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#### BRITISH TITANIC INQUIRY.

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T HE British Board of Trade Court of Inquiry into the Titanic disaster gave its judgment on Tuesday. As was to

be expected, the decision takes the form of a capable. calm, and dignified judgment on the issues involved. The Court finds that the collision of the Titanic

with the iceberg was due to the excessive speed at which the ship was navigated; that a proper watch was not kept; that the ship's boats were properly lowered, but that arrangements for manning them were insufficient; that the liner Californian might have reached the Titanic if she had attempted to do so; that the track followed was reasonably safe with proper vigilance; and that there was no discrimination against third class passengers in the saving of life.

The Court of Inquiry exonerates Mr. J. Bruce Ismay, chairman and managing director of the White Star Line, and Sir Cosmo Duff-Gordon, one of the passengers, from any charges of improper conduct.

The judgment recommends more water-tight compartments in sea-going ships, the provision of lifeboats for all on board, and more efficient drill of the crew, as well as a better lookout.

A number of suggestions are made for investigation by the Board of Trade. Among them: the practicability of providing sea-going ships, in addition to their watertight transverse bulkheads, with a double skin carried above the water-line or with a longitudinal vertical watertight bulkhead on each side of the vessel, or with both; the question of providing a watertight deck or decks, stretched along the whole or part of the ship at a convenient distance above the water line, and should also investigate whether the openings should be watertight doors or some other device, and that the Board should have the power co enforce its decisions on these questions. A very sensible recommendation is that the number of boats be based not upon tonnage, but upon the number of persons carried.

THE SS. EMPRESS OF BRITAIN.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Britain with 730 passengers on board, on Friday evening narrowly escaped the fate

of the Titanic. While going cautiously through a dense fog in the gulf somewhere between Cape Magdalen and Fame Point on her way from Quebec to Liverpool, the great ship came into collision with the 85. Helvetia, a collier of the Black Diamond Line bound to Quebec and Montreal. The collier which was crossing the bows of the Empress was almost cut in two and sank shortly after the collision. The bows of the Empress were badly stove in, and her fore compartments were filled with water. The captain of the Helvetia with his wife and niece and 43 officers

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and crew were all saved by the boats of the Empress. About 200 of the passengers on the Empress of Britain were transferred to the Allan Line SS. Pretorian bound to Glasgow, others returned on the Empress to Quebec. It is stated that the captain of the C. P. R. steamer had no choice but to ram the Black Diamond boat, otherwise the Empress of Britain would have been rammed by the Helvetia, and a disaster of appalling magnitude would have resulted. As it was no lives were lost.

# STRIKE.

LONDON DOCK ON Saturday, the London dock strike, which has inflicted great suffering upon the strikers and their families since May, was

officially declared off by the Strike Committee. Thirty thousand of the fifty thousand strikers, however, are displeased with the surrender, and on Sunday at a mass meeting rejected the manifesto of the committee and adopted a resolution not to resume work until they have consulted their unions. There was never any justification for the strike not even the reasonable hope of success. An attempt to enlist the sympathies of the transport workers all over the country, and organize a general strike, failed as soon as it was proposed. The immediate cause of the strike was the employment of a non-union foreman; the men who refused to work under him naturally were locked out, and the strike followed. Whatever other grievances the men had, the employers pledged themselves to give due consideration, as soon as work was resumed. We have no doubt that the pledge will be kept. Whatever amelioration the dockers secure might just as well have been hau weeks ago, without the starvation or semi-starvation of thousands of men, women and children.

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PREMIER ROBLIN S IR RODMOND ROBLIN, Pre-

interviewed at Mount Clemens, ON THE NAVY QUESTION. Mich.

"What would you say about a

Canadian navy?" he was asked. "We don't want one any more than Scotland does," was his reply. "My stand is for one navy, one flag and one king. What earthly good would be a navy in Canadian waters with the British fleet engaged with Germany in the English Channel. If we are going to be a part of the empire we must assume our responsibilities, and to do this, in my opinion, we ought to pay our share in the empire's defence. And I believe that a substantial contribution every year would meet the situation better than frittering away our money on a navy that might be of no possible use to the empire in time of trouble."

That is the answer to the navy question in a nutshell, and every word is common sense.

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# **Prominent Topics.**

Death of the

The world is the poorer for the death of Mutsuhito, Emperor Emperor of Japan. of Japan. It is usual to attribute to him personally the con-

version of the Japanese system of absolutism into a constitutional monarchy, and the adoption of the best elements of western civilisation which accompanied that development. Many observers will, however, recall that it is one of the most cherished traditions of the Japanese people to attribute to the virtue of their emperor credit for all good fortune, including their victories by sea and land. Nevertheless, it is incontestable, that the marvellous reforms which have characterised His Majesty's reign have been greatly facilitated by the cordial approval and the active encouragement of this most democratic of oriental despots. The youngest of the Great Powers has become a factor to be reckoned with all over the world during the reign of Mutsuhito, and the most captuous of critics must admit that such a result would have been impossible had the late Emperor opposed instead of aided the movement. The nation mourns an enlightened, broad-minded, honorable, unselfish and patriotic monarch.

Reform.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Practical Temperance Western Railroad, inspired by the disaster at Corning, N.Y., has adopted a rule forbidding

all employees conected with the operation of its trains from using intoxicants either while on or while off duty. Further, all classes of employees directly connected with the movement of trains, according to another new rule, are prohibited from using their time while off duty in a manner that may unfit them for the safe, prompt, and efficient performance of their duties. This rule applies particularly to men who might spend their time playing poker or other card games. The management, in formulating this rule, came to the conclusion that there were many forms of dissipation besides drinking that might unfit men for duty.

The prohibitions are excellent and fully justified by the exigencies of public safety. There is, however one from of dissipation which is apt to unfit train hands for the safe, prompt and efficient performance of their duties, and which should be just as sternly prohibited. That is the practice of working unreasonably long hours. We frequently hear of engine drivers working until through sheer exhaustion, they fall asleep on their engines.

Montreal Accepts Temporary Loan. The Montreal City Council has accepted from the Bank of Montreal a temporary loan of £750,-000 (\$3,500,000) on Treasury

bills, for six months, at 41/2 per cent., or with commission and stamp duties 47%. Besides the £750,000

loan the Council passed by-laws giving the city authority to borrow sums of \$248,646 and \$5,214,000 for public works. The first sum is the balance of the amount which the city was entitled to borrow on the strength of last year's assessment. The second represents the 12 per cent. calculated on the net increase of \$43,450,000 for this year.

The financial statement of the city reads as follows:

In conformity with section 343 of the Charter (amended in 19a12).

