To Draft Town Planning Act

International Conference In Toronto will Outline Comprehensive Scheme

MODEL FOR PROVINCES

Local Board In Each City Or Town To Carry Out Projects Under Supervision of a Central Board.

That the town-planning movement in Canada has come to stay and will have to be reckoned with in the future is demonstrated by the fact that it has already engaged the attention of several of our provincial legislatures. The year 1912 saw comprehensive town-planning Acts passed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and, last year, Alberta led the way for the Western provinces. Ontario also has an Act applicable to cities with a population of 50,000 and upwards.

At the forthcoming International Conference on City Planning, Toronto, May 25-27, a draft town-planning act, which it is hoped will be a model for all Canadian provinces, will be submitted to the delegates present by a special committee appointed by the Commission of Conservation. Frank criticism and full discussion of this proposed act will be invited. After being amended in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference, copies will be sent to each provincial government, urging them to enact legislation along the lines proposed.

As now drafted, the bill provides for the preparing and carrying-out of town-planning projects by a local board in each city or town, subject to the approval of a central town-planning board for the whole province. Projects will apply chiefly to land likely to be used for building purposes, but may, in certain circumstances, include land already built upon or land unsuitable for building. Provision is made for compensation of private owners if injuriously affected and for the local authority recovering half of the unearned increment if property values are increased. The central board may act on its own initiative if the local board fails to do its duty or if no local board exists.

Under such an Act, the growth of every town will be regulated so that streets may be of adequate width and in accord with the general plan of the town; housing congestion will not be permitted; sufficient open spaces will be reserved for parks, squares and other municipal purposes; and health, amenity and convenience will be given due consideration in all new building areas, and, so far as possible, in old ones.

BUILD LONG SEA WALL

Work On Huge Undertaking Starts At Fort William To-day.

(Special Correspondence.

Fort William, May 12.—Work started today on the two thousand, six hundred and forty-six foot sea wall at the mouth of the Mission river, west Fort William, the Thunder Bay Contracting Company being in charge.

The first work to be done to the wall was commenced early one year ago, but only timber enough for the construction of three cribs was on hand, and when this was used up, construction had to be discontinued till a fresh supply could be obtained from the lumber mills in British Columbia. The wall is being built on the crib construction plan from the bottom of the Mission river, which is twenty-eight feet deep at that point. When completed, the wall will be the means of reclaiming several acres of valuable land from Lake Superior. Fifty men were set to work on the wall this morning, and later on this number will be increased to 125.

$13,000,000 FROM NETHERLANDS.

Mortgage companies which bring funds from the Netherlands to Western Canada have become an imoprtant loaning factor within the past few years. "Canadian Finance" has obtained the following figures of their loan totals at the close of 1913 and 1912 respectively.

Name of company.	Amount Dec. 31, 1913	Amount Dec. 31, 1912
Holland-Canada	$4,142,537	$3,500,521
Netherlands-Trs.-Atlantic	2,757,570	2,405,675
Rotterdam-Canada	2,656,667	2,118,748
Netherlands-Canadian	2,007,388	1,739,084
Overseas	557,013	318,289
Intercontinental	275,375	.....
Netherlands-American	249,272	*249,272
Amsterdam-Canada	182,750	.....
	12,828,572	10,331,589

*This company had an office for a time at Brandon, since closed.

From which it will be seen that well on to $13,000,000 is invested in Western Canada by these institutions — largely through the intermediary channels of leading Canadian trust companies, though the more important Dutch companies have now their own loaning agencies throughout the West. That there should be an increase of practically $2,500,000 in a year of world-wide stringency is notable. While marked expansion in loans is not looked for this year, the Canadian managers of the companies appear satisfied as to continued establishment of profitable business for their companies.

SENECA-SUPERIOR

The Seneca-Superior Silver Mine has declared the usual dividend of 10 per cent., and a bonus of two and a half per cent., payable June 15th to holders of record June 5th.

