearly payment.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS at the port of Montreal for the past month were $1,336,285, compared with $1,060,325 for June, 1908, an increase of $275,960. A despatch from Ottawa states that the Dominion customs receipts were $4,831,658—showing an increase of $1,124,429 over June of last year.

THURSDAY WHEAT PRICES at Chicago's close were: $1.15 1-4 for July, $1.10 7-8 for September, $1.08 7-8 for December.

Wednesday closing Winnipeg quotations were $1.33¾ for July and 110⅞ for October delivery.

JULY DIVIDEND AND INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS PAYABLE IN CANADA.

TRANSPORTATION

Name	Rate%	Period
Halifax Elec.	1½	¼yr.
Niagara Nav	4	int.
Sao Paulo	2½	¼yr.
Toronto Rail	1¾	¼yr.
Tri City ....pf.	1½	¼yr.
Twin City ....pf.	1¾	¼yr.
West India Elec	1¼	¼yr.
Winnipeg Elec.	2½	¼yr.

MISCELLANEOUS

Name	Rate%	Period
Agricul. S. & L.	3	½yr.
Bell Telephone	2	¼yr.
British Mortgage	3½	½yr.
Can. Cons. Rubber ..pf.	1¾	¼yr
" " " com.	1	¼yr
Canadian Gen. Elec.	1¾	¼yr.
Canada Land & N. I.	4	½yr.
Canada Perm.	2	¼yr
Can. Westinghouse	1½	¼yr.
Carter-Crume	1¼	¼yr.
Central Canada L. & S.	2	½yr.
City Dairy ....pf.	1¾	¼yr.
Colonial Invest.	2½	½yr.
Crown Reserve	6+9	¼yr
Dominion Coal....com.	1	¼yr
Hamilton Prov.	3	½yr.
Huron & Erie	4½+½	½yr.
Landed B. & L.	3	½yr
LaRose Consolidated	3+1	¼yr
London & Can. Loan	3	½yr.
Mackay ....com.	1	¼yr.
" ....pf.	1	¼yr.
McKinlay-Darregh	5	...
Mexican L. & P.	1	¼yr.
Montreal City & Dis.	$10	....
National Trust	2	¼yr.
Nipissing Mines	3+2	¼yr.
Ontario L. & D.	3½	¼yr.
Real Estate Loan	3	½yr.
Shawinigan Co.	1	¼yr.
Shredded Wheat...cm.	¾	¼yr.
" " pf.	1½	¼yr.
Standard Trusts	3½	¼yr.
Sun & Hasting S. & L.	3	½yr.
Toronto Elec.	2	½yr.
Toronto Gen. Trust	4	½yr.
Toronto Mortgage	3	½yr.
William A. Rogers..cm.	2	¼yr.
" " pf.	1¾	¼yr.

BANKS

Name	Rate%	Period
Dominion	3	¼yr.
Eastern Tps.	2	¼yr.
Molsons	2½	¼yr.
Metropolitan	2	¼yr.
New Brunswick	3½	¼yr.
Nova Scotia	3	¼yr.
Northern Crown	2½	½yr.
Provinciale	1½	¼yr.
Royal	2½	¼yr.
Traders	1¾	¼yr.
United Empire	1	¼yr.

BONDS

Name	Rate%	Period
Demerara Elec.	2½	½yr.
Detroit United	2½	½yr.
Dominion Iron 1st	2½	½yr.
Halifax Elec.	2½	½yr.
Laurentide Paper	3	½yr.
Mexican Elec.	2½	½yr.
Montreal L. H. & P.	2½	½yr.
N. S. Steel....1st	3	½yr
Rio de Janeiro....1st	2½	½yr
Shawinigan Co.	2½	½yr
Toronto Electric	2½	½yr
West India Elec.	2½	½yr
Winnipeg Elec.	2½	½yr

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