Value of assessable real estate, less probable reductions According to roll of 1911.....\$318,000,000,00 According to roll of 1910.....\$319,550,000.00 ..... \$ 61,450,000.00 Increase..... Less Value of the properties of the Harbor Commissioners assessed for the first time in the roll of 1911, provisionally reduced pending the decision of the Court about. . . . \$ 18,000,000,00 Net increase.....\$ 43,450 000.00 Borrowing power of, at 12 per cent......\$ 5,214,000,00 Mr. Henry Bruere, a director

European Municipal Administration.

of the Bureau of Municipal Research with four members of the staff sailed this week for

Germany. Their mission is to study the working of municipal administration in seven or eight of the principal German cities beginning at Frankfurt, which has the reputation of being one of the best-governed cities in Germany, and it is there that Bruere and his associates expect to find methods of municipal administration which can be applied to American cities. Particular attention will be given to finance, budgetmaking, public works, and civil-service activities. German officials have given assurance of co-operation. In Frankfurt, the city departments were thrown open to the inquiries by formal action of the magistrate. The investigation, will extend over a period of six months.

The idea is one that might well be adopted by Montreal. Major George Washington Stephens has shown what can be done on these lines in one branch of investigation, that is to say harbour construction and administration. It is really astonishing that so little has been done by Canadian and American cities in the way of systematic investigation of European methods of municipal administration. We do not even pretend that we have nothing to learn from the old world in these matters. We freely admit that many civic departments are better managed in London, Glasgow, Paris, or Berlin. But so far as actual investigation is concerned it has never gone beyond the limits of an aldermanic jaunt, by which little or nothing has been learned. The work requires to be energetically and systematically done by competent observers, such as we imagine are Mr. Bruère and his assistants. In all Germany and in all Europe they will fail to find anything so monstrous as the New York police administration, but they may find out, how Europe manages to be free from such evils. We do not say that the European cities have nothing to learn from this continent, but it is safe betting that they know more about our methods than we know about theirs.

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# THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The new gold offered in London this week amounted to \$5,000,000, and most of it passed into the possession of the Bank of England. Bank rate is maintained at 3 p.c. In the open market at London call money is quoted 21/4 to 21/2 p.c.; short bills are 3 per cent.; and three months bills 31-16 p.c. Across the channel at Paris the market rate for discounts is 25%, while at Berlin it is 33%. Bank of France rate is held at 3 p.c., and the rate of the German Reichsbank is 41/2. Although the striking dock workers in London were last week ordered back to work by their leaders, many of them are said to have refused to obey. It is quite probable that the events of the past year or so in the British labor world will have some effect in lessening the virulence of the strike fever. England has experienced several important stoppages. There was the railway strike, which was followed by the big coal strike, and the London dock workers' strike which has just ended.

To be sure the labor unions secured some concessions from the employing classes and from the British Government, but what they gained is a mere

drop in the bucket of losses. Thousands of families were reduced to beggary because the preadwinners were earning nothing. The funds of the unions were practically exhausted through the heavy payments made as strike benefits. A considerable amount of British trade was driven to foreign countries and cannot be recovered. The much talked of trump card of the unions—a general or national strike-has been tried, and found to be more injurious to the working classes and to the unions themselves than to any other class. It is no wonder, under these circumstances, that the union leaders, or some of them, are pronouncing the strike as a workingmen's weapon an object failure. There must be thousands of workmen who are now convinced that different means will have to be found of coercing or in-

fluencing employers. It would not be surprising if the United Kingdom now enjoyed a season of comparative immunity from important labor troubles. If that proves to be the case, the financial and industrial situation will be greatly benefitted.

European financial markets have been somewhat cheered during the past week or two by the circumstantial reports to the effect that the Turco-Italian war may be terminated in a short time. That war promises to have serious effects upon Italy the aggressor; perhaps the close of the struggle will bring those evil results more clearly into view.

The money market in New York moves steadily, if slowly, in the direction of higher interest. Call loans are 3 p.c.; sixty day paper, 3½ p.c.; ninety days, 3¾ to 4 p.c.; six months 4¾ to 5. The hardening tendency is more in evidence in case of time loans. According to the Saturday statement the clearing house institutions' loans increased \$6,879,-000, their cash increased \$2,880,000, and their excess cash reserve increased \$72,700—from \$10,165,800 to \$19,238,500. In case of the banks alone the loan expansion was \$9,769,000, the cash gain, \$0,600,000, and the increase of surplus \$5,475,500. With this gain the surplus of the banks rises to \$19,274,000.

It is not to be expected that the banks can continue to show important gains in cash for more than a couple of weeks. The American spring wheat harvest is always a little ahead of the Canadian harvest; and cutting will commence in our own Northwest in ten days or a fortnight. Besides the drain to the harvest field the New York banks may have to send several millions in gold coin to Montreal. The Canadian balances in New York are very large, and a gold movement is quite within the possibilities. New York funds are quoted steadily at a discount in the Montreal and Toronto exchange markets. Also the foreign exchange quotations in New York have been moving in a manner to raise expectations of another gold export. movement to Europe. A gold export movement in the fall months would be quite unusual. If it materializes it will apparently

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dispose of the theory that the New York banks have yet a large amount of free money due them by Berlin.

The money situation in Canada is unchanged. Call loans in Montreal are 5 p.c. and in Toronto 5½. Fluctuations in the quotations for the more active stocks in the two Canadian markets are being closely observed. There is, of course, a considerable numher of speculators interested on the long side; and the banking and financial interests are watching for signs of reaction to make their appearance. Some further issues of Canadian securities are reported in London. One of £118,000 represented 6 p.c. bonds in a Saskatchewan farm lands concern—the Union Bank of Canada being sponsors therefor. It is safe to say that all issues of this nature now appearing in London carry with them substantial underwriting fees.

The London Economist, in commenting on Calgary's recent loan of \$2,500,000, points out that the varying dates of maturity of loans of a city like Calgary constitutes an unfavorable market feature. It says the issues would be more marketable if there was an average date of maturity for the whole loan.

A noteworthy feature of the Toronto stock market latterly is seen in the strength of the shares of the leading loan and mortgage companies. Thus the stock of the Canada Permanent this week crossed the 200 mark. As the dividend is now 9 p.c., the net yield is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  p.c. The big mortgage companies are finding the Western field very profitable, the last couple of years. Eight per cent, is easily procurable on good farm loans and there is a very strong demand for all the money they can spare, at high rates.

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### THE JUNE BANK STATEMENT.

The two striking changes in the June bank statement are the loan expansion of \$11,657,539, and the increase of \$8,192,515 in the bank note issues. With reference to the former it is, of course, well known that a movement of advancement in industry and trade, such as Canada has been latterly experiencing. could not be continued without steady expansion of bank loans. Consequently all who are in touch with events happening in Canadian trade and industry expect to see the footings of the column containing the current loans and discounts rise steadily from month to month. The increase of \$11,600,000 in June compares with one of \$4,000,000 in May, and with increase of \$17,300,000 in April, \$22,100,000 in March, \$17,900,000 in February, and \$1,000,000 in January. Thus the total loan expansion in the first half of 1912 is \$74,000,000. This far surpasses the loan expansion of the first half of 1911. Loans increased but \$40,800,000 between December, 1910, and June, 1911. In the first half of 1910 loans increased \$56,400,000; in the first half of 1909 the increase was \$13,800,000.

While considering the large expansion taking place in the half-year just ended it is necessary to remember that when business is normal or prosperous the December half inevitably sees a heavy increase of bank loans. Credits are granted on a huge scale in connection with the crop movement and in connection with other important operations then carried on. Last year between June 30th and December 31st, current loans in Canada rose \$57,000,000; in the same period of 1910 the rise was \$28,000,000; and in 1900 it was \$57,500,000. So it is safe to assume that a further heavy increase of the home commer-

cial loans will be seen in the second half of 1912, if general conditions in the Dominion continue as at present.

