Ours the Greatest of Them All.

Since Manchester has been transformed from an inland town into a modern seaport attention is being directed towards similar enterprises in other quarters of the world. Among projected schemes is one for adding Brussels to the list of seaport cities. A more ambitious project is the making of a deep water passage from Paris to the sea. With the help of the River Seine it is considered feasible from an engineering point of view and also a reasonably safe investment from a financial point of view. But this is by no means to be compared in magnitude to another proposition that has become a practical question with the French people. It is tical question with the French people. It is seriously discussed to dig a canal from Bordeaux to Narbonne, running parallel with the Alps and connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean Sea. Such a canal would avoid the long journey round Spain and Portugal and give France a short and independent route for her fleets from the Mediterranean to her Atlantic ports, A bill for the constructi of this maritime passage was introduced in the French Chamber last spring, when it was explained that the waterway would be three hundred and twenty-five miles long and that it would have a minimum uniform depth of twenty-seven feet. Large money prizes were offered by the projectors of the enterprise to the French engineers for detailed plans, which were to have been submitted by Jan. I last. It is firmly believed that before any years this great work will be under-

Italy has a one hundred and twenty-five mile canal in view, running from Rome to the Adriatic. The cost is estimated at from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five million dollars. These are some of the big canal projects that European countries are

But right here at home we have a project that surpasses them all in importance. Its object is not to transform a single city into a seaport, but a whole galaxy of cities. The St. Lawrence deep canal project will make seaports out of Port Arthur, Duluth, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Kingston and our own Toronto and numerous other smaller cities. When this channel is completed, as it will be ronto and nun me day before long, the products of the United States and Canada will gravitate towards the banks of this mighty waterway, from the north and from the south, and the imports from foreign countries will travel by the same route in seeking their destination right into the heart of the North American continent. Financially this project ought to be a good investment. It is perfectly feasible, and considering the number of cities and the extent of territory that will be benefited it would require but a very moderate amount of capital to deepen the channel. Canada has of herself just about completed a four-teen-foot channel. With the aid of foreign capital could she not construct a twenty-foot waterway? The traffic that would pass through this canal on its way to and from Europe, and the whole world in fact would be of tremendous volume and able to pay the banks of this mighty waterway, from the north and from the south, and the imports us volume and able to pay dividends on a large amount of capital

The Shareholders Will Bounce the Board. Sir Oliver Mowat in defending the present the Government of which he is leader to a board of directors. The people of the pro-vince are the shareholders, and instead of appointing the officials directly they do it through their Board of Directors, of which Sir Oliver is president. The analogy is all right, but Sir Oliver hasn't reminded the people that they, the shareholders, hold a general meeting every now and then to review the conduct of the directors. Such a general meeting will be held in a few months and at it a motion will be discussed charging

and at it a motion will be discussed charging the president and directors with extravagance, nepotism and dishonesty in the handling of the company's funds. The shareholders don't appoint the officicials, but they hold the destiny of the directors in their hands. They will demand the resignation of the whole outfit at the next general meeting of shareholders.

The Empire's Ottawa correspondent speaks of a probability of statues being erected at the Capital in memory of Sir John Abbott and Mr. Mackenzie, past premiers of the Dominion. Now, with all due respect to the memory of two estimable gentlemen, we submit that neither of them conferred benefits on their country, or occupied such a position in it as would call for this method of perpetuating their fame. They represented different sides in politics, so that it is all the easier to bracket them in the objection we wish to record. What they did and what wish to record. What they did and what they were are matters of history. What Sir John Macdonald did was to make history, and his services were on a totally different plane. To him let a statue be placed, bu there is no good reason for turning Parlia ment Square into an ordinary graveyard. Room should be left for the giants of gene

During the financial crisis which has existed in the financial world during the past 18 months, the United States institutions have suffered great loss, and many excellent

is months, the United States institutions have suffered great loss, and many excellent scourities have shown a marked depreciation in their market value, Unfortnately this same state of affairs has existed in a sister colony, viz., Australia, while even British institutions have also felf the severe strain. It is therefore cause for congratulation to notice that our Canadian financial institutions have remained perfectly solvent, and some of them have, during the period of depression, shown marked progress. Among the latger may be mentioned the North American Life Assurance Company. Its report is published in our columns to-day and we heartily recommend our readers to give it careful perusal, especially the excellent address of the Frestdent, Mr. J. Bialkie, and also the remarks of the other Directors. Mr. Bialkie, from the same allments." Mrs. E. Coleman of Brant House, Burlington, Ont., who was ill for nearly 20 years, old when the company is the company is made by comparing its position with that of the other leading companies, including the giant American institutions, and shows that it now ranks second to none. The new business has been company, and what must be gratifying to its policy-holders is that this business was secured without any increase in the expenses of the company, thus fully demonstrating the claim made, that the company is made by comparing its position with that of the other leading companies in the expenses of the company, and what must be gratifying to the policy-holders is that the company is made and a supply the large surplies accumulated for the policy-holders is that the isolates of the company that the company that all the company is made and a supply the large surplies accumulated for the policy-holders as any other company, whether it be large or small. The vice-president, Hon. G. W. Aliam, who, as president of leading financial institutions, and company and fully confirms the statement of its president, that the Narth American.

Mrs. John H. Pierce.

making an admirable speech on the investments of the Company, giving full details as to the assets of the company and showing in this respect that all loans had been made on a conservative basis and that nothing had been included in the assets that was not of a gilt-edge nature. This course of keeping the policy-holders fully acquainted with the affairs of the company is worthy of commendation and will certainly increase the confidence of all those interested in this sterling institution.

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It is stated that freight rates on grain from Chicago to the East will shortly be re-duced 5c per 100 lbs.

Sale of Jewelry, Etc. The auction sales of Kent Bros.' stock of jewelry, watches, clocks, diamonds and articles of vertu, which commenced on Thursday, have been well attended. The sales are held every day at 2.30 and 7.30 and special arrangements have been made for the comfort of ladies. The entire stock must be sold at whatever price it will bring, the premises have to be vacated and every-thing is guaranteed as represented. Mr. Charles Henderson personally conducts the

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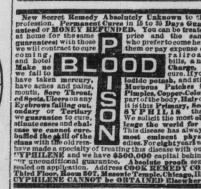
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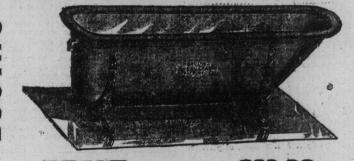
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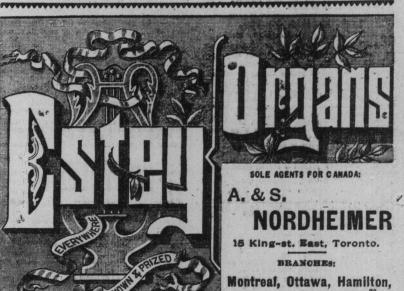


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