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ASSETS - \$128,094,315.24



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The Company OF the People, BY the People, FOR the People

ASSETS	
United States, City and R. R. Bonds and Stocks . . .	\$64,270,818.12
Bonds and Mortgages . . .	33,094,145.00
Real Estate . . .	16,806,932.86
Cash . . .	7,323,372.74
Loans to Policy-holders . . .	2,889,649.63
Premiums, deferred and in course of collection (net) . . .	3,246,081.13
Accrued Interest, Rents, etc. . .	463,315.76
	\$128,094,315.24
LIABILITIES	
Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserves . . .	\$112,351,323.00
All Other Liabilities . . .	907,772.25
Capital and Surplus . . .	14,835,219.99
	\$128,094,315.24

Paid to Policy-holders since Organization, plus the Amount now Invested for their Security . . .	\$277,290,466.48	Number of Policies in Force . . .	8,029,906
Amount of Outstanding Insurance . . .	\$1,470,424,281.00	Amount of Insurance Issued in 1904 . . .	\$436,570,349.00

In its Ordinary Department policies are issued for from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable annually, semi-annually or quarterly. In its Industrial Department policies are issued on all the insurable members of the family for weekly premiums.

THIS COMPANY'S POLICIES ARE PLAIN BUSINESS CONTRACTS WHICH TELL THEIR WHOLE STORY UPON THEIR FACE; LEAVE NOTHING TO THE IMAGINATION; BORROW NOTHING FROM HOPE; REQUIRE DEFINITE CONDITIONS AND MAKE DEFINITE PROMISES IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

RECORD OF GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	SURPLUS	POLICIES IN FORCE	OUTSTANDING INSURANCE	YEAR
1884	\$2,915,937.86	\$2,304,004.87	\$613,120.25	675,447	\$77,658,420.00	1884
1894	18,208,742.75	22,326,622.16	4,034,028.21	3,574,909	441,375,367.00	1894
1904	55,985,756.91	128,094,315.24	14,835,219.99	8,029,906	1,470,424,281.00	1904

H. T. Finney, Superintendent, LONDON; Masonic Temple Building, corner Richmond and King Streets.
C. J. Dempster, Assistant Superintendent, ST. THOMAS; Dominion Bank Building.
G. Hayward, Assistant Superintendent, STRATFORD; Myers Block.
J. McClacherty, Assistant Superintendent, CLINTON; Stone Block.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS

This Company's Policy-claims paid in 1904 averaged in number one for each minute and a quarter of each business day of 8 hours each, and, in amount, \$102.54 a minute the year through.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1904 WAS

391 per day in Number of Claims Paid.
6,561 per day in Number of Policies Issued.
\$1,426,700.50 per day in New Insurance Written.
\$114,060.67 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and addition to Reserve.
\$73,326.81 per day in Increase of Assets.

Income in 1904 \$55,985,756.91
Gain over 1903 6,097,952.80
Increase in Assets during 1904 22,438,003.64

CANADIAN SECURITIES

DEPOSITED WITH THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF POLICY-HOLDERS IN CANADA

Dominion of Canada Inscribed Stock	\$97,200.00
Toronto Local Imp. Debenture Bonds	47,535.56
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Canadian Northern Railway Bonds	372,299.99
Province of Manitoba Drainage Debentures	414,000.00
Province of Manitoba Government Debentures	186,000.00
Town of Salaberry, Valleyfield, Bonds	50,000.00
Town of Maisonneuve Bonds	50,000.00
Province of New Brunswick Bonds	97,333.33
Province of Quebec Inscribed Stock	146,000.00
Toronto General Consol. Loan Debenture Bonds	292,000.00
City of Winnipeg Debenture Bonds	110,000.00
City of Montreal Consol. Fund Bonds	700,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,612,495.55

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THE PUPPET CROWN.