The great loan expansion in the fall months acts largely upon the note circulation. As the loans to the grain and milling companies expand, the bank note circulation rises. Of course it also has a certain effect in increasing the current account balances held by the banks. The loan expansion in the first half of the year acts more directly upon the deposits. It has helped to bring about the increase of deposits. The rise in the bank note circulation in lune this year and in the same month last year is somewhat unusual. This year in that month the note issues rose \$8,200,000, and last year the June increase was \$6,800,000; whereas in 1910 the circulation moved up only \$2,600,000, in June, 1909, only \$1,000,000, and in June, 1908, only \$400,000. In the three years prior to 1911 there was in each case after the January contraction a slight rise in March or April, reflecting the payment of the lumber camps, and then the circulation remained at about the same level throughout the summer until August or September.

Probably the unusual rise seen in June, 1011 and 1012, resulted from general action among the banks in storing or hoarding sundry bank notes in preparation for a currency shortage. Last year the bankers had to take into account the fact that three months would have to elapse before the excess issues would be available on October 1st. This year they had to keep in mind that the months of July and August had to be passed before the excess notes could be put out. At the present time (beginning of August) most of the banks are paying out sundries. But the new \$5 Dominion notes are now available and will doubtless be extensively used in case the sundries making counter payments.

Taking the deposits of the public in Canada the June statement shows an increase of roundly \$2,500,-000. The notice deuosits increased \$6,000,000, but the demand deposits fell \$3,450,000. The decline in the current accounts is, in all probability, merely the natural reaction following the extraordinary gain of \$31,600,000 effected in the preceding month. That increase of over \$31,000,000 in May established a new record as regards monthly increases of demand deposits in Cnaada. The greater part of it was accounted for by increase in deposits of the Bank of Commerce, some suppose through transfer of funds for prospective Canadian Northern expenditures or in connection with other special transactions.

This large special gain in May should be kept in mind when the bank statements for July, August, and September appear. It is quite probable that the parties controlling the funds recently transferred will require to draw upon their balances to meet the expenditures of the summer months. And in that case the withdrawal of the special funds would have a tendency to offset or neutralize gains of deposits from other sources.

Government deposits fell \$1,500,000 in June, and the deposits outside Canada increased about \$4,200,-000. With reference to this last mentioned class of deposits it is well understood that the totals are affected materially by the changes occurring in the position or attitude of the London market for Canadian securities. At present it is not an easy matter to float new municipal or other securities in London unless the securities are burdened with higher rates



of interest than those paid by the borrowing corporations in the past. And it appears likely that the English underwriting and financial houses will require to be given a period of rest or relief to enable them to clear away the congestion that has been created.

But, as Canada needs a constant supply of new funds for carrying on development work, it is to be hoped that in the fall the British market will be in better position for taking Canadian bonds and stocks. In the meantime an important source whence the Canadian banks have been securing large deposits seems to be partially closed temporarily.

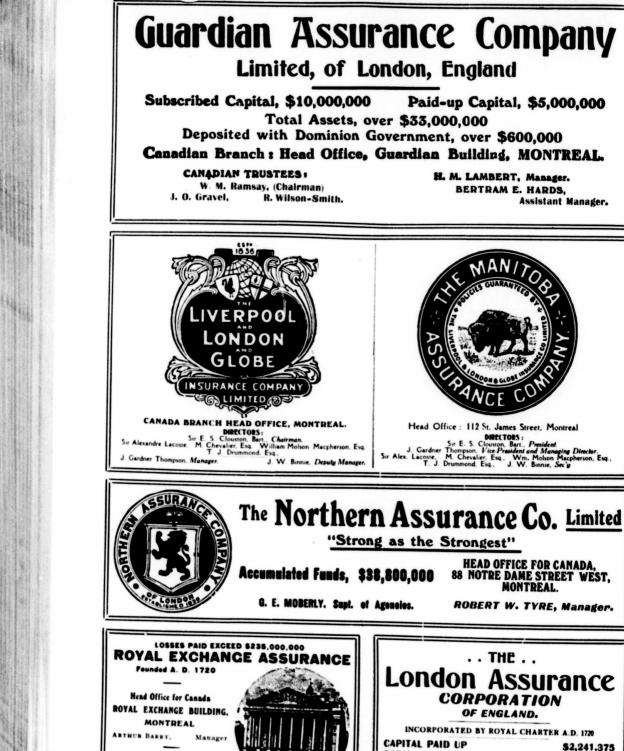
One of the most satisfactory features of recent bank statements is the record of the available reserves. Critics in the United States and in Europe, mindful of the great speculative activity in various parts of Canada, have been watching closely to see if the bank reserves were falling. But if they expected to see a weakening of the bank position in the first half of 1912, they have been disappointed. In June specie holdings increased \$1,300,000; Dominion notes decreased \$3,200,000. But the net foreign bank balances increased \$4,200,000 and the foreign call loans (upon rectification of the mistake by which

# Statement of the Chartered Banks of Canada.

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Statistical Abstract for Month Ending June 30th, 1912, giving Comparison of Principal Items, with Increase or Decrease for the Month and for the Year.