WEARING COLLIN'S CLOTHES IS A HABIT
WITH LEADING BUSINESS MEN
I WAS FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY HEAD CUTTER FOR W. J. INGLIS, MONTREAL
SEE ME AT MY OWN PLACE
A PLEASURE TO SHOW STYLES AND SAMPLES
T. COLLIN, MERCHANT TAILOR 15 McGill College Ave., City

Report Does Not Get Full Approval

Finding of Railway Commission Concerning Freight Rates is Criticized

WORSE OF THAN BEFOREF

Rates from Coast to Lake and Prairie District not Proportionate to Same Points from Prairie Centre, it is Alleged.

(Vancouver News Letter.)

The report of the Railway Commissioners on the western freight rate hearing has occupied the attention of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association and the interim report of their freight committee does not express unqualified approval of the changes which have been made. Although considerable reduction in rates is afforded from the coast to points in the interior of British Columbia, the reductions which are effected from the coast to points in the B. C. lake district and the prairies is a good deal less than the reduction given to similar points from prairie centres. Thus, it is claimed British Columbia is in a worse position comparatively than she was previously. Instances were quoted in illustration, thus: The rate from Calgary to Nelson, B.C., has been cut 10 per cent., while the rate from Vancouver to Nelson has been cut only 8 per cent. and so on. Attention is also called to the fact that the Canadian Northern lines in British Columbia will be operated on provincial charter and not on Dominion charter, and will therefore not come under the jurisdiction of the railway Commission. It is, therefore, open to the C. N. R. to quote higher rates than laid down by the commission, to non-competitive points, and this will be brought before the notice of the Provincial Government, who have the power to fix a schedule of rates.

The recent report of the Provincial Labor Commission contains a recommendation in favor of compulsory casualty insurance conducted by the state. The subject is arousing a good deal of discussion although it cannot become practical politics during the present year. State insurance is already an established principle in British Columbia, the Forest Fire Protection Fund, inaugurated by the Hon. Mr. Ross, seems to be working to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The affairs of the British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., were again before the court, with application by the liquidator to receive assent to bids on the company's stores and effects. It was also reported to the court that a cable had just been received from England stating that the proposed sale of the company to English buyers for a price of $300,000 had fallen through.

New Refining Plant.

Work in connection with the big refining plant to be erected on Burrard Inlet, at Port Moody, a few miles from Vancouver, by the Imperial Oil Co., is being rushed forward, over a hundred men being engaged in clearing and pile-driving. The site cost $150,000, and the total expenditure on the plant will exceed $500,000. This will be the second large oil refinery in this province, that of the B. C. Refining Co., Ltd. at Port Moody having been in operation over four years. Oil fuel finds an increasing outlet on this coast, being used in ever-growing quantities by coasting and other craft and by the railways. The refineries turn out distillates, greases, lubricants and asphaltum.

The whaling industry in British Columbia is now in full swing. This years' catch is estimated at about 2,000 and the estimate of the experts is usually borne out. The bulk of the whales taken are of the sulphur-bottom variety, averaging 60 to 80 feet in length.

The Canadian Wood Distilling Company, Ltd., has just been incorporated with capital $100,000, to carry on the business of wood-distilling and timber preserving, at Cranbrook, B.C.,

Among the new companies gazetted this week are the following:

B. C. Steel Works, Ltd., capital $500,000; Dominion Savings and Loan Society, Ltd., nominal capital $10,000,000; Forest Products Co., Ltd., $100,000; James Brookes Woodworking Co., Ltd., $15,000; Marine Navigation and Engineering Co. Ltd., $100,000; Merritt Collieries, Ltd., $2,000,000; Multiplex Mining, Milling and Power Co., Ltd., $1,000,000; Sweeney-McConnell, Ltd., $50,000; Vancouver Shingle Stain and Paint Co., Ltd., $10,000; Western Canada Manufacturing Co., Ltd., $100,000.

WANT DOMESTIC COURT.

Two Delegations Urge Improvement Upon Provincial Premier Yesterday.

