

loans and bond issues. They would like very much to be admitted; but it would seem that the obstacles are many and difficult.

The money market situation in New York is reported to have taken a somewhat harder tone during the week. Call loans are quoted at 1 7-8 to 2 per cent.; 60 days, 1 3-4 to 2; 90 days, 2 1-2; and six months, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2.

#### New York Funds and Pending Crop Requirements.

The Clearing House banks, as reported in last Saturday's statement recovered more than half the surplus lost in the previous week. Thanks to a decrease of \$8,200,000 in loans and an increase of \$5,700,000 in cash the increase in the surplus was \$6,800,000, and the item stands at \$34,029,800. Financial interests are beginning to watch the fluctuations in New York exchange at Chicago, St. Paul, and other interior centres for indications as to when the inward flow of cash for crop-moving purposes will begin in earnest. There are some grounds for expecting that it will not assume importance until the season is considerable advanced. One of the noteworthy features of the New York situation this year has been the large shipment of cash from the interior to New York right up to the present time. It is not to be supposed that country bankers would ship cash to New York if there was a prospect that they would need to ship it back again in two or three weeks. So the presumption is that in a number of the important agricultural districts the banks have on hand actual cash sufficient to enable them to handle the initiatory stages of the crop financing. But, though the call on New York for funds may thus be delayed, it is altogether likely that when it eventuates it will assume rather important dimensions. Prices of all the agricultural staples are very high. Moreover two of them—spring wheat and corn—will very likely present a combination of a high price and a big yield; and a vast amount of funds will be needed to see them to market. New York is said to be contemplating gold withdrawals by Canada in the very near future.

#### Canada's Crop Prospects and Banking Outlook.

The money market in Canada has furnished no sensational or specially interesting features. Banking institutions quote as heretofore given—4 to 4 1-2. A leading authority in Toronto quotes a financial house as saying that a large loan of three-quarters of a million was put through at 4. Apparently that loan was for taking up a bond issue. It is doubtful if any of the leading banks would have advanced such a sum for stock market purposes at that rate. The bankers are understood to be unfavourably disposed towards a resumption of a too-strong bull movement in Canadian stocks; and the circumstance has got to be borne in mind in sizing up the home money markets.

In a little over a month the first payments will fall to be made on our Western wheat crop; in less than a month the banks will have to complete their preparations and disposition of reserve money and of their own notes for crop moving. Ontario benefited very materially from the rains this week. The dry spell left its mark on the hay and oats, and it seems as if these two important items of the feed bill will continue at abnormally high prices for another year at least. It also brought about a considerable reduction in the output of the great dairy industry which requires during the summer a pasturage kept

green and fresh by regular rains. But there are other products which will bring up the Eastern agricultural average. Climatic conditions have so far been altogether favourable for the wheat crop of the three prairie provinces.

#### Dominion's Financial Year.

The Dominion Government has closed its books for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1909. The revenues for the year total \$85,093,417, exceeding the estimate of the budget speech by \$500,000. On the other hand, the expenditures for ordinary expenses exceed Mr. Fielding's last estimate by nearly a million and amount to \$84,071,245. The expenditures upon capital account aggregate \$46,838,286, and the net increase in the public debt, as the result of the year, is \$45,969,399. Of the capital expenditure about \$25,000,000 is for the building of the National Transcontinental and \$6,400,000 for the collapsed Quebec bridge. Mr. Fielding announces a surplus of \$1,022,162 on current account.

#### The Government Loan and the London Public.

Word comes from London that something over half of the new Dominion 3 1-2 per cent loan of 46,500,000 offered at 98 1-2 was taken up by the public. That the underwriters will satisfactorily dispose of the balance within a short time seems assured, judging by the outcome of previous loans. The sum remaining from the loan after redeeming £4,295,776 of maturing bonds and stock will go mainly towards the special £2,000,000 loan to the Grand Trunk Pacific. An issue by the G. T. P. itself is now announced of £2,000,000 in 3 per cent. debentures, guaranteed by the Canadian Government. The cabled issue price is 82 1-2.

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION, NORTH AMERICAN MANAGERS OF ROYAL AND QUEEN.

The annual meeting of the North American managers of the Royal and Queen Insurance Companies was held on the 7th, 8th and 9th instants at Hot Springs, Virginia. The following representatives of both Companies were present. E. F. Beddall, New York, general attorney for North America; C. F. Shallcross, manager of the Royal, New York; G. W. Berchelle, vice-president (Queen); Law Bros., Chicago (Royal); Mr. McGregor, Chicago (Queen); Milton Dargan, Atlanta (Royal); S. Y. Tupper, Atlanta (Queen); George P. Field, Boston (Royal); Rolla V. Watt, San Francisco (Royal and Queen); C. E. Evans, Halifax; and William Mackay, Montreal, manager for Canada Royal and Queen.

Matters of interest to both companies were discussed at considerable length.

#### FIRE AT WINNIPEG.

By the fire which occurred on the 3rd instant on the premises of the Manitoba Gypsum Company, Winnipeg, the following Companies are interested:

Atlas.....	\$ 4,750	Atlas.....	\$ 2,500
Guardian.....	10,000	N. Y. Underwriters....	2,000
Northern.....	8,500	Norwich Union.....	1,500
Commercial Union....	3,000	North Brit. & Mer....	3,000
Phoenix of Brooklyn..	5,000	Springfield.....	3,250
British America.....	5,000	Calumet.....	1,500
Pacific Coast.....	4,000		
Connecticut.....	2,500	Total.....	\$36,500

Loss, total.