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Dom and Prov Securities.	9,168,353	9,203,526	23,272,829		47.952	
Con Mun For Pub. Securities	21,433,677	23,287,300	60,474,196		341,422	and the second sec
Rlwy. & other Bonds & Stocks	62,292,016	61,239,946				1,487,094
Total Securities held	92,894.046	93,730,7 72	94 381,140			
		68,305,1 57	61,507,268	+ 64,730,940	+ 3,797,413	
Call Loans in Canada	133,036,097	115.832.7 36	97,865,400		6 + 9,120,320	-
Call Loans outside Canada	56,235,570	110,002,100			4 + 12,917,73	5 + 29,898,999
	189.271.667	184,137,8 93	159,372,668	3 + 5,133,77	····	
Total Call and Short Loans					9 + 9,775,70	9 + 131,070,703
Current Loans and Disc'ts in	848,940,089	837,282,550	717,869,386	6 + 11,657,53	0.00 00	
Canada	010,010,000	33,478,564	33,557,61	776,00		
Current Loans & Disc'ts outside	and the second se	870,761.114	751,427,00	3 + 12,433,54		
Total Current Loans and Disc'ts	883,194,657	810,101,111			7 + 22,332,74	7 + 161,666,653
		1.054,899.007	910,799,67	1 + 17,570,31	+	
Aggregate of Loans to Public	1,012,100,021					9 ⊥ 156,859
Loans to Dominion Gov'ment		7,038	1,682,49	5 + 210,38	7 + 34,09	0 007 001
Loans to Prov. Governments.	1,839,354	1,628,967		001 77	7 + 154,37	100
Overdue Debts	0,100,000	3,368,108			660,97	000 014
Dank Dromises	00,001,100	34,960,590			6 - 8,6	
Other Real Estate and Mortgages	6,001,100	2,661,862		3 - 2,498,63	32 + 1,342,10	
Other Assets	10,000,101	16,159,339	and the second sec			79 + 188,311,185
TOTAL ASSETS	1,490,443.071	1,474,715,460	1,302,131,80			
Liabilities.			00 010 0	9 + 8,192.5	15 + 6.756.4	
Notes in Circulation.	102,011,848	93,819,333			06 + 1.172.1	
Due to Dominion Government	3,010,000	10,233,3 5				42 + 172,36
Due to Provincial Government	s 27,969,243	28,524,41	27,796,8			
Due to Provincial dovernment				54 - 3,453,0	22 + 11,020,6	48 + 63,695,33
Dept's in Can. payable on de-	373,500,189	376,953,21	7 309,804,8	54 - 3,453,0		
mand Dep'ts in Can. payable after				54 + 6,023,3	43 + 2,658,4	
notice	631 317,687	625,294,34				54 + 130,145,46
Total Dept's of Public in Ca		1,002,247,56				30  + 4,345,14
Total Dept's of Public in Cal Dep'ts elsewhere than in Cal		77,874.54			100 1	
Dep is elsewhere than in cu	and the second sec		1 952,394,3	56 + 6,762,		
Total Dept's other than Govt.		-	3,938,9	97		$ \begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Loans from other Banks in Ca	n				648 + 776,	0.000 51
Den'te by other Banks in Cal				193 + 540,	096 - 389,	100
Due to Die & Agencies in U.	n. 0,100,100			295 + 279.		1000 5
Due to Bks. & Agencies elsewne	10			156 + 1.186	10.	
Other Liabilities					.629 + 31.224	184 + 160,766,1
TOTAL LIABILITIES.	1,262.641.35	3 1,247,306,7	1,101,875,	1 .0.001		
Capital, etc.				948		515 + 11,523,2
Capital, etc.	112,588,53	7 112,339,9			338 + 252	,306 + 14,088,0
Capital paid up	101,031,18	6 100,878,8		100 1	425 + 176	179 + 1,082,2
Reserve Fund. Liab. of Directors and their fire		9 10.640.8				663 + 13,092,7
Greatest Circulation in Month	1 103,295,60	2 100,557,1		000 000	449	
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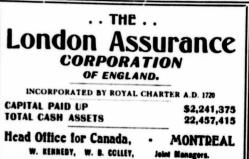
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HEAD OFFICE FOR CANADA,

88 NOTRE DAME STREET WEST, MONTREAL.

ROBERT W. TYRE, Manager.

BERTRAM E. HARDS.

Assistant Manager.

the Bank of Montreal's call loans elsewhere were placed in the wrong column) show an increase of over \$4,700,000. Thus the percentage of reserve to net liability moved up a small fraction. And on comparing the percentage of the available assets with the percentage recorded for June last year, it is seen to be practically the same. So far this year the percentage of reserve to liability has moved steadily upwards. Every month excepting April has seen a small fractional gain.

The increase of paid capital in June was only \$249,000; but in the six months the increase has been \$4,600,000. Several banks are receiving instalments on new capital subscriptions recently made; and it is probable that between now and September 30th there will be further additions to the paid-up capital as such additions to capital would confer valuable note-issuing rights which could be used at once. The rests increased \$152,000 in June. Counting the going banks only the total of rest accounts now amounts to over 92 p.c. of paid-up capital. And with the approach of the end of the calendar year it is probable that the rests will be brought two or three points nearer the round 100 p.c. of capital.

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#### CURRENCY AVAILABLE FOR AUTUMN REQUIREMENTS.

With the rise of over \$8,000,000 in June, the bank note circulation overtopped all previous end-of-themonth records excepting that for October 31st, 1911. The circulation stood \$13,400,000 higher than at the corresponding period in 1911. This extensive rise, of course, served to narrow the available margin of issue power quite materially. The margin as at June 30th last, on paper, was \$7,576,689. Making allowance for the fact that banks with many branches dare not approach too close to the line, this supposed margin would shrink a couple of millions. So, the real margin at the end of June would be about

\$5,500,000. The apparent margin of \$7,576,689 compares as follows with the record for the past three years—only those months being taken in which the excess isses cannot be made.

cacetoo nooro	Authorized	Circulation.	Margin.
1912.	Issue.		\$ 7,576,689
June	\$109,588,537	\$102,011.848	
May		93,819,333	15,520,606
	. 109,038,900	95,145,371	13,893,529
	108,172,899	95,918,404	12,254,495
1911.	. 101,392,280	97,197,176	4,195,104
September		90,630.530	10.086.430
August	00 000 100	89,018,079	10,608,417
July	00 007 000	88.618.699	9,446,607
June	05 000 501	81,862,218	16.030,573
May	0	83,647,088	14.001.629
April		81,938,753	15,503,089
March		79,927.785	17.524.212
February	97,451.997	10,001,100	
1910.	96,490,249	87,256,332	9,233,917
September	00 100 070	81,321,439	14.878,431
August	05 000 101	80,929,290	14.874.174
July	95,803,464	79,781.631	15,946,711
June	95,728,342	77,194,344	18,120,668
May	95,315,012		16,141.206
April	94,917,434	78,776.228	
March		78,265,822	16,565,887
February	01 220 250	74,686,443	20,087,307
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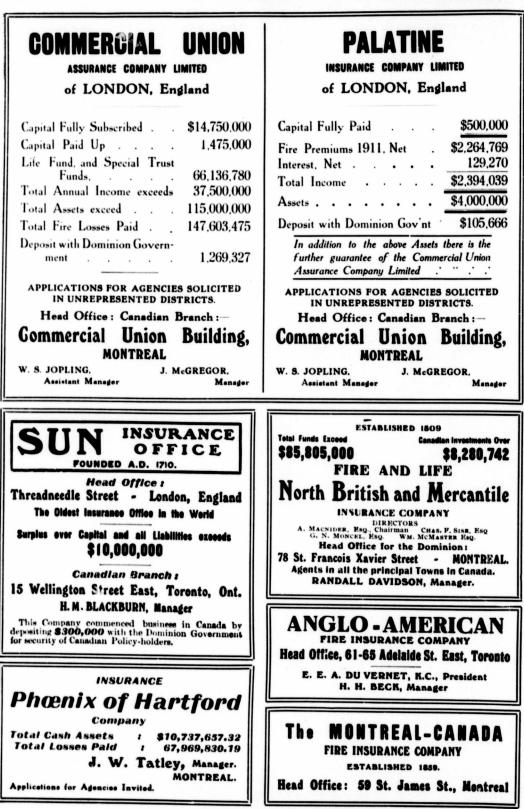
This table shows that the margin at the end of June, 1912, was much narrower than at the end of June, 1911. In fact it is the narrowest margin of any month shown in the table excepting September, 1911, in which month the shortage of currency was quite pronounced. The provision of the new Government \$5 bills has probably served to prevent a currency famine in July and August this year. The banks know they can get these notes if they need them; and so the hoarding or storing of sundry notes is kept within bounds.

In the next table the paid-up capital, circulation, and margin of issue power, of each going bank as at June 30th, appear; the table also gives the amount of excess notes each bank is authorized to put out this fall, on the basis of capital and rest reported on June 30th last.

