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MOTOSHI KATO "TRUST COM-PANIES."

The Japanese banking system is based upon the principle of the division cf labor in pursuance of which the Government established monetary institutions in connection with commerce, agricul-ture, industry, and foreign trade, and everything was arranged on the principle of the differentiation of functions. As a central commercial and monetary organ, the Bank of Japan was established; as the central organ of foreign trade, the Yokohama Specie Bank; as the central organ of agriculture, the Hypothec Bank of Japan, and as an organ for industry and negotiable instru-ments, the Industrial Bank of Japan was organized. Separately, these banks make efforts to develop the branches of work assigned to them, but collectively, work assigned to them, but collectively, they assume the function and responsibility of effecting the economic prosperity of Japan. Thus, it will be observed that the Bank of Japan aims at re-discounting sound and profitable commercial bills, the Yokohama Specie Bank at supplying funds needed for the foreign trade, the Hypothec Bank at advancing funds against the security of real estate. funds against the security of real estate,

conducive to agricultural developments. while the object of the Industrial Bank of Japan is to advance money on shares and stocks, so as to further the various industries of Japan.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE'S ANNUAL.

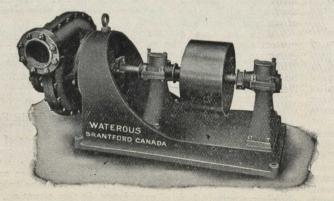
The Toronto Board of Trade have issued their annual report in a form well worthy of the gica: city with whose commercial interests they are so inti-mately connected. The book contains mately connected. The book contains in the address of the President, Mr. R. C. Steele, the reports of the chairmen of the various trade sections, and other articles, much valuable information persuit in the industrial development of taining to the industrial development of the city. Pictorially, it is a veritable work of art, and in thirty-eight excel-



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MATTHEW C. HINSHAW,

lently reproduced photagravures shows to full advantage the many fine build-ings possessed by the Queen City. The frontispiece, illustrating a holiday crowd manoeuvering a freight train at the foot of Yonge Street, is an eloquent appeal for the removal of the blot which twenty years' consideration and argument have not sufficed to remove. To Mr. F. G. Morley, the secretary of the Board of Trade, great credit is due for the admirable production of the book.

Among the exceptions to the quietude which various manufacturers find prevailing are the malleable iron works at Brantford. They have had some good orders from the railways, and had about 400 men at work on the 15th, expecting to employ still more shortly.

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