

THE DOMINION CUSTOMS REVENUE for the fiscal year ending yesterday totals over \$61,000,000 according to Ottawa estimates now available. This is an increase of well on to \$3,000,000 over the banner record of 1907-08. Receipts for March total \$5,979,989, an increase of \$1,232,697, or about twenty-five per cent. as compared with March of last year.

REPATRIATION as well as immigration is the order of the day for the Dominion. A considerable movement of French-Canadians employed in New England industrial centres to Canada during the next few months is indicated by the reports of transportation agencies and Canadian Government officers, who have colonization agents at work among former Canadians in New England.

THE DOMINION'S REVENUE for the fiscal year ending yesterday exceeded \$100,000,000—a gain of about \$4,000,000 over the previous record year 1907-08. This is an increase of about \$2,500,000 over the budget estimate of the Minister of Finance.

WINNIPEG WHEAT PRICES at yesterday's close were \$1.058½ for March, \$1.06½ for May, and \$1.07½ for July—as compared with \$1.05½ for March, \$1.058½ for May and \$1.07½ for July a week ago.

MONTREAL CLEARINGS for the month of March were \$170,437,100 as compared with \$131,487,574 and \$108,282,582 respectively in the corresponding month of 1909 and 1908.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA, for fiscal year ending yesterday, was, as nearly as can be ascertained, 198,871 souls, an increase of over 52,000 upon the preceding year's showing.

MONTREAL CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS amounted to \$16,325,230 for the fiscal year ending yesterday—an increase of \$3,390,131 over the preceding twelvemonth's showing.

THE TOTAL IMMIGRATION from Great Britain to Canada during the months of February and March was 7,205; to Australia, 5,233; to South Africa, 3,688.

TORONTO CLEARINGS for the month of March were \$129,538,715 as compared with \$111,875,827 in the corresponding month of 1909.

RIO DE JANEIRO TRAM earnings for February were \$582,360 gross and \$246,683 net, as compared with \$575,902 gross and \$216,814 net last year.

MEXICAN LIGHT & POWER earnings for February were \$517,592 gross and \$380,224 net, as compared with \$516,656 gross and \$291,095 net a year ago.

TORONTO CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS for the fiscal year have been \$12,632,650—a gain of practically \$3,000,000 over the preceding year's record.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH shareholders at special meeting authorized an increase in capital stock from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

WINNIPEG CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS show a gain of over \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year just closed.

DETROIT UNITED, showed a surplus of \$62,417 in February, against \$27,146 last year.

Insurance Items.

MR. W. G. FALCONER, joint manager at Toronto of the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, has been appointed general manager for Australia for the General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, Limited, of Perth, Scotland, and is proceeding there to-morrow to assume his new duties. The "General" have at the present time an office in Sydney, having been organized in Australia for the last three or four years. They write at the present time Fire and Accident, and Mr. Falconer will have charge of all Departments. Mr. Falconer's many friends throughout Canada will be interested in his well-merited promotion to so important a position.

MR. J. H. DIXON, of London, Foreign Superintendent of the Northern Assurance Company, spent a few days in Montreal during this week. Mr. Dixon who has been on this continent for some little time on an official visit to several of the agencies of the Northern, visited amongst other cities in the United States and Canada, New York; St. Louis, San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Quebec and Montreal. He was met at Winnipeg by Mr. R. W. Tyre, Canadian manager of the company. Mr. Dixon was greatly impressed with the signs of growth and prosperity throughout Canada.

A CONFERENCE between representatives of the Great Lakes Protective Association and Lloyds of London was held at New York yesterday. While no decision was arrived at, it is understood that a rate of six per cent. is favoured, this being a one per cent. advance over last year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR CHAUSSE has reported to the Montreal Board of Control upon the results of his inspection of moving-picture theatres. He made also a number of recommendations with a view to securing greater safety from fire. It is now understood that when the new by-law for theatres, moving picture shows, dance halls and other places of amusement is adopted, members of the city fire brigade will be detailed to do duty at all such places.

MR. A. H. STOCKDELL, former general agent of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, with headquarters at Atlanta, and who, during the investigation of the affairs at the company's home office, was removed from office because of an alleged shortage, was this week completely exonerated by the Phenix officials of any charges of wrongdoing.

MR. IRA H. WOOLSON, adjunct professor of civil engineering in Columbia University in the City of New York, has been appointed consulting engineer to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

MR. T. C. COCHRANE, Brockville, representing the Law Union & Rock Insurance Company, was in Montreal this week visiting the Head Office for Canada.

MR. L. A. STEWART, Ottawa, representing the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, spent a few days in the city this week.