

THIRD WEEK ED LESS THAN 3 P. C.

In Canadian railway earnings in July, though the volume was somewhat less than in the two preceding weeks, the aggregate was more than falling away in earnings, the smallest in three weeks since the first of the year.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Earnings, % Change. Rows for 1914 and 1915 from Jan to July.

Industrial accidents, not involved in the operation of trains but occurring to railroad employees other than trainmen, on railroad property, caused sixty-eight deaths and 21,874 injuries.

CATHOLIC RELIEF RATES INCREASED BY 43 PER CENT.

Buffalo, July 26.—An increase of 43 per cent. in the rates of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association will go into effect on September 1.

INCREASE OF \$3,470,160 IN NEW YORK BANK RESERVE LAST WEEK.

New York, July 26.—The statement of actual conditions of the clearing house banks and trust companies for the past week shows that they hold \$172,935,800 reserve in excess of legal requirements.

Table showing bank reserves for various institutions like Allis-Chalmers, Reserve, etc.

LOSS BY FIRE

The Bellevue Theatre, at 1277 St. Denis street, was badly gutted early this morning by a fire which was discovered at 12:15.

CATTLE AND BARNS BURNED

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FEWER RAILWAY ACCIDENTS DUE TO "SAFETY FIRST" CAMPAIGN

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Washington, July 26.—In a statement just issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission the number of railroad accidents in the United States show a satisfactory decrease for the first quarter of 1915 as compared with the same period of 1914.

The report states that for the quarter ending March 31 accidents on all carriers in the United States caused the death of 1,650 and injury to 35,428 in all classes of accidents.

A table shows that in train accidents there were sixty-five killed and 1,972 injured, while all other accidents other than train, including accidents to employees at work, to passengers getting on or off trains, to trespassers and others, resulted in 1,517 killed and 11,874 injured.

The total number of collisions and derailments for this quarter shown on steam roads are: 763 collisions, 1,628 derailments. Of this number 100 collisions and 149 derailments affected passenger trains.

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The association is now 24 years old. The last increase in rates was in 1896. President Langan said that the new rates would be put into effect as quickly as possible.

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REAL ESTATE

Edens Martel sold to Miss Florina Martel lot 4157-1, Parish of Montreal, with buildings on Lasalle street, St. Paul's Ward, for \$3,000.

La Banque Nationale sold to Rosario Martineau lot 902-114, St. Louis Ward, with buildings, civic No. 544 to 545 of St. Denis street, for \$20,500.

John L. Tedford sold to George H. Wilson lot 184-120, Parish of Lachine, containing 25 by 100 feet, with buildings, civic Nos. 411, etc., of Joliette street, for \$3,000.

Jean Bte. Chartrand sold to Paul Larcher lot 23-185, Village Hochelaga, containing 75 by 121 feet, with buildings No. 411, etc., of Joliette street, for \$3,000.

Joseph Brouillet sold to Antoine J. Ratelle lot 161-705, Cote Visitation, containing 25 by 73 feet, with buildings thereon, civic Nos. 1638 to 1648, on Chabot street, DeJoliet Ward, for \$7,200.

Joseph Paquin et al. sold to Joseph A. Pierre Carmel lot 2912-31, Parish of Montreal, with buildings, civic Nos. 117, 119 of Boulevard Monk, smart Ward, for \$5,500.

The Westbourne Land Company sold to "Ducet et Charbonneau, Enregistreec" lots 92-30, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Jean Bte. Duhamel et al. sold to "Land of Montreal, Limited," 115 lots, known as lots 93-613 to 617, 618 to 670, 748 to 752, 784 to 811, 892 to 896, 928 to 955, 1067 to 1095, Parish of La Pointe aux Trembles, without buildings, for \$20,940.

Joseph O. Robidoux sold to Joseph Adolphe Robidoux, northwest part of lot 35-332, Parish of Montreal, containing 20 by 90 feet, with buildings, civic Nos. 784a, 784b of Champagne street, Outremont, for \$8,000.

Frank Singer sold to Joseph M. G. Poirier lots 179-46, 47, Parish of Montreal, each lot containing 25 by 90 feet, with buildings on Addison avenue (formerly Highland avenue), at Westmount Plateau, Notre Dame de Grace Ward, for \$7,000.

Henry Gaffney sold to Tobin Manufacturing Co. lot 170-370a, Parish of Montreal, containing 25 by 83 feet, with buildings on Belgrade avenue, at Melrose, Notre Dame de Grace Ward, for \$1,000 and other good considerations and the sum of \$5,000.

Solomon Faucher sold to Morris Maron undivided halves of west part of lot 751-87, east part of lot 751-92, Parish of Lachine, containing 100 by 100 feet, without building, situate on Notre Dame street, and 8th avenue, for \$5,762.50.

