

EIGHTY MILLIONS STERLING DECLINE

Representative Securities Values on the London Stock Exchange Shrunk Considerably

While Montreal and Toronto stockbrokers were bemoaning the decline in securities on their exchanges, London brokers witnessed a shrinkage in the value of securities for the month of June, amounting to no less than £88,000,000, the exact figures being as follows:—

Aggregate value of 387 representative securities on May 20th, 1913	£3,485,174,000
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Decrease	£88,234,000

Not only is this fall one of the heaviest which has occurred during the past seven years, but the present valuation establishes the lowest point which has been touched. The last revision of the list of representative stocks was made in January, 1907, and, curiously enough, the valuation that month of £3,843,000,000 has proved to be the highest point reached during the six and a half years. It will be seen, therefore, that as compared with this highest point the valuation for the past month shows a depreciation of no less than £447,000,000.

Canadian Rails Shared.

Canadian Rails quoted in London declined sharply, Canadian Pacific being not the least offender. A considerable speculative position was disclosed in Canadian Rails.

During the past month the influences operating have been of a general character, the strain occasioned at all centres on capital by the prolonged anxiety connected with political affairs, together with the financial congestion arising out of the epidemic of new loans, causing an all-round liquidation. As will be seen from the details which follow, scarcely a department has escaped the general malaise, though in some directions the depression has been more severe than in others.

High-class Home British securities have been affected by the influences referred to, and also by the rise in the value of money. Consols have been back to nearly the lowest point they have touched, while kindred securities have been affected, English Railway stocks in particular being sold rather heavily.

Rise in Money Value.

Notwithstanding the rise in the value of money, English Bank shares have weakened a little in sympathy with other markets, and Insurance shares are lower for the month.

In the purely speculative markets the principal feature has been the depression of mining and rubber shares. As regards the latter, the depression has been the most severe which has yet occurred in that department, our list of ten representative companies which had a market value a month ago of £7,030,000, now standing at £5,080,000, the decline for the month being as much as 27 per cent.

NEW BOND ISSUE

An issue of \$250,000 6 per cent., first mortgage 20-year sinking fund gold bonds of William Neilson, Limited, ice cream and candy manufacturers, Toronto, is being made by Messrs. Anderson, Robinson and Harcourt, Toronto. These bonds are being offered at 100 and interest, and carry a bonus of 25 per cent. of common stock.

This company is capitalized as follows:—

	Authorized.	Issued.
7 per cent. preferred stock	\$500,000	\$250,000
Common stock	500,000	500,000
6 per cent. first mortgage bonds.	300,000	300,000

The company's assets are shown as totalling \$549,335, and consist of buildings, machinery, and equipment. The net profits in 1911 were \$75,702, and in 1912 \$84,273, while for the current year the estimate is \$118,663.

The total sales were: 1910, \$240,273; 1911, \$358,424; 1912, \$508,370; 1913, (estimated), \$720,000.

The annual bond interest requirements are \$18,000. These bonds are secured by a trust deed and covering debenture in favor of the National Trust Company, Limited, Toronto, as trustee, covering properties, investments, and all assets of the company, real and personal, present and future. The company's directors are: Messrs. W. Neilson, president; D. M. Sanson, vice-president; J. Firstbrook, A. Cochrane, and Mr. H. M. Neilson, who is the company's general manager.

TO SEEK BRITISH CAPITAL

Mr. Alfred A. Young and Mr. John Genge called at *The Monetary Times'* head office this week on their way to Great Britain. They propose to sell a block of stock of the Commonwealth Trust Company, of Calgary, to investors in Great Britain and the Channel Islands. Mr. Young is one of the best known stock salesmen in Western Canada, and assisted in the promotion of the Saskatchewan Mortgage Corporation, the Saskatchewan Loan and Investment Company, and the Saskatchewan Bond Corporation. Mr. Genge has just become associated with the Commonwealth Trust Company, and has a thorough acquaintance both of Western Canada, the Channel Islands and Great Britain.

The Commonwealth Trust Company has authorized capital of \$2,000,000. In addition to the usual powers of a trust company, it can buy and sell agreements of sale, which at this time is a profitable business. The main objects of the company are loaning money on mortgages on improved farm and city property, and to act as trustees and executors.

The officers of the company are as follow:—President, Honorable Charles W. Fisher, Cochrane, capitalist, speaker in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta; vice-presidents, Major Duncan Stuart, Calgary, barrister, director Alberta Interurban Railway Company; J. R. Sutherland, Calgary, gentleman, late Dominion land agent; George F. Tull, Calgary, managing director of Niblock and Tull, Limited; managing director, D. J. Young, Calgary, president of Young and Kennedy, Limited; secretary and treasurer, E. W. McMullen, Calgary, manager Merchants Bank of Canada, Calgary; directors, Lieutenant-Colonel James Walker, Calgary, capitalist, chairman South East Land Corporation, Limited; Harold W. Riley, M.L.A., Calgary, president Riley's Limited; H. A. MacLean, Calgary, president of Alliance Investment Company (Canada), Limited; Louis M. Roberts, M.L.A., High River, broker, of Roberts & Hunt; Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. Sanders, Calgary, Distinguished Service Order, Police Magistrate, Calgary, and George Pirie, M.D., Calgary.

The company's stock is being sold at a premium of \$15, which makes the selling price \$115 per share.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY

The Northern Assurance Company is one of the old British corporations which by dint of hard work, progressiveness and love of a reputation, has built up a large business throughout the world. As with several other British companies, the Northern has a Canadian branch. The company was established in 1836, and its progress since that date is indicated in the following table:—

Year.	Net Fire Revenue.	Net Life Revenue.	Total Accumulations.
1836	£900	£700	£38,200
1840	2,900	7,000	63,800
1850	8,000	26,200	162,800
1860	121,400	66,800	515,200
1870	213,600	120,800	1,154,200
1880	444,600	168,500	2,621,700
1890	671,400	216,100	3,975,600
1900	752,300	264,800	5,698,300
1912	1,244,400	290,300	7,991,700

The following extracts from the company's accounts for 1912 gives an idea of the corporation's business during that year.

Fire Department.—Reserve for current risks, 1911, £621,487; premiums received, 1912, £1,244,464; total, £1,865,951. Losses incurred in 1912, £659,788; expenses, £468,406; reserve for liability under current risks—50 per cent. of revenue, £622,232; total, £1,750,426; profit on transactions of 1912, £115,525.

Life Department.—New assurances, after deduction of re-assurances, £476,160. Income—Premiums, £290,379; interest (less income tax), £153,162; annuities sold, £56,411; total, £499,952; increase in funds during the year, £141,565.

Accident Department.—Premiums—Employers' liability section, £47,743; accident section, £6,284; general section, £20,930; total, £74,957.

The accumulated funds on December 31st, 1912, were: Capital—subscribed, £3,000,000—paid up, £300,000; fire funds, £1,722,232; life and annuity funds, £5,259,609; endowment and capital redemption fund, £102,089; employers' liability and accident funds, £60,358; investment reserve fund, £35,975; profit and loss, £353,418; staff funds, £158,072; total, £7,991,753.

The Northern commenced business in Canada in 1867. It holds Canadian bonds and debentures amounting to \$438,117, and its total assets in Canada are \$542,735. The gross amount of risks in Canada taken by the Northern in 1912 was \$53,383,260, the premiums charged thereon being \$722,793. Mr. R. W. Tyre is the energetic manager for Canada. His headquarters are Montreal, and largely to his enterprise is due the company's success in the Dominion.