Bank	Paid Capital June 30, 1912	Circulation June 30, 1912	Margin of Issue Power	Paid up Capital and Rest June 30, 1912	Excess Issue Authorized on basis of cap and rest as at June 30, 1912	Margin of Ordinary Issue Plus Excess Issue Power
Montreal. New Brunswick. Quebec. Nova Scotia. British. Toronto. Molsons. Molsons. Merchants. Provinciale. Merchants. Provinciale. Merchants. Provinciale. Morchants. Commerce. Royal. Dominion. Hamilton. Standard. Hochelaga. Ottawa. Imperial. Traders. Metropolitan. Horen Crown. Northern Crown.	june 30, 1912 \$ 15,987,770 1,000,000 2,500,000 4,866,666 4,969,380 4,000,000 6,633,554 1,000,000 4,952,370 15,000,000 2,975,600 2,922,780 3,500,000 6,000,000 4,480,000 1,288,311 2,207,500		Issue Power <b>\$</b> 767,567 42,386 104,455 197,585 392,674 274,658 319,433 51,303 380,423 26,022 237,756 1,528,751 645,326 172,774 204,530 61,937 175,535 65,825 313,928 445,323 7,608 87,976 153,675 13,541		$\begin{array}{c} 19^{12} \\ \hline \\ \$ 4,798,167 \\ 418,506 \\ 562,500 \\ 1,725,000 \\ 764,066 \\ 1,640,814 \\ 1,290,000 \\ 510,000 \\ 1,805,003 \\ 225,000 \\ 1,204,283 \\ 4,125,000 \\ 1,204,283 \\ 4,125,000 \\ 2,517,954 \\ 4,1,625,730 \\ 957,270 \\ 690,000 \\ 835,917 \\ 1,125,000 \\ 835,917 \\ 1,125,000 \\ 1,800,006 \\ 1,054,913 \\ 3,37,500 \\ 260,747 \\ 3,68,655 \\ 1,95,122 \end{array}$	
Sterling Vancouver Weyburn Internationale	822,820 310,000	447,100 207,510 886,460	375,720 102,490 457,618	822,820 325,000 1,344,07	0 48,750 8 201,612	151.240 1,659,230
Inter matrices and a	109.588,537	101,981,718	7,606,819	210,619,72	3 31,210,926	38,817,74

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If nothing disastrous happens to Canadian prosperity, the indications are that the new Dominion fives will be extensively used this fall. The figures here given show that an ample supply of currency is available. The banks may use roundly \$5,500,000 of untaxed notes up to August 31st; and after that date upon accepting the responsibility for the 5 p.c. tax, they may use an additional \$31,000,000 of their own notes. In addition to this potential currency reserve of about \$38,000,000 there are the Dominion "fives." No doubt the Government will have \$10,000,000 or more of these notes printed and signed in readiness for meeting the demand from the banks. So altogether, if the need for it arose, currency to the extent of about \$50,000,000 could be supplied. Quite probably \$25,000,000 in bank notes and small government notes in addition to the amount now in circulation, will be sufficient. It should be noted that the outstanding circulation of Dominion notes will not likely increase to the full extent of the new "fives" circulated by the banks. The banks will procure many of the Government "fives" through turning in large "legals"; and while the issue of Dominion "fives" is expanding the issues of Dominion \$1,000 and \$5,000 notes may be contracting.

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### From Western Fields.

"Western Canada fully justifies the confidence that has been and is being placed in its resources and possibilities by capitalists in the eastern portions of the Dominion and throughout the United States," said G. H. Dunscom, representing the First National Bank of Chicago, who was a visitor in Edmonton with seventeen members of the Chicago Association of Commerce, July 16, on a tour of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, described by Hubert F. Miller, business manager of the organization, as a "crusade of acquaintance."

"The growth and progress which seems to us so phenomenal is, no doubt, accounted for by the fact that the builders of western Canada have assisted in their development the financial resources of the east," Mr. Dunseom continued, adding: "In that respect the Canadian West is more fortunate than were the middle states at a similar period in their development. In those days there was not the almost unlimited capital which is at the call of western Canada to-day.

"The people of western Canada have the faith that moves mountains, to use a figure of speech that will come somewhere near doing justice to the subject. Here is a country of wonderful potentialities, and we find, too, that the people on the ground are fully conscious of their heritage and will bring the country, as yet hardly scratched so far as the development of its resources is concerned, to the forefront of nations in the years that are ahead."

Charles F. Gunther, owner of the Coliseum and n anufacturer, was even more enthusiastic in his praise, referring to central Alberta and the Ed nonton district as "God's country," adding: "I had no idea you possessed such things up here. Such development and such possibilities for manufacturing as well as all lines of business in the city and diversified farming in the country. Here are opportunities for

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"What we have seen on this trip has convinced us that the territory, of which Edmonton is the strategic center, is one of the finest farming countries in the world and we shall tell our friends so when we return. You have longer days than we have and consequently more sunshine, and as sunshine is the source of practically all life, there is no wonder that your country can beat the world in producing the finest grain."

The visitors were welcomed at the Canadian Pacific Railway station at 7 o'clock in the morning by H. Milton Martin, president, and members of the Edmonton Board of Trade. Edward E. Gore, representing the firm of Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., chairaran of the party, expressed the appreciation of the visitors for the splendid reception they had been accorded on their arrival and for the arrangements that had been made for their interest. He said the Anglo-Saxon spirit of perseverance and doggedness was manifest in the West, and no halt would be called in western development until the greatest things had been achieved.

After breakfast at the King Edward Hotel the Chicagoans visited various parts of the city, and following the lunchcon most of the members of the party joined the officials of the Board of Trade on an excursion into the country to inspect the crops and see the agricultural and industrial resources tributary to the city. The visitors were deeply impressed with what they saw and did not hesitate a morent to express their appreciation of the city and country. Coming as the representatives of the 5,000 business firms making up the Chicago Association of Commerce, the largest organization of its kind in the world, they did not permit themselves to be deceived, and their findings will be the last word on the subject of western Canada, Edmonton and the hinterland.

"We came to acquaint ourselves with Canadian business men and to know more about this wonderful Western Canada," was the way Mr. Miller, business manager of the association put it. "There are men in this delegation who are heavily interested in this country, and they have come to see for themselves, to note the development and growth. Each locality has been investigated in so far as has been possible with a view to a discovery of future opportunity and possibility. At the same time we want Canadians to know Chicagoans better. This is the proper step toward making for closer and better relations between the countries.

"This is not a junket. It is a busy business men's trip. It has been impossible to visit every city which has cordially and flatteringly invited us to visit the n, for owing to the shortness of the time at the disposal of these busy men we have been forced to decline with great regret such pleasant invitations."

The visitors left Edmonton on the return trip to Chicago at 10 o'clock going by way of Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and St. Paul.

The Dominion Bond Company, Limited, announce the opening of a branch office in the Rogers Building, Vancouver, British Columbia, under the management of Mr. William F. Irwin.

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# Insurance in the United States.

