

Financial and Business Notes.

United States investments in Canada amount to \$636,000,000.

In the twelve years from 1900 to 1912, Canada lost nine million days through strikes.

There are 2,440,000 freight cars in the United States of which 43,000 are used solely for the transportation of automobiles.

France has spent \$35,000,000 in planting trees on the watersheds of important streams.

Rubber plantations cover 94,268 acres in Straits Settlements.

In the United States 5,516,163 persons over ten years old do not know how to read or write; 2,273,603 of these are men of voting age, and 617,733 are native-born whites.

During 1913 there were only 3,071 miles of new railroad construction in the United States.

Canadian field crops in 1913 were valued at \$552,771,500 as compared with \$557,344,100 in 1912.

Japan's production of copper in 1913 is estimated at 65,000 metric tons. Mexico's production was 52,815, and that of the United States 557,387 tons.

The annual consumption of sugar in Italy is only eleven pounds per head of the population. The Canadian consumption is nearly 70 pounds per head.

The population of Spain is estimated to be nearly 20,000,000. Of these, 600,000 are in Madrid.

Last year 388,813 people left the British Isles. Of these Canada secured 190,903.

Toronto disposed of \$17,079,204 debentures in 1913.

Germany's foreign trade during the year 1913 was as follows: imports, \$2,673,750,000, as compared with \$2,672,750,000 in 1912, and exports, \$2,520,000,000 as compared with \$2,299,250,000.

Canada imported 13,000,000 dozen eggs in the last fiscal year. Of the total imports British Columbia took five and a half million dozen.

The late Balkan wars cost the warring nations \$1,675,000,000 basing the value of a man's life at \$5,000.

Injurious insects inflict a yearly loss to crops, forests, etc., of the United States amounting to \$800,000,000.

In 1913 capital applications in London amounted to £196,537,000 of which Canada secured £44,119,000.

Mr. E. R. Wood estimates our total borrowings last year at \$351,408,629 of which Great Britain supplied 72.6%, the United States 14.43% and Canada 13%.

Financial Personals.

Mr. C. E. Neill who has just been elected a director of the Royal Bank has been Assistant General Manager for several years although he is still a young man. Much of the success which has attended the Royal Bank during recent years is due to Mr. Neill's untiring efforts in its behalf. In spite of the prominent position he occupies he is always easy to approach being entirely devoid of "side."

Mr. W. W. Hutchison, managing director of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company is regarded as one of the best informed of the younger business men in Montreal. He is not only thoroughly conversant with the milling business but has thought his way through a host of economic and industrial problems and were it not for his retiring nature could easily take a large place in public affairs.

An increasingly large number of Montreal business men are taking an interest in municipal matters in the suburbs.

Among the list is Mr. Percy Webster, purchasing agent of the Dominion Textile Company, who is Mayor of St. Lambert, the "Bedroom of Montreal." Mr. Webster has been Mayor for several years and what he doesn't know about the future of his town isn't worth knowing.

Another busy business man who finds recreation in running a suburb is Mr. H. E. Stephenson of A. McKim Ltd. Mr. Stephenson works more hours per day than most men put into a week, yet finds time to keep Montreal West in the straight and narrow path of civic righteousness. He is an Alderman of that progressive burg.

"Billy" Little, circulation manager of the Star, was for several years an Alderman of Outremont. The other day he was defeated but that will not lessen his interest in civic matters. If he could only get his circulation methods going in his home town there wouldn't be much left of his opponents.

It is probably not generally known that John Ringling, of circus fame, is a builder of railroads. It is his hobby to build short lines through rural communities whose resources are undeveloped, and watch them grow. He has built 15 or 20 such roads in different parts of the United States and financed them himself.

Mark Twain, so the story goes, was walking on Hannibal Street when he met a woman with her youthful family. "So this is the little girl, eh?" Mark said to her as she displayed her children. "And this sturdy little urchin in the bib belongs, I suppose, to the contrary sex." "Yessah," the woman replied; yassah, dat's a girl too."

Just as Caesar divided all Gaul into two parts so "Jimmy" Craig, of Craig & Luther divides the year into two seasons—football and no football. Although he has quit playing the game he still talks about its fine points in season and out of season. He was formerly captain of the Montreal football team.