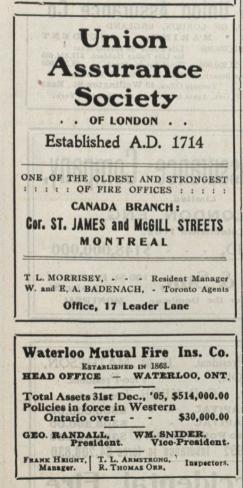




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## FROM PENS AND LIPS.

Has Canada's century begun? — New York Sun.

The fire at Grand Forks again reminds us that eternal vigilance is the price of safety.—Vancouver Daily Province.

In every large business community bankers are looked upon as the moulders of public opinion in financial matters. -C. R. Rand, at Vancouver.

Clues as to the identity of the criminal in arson cases are more difficult to find than in almost any other sort of crime, for the fire, in so many cases, destroys all such clues.—United States Investor.

So these financial depressions are really to a great extent loss of confidence on the part of some of the leading business men, and when one gets alarmed, down comes the entire fabric .-- Calgary Morning Albertan.

The comptroller of the currency is preparing new rules for the guidance of bank examiners. One of the rules should require examiners to reveal the condition of a shaky bank before it closes .- Omaha Bee.

It is to the interest of the taxpayer and ratepayer to see not only that money is spent, but that it is spent well. In that, and in that alone, is the guarantee for the prosperity of the public purse. Mr. Lloyd George, in London.

The keynote of the Canadian banking system has from the first been efficient Government control. The policy has always been to grant bank charters with caution and under safeguards which would absolutely ensure the interests of the general public.-Canada, London.

On the whole the manner in which the period of depression has been weathered reflects the greatest credit upon our banks and bankers and will in the future have a far-reaching influence in still further confirming the confidence with which both are regarded by the people of Canada.—Ottawa Citizen.

London is learning this lesson. What Cobalt interests it has are involved in doubt or reprehensible circusing. Better by far is it to have the truth: that Canadian gold and suver mining flotations, when not vouched for by responsible business men, financiers, and engineers, are best left religiously alone.—Alex-ander Gray, in London Mining Journal.

If the millions of visitors who pass through the turnstiles at the Franco-British Exhibition could be induced on their departure to name the section which, taken by itself, offered the greatest attraction and interest, there is but little doubt that the Canadian Government's magnificent pavilion would stand easily at the head of the poll.—London Times.

The true secret of the success of every great bank of issue is due largely to the following six factors:—Con-trol by responsible and interested re-sident citizens; public confidence in the accuracy of its statements; per-manent deposit of public funds; ample, but not excessive capital: freedom from but not excessive, capital; freedom from legislative restraint, and the fact that it is a monopoly.—R. C. Milliken, in Bankers' Monthly.

Many of the Cobalt properties are building smelters, and the next few months should see several more of these plants in operation at the Canadian sil-ver camp. There is little doubt that the properties are getting out of the hands of the promoters and that the right sort of mining men are working the majority of the mines from a business standpoint. -Wall Street Journal.

It is argued by some that the Canadian fire companies are merely anxious to obtain a form of protection for an infant industry, but with this we cannot in any way agree. If the term "infant" in any way agree. If the term infant is allowable, it must be admitted that it is a strong, lusty infant, which asks for nothing more than equal conditions of competition and fair play for all.—Canadian Gazette, London.



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