The Canadian Northern Montreal Land Company, Limited, sold to Hon. James Craig lot 620-141, Parish of St. Laurent, containing 33 by 120 feet, without building, and situate on Graham Road, Town of Mount Royal (Model City), for \$3,400.

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Some light is thrown on the situation regarding home property in Montreal by the report of the city assessors, which shows that five houses are occupied by tenants for every one which is in use by the owner.

The total number of inhabited dwellings in the City of Montreal is 39,706. Compared with the population of 568,933, this gives an average number of more than 14 to a dwelling.

On this total of 39,706 dwellings, 32,445 are inhabited by tenants and 6,621 by the proprietors. These figures represent conditions in the entire city, but in each ward the distribution varies.

In Laurier ward, for example, the proportion is ten to one, where the houses occupied by tenants number 2,088 and the dwellings in which proprietors live are 262. In St. George's ward, which leads in real estate values, the proportion is two to one, the figures being 728 and 251.

In such populous wards as Papineau and St. Ceneogde the proportion is about thirty to one. The figures in the former ward are 1,775 dwellings occupied by tenants and only 56 by proprietors. In the smaller St. Ceneogde ward the figures are substantially the same, the proportion being 35 and 17. The proportion in St. Henry ward is about twenty to one, where 2,316 tenants and 38 proprietors are reported in the tables prepared by Mr. J. H. Ferns, chairman of the board of assessors.

On the other hand, in St. Paul ward, where the real estate boom sent many hunting for homes, the number of proprietors actually exceeds the number of tenants, the former being 215, and the latter 173.

The total number of vacant dwelling houses in Montreal last year was 551, in which St. Denis ward heads with 177, Logie Pointe ward coming second with 103 vacant houses. The number of dwellings under erection during the year was 650.

Although a large number of proprietors have set their tax accounts with the city since the first of May last, there still remain 2,760 proprietors to be sold by the sheriff for arrears in taxes. The list will be sent to the sheriff next month and from that moment the costs begin.

The actual date of the sale of proprietors on which the tax have not been paid is fixed by law on October 15. It is likely that many proprietors who have not been able to meet their obligations will later find means to raise the necessary money.

Three-fourths of the unpaid taxes are on vacant lots outside the business centre of the city.

Equipment Trust Obligations. The following are quoted on a percentage basis:

Table showing equipment trust obligations for various companies and dates.

Du Pont Officials Form Large Surety Company. The officials of the Du Pont Powder Company, of Wilmington, Del., have announced that the company has formed a surety company called the Delaware Surety.

N. Y. CURB STRONG. New York, July 26.—Curb market opened strong. Elec. Boat 410 to 420; Standard Motor 15 1/2 to 16; Elec. Boat common sold from 400 to 410 up 48 points from the close.

PERSONALS

Hon. Wm. Pugsley has returned to Ottawa.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, is at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. J. E. A. Dubuc, of Chicoutimi, was at the Ritz-Carlton yesterday.

Mr. J. P. McNaughton arrived at the Windsor yesterday from Sydney.

Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennet, M.P., are expected back in London from France this evening.

Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation, was at the Ritz-Carlton yesterday.

Col. Grant Morden is acting in England as general staff officer to the Minister of Militia, and also to Gen. Carson.

The following Cabinet Ministers are in Ottawa today: Hon. Messrs. Foster, Burrell, Casgrain, Blondin, Hazen, Loughheed, Kemp and Crothers.

The visiting governors to the Western Hospital for the ensuing week are: Messrs. W. B. Clark, A. J. Corner, Dr. B. A. Conroy, J. P. Copeland, and E. H. Copeland.

With Mr. D. A. Thomas, of Cardiff, Wales, the representative of the British Government in America for the purchases of ammunition, who is at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, is a party including Messrs. R. N. Mahon, R. H. Carr and V. Lloyd-Owen.

New York, July 26.—An investigation made by the city authorities of the fire in the factory of the Dorothy Waist Company, 140 Mercer street, on June 25, has led to the indictment of two members of the New York Fire Department—John Ferriek and William Meloney, both of hook and ladder truck No. 20. The indictments were handed up to Judge Crain in the Court of General Sessions.

Ferriek was arraigned and held in \$5,000 bail. Mr. H. H. Oshrin, counsel for both the men, promised to have Meloney, who is on his vacation in court within twenty-four hours.

Ferriek made no statement, but the Grand Jury had before it a confession made to Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson and Chief Brophy, of the Bureau of Fire Investigation by Simon Lidz, of No. 38 Orchard street, a tailor and dealer in rubber garments, in which he asserted he had for years bought loot from firemen of Truck No. 20 and from those of another company, the name of which is withheld.

