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Successor to SHARP & McMAHON,  
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**CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES DEPUDED.**

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 27, 1905.  
To the Editor of the Sun:  
The public press has for several weeks kept up a running fire of exposure and criticism of the affairs of the large American Life Insurance Companies now under investigation, and the effect has been to create in the public mind a feeling of suspicion and distrust toward the business generally, without discrimination. It would not be for a moment a fair criticism where it is due, but it seems to me unfortunate that, as in the present instance, it should affect other companies than those to which it properly belongs.

A writer in the Montreal Star of last Saturday says: "The investigation into the affairs of the big life insurance corporations in the United States is being followed with close attention by insurance men in Canada. The evils and maladministration that exist in the big New York companies are fortunately not to be found in this country, where the companies are administered, as a rule, with prudence and economy by officers who are paid on a scale commensurate with the size and expansion of the business."

The recent examination of the pioneer Canadian Life Company by the Michigan Insurance Department justifies the article above quoted, and should go far to allay any feeling of doubt which may lurk in the mind of the most skeptical individual as to the business methods of that company. Having been identified with Life Insurance in Canada for sixteen years, I can speak with some knowledge of the strict probity, wise economy and conservative policy which has characterized the management of the principal Canadian Life Companies during these years. Claims are met with great promptness, dividends are satisfactory, but the first essential, financial strength, is the rock upon which they are built.

While the disclosures of the "Big Three" New York Companies' affairs are to be deprecated, yet it must be borne in mind that they are wholly administrative as to their character, and in no way affect the soundness of Life Insurance as a system.

The investments of Canadian Life Companies come under the direct supervision of the Dominion Government, consequently no such opportunities for maladministration exist as are open to companies reporting to many different governments operating under widely different bases of calculation. Our Federal authorities have taken due precaution to surround the Life Companies of Canada with every safeguard along the lines of permanency and stability, practically prohibiting them from investing their policyholders' funds in securities of a speculative character, which only offer inducements to designing and unscrupulous managers, board or syndicates.

There has been erected by our Life Insurance Companies in Canada a stately structure of which we are justly proud. It now towers up to about four hundred million dollars of insurance upon the lives of good Canadian subjects.

The latest Government returns show the net amount of insurance in force in Canada to be \$57,880,790, of which Canadian Companies have \$38,640,190; American Companies \$19,240,600.

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The slightest pressure of the hand is all you need to shake the Pandora range.  
With common ranges the air is full of dust and the house is full of noise when you shake them down.  
But the Pandora, with its triple-gear shaker, works so easily, silently and effectively that shaking is the merest effort, which a small child can easily exert.

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**SET FIRE TO BARN: LIVE STOCK BURNED**  
Serious Work of Notorious Grace Beecham

MONCTON, Sept. 27.—Grace Beecham, a notorious character, who formerly lived in Moncton but has for some time had headquarters in St. John, where she gave the police much trouble, created a sensation here this afternoon. She has been in town for a day or two and accompanied by another female character, named Salina Donnelly, drove out of town about five miles to a place known as The Gorge and deliberately set fire to a barn owned by Flawell Wilbur. The Beecham woman had been drinking, and when she reached Wilbur's place she accosted the man in charge and said she intended to fire the barn. The man paid no attention to her, but when she emerged she was followed by flames, and seeking could be done to save the barn, which was burned with all its contents, including a horse and calf, 75 tons of hay, a lot of oats, buckwheat, wagon and farm machinery. The Donnelly woman took no part in setting the fire. The Beecham woman had lived with Wilbur at different times, but so far as known they were not married. It is supposed she set fire out of spite.

Wilbur, who is better known as "Bert", was away from home at the time, in Fredericton attending the exhibition. He had a thousand dollars insurance on the building, but the loss will be two or three thousand. The Beecham woman was arrested and is now in the lockup.

**ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.**

A meeting of the board of management of the Associated Charities was held yesterday, the president, W. S. Fisher, in the chair.

The following report was submitted by Mrs. Hall, covering a period of three months:

Total number of applications . . . 300  
Divided as follows:  
Wanting employment . . . 105  
Wanting relief . . . 85  
Ladies wanting adult female help . . . 25  
Ladies wanting young female help . . . 15  
Persons wanting advice . . . 25  
Individuals wanting cases investigated . . . 15  
Persons seeking recommendations to employers . . . 20

Relief was provided for . . . 14  
Referred to other sources . . . 14  
Employment was found for . . . 48  
These included 20 women, 10 men, 4 boys and 4 girls.  
30 cases were investigated by the society.  
150 letters were made.