The main topic of interest in fire insurance circles at the present time is the question of classification. Naturally enough, the companies object to being held down to a strict matter of classification, embracing risks and experiences, because, even their own experience, company by company, shows that no data that they can furnish would be of avail so far as the requirements of the New York Insurance Department are concerned. It appears, now, that the New York Insurance Department has withdrawn its demands for a complete classification of the experience of the fire insurance companies. It is well that it has done so. It is well understood among fire insurance companies that the question of classification is null and void so far as any rate-making in the future is concerned. No longer than three days ago, the resident manager of a great foreign fire insurance company informed the writer, that he would accept no classification, even of the risks of his own company, more than five years old. Fortunately, the insurance department of this State has now remarked that he will, for the present, forego any demands which he may have made upon the companies for their experience as to classification.

To sum up in a brief paragraph, the classification method is a mistake and a misnomer. No company, also no collection of companies, can tell in advance according to their past experience, what the rate of any risk ought to be. It may appear easy to the novitiate in insurance affairs to judge from past experience how to compute the rate on risks which are to be in future assumed. It must be evident, however, to those who think upon the subject, that no previous rate on risks already taken can be adequate for the occasion. Any kind of a risk may be written in a certain place, but this may not be regarded as a basis for a proper rate on the same kind of a risk elsewhere. The ideas of the insurance departments of the companies reporting to the great State of New York and to other important commonwealths nearby are immensely exaggerated by their thought of what ought to be the legitimate rate on any particular hazard in any particular vicinage.

For the present, considering the fact that the New York Insurance Department has dropped for the present the matter of classification, the subject may appear of little importance to our readers. It is certain, however, to rise into significance and distinct value as the years go on and the State interferes more and more in the affairs of fire underwriting.

So great is the progress of life insurance in this country, as indicated by the amount of writings of the various great companies, that it is evident that some of the formerly so-called "giants" must be looking out lest they exceed the Armstrong law of 1906. It appears that the Equitable Life has now, up to date, proportionately exceeded the statute of 1906, and has written for the first six months of 1912, \$79,000,000 of business. Therefore, the vicepresident of the company has called upon the agents showing that they must hereafter let down upon their efforts, in order that they may not exceed the \$150,-000,000 prescribed by law. The New York Life has already exceeded this sum, but that company has made provision by a regulation in its expense ratio, whereby it may legitimately exceed the \$150,000,000 mark.

Mr. W. R. Strong, secretary at the home office of the London Guarantee & Accident Company, which maintains a large branch in this country, has, after a protracted visit of the agencies of the United States office, sailed for England. It may be remarked, in passing, that Mr. F. W. Lawson, manager of the United States Branch is about to sail for England, partly for recreation and partly for a visit to the Home Office.

The entire fraternal insurance community mourns with Manager George W. Babb, of the Northern Assurance Company, on acount of the death of Mrs. Babb which recently occurred.

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Another company likely to enter the Dominion for \* business is the Fireman's Fund, of San Francisco, which will probably make the usual requirements and hereafter do business in Canada.

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The officers of the Metropolitan Life, of this city, appear to be crossing each other. President John R. Hegemen is now in Europe, and Third Vice-President Geo. B. Woodward has recently departed for the other side for a brief vacation. QUERIST.

# Notes and Comments.

A Lesson for

Various newspapers in Eastern Canada have commented on the Municipal Officers. statement recently made by Mayor Waugh, of Winnipeg, in

which he explained how the city had saved \$150,000 through taking the advice of its fiscal agents and selling its debentures at the beginning of the year. When Winnipeg offered its securities in London that market was already evincing a disposition to exact higher interest rates from municipalities and corporations desiring to place new issues of bonds or debentures in England.

Quite frequently when a Canadian municipality, confronted with a moderately unfavorable money market, is asked to pay a higher rate, the proposition is indignantly rejected and the municipal officers say to the financiers "we shall borrow from the banks and wait for a better market." One weakness of this position is in the assumption that the market will become more favorable in the course of a few months. Apparently the mayors and aldermen who thus reject the advice of the expert financial advisers never expect that the London market can grow worse instead of better. Another weakness exists in the uncrtainty as to the willingness of the banks to carry the temporary loans indefinitely. Sometimes the mercantile and industrial customers of the banks have need of greatly increased advances; and the banks may be obliged to request the municipality to pay up and permit their bankers to extend to industry and trade the support to which they are entitled.

Winnipeg didn't speculate on the London market becoming more favorable. The city took the advice of its agents and accepted the market price for its bonds. If it had taken the other course and sold its bonds under present conditions, the City Treasurer would have received \$150,000 less for the debentures. Probably various other cities which have been holding off wish now that they had sold debentures at



the market even if the terms did not seem very favorable.

# Earnings.

Figures published this week show Canadian Pacific's the net earnings in June, of the C. P. R. Company to have been For the twelve \$3,846,602.

months ended June 30th, the net earnings were \$43.-208,243, as against net earnings of \$36,699,831 in the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1911. The increase, \$6,598,412, amounts to 18 p.c. This increase of net earnings would take care of \$130,000,000 new capitalization at the average rate of 5 p.e. The \$27,-000,000 of new funds secured by the company by means of the last issue of common stock at 150, will cost 6 p.c. But the capital secured in London through issuing debenture and preference stock costs the company in the neighborhood of 4 p.c. C. P. R. financing involves the issue of a considerable amount of the last mentioned type of securities, as well as of ordinary stock at a reduced price. So the average cost of new capital secured, would probably work out at a figure in the neighborhood of 5 p.c. The prospects are for continued increase of C. P. R. earnings. The New York Evening Post has repeatedly referred to Canadian Pacific's extraordinary ability in making its new capital immediately productive. The Evening Post says no railway on this continent can approach Canadian Pacific in the matter of making new capital productive at once.

#### Western Harvest Requirements.

Dispatches from Winnipeg state that about 57,000 harvest hands will be required this fall by the farmers in the three provinces of

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This compares with a requirement of about 47,000 men last year. Cutting is to start between August 10th and 15th, and is expected to be general by August 21st. By September 1st, the wheat should be coming on the market in heavy volume. In connection with the movement of laborers it is well known that it involves quite an effort on the part of the railways to provide transportation. From Ontario points the railways are accustomed to quote \$18 for the round trip. So they would perhaps receive something over \$1,000,000 for transporting 50,000 men to the West and back again to the East. This business, of course, is not profitable for the companies. They quote the low rates to assist the West in handling the harvest.

# Tropics.

That there are certain difficulties Banking in the and inconveniences connected with the operation of bank branches in the tropics, the banking fraternity

fully understands. But some enterprising purveyors of news seem determined to exaggerate them. This week there were rumors in the street to the effect that the Royal Bank had offended the Government of Santo Domingo through refusing to lend it \$1,000,000 for the purpose of putting down a revolution. The security to be found in the bare promise to pay of a Latin American republic of this type is not exactly of the rock-ribbed class; and one may easily understand that the Royal's officials would not extend an effusive welcome to a proposition involving such a loan. However, at the head office of the bank it was stated that so far as known here, no such loan had been applied for. The Royal has two branches in Santo Domingo and it is said that the bank intends to establish a third office there.

Effects of Trust Dissolutions.