Two separate delegations, with two distinct ideas as to how practically the same object might be attained, waited on Premier Sir Lomer Gouin at the government offices yesterday to urge on him the advisability of providing some new method for dealing with troubled domestic relations, that at present are dealt with in the police courts. One delegation, organized by the Charity Organization Society, and comprising many prominent citizens, urged the establishment of an entirely new court to be known as the Domestic Relations Court, to be conducted preferably in connection with the Juvenile Delinquents Court, while the other, headed by the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Women and Children, simply advised the premier to detail a special judge to hear these cases exclusively, under the existing laws.

Canadian General Electric is ex-dividend today.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Commenting on the Ulster question, the Dublin correspondent of the Belfast News Letter says: "A merry time is now in order, but if the conversations result in an offer of further concessions to the Loyalists, Redmond may have to face a crisis in his ranks. Sinn Feiners, with an advanced dectrinaire, in various sections of Dublin, are openly opposed to any exclusion, temporary or otherwise, as violating the first principle of the Nationalist policy. The Laborites also dislike the proposal and a similar feeling pervades a large portion of Redmond's adherents. The possibility of Ulster's absolute exclusion, a few days ago remote, has now changed and has given rise to consternation."

The attitude of the Opposition in regard to negotiating with the Government on the Irish situation is dealt with in an editorial in the Morning Post, which, while recognizing that the Government has triumphed so far, admits that the Unionists must concentrate their forces on the saving of Ulster. By assenting to the passing of an amending measure, says the Post, the Unionists would not be assenting in any way to the doctrines of Home Rule or helping the Government to carry the bill; on the contrary, they would be taking steps further to circumscribe the evils and dangers resulting from the policy.

An appeal, highly significant of the present anxiety felt by official Nationalists, appears in the Freeman's Journal, the most prominent Nationalist organ. The appeal asks the Irish Unionists to accept the Home Rule Bill as inevitable and suggests that after the Bill becomes law, Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson should try to settle the outstanding differences between the North and South. "In such circumstances," says the Journal, "it will be hard to limit the extent to which the Irish Nationalists would go to meet Carson with a view to a friendly settlement.

"Seeing that the appeal entirely ignores Ulster's refusal to come under a Dublin Parliament, it is unlikely that it will meet with much response.

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was commandeered last evening by King George for a gala performance in honor of the King and Queen of Denmark, who are paying their accession visit to this country. The programme consisted of scenes from La Tosca, La Boheme and Aida. The singers included Melba and Emmy Destinn. For an audience the performers had the leaders of the political, diplomatic and social world of London, the men in the uniforms of their rank and the women in beautiful gowns and jewels of untold wealth.

That at the present moment there are some twelve thousand persons in Cook County, which includes the City of Chicago, who are contemplating suicide, and that he can within a reasonable degree of accuracy determine the number of Chicagoans who will meet with violent deaths within the next twelve months, is the assertion of Coroner Hoffman in his biennial report for 1913, just completed.

The report gives a record of 10,992 deaths in Chicago, of which Coroner Hoffman asserts "nearly one-half could have been avoided by a comprehensive crusade of education on the lines of public safety."

A Syrian newspaper prints an unconfirmed rumor that the exploring party of Baron Nordenskjold, a son of the famous Arctic explorer, has fallen victim to Indians in South America.

The last report received concerning Baron Nordenskjold's expedition came in a despatch to Stockholm on March 16 last. The despatch was dated Belem, Brazil, and said that Nordenskjold's companion, Johnberg, had been killed. The way in which Johnberg met death was not stated.

VERDUN $500,000 BONDS.

The Verdun City Council, at its meeting last night, decided to issue bonds to the amount of $500,000 to cover the cost of laying underground conduits for the electric wires. The work will be divided over a period of about five years, but it is intended to lay five or six miles of conduit on the principal streets this year at a cost of about $100,000.

$2,000,000 PROPERTY.

The Nazareth Property, Ltd., yesterday gained possession of the whole property extending along the north side of St. Catherine street from Mance street to Plateau avenue, at a cost of nearly two million dollars. This deal has been waiting for some years the smoothing-out of some flaws in the title of the Orphans' School, and this has at length been accomplished and the sale of the properties was registered on Saturday and Monday.

PRECIOUS STONE IMPORTS.

