

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor, Monetary Times,—

SIR,—Will you please answer through your columns the following question: What towns or cities in Canada have the system in the Public Schools, where children deposit money with the teachers, and they handle the funds through a bank? Also what success they have met with the scheme? To whom could I write for information as to its working? Thanking you in anticipation.

R. A. W.

Havelock, 7th May.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA.

The following table, prepared by the Geological Survey, gives a summary of the total mineral production of the Dominion for 1902:

METALLIC.		
Product.	Quantity.	Value.
Copper, lbs.....	39,168,202	\$ 4,553,695
Gold, Yukon	\$14,500,000	
Gold, all other	6,241,245	
		\$20,741,245
Iron ore (exports), tons	428,901	1,065,019
Pig iron from Canadian ore, tons.	71,065	1,043,011
Lead, lbs.....	23,000,000	935,870
Nickel, lbs.....	10,693,410	5,025,903
Silver, oz	4,373,000	2,280,957
Zinc, lbs.....	166,700	8,068
Total metallic		\$35,653,768
NON-METALLIC.		
Actinolite, tons	550	4,400
Arsenic, tons	800	48,000
Asbestos, tons	31,779	1,191,338
Asbestic, tons	8,662	12,114
Chromite, tons	900	12,400
Coal, tons	7,639,255	15,538,611
Coke, tons	506,466	1,538,930
Corundum, tons	768	84,468
Felspar, tons	7,576	11,375
Fire clay, tons	2,741	4,283
Graphite, tons	1,095	28,300
Grindstones, tons	6,159	48,400
Gypsum, tons	332,045	356,317
Limestone for flux, tons	293,108	218,809
Manganese ore, tons	84	2,774
Mica, tons		400,000
Mineral pigments—		
Baryta, tons	1,096	3,957
Ochres, tons	4,955	30,495
Mineral water		100,000
Moulding sand, tons	13,352	27,651
Natural gas		195,992
Peat, tons	475	1,663
Petroleum, brls	521,485	934,740
Phosphate, tons	856	4,953
Pyrites, tons	35,616	138,939
Salt, tons	63,056	288,581
Talc, tons	689	1,804
Tripolite, tons	900	15,800
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AND CLAY PRODUCTS		
Cement, natural rock, brls	124,400	\$ 91,870
Cement, Portland, brls	594,594	1,028,618
Granite		170,000
Pottery		200,000
Sands and gravels (exports), tons	159,793	119,120
Sewer pipe		294,465
Slate		19,200
Terra cotta, pressed brick, etc...		348,597
Building material, including bricks, building stone, lime, tiles, etc...		5,500,000

Product.	Quantity.	Value.
Total structural materials and clay products		7,771,870
Total all other non-metallic		21,245,094
Total non-metallic		29,016,964
Total metallic		35,653,768
Estimated value of mineral pro- ducts not returned		300,000
Total, 1902		\$64,970,732

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

Canadian Government Offices, London, 1st May.—Names wanted of Canadian lumbermen to export 32-inch spade or shovel box or D handles, English pattern. Canadian houses wanted who deal in whips, rattan, reed furniture and brushes. A London firm of tea buyers and shippers wants Canadian agent. English house wants leading saddlers and saddlery hardware dealers to introduce a patent article.

Imperial Institute, London, 1st May.—A maker of grain-weighing machinery asks to be put into correspondence with a Canadian firm which will handle the same. Canadian doors, shelving, carpenters' clear pine, poplar, etc., wanted by a London timber merchant. A Dundee firm of mica merchants wishes to know producers of mica in the Dominion. Address of a first-class Canadian producer of chair materials wanted by a London firm of manufacturers' agents.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The successor to Sir Oliver Mowat in the presidential chair of the Imperial Life Assurance Company is Mr. A. E. Ames, of Toronto, and Mr. Fred. G. Cox, the managing director, was made a vice-president.

In a recent quarterly report the electrical bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters stated that fifty-seven fires, due to crosses between high voltage circuits and telephone, lighting and signal circuits, with losses aggregating over \$135,000, emphasize the necessity for placing these wires underground. Reports of 197 electrical fire losses, aggregating \$276,285, have been received during the last quarter.

The keenness of life insurance agents to recognize opportunities is proverbial. It is told of a Springfield, Ill., agent that he was robbed of a valuable overcoat and finally discovered that the thief was a Salvation Army convert and located him in a distant city. After some fruitless efforts to recover his property, the agent notified the S. A. C. that, if he would at least once a week for a year declare that a certain brand of life insurance is without equal, he would "call it square."—Rough Notes.

The returns of life business done by the Standard Life in its last year are handsome. That company's issue of policies for the year was 4,815, totalling \$9,913,838; and the revenue for the year from premiums and interest amounted to \$6,521,149. Death claims of the year, including bonus additions to policies, were \$3,434,587. The company's accumulated funds at the close of November last were over fifty-one millions of dollars. These figures are from the head office of the company in Edinburgh. In a later issue we shall probably have some figures relating to the Standard's business in Canada.

FOR DRY GOODS DEALERS.

There was a sign in the window which said: "These Suspenders 19 cents While they Last." The sad-faced man walked in and accosted a salesman thus: "You say these suspenders are 19 cents while they last?" "Yes, sir, yes, sir." "And how long do you suppose that will be?" "A very few days, I assure you, sir." "Good day, sir. I wouldn't have a pair that wouldn't last longer than that."—Ex.

In an article on the training of saleswomen—not salesladies—Leslie's Monthly says that the business education of