BY HAROLD MACGRATH.
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"Is this the way you fight Indians?"
"Indians? What the deuce has fighting Indians to do with this? As to Indians, shoot them in the back if you can. Here, everything depends not on fighting but the right use of words. A man may be a diplomat, and not render his country any large benefit; still, it is a fine individual training. Throes stand on precipices and are pushed back to safety by the trick of a few words. Have an egg; they're fresh."
Fitzgerald sat down and gulped his coffee. "They broke my monocle in the struggle."
Maurice choked in his cup.
"I've worn it twelve years, too," went on Fitzgerald.
"Everything is for the best," said Maurice. "You will be able to see out of both eyes."
"Confound you!" cried Fitzgerald, smiling in spite of himself, "nothing will disturb you."
"You mean, nothing shall. Now, there's the bed and there's the lounge. Since you are the principal, that is to say, the constituent part of this affair, and also the principal actor in this extravaganza, suppose you take the bed and leave me the lounge? And the deuce take the duchess, who is probably a woman with a high forehead and a pair of narrows eyes? He threw down his napkin and made for the lounge, without giving any particular attention to the smile and frown which were struggling in the Englishman's eyes. In less than a minute Maurice was dozing.
Fitzgerald thought that the best thing he could do was to follow the philosophical example of his friend. "These Americans," he mused, as he arranged the pillow under his ear, "are 'fifty puzzles'; you can move them, or you can't."
As for Maurice, he was already dreaming; he was too tired to sleep. Presently he thought he was on a horse again, and was galloping, galloping. He was heading his old company to the very fringe of the alkali. The

FOR YOUNG AND OLD

The ideal medicine for children and aged persons is Angier's Emulsion. It is the kind physicians prescribe. It is pleasant to take, agrees with the stomach and regulates the bowels. It increases the desire for wholesome food, assists digestion and nourishes the body. Try a 50c bottle.

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Apaches had robbed the pay train and killed six men, and the very deuce was to pay all around. * * * Again he was swimming, and a beautiful girl reached out a hand and saved him. Ah, how beautiful she was, how soft and rich the deep brown of her eyes! As he put his hands to the water, the light of the South American republic had accepted his sword (unbeknown to the United States authorities), and he was aiding to quell the insurrection. And just then some one whispered to him that gold would rise 50 points. And as he put his hands to the water, the glittering coins which were raining down, the face of Colonel Beauvais loomed up, scowling and furious. * * * And yet again came the beautiful girl. He was holding her hand and the archbishop had his spread out in indignation over their heads. * * * A hand, which was not of dreamland, shook him by the arm. He opened his eyes. Fitzgerald was standing over him. The light of the sun spangled the walls opposite the windows. The clock marked the eleventh hour of day.
"Hang you!" he said, with blinking eyes; "why didn't you let me be? I was just marrying the princess, and you've spoiled it for me!" He jumped to his feet and rubbed his eyes, and, forgetful of all save his astonishment, pursed his lips into a low whistle.

CHAPTER IX.

Standing just within the door, smiling and rubbing the gray bristles on his lip, was the colonel. In the center of the room stood a woman dressed in gray. Maurice recognized the dress; it belonged to Mademoiselle de the Veil, who was now Mrs. Veil, and she was a woman with a high forehead and a pair of narrows eyes. He threw down his napkin and made for the lounge, without giving any particular attention to the smile and frown which were struggling in the Englishman's eyes. In less than a minute Maurice was dozing.
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journey has caused you no particular annoyance."
"The annoyance was not so particular," said Fitzgerald stiffly, "as it was general."
"And four of my troopers will take care to that!" interjected the colonel.
"Will Madame permit me to ask when will the opera begin?" asked Maurice.
"I am glad," said she, "that you have lost none of your freshness. Maurice was struck for a moment, but soon saw that the remark was innocent of any ineligence of speech. Fitzgerald was gnawing his moustache and looking out of the corner of his eyes—into hers.
"My task, I confess, is a most disagreeable one," she resumed, lightly beating her gauntlets together; "but when one serves high personages one is supposed not to have any sentiments." Fitzgerald she said: "You are the son of the late Lord Fitzgerald."
"For your sake, I regret to say that I am."