According to a statement issued by Henry M. Clapp, Special Deputy Appraiser, the importations of precious stones into the United States during the month of April amounted to $2,188,303, a decline of over $1,700,000 compared with last year's figures, and a decline of $836,000 compared with April, 1912. Following is the detailed statement;

	1914.	1913.
Cut	$1,617,851	$2,534,358
Uncut, free	62,407	1,364,323
Uncut, dutiable	508,045	
Total	$2,188,303	$3,898,681

FEWER UNEMPLOYED NOW.

While there are still as many as from 500 to 600 applications for work each day at the Provincial Employment Bureau, the labor situation in Montreal is improving with the increase in work in the spring. It is the opinion of those in charge of employment agencies that if the immigration to Montreal is not heavy this year the situation can be coped with, but that if many are added to the ranks of the unemployed a serious situation will result.

Last month saw the largest number of applications for work since the opening of the Government Employment Bureau, and there were 816 applications in one day alone. Three months ago the daily average was from 600 to 700 a day, and it has now dropped to from 500 to 600 daily.

The forthcoming dividend of the Pennsylvania Railroad, payable May 29th, will be shared by 89,805 stockholders, the largest number recorded.

Happenings in World of Sport

Providence Give the Royal Pitchers a Cruel Trouncing In Opening Game

TWO STABLES TIED

Miss Viau and Hon. Clifford Sifton Even for First Honours at Horse Show.—Ty Cobb Draws $17,000 from Detroit.

17 to 2 was the tally at Atwater Park yesterday afternoon when Providence, smarting under a series of three defeats in Toronto, pounded the offerings of four Montreal pitchers for 17 hits. These in conjunction with numerous errors by the hom club made an utter burlesque of the game. Mason, Mattern, Walsh and Steinbach were the pitching victims. It looks now as though the pitching department instead of being the strong department of a weak team is the weakest section of a mediocre aggregation. This, however, is mainly the result of a series of accidents which put McGraner and Richler out of the game temporarily.

Joe Connolly, the snappy little outfielder, once a member of the Royal Club, and now with the Braves, made the feature play against the Giants yesterday, when he stopped one with a single hand off Day's bat and doubled Fletcher at first from deep left.

The M.A.A.A. track and field athletes held their first outdoor practice last night under the direction of Instructor S. W. O'Connell and will hold workouts nightly from now on. Koppel, Brebner, Smeltzer, Arnot, Speak, Corbett, O'Hara, East, Platt, Common, Venning, Wallace were among those out, while several of the M.A.A. directors were also present.

Toronto took the firfrst of the series from Baltimore yesterday, Baltimore being the victims, 2 to 1.

Miss Viau and the Hon. Clifford Sifton's stable are tied for first place as prive winners at the recently concluded horse show, Miss Loula Long is third.

Baron Wimborne, manager of the English polo team which has challenged for the international polo trophy held by the United States, has decided to sail for America May 23 with a polo team composed of Mr. Tomkinson, Major J. Y. D. Bingham, Major F. W. Barrett, and Major C. F. Hunter.

Ty Cobb, the spotlight king, draws a salary of $17,206 from the Detroit Club.

This will be a big season for triple plays if the present rate is kept up. In fact, already there have been more triples in the big leagues this year than whole seasons as a rule contain. In the first month six were made. The teams making them were the New York Giants, Washington (twice), Cubs and Clevelands. In connection with them is the interesting fact that losers made four of the six. The Giants were beaten by the Phillies on the day of their triple, the Cubs by the Cardinals, the New Yorks by the Washingtons, and the Naps by the Browns. The Washingtons beat the Athletics when they turned their first one, and tied on the second occasion, yesterday. So far triple plays have been more of a jinx than a mascot.

BASEBALL RESULTS

International League.
Providence, 17; Montreal, 2.
Toronto, 2; Baltimore, 1.
Rochester, 6; Jersey City, 3.

National League.
New York, 8; Boston, 6.
Philadelphia, 2; Brooklyn, 1.
Chicago, 5; St. Louis, 5.

American League.
Philadelphia, 8; Washington, 4.
New York, 6; Boston, 2.

