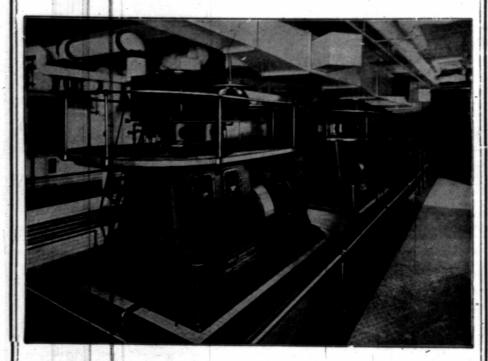
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Some drastic thanges are proposed in the law regarding fire damage by railways. The Committee on Forestry, Commission of Conservation, recommends that several sections be added to the Railway Act, providing that, for every case in which a fire is started by sparks from a railway locomotive, the railway company shall be liable for a fine of \$1.000. It shall be a sufficient defence against prosecution if the company can show that it has used upon the locomotive the best available modern appliance for preventing the spread of sparks; that no negligence has been shown by any of its

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. Duncan Cameron, inspector of the Royal Bank, has been appointed Canadian manager of the Dominion

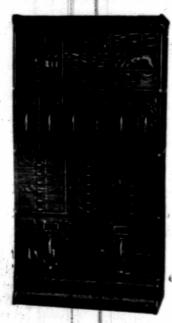
of Canada Trust Corporation. The Finance Corporation ada, Limited, which has a Dominion charter, has been licensed to do business in Ontario. Mr. A. W. Fraser, of Ottawa, has been appointed as the company's attorney.

The Interstate Commerce Commission reports that during the final three months of last year there were 1,099 persons killed and 22,491 injured on the railways of the United States. This is 33 per cent. more killed and 25 per cent. more injured than in the same period of 1908.

Measures, properly planned and enforced by the fire department, for preventing fire in New York, are thus outlined by the Merchants' Association of that city: "Comprehensive, systematic, and continuous official in-spection of all business premises to ensure compliance with all laws and ordinances for the purpose of fire prevention. The general compulsory installation of automatic sprinklers in non-fireproof premises classes.

The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company has moved into its new building at the corner of King and Yonge Streets, Toronto. The company recently purchased this property, probably one of the best real estate investments in the city. The work of moving involved considerable labor, as the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company has a large business and consequently a great quantity of books, papers, records, etc. To the credit of Mr. B. F. Mitchell, assistant secretary of the company, charge of the moving, it was accomp-lished with the loss of only a half day's work by the company's em-

ployees.
servants; and that an efficient staff of fire rangers has been maintained. It is also proposed that the Government railways maintain an efficient staff of fire rangers, and that the Government railways shall provide free transportation for all provincial fire guardians while travelling in the discharge of their official duties. It is also recommended that the Committee again draw the attention of the Dominion Government to the desirability of taking immediate action to form a re-serve of the forest land on the east slope of the Rocky Moun-



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