ANOTHER CATASTROPHE.

Valparaiso Destroyed by Earthquake and

Much yet remains to be told of the catastrophe which has just placed Valparaiso, Chili, on a par with San Francisco. And it is far too early even to guess at the losses accruing to insurance companies, from the fires which broke out in various parts of the cits immediately following on the earthquake. One thing is to be borne in mind, viz., that Chili being so distinctly in the earthquake belt, and the fires being so self-evidently the direct results of the shocks, that the companies are not likely to be greatly affected, because the clause protecting them in the event of such visitation would be very rigid.

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So far we have not seed even a rough estimate of the supposed amount of insurance involved. But the foreign companies, which do business in Chili, are: Alliance, Atlas, Commercial Union, Guardian, Hanseatic, Law Union, Royal, Scottish, Union, London, & Lancashire, Union, North British and Mercantile, Northern, Aachen Municher, Liverpool, Landon & Globe, Phoenix and Sun.

The Chilian fire insurance companies are: Alemana, of Santiago, with a subscribed capital of 2,000,000 pesos; America, Valparaiso, 2,000,000 Central, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Chilena, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Estrella de Chile, Santiago, 2,000,000, and Pacifico, Valparaiso, \$3,000,000, and Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Gentral, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Commercial Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Espanola, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Gentral, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Heria, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Heria, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Hierinacional, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Hierinacional, Valparaiso, 2,000,000; Mitua Iquique, 1,000,000; Mitua Iquique, 1,000,000; Mitua Iquique, 1,000,000; Saltrera, Iquique, 1,0

Damage at Santiago.

Valparaiso was not the only place to feel the terrible effects of the earthquake. Santiago, the capital, was badly damaged, though in a lesser degree. Many public buildings were dismantled. The Congress House, municipal buildings, presidential residence, central market, were either destroyed or badly shaken. The only thing, apparently, which saved Santiago was that the quarke took a circular motion. Several towns and villages in the interior were wiped out of existence.

The probability is that Vastaraiso will be rebuilt. In fact, report says, the Chilean Government has already arranged to set aside a large sum of money to be used in loans for that purpose.

FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Humboldt, Sask.—An illustration of the demand for horses is found in the fact that several car-loads recently taken in were snapped up at good prices. Range horses entirely unbroken brought from \$75.00 \$175 each.

Summerside, P.E.I. Lobster dishermen of this country are happy. The hish continue to be taken in large quantities, every boat engaged in the fishers averaging at least 2,000

Vernon, B.C.—For the past few fears it has become and more apparent that a serious and vital problem in more and more apparent that a serious and vital problem in regard to the matter of obtaining labor is confronting the fruit-growers of this Province.

Vancouver.—Several industries are suffering from lack of labor, and householders, too, are at great inconvenience for lack of servants. Lumber mills are very active, but logs

The purchase of a site and building for a Winnipeg branch of the Home Bank was made through the agency of Messrs. Oldfield, Kirby & Gardnes, one of the leading real estate and investment firms in that city.

MONEY AND MUNICIPALITIES.

There is talk of London, Ont, voting as to whether to purchase the London Electric Company's plant.

North St. Andrews School District No 6 will Sept. 8th vote on a by-law to borrow \$1,500 for building and equipping a school house,

McKillop Township, Ont., has been authorized by the Railway and Municipal Board to spend \$3,582 out of its municipal loan fund to construct bridges.

Kinistino, Sask, has been empowered to borrow \$1,000 for permanent improvements, F. J. Robinson. Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Regina.

The \$10,000 Queenston and Grimsby stone road debentures issued by the Lincoln County Council have been sold to C. M. Griffin, of St. Catharines, at par.

The trustees of R. C. separate schools, of O'Hara, have passed a by-law to raise \$105,000 at 4% per cent. interest for school building purposes, payable in thirty years.

A union of Saskatchewan municipalities has been organized at Regina, with Mayor McAra of Regina, President, and J. K. Hunter, of Regina, Secretary-Treasurer.

Woodstock, N. B. Council is calling for tenders for light and power. Meantime, negotiations are going on for the amalgamation of two local rival electric companies.

The Waterloo, Que town council has passed a by-law levying 4½ mills in the dollar for general tax purposes. The assessment will raise the sum of \$2,223. Meantime they are reducing the number of firemen.

At last week's meeting of the Winnipeg Board Works the petition submitted asking that Main street be paved with creosote blocks was found to be insufficiently signed. The petition for asphalting that street has already passed the Council and been advertised.

Notice is given of the submission to popular vote of the following by-laws: Morris, Man., \$7,500 for gas plant, Sept. 10; Morris, \$3,500, for town improvements and bridge over Red River, Sept. 10; Gladstone, Man., \$3,000 for school purposes, Sept. 11; McKenzie, Man., school district, \$2,000

The electors of the school district of Salem, No. 623, Portage la Prairie, Man., will on the 31st inst. vote on a bylaw to raise \$1,500 by debentures at 5½ per cent. interest, for school building purposes. Payable in ten annual instalments. D. McCowan, Clerk of Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie. Portage la Prairie.

The rural municipality of Minto, Man., will on the 31st inst. vote on a by-law to raise by debentures the sum of \$4,500 at 5 per cent. interest for school building purposes in the school district of Franklin Union, No. 780. Payable in ten annual instalments. E. Bailey Fisher, Clerk of Municipality, Minnedosa, Man.

Flectors of Berry Hill school District No. 1065. Raral

Electors of Berry Hill, school District No. 1065, Raral Municipality of Grandview, Man., will, on the 27th inst, vote on a by-law to issue debentures for \$10,000 at 5 per cent interest for the purpose of building a new school house and paying off existing indebtedness. Payable in twenty annual instalments. Wm. Dickie, Secretary-Treasurer, Grandview.

* * * ONTARIO CROPS.

In spite of the unusually open winter, the wheat crop picked up wonderfully in spring, improved steadily until cutting, and was harvested under favorable conditions, the straw standing up well. Quality of grain, as a rule, being plump and well up to weight. Yield per acre is considerably over the average. Crop is estimated at 19,026,633 bushels, or 24.2 per acre. Spring wheat is not much in favor. Harvesting is in progress, and a good yield promised, although some of the crop was "lodged." Crop, 3,348,190 bushels, or 18.8 per acre.

A large yield of plump grain, much of it discolored, but all of it good for feeding to live stock (which is now its chief use in Ontario), is the record of the barley crop.

Oats suffered badly from rain storms, and grasshoppers in localities, especially in the Lake Erie counties. Notwithstanding, there is a comparatively large yield per acre. Crop estimated at 111,356,914 bushels, or 41 per acre.

Hay and clover pastures, owing to lack of snow last winter, were much exposed, and considerable winter-killing resulted. Yield per acre is below the record of recent years. All things point to a large yield of corn.

Reports regarding tobacco vary, but in spite of a poor start a good return is looked for in many cases.

Harvest and fall apples will be plentiful, but standard winter varieties like the Spy and Greening will be rather searce. The fruit, however, will be a better sample than

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