"For my sake? Worry yourself none on that point. As the agent of her highness, I am bound to do this necessary."
"Madame," said Maurice, "will you do us the honor to inform us to whom we are indebted for this partiality to our distinguished persons?"
"I am Sylvia Amerbach," quietly.
"Amerbach?" said Maurice, who was familiar with the great names of the continent. "Pardon me, but that was once a famous name in Prussia."
"I am distinctly related to that house of princes," looking at her gauntlets.
"Well, Madame, since your business doubtless concerns me, pray begin by asking if my lord the Englishman has those consols about his person."
"Pardon me," she cried, laughing; "one would say that was a prelude to robbery."
"So they would. As for myself, I prefer violence to words. If we take these pretty papers by violence, we shall still have left our friend the Englishman his self-respect. And as for this, while my acquaintance with our friend is slight, I should say that they would only be wasted here."
The whistle from the window still rose and fell.
"Monsieur, I have it in my power to make you rich."
"In honor?"
"Madame, the title I have is already a burden to me," Fitzgerald laughed, which announced that the cause of the duchess was not getting on very well. At this moment both eyes and lips expressed a shade of amusement.
Maurice, who was astonished never more than a minute at a time, immediately recognized the man, and somewhat disarranged, and the back of his head a crow's nest, but nevertheless, he placed a hand over his heart and offered a low obeisance.
"Good morning, gentlemen," she said, in a voice which Maurice would have known anywhere. "I hope the

THE GREAT SCHOOL QUESTION.
It's to make children fit for their schooling. "Swiss Food," the best wheat cereal, for breakfast, answers all requirements.

LACROSSE CLUBS ORGANIZING.

Preston, March 28.—At the annual meeting of the Preston lacrosse club the following officers were elected for 1905: Honorary president, George A. Clare, M. P.; honorary vice-president, George Patterson, M. P.; president, Frank Moss; first vice-president, A. D. Pringle; second vice-president, W. Stahlshmidt; third vice-president, J. Short; secretary, H. E. Everest; treasurer, Herb James; manager, Thomas Yates; captain, John Nix; managing committee, W. J. Gordon, Joe Daniels and W. Pickup. It is quite evident that Preston will be the center of attraction this season. Lacrosse will be the principal sport. Everyone should support the club.

New Hamburg, March 28.—The New Hamburg lacrosse club has organized with the following officers: Honorary president, A. Rau; honorary vice-president, Wm. Scharf, sen.; president, Ezra Bechtel; first vice-president, Lafayette Hostetter; second vice-president,

FASTEST IN THE EAST TO MEET AT READVILLE

Boston, March 28.—Audubon Boy, 2:03 1-4, and Estatic, 2:05 1-4, respectively, the fastest stallion and mare owned in New England, will meet in a dual race over the New England breeding track in Readville, Thursday, Aug. 24, the fourth day of Boston's Grand Circuit meeting.
The match is for \$10,000, \$5,000 a side, and is the result of the swamping challenge which was published last Monday. James Gatecomb, the owner of Audubon Boy, and John Dorey, the owner of Estatic, met yesterday, and in a very few minutes the match was arranged.
Estatic made a splendid campaign last year, losing only one race, her first start at Worcester. Her racing was over mile and half-mile tracks in the west and east. Her record of 2:05 1-4 was made at Hamline, Minn., over a track considered slow, and she was timed in 2:03 3-4 from wire to wire.
Audubon Boy was the champion money-winning pacer of 1901, and in 1902 went down the line without a defeat. He was not raced in the two following campaigns. He has been handled with much judgment and today he looks better than ever before at this season of the year.