Federal League.
Indianapolis, 4; Kansas City, 3.
Baltimore, 4; Buffalo, 2.
Pittsburg, 2; Brooklyn, 0.
Chicago-St. Louis—Rain.

Canadian League.
All games postponed.

International Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Rochester	10	5	.667
Newark	8	6	.571
Toronto	9	7	.563
Baltimore	10	8	.556
Jersey City	7	9	.438
Buffalo	6	8	.429
Providence	6	9	.400
Montreal	6	10	.375

National League Standing

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburg	15	4	.789
Brooklyn	9	6	.600
Philadelphia	9	6	.600
New York	9	6	.600
Chicago	10	11	.476
St. Louis	9	14	.391
Cincinnati	8	13	.381
Boston	3	12	.200

American League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Detroit	16	7	.696
Philadelphia	10	7	.588
St. Louis	11	10	.524
New York	10	9	.526
Washington	9	10	.474
Chicago	10	12	.455
Boston	7	11	.389
Cleveland	7	14	.333

Federal League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Baltimore	12	5	.706
St. Louis	13	9	.591
Indianapolis	11	8	.579
Chicago	11	10	.524
Brooklyn	7	8	.467
Kansas City	9	14	.391
Buffalo	7	11	.389
Pittsburg	7	12	.368

SICILY DEAD REACHES 200.

The official estimate of the dead as the result of the recent earthquake which destroyed many villages on the eastern slope of Mount Etna, places the number at close to 200. This is said to be the largest percentage ever recorded, considering the smallness of the area affected by the disturbance.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, meeting at the City Hall, Montreal, Que., Friday, the 15th day of May, 1914, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, will consider the following cases:—

1.—Complaint of Noviciat de Notre Dame des Anges, P.Q., against the charge made for telephone service by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. (File No. 3574.115.)

2.—Complaint of C. P. Newman, of Lachine Locks, P.Q., against the Bell Telephone Company's proposed increased annual charge for use of telephone on complainant's premises. (File No. 3574.118.)

3.—Complaint of the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec against the withdrawal of summer rates between Montreal and Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, and intermediate points, also from Montreal to Grand Trunk stations Iroquois to Rideau, and Canadian Pacific stations Winchester to Smiths Falls, including Brockville and Prescott. (File No. 24223.)

4.—Complaint of the Superior Sand and Gravel Company against the rate charged by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on sand and gravel, St. Gabriel, P.Q., to Montreal. (File No. 24180.)

5.—Complaint of Damase Goyette, of Lemoyne, P.Q., relative to the action of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in removing crossing in the vicinity of Iberville Junction, in the Parish of St. Athanase, P.Q. (File No. 22734.)

6.—Complaint of the Township of Cleveland in the County of Richmond, Quebec, relative to protection at Jeffrey Crossing, G. T. R.

Note.—The matter of distribution of the cost of the work to be spoken to. (File No. 9437.945.)

7.—Application of the Municipal Council of the Village of Beauport, P.Q., under Section 237, for two level crossings over the line of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company, in the village of Beauport, P.Q. (File No. 24071.)

8.—Application of the Town of Pointeaux-Trembles, P.Q., for an Order authorizing the opening up of Sixth Avenue across the tracks of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company and the Montreal Tramways Company, within the limits of the said town. (File No. 20569.)

9.—Complaint of the Village of South Durham, P.Q., relative to alleged dangerous condition of crossing (Bergevin's Crossing), on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, between Danby and South Durham, P.Q. (File No. 9437.1118).

10.—Re Overhead over the tracks of the G. T. R. and Montreal Park and Island Railway at Lachine Road, Rockfield, P.Q.

Note.—The Board will consider the claim of the various parties concerned to be compensated for the damages, if any, arising from the construction of the overhead bridge over the railway tracks at Rockfield and the diversion of the Upper Lachine Road, consequent upon the construction of such bridge, such damages to be included in the cost of the work. (File No. 9437.119, Part 2.)

11.—Application of the Atlantic and North Western Railway Company (C. P. R.), under Section 237, for authority to construct at grade an additional track (double track) of its Main line, Farnham Subdivision across Champlain Street, in the Town of St. Johns, P.Q., at mile 19.9 of said line. (File No. 1985.5.20.)

