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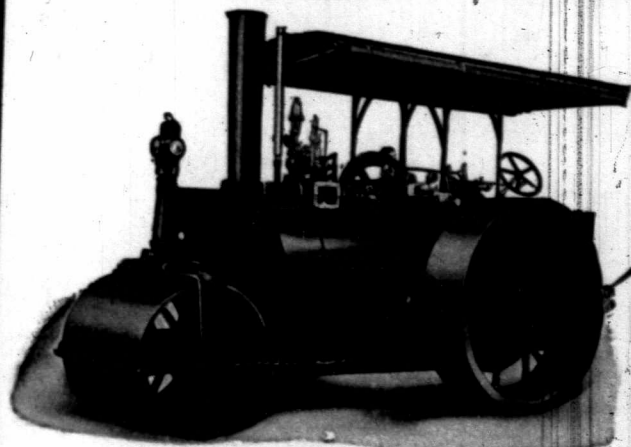
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The Canadian Annual Review for 1909 is quite equal to if not better than its predecessors. It is well produced and profusely illustrated, containing also a wealth of valuable information. The tenth chapter deals with financial affairs during the past year, and a chapter is also devoted to transportation interests. The author, as is well known, is Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, F.S.S., and the publishers, The Annual Review Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto.

According to the official report of Mr. G. Middleton, manager of the Vancouver assay office, there has been a substantial increase of gold output in the Yukon during the year 1909, as compared with 1908; but that very little of this was marketed at the Vancouver office: the decrease in 1909, as compared with 1908, being 57,142.79 troy ounces. It appears that the greater part of the Yukon gold output is now shipped direct to San Francisco by registered mail, the transportation charges from Dawson, Y.T., to San Francisco being the same as from Dawson to Vancouver, B.C. A contributing cause of this diversion of Yukon gold to the United States is the important fact that the charge imposed in the United States Mint, San Francisco, in the purchase of gold bullion

is one-eighth of one per cent. less on the gross value of the bullion than at the Vancouver office.

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A good illustration of the danger of fire from ignorance comes from New York. A boy was drawing gasoline from a barrel on the sidewalk of a narrow but busy street. The gasoline was being spilled on the walk because of a leaky faucet and because the boy had carelessly allowed the measure to run over. The hot sun hastened the dissemination of the fumes and their evaporation, and any passer-by might have ignited them with his cigar. The boy knew nothing of the danger from the fumes of gasoline, and could see nothing wrong in his spilling some of the stuff. The danger of gasoline fumes is equally unknown to ten thousand men and women.