CRICKETERS START REVIVAL IN EARNEST

Toronto, March 28.—The committee appointed by the Canadian Cricket Association to devise a scheme to revive the interest in cricket met tonight and decided to divide the Province into four districts, London, Hamilton, Toronto and Peterborough, being the centers of each. The district secretaries appointed were: W. B. Wells, Chatham; W. B. Reilly, Niagara Falls; J. E. Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Harstone, Lindsay. The date selected was the last week of July, commencing on the 24th. Each district is to play a match with an eleven, representing the other districts. These will be one-day matches. The secretary was instructed to try and arrange a match between Ontario and Quebec for Thursday and Friday of that week.

LOSER ON A RACE CAN RECOVER AT LAW

New York, March 29.—In affirming a verdict rendered by a jury in the municipal court, the appellate term has once more settled that a man who bets on a horse at the race track and loses can recover the money in an action at law.
Harry Mendoza, a Brooklyn tailor, bet \$100 on the mare Clorita at Sheepshead Bay on Sept. 1, 1903. Clorita lost, and Mendoza sued Joseph Rose, the bookmaker, and got a verdict under the anti-gambling law, for the full amount. Rose appealed on general principles, but the judges of the appellate term say that he must return the money, together with the cost of the action.
It is the opinion of several well-known turfmen and bookmakers that the business in the betting rings at the local tracks this year will have to be conducted with more care than ever before.
"It will not be surprising," said a leading pester, "if all of the big books operate this year under the names of clubs instead of individuals, such as the 'New York Club,' or the 'National Club,' or any name that seems suitable. Then, in case of a suit, it will be a difficult matter for a disgruntled bettor to prove the identity of those who back the book with which he has made his bet."
The law, however, has been established before this, and the bookmakers have not clubbed themselves yet.

BRITT AND WHITE TO MEET ON APRIL 25

San Francisco, March 29.—James Britt, of this city, and Jabez White, of England, have been matched to fight 26 rounds before the Yessentis A. C. on April 25. They are to box under Marquis of Queensbury rules, and must weigh in at 135 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. Britt has gone to Harbin Springs. He will train at Larkspur, in Marion County.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS.—At Benning—Cantaloup, 8 to 5; Tickle 8 to 1; Monte Carlo, 9 to 10; Nina Squaw, 13 to 10; Lord Alintee, 4 to 1; Uncle Trigh, 1 to 1; Jake Sanders, 7 to 1; Magnia, 7 to 1; Jake Sanders, 3 to 1; George Leiper, 8 to 1; Van Ness, 1 to 2; Falemian, 8 to 5.
At Memphis—Bonnie Prince Charlie, 7 to 1; Magnia, 7 to 1; Jake Sanders, 3 to 1; George Leiper, 8 to 1; Van Ness, 1 to 2; Falemian, 8 to 5.

WRESTLING.

WRESTLER INJURED.
Lima, O., March 28.—After 45 minutes of the most exciting wrestling ever seen in this city, between Al Ackerman, of Forest, and Eddie Barr, of Cincinnati, the contest tonight was suddenly ended by Barr being shoved Marquis of Queensbury rules, and must weigh in at 135 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest. Britt has gone to Harbin Springs. He will train at Larkspur, in Marion County.

FIGHT WAS WARD ALL THE WAY

The Canadian Defeats Cobb, of Detroit, in the Fourth Round.

Detroit, March 28.—A crowd variously estimated at from 800 to 1,000 spectators, was on hand tonight to see Mike Ward, the Sarnia lightweight Canadian champion, knock out Harry Cobb, the fast local boy, in the fourth round of what was to have been a ten-round mill. There was nothing to the affair but Ward from the first bell, and though Cobb showed a gameness that is seldom seen, the Canadian might have won earlier, had he followed up his man on several occasions when he had him to the bad. Cobb was wary of Mike's right and allowed the Canadian to do most of the leading. The latter showed a neat feat which threw the local boy off his guard, and then the left would be shot in for Cobb's jaw. Ward played principally for the head, but sometimes worked for wind with right.