12.—Application of the Central Railway Company of Canada for approval of plans showing additional property required for terminal station in the City of Montreal, P. Q. Adjourned hearing. (File No. 534.11.)

13.—Application of the Cedar Rapids Manufacturing and Power Co., under Section 178, for authority to expropriate for right of way for its transmission line a part of Lot 1, Parish of St. Ignac du Coteau du Lac, P.Q., the property of Mme. D. Tremblay. (File No. 23677.38.)

14.—Application of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company for authority to lay a 30 inch gas pipe from new works on the Lachine Canal across the swamp presently under lease by the Grand Trunk Railway Company from the Department of Railways and Canals, Cadastral Nos. 1005, 1026, 1025, Parish of Lachine, near the western end of Turcot Yards. (File No. 23918.)

15.—Consideration of the matter of the question of protection at the crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway Company at St. Ambroise Street, in the City of Montreal, P.. (File No. 9437.1100.)

16.—Application of the City of Montreal, P.Q., under Sections 29-52 and amendments thereto to vary in part the judgment of the Board made on the 18th of June, 1912, in connection with the application of the Chambre de Commerce of the City of Montreal to do away with all level crossings in the City of Montreal, and particularly the level crossings along the right of way of the Grand Trunk Railway Company within the City of Montreal, P.Q. (File No. 24218).

17.—Application of the City of Montreal, P.Q., to have the Town of Verdun, the City of Westmount, and the Montreal Tramways Company made parties to the application of the Chambre de Commerce, and that they be ordered to bear a portion of the cost of the track elevation of the Grand Trunk Company's tracks in the City of Montreal, P.Q. (File No. 24218.1.)

SERVICE WITH HOLLAND.

That the increasing importance of Canadian trade with Rotterdam is being fully appreciated can be gathered from the fact that the Holland-America Line has just announced the contemplated improvement in the Canada Line Steamship service for 1915.

It is the intention to operate the new service next year with three steamers of about 14,000 tons, of which two are building, and the third has been ordered. The steamers will sail from Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam and Antwerp to Canada. Other steamers will be put on this service from the fleets of the Hamburg-America Line, the Norddeutscher Lloyd, the Holland-America Line and the Red Star Line, as circumstances will require, the idea being to maintain regular weekly sailings during the St. Lawrence season.

During the present year the existing joint service of the Canada Line will be continued.

S.S. KRESGE CO.

New York, May 9.—The S.S. Kresge Company reports sales for the four months ended April 30, amounting to $4,399,170, an increase of $842,454, or 23.63 p.c. over last year's figures.

See Prosperity in Great Crops

Leaders in All Lines Predict Quick Revival of Business

OPTIMISM IS RAMPANT

Brighter Outlook for Railroads in Prospect of Higher Rates.

New York, May 12.—New York bankers, manufacturers and wholesalers are optimistic over the business outlook for the coming year. While a few still show scepticism to certain prosperity, all of those interviewed express a confidence in a marked improvement within a few months. Many base their predictions on "if," however.

The Mexican trouble, the railroad rate increase and the trust legislation are the chief causes for doubt. The new currency bill, the appointments on the Federal Reserve Board, and the prospects of an excellent wheat crop are the chief causes of the spirit of optimism.

Here are some representative opinions:

A. D. Juillard of A. D. Juillard & Co., wholesale cloth dealers:

"The report of a good wheat crop is a very encouraging feature in the business outlook. This will help materially in accelerating a general industrial and commercial revival.

"There are too many men out of employment now to make it easy to predict how rapidly the revival of business will progress."

William Jay Schieffelin, of W. J. Schieffelin & Co. wholesale drugs:

"The manufacturing pharmacists have had a satisfactory increase in sales during the frist four months of this year over the sales of the same period for 1913.

"The general outlook for the next eight months is hopeful, first because the people have great confidence in President Wilson, feeling sure he will exert his power and influence in securing just treatment to the railroads and a peaceful solution of the labor controversy in Colorado; second, because the nation's prosperity is contingent on the yield of the crops and the outlook for a bumper wheat crop is most promising.