The amount of work called for has been greater than in any previous summer. More than the usual number of persons asked for work. Richness was found in many homes, and the calls for help have been more numerous than in any previous season.

The annual meeting of the association is due next month. It is the wish of the board to have a large meeting and to increase the interest of the people in the work of this organization.

The present intention is to hold the meeting before the carnival begins. The exact date has not been fixed, but will be determined in a day or two. It is hoped that the meeting may take place in the Church of England Institute rooms.

**WANT DAUGHTER TO LEAVE HUSBAND.**

HARCOURT, Sept. 27.—About a year ago the only child of a Belgian miner at or near Beersville, wife's family, moved to Minto Mines and the young couple went also. Some time afterwards the non-in-law returned here alone. According to the parents, the young man agreed before marriage that he would live with his wife's family and become one of them, going back to Belgium even. Last Saturday, however, the husband drove to Minto, six miles, entered the father-in-law's house, asked the young woman to drive her here. Her parents followed on Monday's train, and yesterday they tried to interview their daughter but failed. Today they went to Moncton to seek legal advice.

**MAIN STREET BAPTIST B. Y. P. U.**

The monthly convocation meeting in the Main street Baptist church was largely attended last evening. The service was presided over by the president, L. H. Thorne. The subject for last night was Grand Ligne and the French Work. M. A. MacIntyre, B. A., in a carefully prepared paper told of The People to be Reached.

K. Patterson read a paper prepared by Miss H. Thorne in which was given an "early sketch of the mission." Miss Sude Gram sang a solo which was much enjoyed. Miss McCutcheon in an interesting address told "what the mission is now doing."

This was followed by a reading by Miss Enid Hutchinson. Miss Cowan in a paper spoke of "the difficulties and needs of the work" and the pastor, Rev. D. Hutchinson, gave a descriptive account of the mission as he saw it when on a visit there some time ago. The offering for mission work was quite large.

**KING AND PARLIAMENT DISAGREE.**

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 27.—The committee of the coalition has issued a manifesto to the nation in reply to the programme submitted to its leaders by the emperor king. The manifesto declares that some points of the question of the language of command in the Hungarian army must be entirely eliminated from discussion. It is asserted that this is equivalent to the abolition of the nation's right to control its officers for which there is no legal authority.

The newspapers characterize the statements of the Austrian premier, Baron Gauth von Frankenthurn, in the Reichsrath as unwarrantable interference with Hungary's internal affairs.

**SUSSEX NEWS.**

SUSSEX, N. S., Sept. 27.—The town council met in the council room last evening. The only business transacted was the passing of the labor bill for the week.

"Dr. Howard Curtis, who has been advertising his medicines here for the past week, left this morning for Pictou.

W. C. Emmond, editor of the Maritime Farmer, and A. B. Moore, on the staff of the Farmer, went to Charlottetown today, where they will attend the exhibition now being held in that city.

Mrs. C. T. White left this morning for Apple River, N. S.

**MATTRESSES**  
A NECESSITY IN MOST HOMES JUST NOW.  
Largest Stock of Low-Priced Good Mattresses in St. John.

EXCELSIOR MATTRESSES for Double Beds, \$1.70 to \$3.10, according to size and quality of covering.

EXCELSIOR MATTRESSES with Wool Top, \$2.75 to \$3.90.

EXCELSIOR MATTRESSES with Wool Top and Bottom, \$3.10 to \$4.25.

EXCELSIOR MATTRESSES with Cotton Top and Bottom, \$4.20 to \$4.85.

FIBRE AND COTTON MATTRESSES—\$5 in a good variety, \$5.85 to \$6.25.

WOOL FLOCK MATTRESSES, a wide range from which to select, \$3.70 to \$5.45.

MOSS MATTRESSES, which are made of moss, from \$5.00 to \$9.00.

HAIR MATTRESSES. No 1 Grade and in two parts, from \$18.00 to \$25.00, according to weight.

HAIR MATTRESSES of a Lower Grade, but still very fine, from \$12.00 to \$17.00.

FAMOUS "OSTERMORF" MATTRESSES, from 2 ft. 6 in. wide, from \$9.50 to \$15.50 each. The finest Mattresses in the world. Larger sizes come in two parts.

