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## AN INVESTIGATION OF INSURANCE IN CANADA?

"Onlooker" Would Not Be Surprised if it Were Shown That  
One Canadian Insurance Man Makes Over \$100,000  
per year.

(Onlooker in New Freeman.)  
In the interest of the insurance business generally there should be an investigation into the affairs of all insurance companies doing business in Canada. The disclosures made before the New York investigating committee have been such that public confidence in all insurance companies has been very much shaken. Although as a matter of fact the three great New York companies are as solvent as the Bank of England, it would be difficult for the most expert insurance man to make the people believe that just now. The result is that many persons whose families require insurance protection are not taking insurance; and even many persons who should know better are seriously considering the dropping of policies which they now hold. That insurance companies doing business in Canada, whether they be American, British or Canadian, are quite seriously affected, so far as the getting of new business is concerned, there can not be the slightest doubt. What is the remedy for this condition of things? The writer has talked to scores of insurance men on the subject, and the general opinion seems to be that a renewal of confidence in the insurance business in Canada will be of slow growth unless there be a thorough investigation into all companies doing business here. It is argued in some quarters—very influential quarters it must be admitted—that the present is an inopportune time for such an investigation in Canada; that the public mind is excited over the disclosures made before the New York investigating committee and that a fair enquiry could not now be made in this Dominion. If there is nothing wrong in the management of companies doing business in Canada, what is to be feared from an investigation? In asking this question the writer does not desire to leave the impression that there is anything seriously wrong in the management of any of the companies. He has no doubt, however, that an investigation would show that the management of some of the companies has been very costly and that a few families managing them have run into incomes very nearly approaching the figures of the presidents of the great American companies. Would it not be better that the facts regarding these matters should come out than that the insurance business of Canada should remain under a cloud and the impression grow that things are as bad in Canada, so far as insurance management is concerned, as in the United States? The writer feels satisfied that it can not be shown that insurance companies here were used for political purposes as certain insurance companies were in the United States. It would not surprise him if an investigation in Canada showed that at least one insurance man in Canada was making considerably more than \$100,000 a year, and that this amount was made up of salary, commissions on renews and interest on his share of capital stock. What great harm could result if facts such as these came out in evidence before a Canadian investigating committee? It will be little short of a crime if a Gordon, reading, W. W. Rainnie, and Lang Syne and God Save the King.

business should be delayed because of the desire of a few prominent insurance men to keep from the public the facts regarding their earnings from insurance. A prominent banker discussing with the writer the subject of the New York insurance investigation made this statement: "I have no doubt that the investigation will result in much good eventually. The immediate effect, however, has not been good for the business of either the United States or Canada. It has for the time being seriously affected the great business of insurance all over the world, and many other lines of business have indirectly suffered. After all is said and done there has been a great deal more smoke than fire in that investigation. So much has been said about it though that I believe the insurance business in Canada will not recover from the shock for a long time unless the Dominion Government takes steps for a complete investigation of the business here. If I were at the head of any one of the great insurance companies in Canada, I would, rather than prevent investigation, insist upon the fullest possible investigation, even though it should show that large sums were made by the heads of Canadian companies. Why should not the men who created the great insurance companies in this Dominion be paid even princely salaries? I think too much ado was made with regard to the salaries of the presidents of the great companies of the United States. It makes very little difference to the policy holders of a company having an annual income of \$100,000,000 whether the president's salary be \$50,000 a year or three times that amount. The newspapers of the United States and Canada, having exposed the methods of the great New York companies have now a grand work ahead of them in restoring public confidence in the insurance business generally in both countries.

## FULL OF PLEURISY

Doctors say the country is full of it. First it's a chill, then a cold; the inflammation grows until pleurisy is the result. Give twenty drops of Polene's Nervine in hot water at once. Cough restored—yours are cured. Any sickness can be prevented by Nervine. It saves big doctor bills, and costs 25c. for a large bottle. Try Nervine yourself.

