

soon as the seas are again free. Depend upon it, Germany will be feverishly anxious to develop her export trade, as this is the one way in which she may be able to repair the ravages brought about by her artificial internal methods of financing the war. She will be brought to bay, and will fight with every fair and unfair weapon she possesses.

"This is no fanciful picture. It is sober reality. The German will be as merciless in trading as he has been in war. Moreover, as in the past he will mask his parasitical greed by obsequiousness, artful blandishments, bluff and all the other methods of which he was a past master, and which he will have developed to greater efficiency during the war.

Some of the German Methods.

"Soon again we shall have the poor, cringing Teuton exciting our pity, coming into our workshops and offices and carrying off our inventions, methods, names of customers and so forth from under our very noses. Again he will appeal to the rapacity of the merchant by offering to send a British-made article to Germany and have it copied on a large scale at a reduced price; and when he has got his claws into the market, and the British manufacturer has lost his trade, he will probably grin and send up his prices; or if the ground is suitable he will very likely bundle the British or Canadian merchant out of the market, too."

SASKATCHEWAN MARKETING BONDS

Tenders close to-morrow for an issue of \$500,000 5 per cent. province of Saskatchewan bonds.

CLASSIFYING CANADA'S MAN-POWER

The National Service Board of Canada will make investigations and formulate plans that will in some measure provide for those adjustments in Canada's national life necessary for the maintenance of the agricultural and other basic industries of the Dominion at that high point of production and efficiency so absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war, while continuing unimpaired the indispensable public services of the country. To accomplish these results, and insure the maximum production of war material and equipment, the services of all available men and women of Canada must be utilized in such a manner as will, while achieving these purposes, permit of the release from their present employment of men who, physically fit and of suitable age, may desire to serve overseas with Canada's military or naval forces.

An inventory of every male between the ages of 16 and 65 residing in Canada is to be taken in the first week of January.

ONTARIO'S Gold and Silver Mines

They produced \$23,500,000 in 1916
The records of Hollinger & Dome
The promise of Kirkland Lake Camp
Control of world's trade in Cobalt oxide
Cobalt Camp has produced \$136,250,000
Nipissing's record of date
Low grade ores will prolong Cobalt's life.

By THOS. W. GIBSON, Deputy Minister of Mines,
Ontario

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RECENT FIRES

The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

- Brockville, Ont.**—December 8—Mr. M. McCartin's bakery. Loss and cause not stated.
- Baddeck, N.S.**—November 29—Telegraph House. Loss, \$800.
- Brandon, Man.**—December 6—Experimental Farm. Loss, \$30,000. Cause, supposed spark from blower of straw-cutter.
- Campbellford, Ont.**—December 10—Dickson Bridge Works Company's plants. Loss, \$50,000; partially insured.
- Delhi, Ont.**—December 3—Sovereign Glove and Mitt Company's factory. Loss, \$40,000. Supposed incendiary.
- Drummondville, Que.**—December 5—Boiler department and coal elevators of Aetna Powder Company.
- Elmsdale, Ont.**—December 10—Mr. J. W. Macdonald's store. Loss, \$8,000; partly insured.
- Grand Prairie, Alta.**—November 28—Mr. A. M. Anderson's residence. Cause, coal oil lamp exploded.
- Halifax, N.S.**—December 3—Marine Navigation Company's offices, Pickford and Black's building, occupied by R. B. Seeton and Company, H. F. Burton, I. H. Mathers and Company, Geo. MacKeen and Company on the lower floor; Capt. Neil Hall, F. A. Giles and Company, Smith, Tyrer and Company, Marine Navigation Company and Messrs. Pickford and Black.
- Hensall, Ont.**—November 29—Commercial Hotel. Loss slight. Cause, dropped match or cigar stub. Mrs. Drake's residence. Cause, exploded coal oil lamp.
- Moncton, N.B.**—November 28—Mr. H. Steeve's livery stables. Loss, \$3,000.
- Montreal, Que.**—Mr. J. A. Comeau's automobile storage and repair shop, 1013 East Marie Ann Street. Loss, \$30,000.
- Newcastle, N.B.**—December 8—Mr. J. D. Buckley's Commercial Hotel. Loss, \$3,400.
- Ottawa, Ont.**—December 9—Titus Block, 168-184 Sparks Street. Loss estimated, \$60,000. Principal losers and estimated losses: F. W. Woolworth and Company (5, 10 and 15 cent store)—Stock and interior heavily damaged. Loss, \$25,000; partly insured. Mrs. J. D. St. Denis Lemoine, owner of block—Loss on building, about \$8,000; partly insured. W. Nixon, confectioner—Loss about \$6,000; partly insured. Harry Brouse, jeweller—Loss by water and smoke about \$1,500; insurance less than 50 per cent. Quinn-Giles, druggists—Loss, \$8,000; insured. J. B. Reid, stationery—Loss, \$7,000; partly insured. Dr. W. H. Liddle, dentist—Loss about \$1,000. Hutt and Bilodeau, tailors—Loss, \$300. W. E. Scrivens, insurance agent—Loss, \$400; insured. R. Darling, woollens—Loss, \$300. R. R. Sparks, insurance agent—Loss, \$400; insured. K. Teaken, ladies' tailor—Loss, \$1,000; some insurance. H. Langford, jeweller—Loss, \$1,500; partly insured.
- Peterboro', Ont.**—December 11—Quaker Oats Company's plant destroyed and other buildings. Cause, supposed ignition of dust in the drying-room adjacent to the boiler-house caused explosion. Plant and stock are valued at \$1,600,000. Insurance is placed from parent company Chicago offices. Five deaths and eleven missing.
- Quebec, Que.**—December 1—Rear of Mr. Boiteau's grocery store. Loss, \$100. Cause, defective wiring.
- December 5—The Cyrille Falardeau tannery. Loss, \$6,000. Insurance—Stock: St. Paul, \$1,000; Guardian, \$3,500; Globe and Rutgers, \$1,500; Northern, \$3,000; total, \$9,000. Building: Liverpool and London and Globe, \$1,000; Royal, \$1,000. Loss, about \$6,000.
- St. George, N.B.**—December 8—Seventeen buildings, including seven stores. Loss, \$60,000.
- St. John, N.B.**—November 29—Mr. C. J. Wilson's residence and that of Mr. G. Stevens. Loss, \$5,000.
- Springhill, N.S.**—November 27—Fire at Springhill mines of Dominion Coal Company.
- Summerside, P.E.I.**—December 13—Business section, involving eighteen buildings. Loss, \$325,000; insurance, \$175,000 amongst thirty companies.
- Vancouver, B.C.**—December 5—Mr. R. Casselman's residence, 937 Cordova Street East. Loss, \$1,500. Cause, overheated furnace.
- December 7—Vancouver Casket Company. Loss, \$3,000. Cause unknown.
- Victoria, B.C.**—December 1—Mr. E. E. Corbett's residence, Cedar Hill Crossroad, near Quadra Street. Loss, \$2,000.