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## Topics of the Week

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## Algoma Central

Report of the meeting of the bondholders in London. Adjournment asked by defence committee was refused. Proposed reorganization scheme carried by large majority.

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## Striking Crop Figures

Ninety-five per cent. of our $376,303,600$-bushel wheat crop of last year was merchantable. At the end of March, 23 per cent. or $86,854,000$ bushels remained in the farmers' hands. Wheat and wheat flour stocks.

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## Fire Rates Inquiry

That the fire insurance companies will welcome the appointment of a commission by the Ontario government to inquire into rates, etc., if. the investigators are capable and impartial, is the statement of Mr. J. E. E. Dickson.

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## Municipal Bond Market

Saskatoon's system of appropriations results in various economies. Otfawa's city treasurer comments on borrowing in New York. Auditors report on the finances of Calgary, Moose Jaw and Prince Álbert

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## Our Railroads

Operative mileage showed large increase last year. Cost of construction since ig10 was $\$ 856,463 ; 795$. Present lull in railway building is noticeable. By Ja L. PAYNE.

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## Shipbuilding in Canada

Reasons why a shipbuilding industry should, be established in the Dominion. Ad̂̀dress of Colonel Cantley to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at Montreal. The pros and çons of the situation. See Page 9, and

## Life Insurance Last Year

Despite the uncertainties of war, satisfactory life insurance resultss were achieved in 1915 - Premiums totalling $\$ 4 \mathrm{I}, 000,000$ were collected, of • which Canadian companies received about 68 per cent. Some tabular returns.

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