It was simply a matter of a few seconds in the fourth. Cobb wobbled all over the ring, and Ward, fresh and strong, went after him with a fury. Cobb managed to stall for a few seconds, but the Canuck whipped over his vicious right and Cobb went down again. He got up nearly what he is capable of. He is shifter than ever, and his punch in either mitt. Both were under weight, 136 pounds, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

BASKETBALL.

ACTION WAS DEFERRED.
At a meeting of the City Baseball League held last night representatives from the Western Ontario Baseball League were heard, those appearing being J. C. Ponsford, the president, and George Stacey, of St. Thomas.
The scheme put forward was to get London in the league with one team, the idea being to have the city represented by the City League team which happens to have an off-day every Saturday. Action was deferred.

THE GUN.

SPRINGWOOD'S SHOOT.
The regularly weekly shoot of the Springwood Gun Club was held yesterday, when the following scores were made: 25-bird event, Reid 6, Avey 15,

NEW CONTESTS FOR D. R. A.

Ottawa, March 29.—There was a meeting last evening of the match committees of the Dominion Rifle Association, at which it was decided to add two new contests to the programme for the next annual competition at Brockville Ranges. One will be known as the Universities Match, and will be open to all undergraduates in good standing of Canadian universities. The ranges are to be 200 and 300 yards, seven shots at each, with three team and twelve individual prizes, aggregating in value \$125. Of this sum the association contributes \$75, and \$50 is contributed by Col. Burdall, of Montreal. The committee also decided to institute a match open to members of cadet corps, the range to be 200 yards. A movable wind gauge match will probably also be added, open to all-comers, ranges 600 and 800 yards. The D. R. A. meeting will open this year on Aug. 28.

BOWLING.

SEAFORTH'S NEW OFFICERS.
Seaforth, March 29.—The annual meeting of the Seaforth Laxa Bowling Club was held last evening, when officers were elected as follows: President, James M. Miesch, vice-president, W. T. Bright, secretary, W. D. McLean; treasurer, J. S. Roberts. The dates of the annual tournament were fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 4 and 5.

IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST STEP

Dyspepsia Should Begin Right by Using Smith's Triple Cure.

The first point in the treatment of dyspepsia is to remove the cause—to cure the catarrh which causes the dyspeptic condition. When your stomach is strained from overwork, when you eat too much and too often, you must provide relief by removing the burden. Chronic dyspepsia or indigestion in the majority of cases is due to catarrh of the stomach. Smith's Triple Cure cures dyspepsia because it cures catarrh wherever located. It is the first step toward a cure. Begin right by first removing the cause. Smith's Triple Cure will always do this because it takes off the strain; it puts the stomach and digestive organs in a healthy condition. It cleans the mucous membranes and keeps them healthy, so that catarrh cannot exist or find lodgment. The mucous membranes protect the interior of the body just as the skin protects the outside. As long as the mucous membranes are healthy and clean everything works right—digestion and assimilation are normal. Now, suppose the mucous membranes become congested, ulcerated, cankered and covered with foul secretions. You know the gastric glands and function would soon become diseased. Catarrh and dyspepsia would soon rob your system of vigor and your nerves of strength. Now use Smith's Triple Cure and note the change. The mucous membranes soon lose their congested, angry and thickened appearance and the ulcers and cancer heal. That's the first step toward curing dyspepsia and catarrh. Smith's Triple Cure will do this for a dyspeptic or catarrhal case. It removes the cause, makes the digestion natural and healthy, enriches the blood and establishes harmonious action of the digestive organs. All dealers sell Smith's Triple Cure, price 50 cents, each package a full two weeks' treatment, containing four separate preparations, the greatest value for the money ever offered. If your druggist won't supply you, send us 25 two-cent stamps and we will send it postpaid and guarantee safe delivery. Address W. F. Smith Co., 185 St. James St., Montreal.