"STAR" FELT MATTRESSES, next to the "Ostermorf" in quality and reputation. The maker's guarantee sewn in every one. From 3 feet wide to 4 feet 6 inches, \$7.75 to \$9.50 each. Larger sizes in two parts.

CRIB MATTRESSES for Children, in Excelsior, Flock, Fibre and Cotton, 90c to \$4.65.

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MARKET SQ.

STUNG TO DEATH BY BEES.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 26.—A man, a woman and two horses have been stung to death by bees at Parang, a village close to this city. A farmer named Makranski, returning home from a neighboring town, left his two-horse cart in the courtyard of his farmhouse. The horses, annoyed by the sun, shifted to a shaded corner. In doing so they kicked over eight beehives. The bees swarmed out, and began a furious attack on the horses. Makranski and his wife rushed to the assistance of the animals, but were themselves attacked by the insects.

Their cries brought the farm hands to the spot, but it was found impossible to drive away the bees, and at last the fire brigade was called out and the horses were turned on.

When the bees were driven away it was found that both the horses were dead.

The farmer and his wife, terribly stung, were carried away to the infirmary, where they died the same evening from blood poisoning.

**NEW APPEAL IN CUSHING CASE**

Sir Louis Davies has refused the application made by Mr. Teed on behalf of the bondholders in the Cushing Sulphite Company case for leave to appeal from the decision of the supreme court at Fredericton granting a winding-up order.

The motion seems to have been refused purely on a technicality, the court taking the ground that as Judge McLeod had not signed the winding-up order at the time the case was referred to the supreme court, no appeal should be granted, as technically this would be appealing directly from the decision of Judge McLeod, which, under the statute, they have not the power to do.

It is understood that the case will be again taken to Fredericton, complying with this formality and another application for leave to appeal made.

**Life's Funny Side.**

"Who were de best man at de wedding last night, Sam?"  
"I think it were Pete Smif, he done got \$5 for de preacher and only gits him one."

AMBIGUOUS.  
Vanderteller—I am willing to pay you most any price, if you'll do me good.

Dr. Bontom—My dear sir, I'll do you good, all right. Of that you may rest assured.

NO WONDER SHE HAD THE SHIVERS.  
Charles—Why do you shudder so every time you put your head on my shoulder?  
Genevieve—I feel as if I were in a padded cell.

THE JUDGE—No, my conscience doesn't hurt me when I give a man a life sentence, if I'm sure of his guilt. But I suppose yours does?

The Preacher—How do you mean?

The Judge—Why, you sentence many innocent men for life and then collect a fee for doing it.

ALL IN.  
She—What has become of Higlier's swell turnout?  
He—He turned it in to his creditors.

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**SHIPPING NEWS.**

Domestic Ports.  
HILLSBORO, Sept. 25.—Ard, str Grane, Birkerville, from Philadelphia.

CEATHAM, Sept. 25.—Ard, str Bangor, from Ardrossan.

MONTECAL, Sept. 25.—Ard, str Paris, Johnson, from Liverpool and Montreal; Kingstonian, Kerruish, from Antwerp.

SAILED, 25th, str Manchester Shipper, Haworth, for Manchester via Three Rivers.

SAILED, 25th, str Canada Cape, Symonds, for South African ports via Halifax.

QUEBEC, Sept. 19.—Ard, str Philae, Muir, for Penarth.

Arrived, 20th, str Bray Head, Moore, from Montreal for Belfast; 22nd, str Tundun, Brass, from Montreal (to load cargo of str Victorian and to sail 23rd).

Sailed, 21st, bark Axel, Tobolsen, for Rimouski; 22nd, str Crown of Navarre, Grindley, for London; Maria, for New Glasgow.

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May, from Millbridge.  
Said, sch Gamecock, for Beverly.

FALL RIVER, Mass, Sept 27.—Ard, sch Greta, from St John, N.B.

LYNN, Mass, Sept 27.—Ard, sch Annie Blanche, from Boston's Harbor, N.S.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass, Sept 27.—Ard, sch Stella Maud, from St John; Kennebec, from Calais.

Sch Mollie Rhodes, for Sand River, N.S.

CHATHAM, Mass, Sept 27.—Passed, sch Matilda D Borda, from Philadelphia for Boston; Henry P Little, from Baltimore for Boston; Sarah W Lawrence, from coal port for do; Mt Hope, from do for do.

Passed south, str Volund, from Windsor, N.S. for New York.

