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The British Columbia Electric Railway Company has awarded a contract for \$250,000 to the Seattle firm of Messrs. C. C. More & Company to increase the capacity of its steam auxiliary plant in Vancouver.

The Canadian Mortgage Association of Paris, organized by French capitalists and represented by a Vancouver board, will make loans on Vancouver property. The local board consists of Messrs. A. Jukes, manager of the Imperial Bank; J. P. Roberts, manager of the Northern Crown Bank, and C. S. Douglas. The agents are Messrs. Ceperley, Rounsfell & Company.

That was a very sensible suggestion made by the Michigan commissioner before the National Convention the other day, namely, that when renewal fire policies are given every one or three years, the local agent of the property insured should himself inspect the risk. A year may make a very great difference in the hazard on a risk.

The fire commissioners of the United States conclude that reform in the matter of fire waste must come largely from the public. But in reaching the public fire insurance local agents can be of very great assistance. For instance, they can secure the insertion in local journals of warnings and intimations about the dangers of fire. Such warnings lie all around us and about us, but we are so used to them that we forget how dangerous matches thrown away are, how doubly dangerous cigarette stumps.

Canada's trade continues to expand, as shown by the financial statement for the month of August just issued by the Finance Department. The account for the five months shows revenue receipts of \$52,036,616, an intrease of no less than \$6,206,246, as compared with the corresponding five months of the previous year. The expenditures on account of the consolidated fund for the same period was greater by \$1,980,613, while the capital expenditure for the five months amounted to \$8,983,158, an increase of \$178,295 over similar expenditures for the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1910.

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