Barnett, of Renfrew. Loss to building $300. Supposed cause, tramps.

Montreal, Que.—April 19—Small damage to Alion Cafe, 65 Windsor Street. Cause, overheated stove.

April 23—Mr. Z. Brunet's house at 94 St. Denis Street. Small damage. Fire started in furniture stored in attic.

April 21—Messrs. Lotery, Docker and Colbourne Company, hatters; Imperial Hair Manufacturing Company; the Bessette Company, furriers, and the Jobin Company, 248 Notre Dame Street West. Loss $8,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES ALREADY REPORTED

Medicine Hat, Alta.—The following were adjusted by the E. A. Lilly Adjustment Agency, Calgary:—

April 17—Birnie Brothers, hardware. Loss $15,000. Insured in British America, $2,000; British and Canadian Underwriters, $3,000; Continental, $2,000; London and Lancashire and Globe, $3,000; National Fire, $3,000; St. Paul, $2,000; Western Union, $3,000. L. F. Keller, dry goods. Damage caused through fire in Birnies'. Loss, $3,400. Insured in Hartford, $3,000; North British and Mercantile, $3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, $3,000; Scottish Union and National, $2,000.

Calgary, Alta.—The following were adjusted by the E. A. Lilly Adjustment Agency, Calgary:—

April 18—Allan Block owned by A. Allan, totally destroyed. Insurance, British America, $10,000. The following are losses suffered by tenants:—Albertan Publishing Company, loss, $10,000. Insurance, Connecticut, $3,500; British and Canadian Underwriters, $3,500; Germania Fire, $3,326; Caledonian, $3,000; Fidelity Phenix, $1,500; Winnipeg Fire, $1,600; Scottish Union and National, $2,500; German-American, $4,290; Stuyvesant, $2,916. McLeod Brothers, dry goods. Loss, $65,000. Insured in American Insurance Company, $6,000; Aetna, $2,500; British North Western, $2,500; Canadian, $7,500; Hudson Bay, $1,500; London Mutual, $5,000; Mercantile Fire and Marine, $7,000; National Fire, $6,000; North British and Mercantile, $11,000; Sovereign, $3,500; Springfield, $2,500; total, $55,000. S. Burnand, printing office. Loss, $3,900. Insured in Rimouski Fire, $2,500; London and Lancashire and Globe, $2,000. C. F. Mahaney, millinery store. Loss, $3,500. Insured in Central Canada, $1,500; Nova Scotia, $1,500. City Bowling Alleys. Loss about $2,000. Insured in National Fire, $1,000; Dominion Fire, $1,000; Rimouski Fire, $1,000.

MIXED FARMING CONVENTION

(Special correspondence.)

Lethbridge, Alberta, April 26.

The first Mixed Farming Convention held in the province of Alberta, in the city of Lethbridge, unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

Whereas, the government is inquiring into the banking system with the evident purport of endeavoring to effect certain remedies to meet the repeated complaints and demands of the farmers of Western Canada for relief from an oppressive system, and

Whereas, existing banking facilities are entirely inadequate for the proper and reasonable financial accommodation of the farmers, and the condition thus created tends to retard and discourage the adoption of mixed farming methods and the proper development of the agricultural resources of Southern Alberta; therefore be it

Resolved, that this convention, the first mixed farming convention of Alberta, and representing farmers to the number of four thousand within a radius of 100 miles from the city of Lethbridge, boards of trade in all the progressive cities and towns, and various other commercial bodies, while appreciating and commending any movement in the direction of improvement to our present Bank Act, believes that really efficient relief to the existing difficulty experienced by the farmer in obtaining needed financial assistance can best be met by the legalization of co-operative credit societies similar to those which have been so successful in Europe and India; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

Mr. O. T. Lathrop was chairman of the convention and Messrs. D. J. Hay, A. Jack and W. D. Finley, secretaries.

CALGARY INCREASES INTEREST

The finance committee of the Calgary city council has decided to raise the rate on all unsold city debentures to 5 per cent.