Spoken.  
Bark Polynesia, from Campbellton for Rosario, Sept 12, lat 10, lon 57.

RICHMOND, Sept 27.—The barkentine Froven sailed this week. A barkentine arrived on Monday for J and T Jardine.

The schooner Polar Star and Henry Nickerson came in on Monday. The schooner Tartar sailed this morning for Pictou with lumber.

Janette sailed at the same time for Charlottetown with lumber.

Shipping Notes.  
Battle liner Laetia, Capt Grant, will load at this port for west coast of England.

Battle liner Tanagra, Capt Kehoe, arrived at Buenos Ayres last night from New York for Montevideo.

Sch Canada Cape now on passage from Montreal to South Africa via Halifax, will load a quantity of apples and other fruit at the latter port. She will sail from Halifax tomorrow.

Donadson line str Alcides is bringing out a cargo of coal from Swansea for Montreal at 5c.

The str Angola of the Mexican line takes 11,000 barrels of potatoes for Havana, besides other cargo, at Halifax for the West Indies and Mexico.

Pilot Stone left last evening for Halifax to bring around the Furness line str Gulf of Ancon, now expected at that port.

The three-masted schooner Manuel B. Cusa sailed from this port yesterday and was towed in from Pictou. It again about 4 o'clock by the tug Lord Roberts. The Cusa's foremast was blown away. She had gone only as far as Dipper Harbor when, in a heavy squall, the leach rope broke, and the sail was blown away. Capt. Shanklin expects to sail some time during today with a new sail.

**WEDDINGS.**

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 27.—A wedding in which many people in Woodstock and Andover were interested took place today in the parish church, when Yen. Archdeacon Neals united in wedlock D. Reed Beech, a well known Andover merchant, and Miss Jennie E. Bull, daughter of Albert Bull of Lower Woodstock. A large number of friends and relatives of the young people were in attendance at the church. The bride was attended by Miss Libben of Andover as bridesmaid and Frank Dixey supported the groom. Little Miss Emma Shaw was flower girl. The bride was given away by her father. Her brothers, LeBaron and Gordon, were ushers. After the ceremony the young couple took the 5.35 train on an extended wedding trip.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tennant of Brunswick street last evening a happy event took place, when their daughter, Nellie May, was united to Smith Thorne. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. Stuckhole, pastor of the Tabernacle, in the presence of about fifty guests. The bride looked beautiful in a dress of white voile with trimmings of lace, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lettie Tennant who wore a dress of white muslin with lace trimmings and carried a bouquet of flowers. The groom was supported by Andrew Holder. The numerous and costly presents testified to the popularity of the bride. After the ceremony supper was served and a reception held. The happy couple will reside on Marsh street.

MISS NELLIE GALE and Walter Triffitt were married in St. Luke's church last evening by Rev. H. H. Gillies, of Lower Jernigan, Queens county.

The bride is the daughter of John Gale, of Young's Cove, Queens county, and the groom belongs in this city. The ceremony was performed at 7.30 o'clock. The bride wore a dress of white, and the groom wore a suit of white. The bride was attended by Miss M. Wiggins, of this city, and the groom was supported by W. C. Ramsay, also of this city. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. John Gale. The ceremony was held in the presence of about fifty guests. After the ceremony supper was served and a reception held. The happy couple will reside on Marsh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Triffitt will reside at No. 75 Kennedy street, where a reception was held immediately after the ceremony.

WILL COST RUSSIA \$150,000,000 TO BRING THE SOLDIERS HOME.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Some bankers expressed the belief that the cost of bringing home the Manchurian army and the internal reorganization of Russia would require more than \$150,000,000.

Although M. Witte denied any intention of discussing the question of a loan in connection with his visit to France and Berlin, while here he conferred with the president of the Credit Lyonnais and with Baron Hottelinger, who formed the syndicate that floated the last loan. A member of the Berlin firm of Mendelssohn & Co. also visited M. Witte here and these conferences, taken in connection with the meetings between the Russian statesman and Premier Rouvier, who exercises a powerful influence with the banks, appear to have paved the way toward the floating of a loan.

A peculiar feature of the situation is that the settlement between Germany and France of the difficulties over Morocco promises to expedite the loan since it relieves Germany of possible complications with Russia over the Franco-Russian alliance, and also gives stability to the French market.

M. Witte's friendly influence toward the adjustment of the Moroccan situation is attributed chiefly to Russia's desire to clear a way for her access to the markets of Paris and Berlin.