Morris Brozlausky, a jeweller of No. 262 Broome street, was named by Lidz as the man who financed his fence-keeping operations. George Dracos, keeper of a candy stand near the fire house, is under arrest as an accomplice. The Fire Commissioner, District Attorney Perkins and three members of his staff and the Grand Jury are now investigating to determine whether there is the basis for an additional charge of arson against the accused firemen on the allegation that they set fire to the waist factory to conceal the theft.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MAILS. The British mail leaves Montreal on Saturday, and from New York on Wednesday and Saturday. Parcels are forwarded by Canadian route only.

ALBANY, N.Y., July 26.—The annual report of the New York State Insurance Department, covering the business of 1914 issued today shows that at the close of the business for the year, the life companies were possessed of \$4,636,774,621, of admitted assets, an increase of \$219,476,419 over 1913. The liabilities, excluding gross surplus and special funds of \$272,457,473, were \$4,364,317,147, an increase of \$203,955,160 over the previous year.

The total income was \$874,260,905, an increase of \$24,063,163. The amount of premiums received was \$652,920,893, or \$25,270,682 more than in 1913. The companies disbursed in 1914 \$644,316,757, being \$481,318,516 more than in 1913. Of this amount \$480,716,511 was paid to policyholders, while the cost of management (including shareholders' dividends), was \$163,600,246.

NEW YORK STOCK TRANSACTIONS. New York, July 26.—Daily transactions on the Stock Exchange during the week have been as follows, compared with one and two years ago:

Table showing New York stock transactions for various days and years.

GRAND TOTAL. \$1,724,588 168,540,828 151,275,962

CITY TAXES BETTER PAID. St. John, N.B., July 26.—City taxes were much better paid this year than last. Last year, the discount period ended July 15, when \$586,678.74 were paid in. This year, the period for discount was a day shorter, yet the tax receipts were \$597,531.04. Thirty-six more people took advantage of the discount this year than last year.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PAS. No. 1625 has Debentures amounting to the sum of thirty thousand dollars for sale bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from first of June, 1915. Fifteen hundred dollars and the interest are payable every year on the first of February for twenty years, beginning first February, 1917. The School District consists of the Town of The Pas, and five square miles of unorganized territory. There is no debenture or other indebtedness, and the Trustee Board has fourteen hundred dollars in the Bank to meet current expenses. The Town has issued debentures for one hundred and twenty thousand, and has a further issue of one hundred and thirty thousand to complete local improvements. Applications will be received by the undersigned to the 25th August next.

SECOND MYSTERIOUS FIRE HELPED BY SPRINKLED OIL

Following Arrests for Alleged Arson, Police are Again Called in to Investigate Outbreak—House Was Empty.

Following closely on the alleged attempt to fire the house at 51 Vinet street, Ste. Ceneogde, on Friday night, when the police and firemen claim candles and gasoline was used, there was another peculiar outbreak on Saturday night in a house at 353 St. Denis street. While there was no one in the house, fire completely burned out the interior of ten rooms, five on the second floor and five on the third floor.

Deputy Chiefs St. Pierre and Mann, who with the firemen of the central division responded to an alarm, found conditions so suspicious that they called in the police. Deputy Chief Mann pointed out to Lieutenant Desmartereau, of the City Hall avenue station, that there was a strong odor of coal oil in every room on the two upper floors, and that coal oil had been sprinkled or spilled on the carpets in the hallways outside the different rooms.

He also pointed out that there was little furniture in each of the rooms, except a bed and a bureau in either of the rooms, and the firemen remarked that it looked as if the majority of them were unoccupied. Deputy Chief Mann said that he would make a report to the Fire Commissioner, but he expected the police would make an investigation into all the circumstances.

Mrs. Boisvert, who occupies the house, was away from home when the fire broke out, and had no idea as to the cause. It looked as if it had started under the stairway on the second floor. The firemen had to use only one stream, but a score of hand extinguishers were brought into play in the different rooms. The fire did the most damage on the stairway leading from the second to the third floor, but the interior of most of the bedrooms were badly scorched.

Inspector Cowan, who received a report of the fire from the City Hall avenue police station, put two detectives on the case to make an investigation, a report of which will be sent to the Fire Commissioner today.

Miss Goldie Gold, the young woman who was taken into custody on Friday night by Captain Alney, of the Workman street station, in connection with the alleged attempt to set fire to the house at 51 Vinet street, was arraigned on Saturday morning before Judge St. Cyr. She was charged with having attempted to set fire to a house to which charge she pleaded not guilty. She was remanded until next Friday, but in the meantime it is expected she will have to appear before the Fire Commissioner. Since her arrest, she gave the police the name of a young man who was seen to leave the house in Vinet st., with her about twenty minutes before the candles were found burning, surrounded by gasoline, but the police have not been able to find him yet.

WHERE BRITISH CAPITAL WENT IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1915. London, July 26.—In the first half of the present year the amount of capital subscribed for securities offered at London was £91