MONEY MARKETS

John Seath, jr., exchange broker, Toronto, quotes rates as follows:—

	Between Banks. Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
Ster., 60's	8 23-32	8¾	9 to 9⅛
Demand	9½	9 17-32	9¾ to 9⅞
Cables	9 9-16	9 19-32	9 13-16 to 9 15-16
N. Y. fds.	par.	1-32 pre.	⅛ to ¼
Mont. fds.	10c. dis.	par.	⅛ to ¼

BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the figures for the Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for the weeks of May 2nd, 1912; April 24th, and May 1st, 1913, with percentage change:—

	May 2, '12.	Apr. 24, '13.	May 1, '13	Chg. %.
Montreal . . .	$ 53,165,978	$ 52,950,891	*$ 51,555,480	— 3.0
Toronto . . .	42,295,204	40,662,511	40,517,067	— 4.2
Winnipeg . .	30,733,560	26,718,961	31,667,314	+ 3.0
Vancouver . .	12,459,595	12,623,798	11,881,885	— 4.6
Calgary . . .	5,152,021	4,650,823	4,171,259	—19.0
Ottawa . . .	5,858,264	3,689,559	3,818,973	—34.8
Edmonton . .	3,497,344	4,391,472	3,760,380	+ 7.5
Victoria . . .	3,655,122	3,445,746	....	...
Hamilton . .	3,048,063	3,227,765	3,014,168	— 1.0
Quebec . . .	2,823,652	2,927,572	*2,418,524	—14.3
Saskatoon .	2,517,448	2,162,852	2,172,728	—13.6
Regina. . . .	2,035,540	3,286,657	2,048,662	+ 0.6
Halifax . . .	1,767,008	1,626,786	1,688,836	— 4.4
St. John . . .	1,487,409	1,720,237	1,285,665	—13.5
London . . .	1,690,633	1,561,749	1,572,645	— 6.9
Moose Jaw . .	1,074,005	1,147,134	1,165,677	+ 8.4
Ft. William .	1,116,738	779,950	873,599	—21.7
Lethbridge . .	626,976	497,208	537,930	—14.2
Brandon . . .	548,812	587,267	563,814	+ 2.7
Brantford. . .	526,676	721,681	650,492	+23.3
Totals . . .	$176,080,048	$169,380,621	....	...
New Westm'ster	....	619,963	528,097	...
Medicine Hat	....	....	590,926	...

*Five days only Ascension Day.

APRIL BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the returns of Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for April, 1913, and March, 1913, with percentage increase or decrease over April, 1912:—

	April, 1912.	March, 1913.	April, 1913.	Ch'g %
Brandon	$ 2,207,419	$ 2,089,515	$ 2,469,381	+11.7
Brantford ...	2,370,192	2,368,235	2,978,625	+25.6
Calgary	20,760,573	18,072,245	20,116,753	— 3.0
Edmonton ...	16,335,538	16,360,216	17,820,898	+ 9.0
Fort William .	2,693,104	2,863,046	3,437,758	+27.6
Halifax	7,923,103	7,672,588	7,858,420	— 0.8
Hamilton ...	13,561,230	13,231,933	14,561,230	+ 8.8
Lethbridge ..	2,601,039	2,167,229	2,157,381	—16.6
London	6,986,527	7,882,721	7,900,662	+13.0
Montreal	222,790,180	207,856,733	238,081,963	+ 6.7
Moose Jaw ..	4,739,082	4,870,194	5,182,663	+ 9.3
New Westminster	....	2,331,167	2,650,023	.....
Ottawa	23,655,326	15,086,543	17,100,676	—27.7
Quebec	11,633,425	11,563,793	13,074,100	+12.3
Regina	9,038,386	9,622,570	10,883,023	+20.4
St. John	6,774,423	5,996,956	6,717,238	— 0.8
Saskatoon ...	9,307,095	7,677,047	8,916,740	— 4.1
Toronto	170,540,284	171,305,591	185,870,141	+ 8.9
Vancouver ..	52,324,013	47,535,145	54,383,263	+ 3.9
Victoria	14,683,203	15,335,494	15,294,112	+ 4.1
Winnipeg ...	115,841,086	102,565,120	118,927,397	+ 2.6
Totals ...	$716,765,228	$674,454,081	$756,678,736	+ 5.5

Applications have been received by the London Stock Exchange to list the Toronto City issues of $1,750,000 fours and $1,200,000 additional fours.

Mr. Alfred Bowser, lately secretary of the Mexican Northern Power Company, Toronto, enters the stock brokerage firm of F. B. McCurdy and Company at Montreal as resident partner.