"The possibility of war with Mexico has already been discounted—of course we all hope it can be avoided—but this is more on humane than commercial grounds. In our business the supply of gum chicle comes from Mexico, but if this should be curtailed there are other gum bases which are entirely suitable to take its place. On the whole there is no reason for any fear for the future."

Crops Indicate Prosperity.

W. J. Gesell, secretary of Lehn & Fink, druggists and chemists:

"There seems to be nothing in the way of a good year. The policies of President Wilson, although they have not entirely restored confidence, are in the right direction and soon we will see a revival in nearly all lines of business. The prospect for good crops means that the industries will prosper, as good or poor crops are always reflected in other lines.

"Prices have been at low ebb for some time. They are bound to go up. We look for one of the best years in our history."

James M. Speers, president of James McCutcheon & Co., linens:

"We are all hoping for an improvement in business, and I think we have every reason to expect it. If we have such crops as are predicted, I don't see how it can be held back."

"Along all lines we know anything about, the country is adjusting itself to the new tariff, and the satisfactory appointments to the Federal Reserve Board will tend to restore confidence."

"Men throughout the country are buying goods with enthusiasm for fall delivery and I believe by that time there will be a very considerable improvement."

Dean Park secretary of the Harmpacher, Schlemmer Company, hardware:

"We are optimists here. It is difficult to tell what makes business as it is. Conditions point to good business. We see no reason why business should not be good. The crop reports point to it.

"Politics, we know, has a certain play, but I don't believe that parties in power make a great difference. We have been passing through a period of lawmaking that might be called strenuous. It had to come. It was a political movement that had to take place. After the people get used to things as they are, conditions will improve.

"There has been a period of liquidation due us for a long time. I know that in our business collections are very fair indeed. People have been more conservative."

Big Revival Coming.

George A. Zabriskie of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company:

"There is every indication of the coming of a general business revival. The Legislature is already stopping some of the drastic action that has been suggested and which would work evil to legitimate industry.

"I don't believe there is any legislation that could throttle the industries of this great country, and I am convinced that we have seen the last of serious legislative disturbances affecting financial and industrial circles.

"With a big winter crop of wheat and the promise of another crop a certain new growth of business, and will take place even though the big crop should depress the price of wheat. We are facing better times. The only cloud on the horizon is the possibility of war with Mexico, and the big expense it would entail on the nation."

Auto Sales Increase.

G. E. Tripp, chairman of the board, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company:

"There is no tangible thing which shows any improvement so far. The future prosperity or depression, in my mind, depends upon the settlement of certain questions. For instance, if the Mexican situation should be disposed of within a comparatively short time and without too serious complications and if the railroads should get their rate increase, I think there would be a remarkable increase in business of all kinds. However, these are ifs. At present there is nothing on which one might place his finger and say, 'This means good business.'"

Frank R. Chambers, president of Rogers Peet Company:

"We have every confidence in the future and with us it goes further than mere talk. We have backed our confidence in a material way by arrangements to have a new building and store at fifth avenue and forty-third street, which we will be ready to occupy in the course of a year. That does not look as though we were pessimistic, does it?

"We have had a normal spring and early summer trade, and are preparing for a normal late summer and fall trade. The merchants of the country are in a sound condition. Stocks are low and debts paid up. I am sorry to say there is not as much confidence in some parts of the country, as I think there might be, and not as much as I believe conditions warrant.

"In the New York city trade we see no signs of discouragement. I think that one may be conservative and look forward to brightening conditions."

Confidence is Stronger.

Frederic G. Lee, president of the Broadway Trust Company:

"The keynote of all solid conditions is easy money, which we now have. Such a condition is going to continue for some time. The amazingly good crop report and the satisfactory Federal reserve appointments will do much to restore the confidence of the country. With such conditions existing I believe that good times are coming before long."

E. A. S. Clarke, president of the Lackawanna Steel Company, said:

"Business conditions at the present time are not any better than they were some time ago. The only thing that makes for any feeling of optimism is that we are daily approaching a time when some sort of a rate increase must be granted, and that there are steel orders piling up all the time which some time or other the railroads and other industrial companies will have to release. The Federal reserve appointments are satisfactory, and the crop report is exceptionally good. The moving of the crops will of course necessitate the purchase of some new equipment by the railroads."