When that ridiculous fine was imposed upon the Standard Oil Company THE CHRONICLE pointed out that whatever other sins might be

charged against the octopus, it had not made oil dear to the consumer. The Boston News Bureau says "the Standard Oil Trust was dissolved on May 15, 1011; and at that time crude oil was selling at \$1.30 per barrel, against \$1.60 at present. Refined oil in barrels was then selling at 7.25 cents per gallon, against 8.60 cents now, and in cases at 8.75 cents, against a current quotation of 10.50 cents. Here is a general advance of 20 per cent, in the price of crude and refined petroleum since the trust was dissolved. Administration expenses have, of course, been somewhat increased by the necessity of maintaining so many separate offices, but this factor should be more than offset by the 20 per cent, rise in prices; and the sharp advance in the Standard Oil subsidiary stocks seems fully warranted by the improved outlook for

earnings "The American Tobacco Company was ordered into dissolution on May 29, 1911; and this is what has happened to tobacco prices since then in the Louisville market:

"Here is an advance of 14.9 per cent. in the average price of ten representative grades of tobacco as tobacco as quoted in "Dun's Review." If the Government doesn't stop dissolving trusts and breaking up the "close formation" we could so easily strike at we shall have to build more poorhouses and establish municipal soup kitchens on every street corner.

Present, May 27. ets. 1911. cts.

Burley red-Common, short	8.0	7.0 8.5
Common	$10.0 \\ 12.0$	10.0
Medium	17.0	14.0
Fine Burley colored—Common	14.0	11.5
Medium	16.0	$12.5 \\ 7.5$
Dark rehandling-Common	$\frac{7.5}{8.5}$	8.5
Dark export-Common	8.5	8.5
Medium	9.5 11.20	$10.0 \\ 9.75$
Average		

Seriously, the lesson seems to be not that it is wrong to disolve trusts, which are shown to be injurious to the general welfare of the community, but that it is necessary to discriminate between trusts that are injurious and trusts that are beneficial to the public. That all trusts are legitimate objects for government investigation and government supervi-sion can hardly be disputed. Nothing is easier than to appeal to popular prejudices for the sake of politi-cal capital. The masses are badly phrase-ridden and to call any great capital combination an "octopus" is about equivalent to giving a dog a bad name.

# THE RIO DE JANEIRO TRAMWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Statement of combined earnings and expenses of the tramways, gas, electric lighting and power, and telephone services, operated by the company, as received by cable, for the month of June, 1012. 1911. Increase.

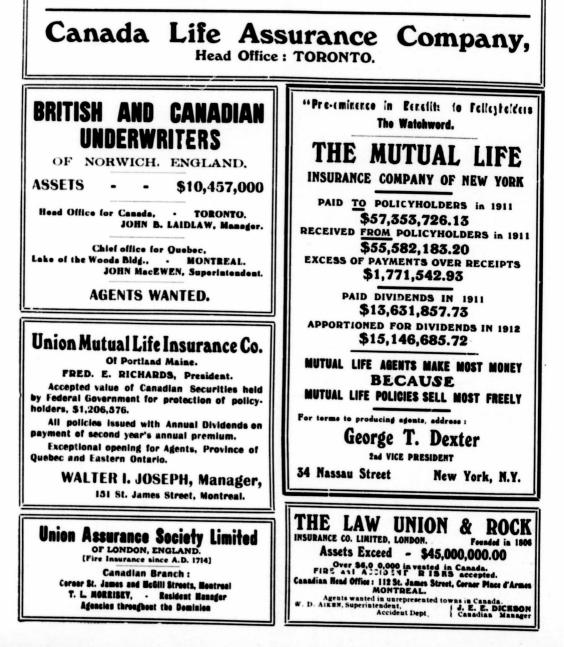
Total Gross Earnings		\$ 156 278 78,442 77,936
Aggregate Gross Earnings from 6,992 476	6,107,773	884,703
Aggregate Net Earnings from January 1st	3,125,783	479 834

# THE CANADA LIFE

in each of the past 4 years has earned A Substantially Increased Interest Rate, and 1912 bids fair to exceed 1911.

Interest is a most important element in the earning of surplus, and this doubtless accounts for the fact that **In Each of The Past 4 Years** the Canada Life has earned **A Larger Surplus** than ever before in its history.

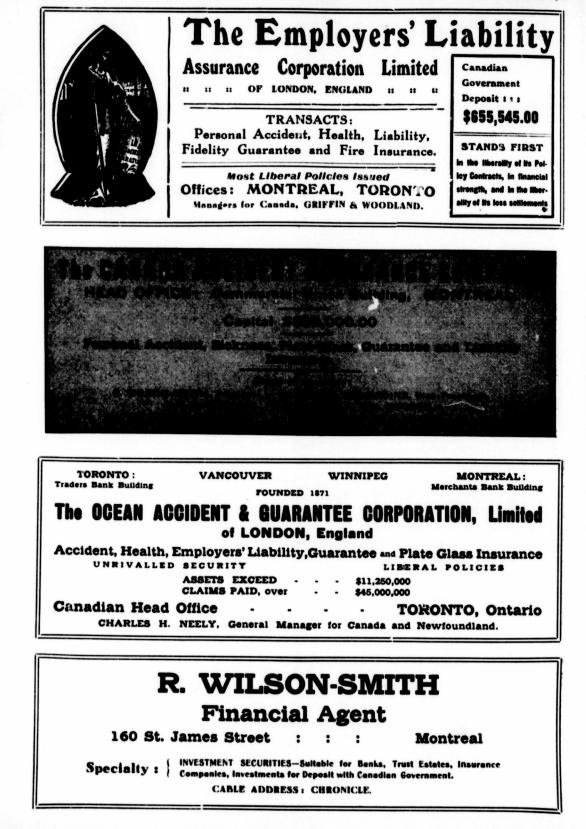
N.B.—Favorable mortality and low expenses, the result of **Good Management**, have helped.



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AMERICAN COMPANIES	Bonds and Debenture.	Agents Balances and Premiums Out- standing	Cash on han + and in Banks	Interest due and Accured	Other Assets	Total Ass ts in Canada	Nature of Business
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Hartlord File Stocks. Home File of North America.		38,651.71 32,968.69 23,795.77	87,584.47 4.666.69	2.069.88 1.872.50	166.50	428,471.71 422 630.37 131,081.46	Tornado. Fire, Tornado and Automobile. Fire and Automobile. Fire.
Lumber Insurance Co	- 01 01	42,788.34 9,850.23 42,005.50	18,335.77	1.130.83 2,941.62	5.587.28	325.788.34 65.211.39 453.415.17	
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Stocks. Saint Paul Fire and Marine Union Assurance, Paris, France	147,000.00 165,580.00 55,295.00	16,508.81 16,957.23	36.05 4,048.33	2 071.67	5.138.64	184.196.53 81 439.20	Fire, Automobile, Inland Transp. & Tornado. Fire.
Totals	4,315,899.81	575,147.98	224,873.70	36,760.33	22,405.45	5,175,087.27	

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HYGIENE AND DEMOGRAPHY.