A very large gathering enjoyed an excellent concert given last evening in St. Stephen's church school room, under the auspices of the Scots Company, B. Y. Brigade. Fully 300 people were present. The programme was: Beguine selection; solo, Miss Rubens; instrumental duet, Messrs. Donald and Hott; Boys' Brigade drill; song, W. H. Ross; club swinging, Misses Beville and Haines; reading, W. W. Rainnie; Highland fling, Major Gordon; duet, Mr. and Mrs. McLean; bones, James Ross; Boys' Brigade bygone drill; song, Rev. Mr. McLean; Gullie Callum, Major Gordon; reading, W. W. Rainnie; and Lang Syne and God Save the King.

## SIMPLICITY OF RELIGION

Stripped of Trappings, it is a  
Marvellously Simple Thing.

(Toronto Globe.)  
At the Church of Our Father, on Sunday night, Rev. Charles W. Casson delivered the first of a series of sermons on "The Simplicity of Religion." He said, in part: "Religion, like a month-old babe, consists of itself and its clothes. Taking them in their entirety, they both seem incomprehensibly complex and mysterious. But stripped of their wrappings, and revealed as bare facts, they are both marvellously simple, instead of being simply marvellous.  
"Religion is simple fidelity to the revealed good. Whatever may be the outside influences, whatever may be the conflict of opinions, or the clamor of moral concessionaries, whatever may be the utilitarian arguments for the half-good, that many religious who to loyal to the small voice within himself, and obeys its behest. Religion is loyalty to the God-given, self-seen ideal.  
"Religion is life. It is not the label that counts. Creeds are useful only when they are translated into noble conduct. Churches are not to be judged by the truth or beauty of their principles, but by the truth and beauty of the persons who compose them. Have you the truth? Go live it; else the world will never accept your word for it. You are the religion, written in the characters of life that all may read.  
"And religion is simple life. Today life is too complex, artificial, exacting. We are slaves to the tyranny of form, cursed by custom, paralyzed by precedent. We multiply necessities, cultivate crutches, bend our necks to the yoke of style, become base servants of the secondhand. We are fearful of the incongruous, doubtful of the self-conceived, avoidant of the unpopular. Great is the need of the simple and the straight. The world trends, above all else, more simple-hearted, simple-minded, simple-living men. It becomes our religious duty to be true to our own best selves, to fearlessly proclaim our own convictions, and to refuse to be slaves to any set, sect or style.  
"Religion is simple justice in daily life. The religious man learns as the rudiments of his religion that ninety cents do not make a dollar, that fifteen ounces do not make a pound, that clarity is no substitute for justice, and that legality is not good guarantee of the moral. It is time to abolish that form of religion that gives to the Lord and takes from the people.  
"Religion is love. The world may need light, but it needs love more. That religion is true and best that adds most to the stock of human kindness."  
A meeting of the sub-committee of the treasury board was held yesterday afternoon to examine the list of insurance on city property with a view to revising and, if necessary, reducing the schedule. A meeting of the board will be held next week and a report will be made. Ald. Bullock occupied the chair and Ald. Frank Holder were present, with the chairman and Director. Wisely. It is understood the committee are in favor of effecting all the city's future insurance as it falls due under policies for three years, and it is hoped that a considerable saving will be the result.

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## NO WHISKEY ON SUNDAY

He Therefore Drank Wood Alcohol and it Killed Him.

(Toronto World, Tuesday.)  
Because he was deprived of whiskey, through, it is said, the order of the license inspector rendering it impossible for him to secure spirituous liquor on Sunday, Frederick Volt, a piano polisher, took about eight ounces of wood alcohol and died yesterday from the effects of it. He was in the habit of drinking a certain amount of liquor every day and when deprived of it became sick.  
His wife had a sore shoulder and Volt, intending to alleviate her pain, brought home a bottle of the wood alcohol, used in his business. On Sunday morning he took a drink of the stuff after dusting it with water.  
The dose exhilarated him, and he continued taking small quantities during the day. The result was that by the evening he was practically intoxicated. Yesterday morning he did not get out of bed and complained of pains in his stomach. He had recourse to the bottle, but reaction set in.  
Then his wife, who had seen him drinking the alcohol, heard of its bad effects from another woman. She summoned Dr. Castanovich, who lives only a short distance away, but nothing could be done for the man. He died about three o'clock, only a short time after the doctor's arrival.  
Volt was about 30 years of age and leaves three little children.  
Twelve and the youngest about a year old. Coroner Johnson was informed of the occurrence, but it is not likely an inquest will be held.  
A police inspector said yesterday that for the first time in his recollection the police stations were clean on Sunday of "drunks."

## TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

A Boston Catholic League Has  
Three Different Pledges—It is  
growing.

(Boston Transcript.)  
Speaking of Roman Catholic activity and progress in the temperance movement, Father Dwyer, pastor of St. Louis Church in Boston, said: "It is already beginning to spread throughout the diocese and may take on national proportions. Indeed, it has been indicated by the Holy Family Abstinence Society of the Catholic Church. The new organization is called the Holy Family Temperance League, and it differs from ordinary abstinence associations in that it offers three forms of pledges. The man who takes the first degree, as it is called, promises that 'outside of his own home during the coming three months he will abstain from all intoxicating drinks unless consecrated as medicine. The pledge in its second degree reads: "I promise that during the next three months I will totally abstain from all intoxicating drinks unless consecrated as medicine." In addition there is a third pledge, the signer agreeing to the first two and also promising to act as a promoter of the League and a promoter of temperance and total abstinence. The theory underlying this movement is that persons will often take a pledge for a limited time who would not bind them for a longer period. It is hoped, of course, that at the end of the three months the signer will all renew their pledges and so finally come to a total abstinence basis for life. Effort is particularly directed toward the children, and reliance is placed upon prayer and the mass as helps for carrying out the pledge. A number of parishes, in Father Dwyer's parish, are already active. They have agreed to become promoters, and as each aims at securing at least ten others more than 100 have already signed the pledge, of whom there are a few who are considered sympathetic of much more that can be done."

## A FELINE DITTY ON DIAMOND DYES.



My kittens three, were white and gray,  
'Twas hard to keep them clean;  
No method how I worked each day,  
The kits looked very mean.  
They'd go out in the morning clad  
So tidy and so trim;  
At night, they'd come home looking sad,  
With clothes so soiled and grim.  
I could not keep them tidy, neat,  
One hour of the day  
When they were in the field or street,  
With other cats at play.  
I then procured the DIAMOND DYES,  
And made a dye bath hot,  
And to my kittens great surprise,  
I dipped them in the pot.  
Today, my kittens all are dressed  
In black so rich and deep;  
I mourn no more, and now am blessed  
When'er I roam or sleep.  
The moral of my song is plain,  
To women bright and wise;  
If you would pleasure, profit gain,  
Just use the DIAMOND DYES.

## TEMPERANCE LESSON

(Montreal Witness)  
On Saturday last the Presse devoted the whole of its front page to a very interesting temperance object lesson. The large colored illustration, headed "Alcohol, the poisoner," showed first at the top, in panels formed by the coils of an adder, the contrasting pictures of a man in the full bloom of health and vigor, and his miserable and pitiful appearance after becoming the victim of drink. Other pictures on the page illustrated the loss of will, the loss of dignity, the loss of noble feelings, and the loss of reason produced by alcohol, scenes being given of the drunkard's home, his cruelty towards his wife and children, and his abode in an insane asylum, and the degeneracy of his offspring.  
The text congratulated Archbishop Truchese for the anti-alcoholic campaign to be inaugurated by him, and called upon all men of good will to help in the noble cause.



KING ALFONSO XIII. PRINCESS VICTORIA EUGENIE OF BATTENBERG.  
A despatch from Madrid says that it is expected that King Alfonso will go to the Riviera toward the end of the month, where he will meet Princess Eugenie, who is a guest of form or Empress Eugenie. The betrothal of the King and the Princess, although not officially announced, is considered to be assured.

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