City to Borrow $11,750,000 Now

City Council Yesterday Authorized Financing for Improvements

ONE HALF OF POWER

Budget Exhausts First Half of Annual Borrowing — Street Paving, Sidewalks, and Construction of Wire Conduits.

By the decision of the City Council yesterday, $5,000,000 in permanent loans and $3,750,000 as a temporary loan were authorized by the City Council. The first report adopted was for the temporary loan for $750,000. This money is required for the present needs of the city.

The second report was to authorize the Board of Control to negotiate a loan of $7,300,000 which is the first half of the city's borrowing power which exceeds $13,000,000 for the current year. The money is required to carry on the permanent works of the season including street pavements, the laying of sidewalks, and the like improvements.

The third report is likewise to authorize the controllers to negotiate a special loan of $750,000 for the underground conduits. The legislature has authorized the city to spend $3,000,000 for removing overhead wires for which the city will recoup itself by charging rentals for the space used by the companies in the conduits.

The recommendation of the board for an appropriation of $358,000 for the construction of sidewalks was sent back for further information.

Upon the suggestion of Ald. Lapointe the former request of the council asking that steps be taken to induce the tramways company to provide accommodation for strangers riding on their lines was approved. Alderman Menard is anxious to have Bordeaux ward enlarged for which purpose he moved that a section of St. Denis ward be annexed and that the boundaries of Laurier, Bordeaux and St. Denis wards be changed. For his part, Ald. Menard said he would like to see re-distribution of the wards of the city, but that he would begin with his own.

Graft Alleged.

Alderman Dubeau suggested to the controllers that they should when possible give the preference of work to Montrealers. A discussion followed several aldermen remarking that the idea was a good one and that foreigners should not be employed when natives of the country were out of work.

Controller Cote promised to look into the matter, especially when Ald. Menard said he had information that a certain foreman was getting money from the Poles and Italians he employed. If this man could be found out his stay with the corporation would not be long, remarked Mr. Cote.

By motion of Ald. Chartrand, a suggestion was sent to the controllers on saving the time of city carers by a system of checking.

The report of the controllers recommending the expenditure of $128,000 for connecting the water service in Notre Dame de Grace ward with the city's waterworks was discussed, several aldermen being of the opinion that the city should first decide the larger question of buying out the Water and Power Company which has a large main passing through the ward. The report was held over pending further information.

Ald. Ward asked several questions relating to some asphalt pavements recently laid by the city, which he stated were cracking badly. A report will be made.

LOS ANGELES BONDS.

Los Angeles, May 11.—By a vote of 56,199 to 23,179 the citizens of Los Angeles have approved the $6,600,000 issue of city bonds to complete the hydro-electric plant of the Los Angeles aqueduct and to build or acquire a distributing system to furnish light and power to the town.

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Move to Recoup Farmers' Bank depositors May Be Blocked by Senate.
(Special Staff Correspondence
Ottawa, May 13.— There is a p bility that the bill introduced this in the Commons by the Hon. W White, to recoup the depositors o defunct Farmers' Bank, to the e of $1,200,000, will be killed in the ate.
Members of the Upper House, Liberal and Conservative, have privately expressing opinions ag the principle and precedent of bill, and it would not be surprisi both sides in the Senate united to feat the proposal to make the fe treasury defray the losses to dep tors in a bank which it is alleged d its failure rather to mismanage than to "an error in judgment" on part of the treasury board in gran the certificate.
SANK IN CHANNEL.
(Special Cable to The Journal of C merce.)
London, May 13.—A collision oc red this morning in the Bristol Ch nel between a Cardiff pilot stea and the steamer Star of New Z land. The pilot boat sank in t minutes after being struck, and of her crew were drowned.
London cable to New York Ti says another revolution in China near future is being prepared by Yo China Party, and its leader, Dr. Yat-sen, China faces a deficit of $1 000,000 this year, and finances are chaotic condition.
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