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Loan Companies

Fourteen loan companies, with \$72,000,000 of assets, reported to the minister of finance last year. They have made loans on mortgages exceeding \$52,000,000. Thirteen trust companies also reported last year, loans on real estate being their largest asset, **Page 12**

Fire Insurance in Ontario

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German Trade

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