The Association of Life Insurance Presidents will represented by its Health Committee at the Fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography, to be held at Washington, D.C., from September 23rd to 28th. This committee is composed of the following named:

F. W. Jenkins, chairman president, Security Mutual Life Insurance Company, Binghamton, N.Y. I. R. Clark, president, Union Central Life Insur-

ance Company, Cincinnati, O.

W. F. Dix, secretary, The Mutual Life Insurance Company, New York City.

J. L. English, vice-president, Ætna Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.

John K. Gore, vice-president and actuary, the Prudential Insurance Company, Newark, N.J.

Dr. A. S. Knight, medical director, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York City.

Edgar S. Scott, president, Franklin Life Insurance Company, Springfield, 111.

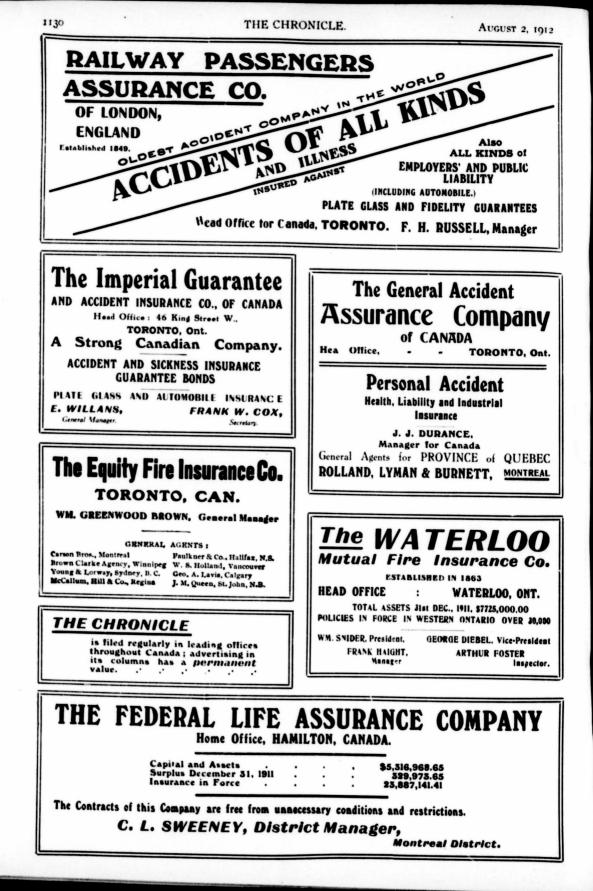
The Congress, which meets every three or five years, is a conference of the foremost sanitary authorities in the world. Its object is to extend the knowledge and improve the practice of hygiene, public health and vital statistics, in the countries which participate. Naturally, these benefits accrue in largest measure to the country which is for the time being the host of the Congress. In the past, the Congress has met in the large capital cities of Europe. The present Congress will be the first meeting on United States soil. Thirty-one foreign countries and forty-seven states of the Union have already planned to be represented by official delegates. President Taft will be the Honorary President.

The work of the Congress falls into two branches: first, an exhibition of the recent progress and the present condition of the public health movement in the co-operating countries, especially in the United States; and secondly, a series of scientific meetings at which leading scholars of both hemispheres will report upon and discuss current questions of fundamental importance in the various fields.

The exhibition on health will be held during the three weeks from September 16th to October 4th. The hygienic and demographic work of the United States and its dependencies will be illustrated at this exhibition. The Governors of the various states were invited some time ago, by the Federal Government, to appoint committees of not more than five persons to co-operate with the Committee on Organization in planning and preparing the exhibition. Forty-one such States Committees have already been appointed and it is expected that official notification will soon be received of the appointment of committees from the remaining States. Twenty-six federal bureaus whose activities bring them in close relation with the public health are also preparing to participate and many of the large municipalities and institutions of learning and research throughout the country will be represented by exhibits.

The exhibition will be divided into twelve groups, ranging from vital statistics and demography, to sex hygiene. The thoroughness with which the exhibition will treat of the different subjects is indicated by the following outline of group one, dealing with vital statistics and demography:

(a) Fertility and Increase in the Population of the United States (Local and General).



(b) Morbid Conditions—Frequency of Illness: according to sex and age; according to the different occupations; from specific diseases. Measurements of the healthfulness of occupations. Statistics of accidents. Statistics of mental diseases. Statistics of infirmities. Heredity and degeneration. Statistical evidences of the effect of intemperance upon morality.

(c) Social Conditions: American Statistics of Marriage and Divorce. The present condition of criminal statistics in the United States. Statistics of pauperism.

(d) Mortality Conditions: The development of Vital Statistics in the United States since 1000. Data as to the progress made towards the construction of life tables for the population of the United States. The variations in the mortality rate according to age and sex; civil condition; occupation; income and property; housing and place of residence; season; climate and elevation; other criteria. Causes of death. Death from various diseases.

(e) Expenditures for protection of Public Health.

(f) Statustneal Methods and Apparatus.

(g) Immigration.

Special sub-group: Infant mortality.

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#### FACTS AND STATISTICS AS TO "SANE FOURTH" OBSERVANCE.

While the memory of the recent national holiday, luly 4th, is still fresh and before its final toll of lives has been taken, the State Fire Marshal's Office desires to again urge the passage of ordinances regulating the sale and use of fireworks in such localities as have not yet acted in the matter.

The beneficent results accruing to all communities which passed such regulatory measures, as evidenced by their experience at the recent celebration, call loudly on the authorities of all their unprotected sister cities and towns to act and act at once.

The campaign of the "sane Fourth" so nobly carried on for so many years may now be said to have culminated in victory. And to the newspapers of the country must be given a large share, perhaps the largest share, of the credit, therefor.

While the facts as to the last celebration have been widely printed, yet possibly another recital can do no harm.

The improvement in conditions can be most vividly shown by a comparison of casualties before protective ordinances were passed and the result since they have been in operation.

For instance, 25 large cities which were without protection in 1008, showed as a result of unwise celebration of the Fourth that year, a loss of 52 dead and 1.607 injured. How many of the injured afterwards died as a result of tetanus and other diseases directly resulting from these injuries is not given in the statistics from which these figures are taken.

But the same cities, in 1912, under the operation of protective ordinances in most instances, showed only 4 deaths and 458 injuries, while the fire losses were trivial.

The following statement from a Columbus newspaper is also instructive:

"America's two largest cities furnish good examples. Chicago's last powder Fourth resulted in 15 deaths and 150 injuries; its first sane Fourth killed but 2 and injured only 53. In New York 22

were killed and 422 injured in the last powder Fourth; while in the first same Fourth only 3 were killed and or injured."

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These figures leave no doubt of the effectiveness of proper municipal legislation upon the subject and certainly should appeal to the consciences of municipal councils which have not yet acted.

### QUEBEC'S FINANCES.

The Hon. P. S. G. Mackenzie, Provincial Treasurer, states that for the first time in the history of the Province of Quebec, "the Provincial Government is able to meet its loan obligations from revenue sources, and the accruing payments of the loan of 1886 are being met in this way.

He also gave out the following financial statement: "For the year ended on the 30th June last, there was a comfortable surplus between the ordinary revenue and the ordinary and extraordinary expenditure. It was too early yet to give the exact figures as the accounts were still in process of adjustment. He is glad, however, to announce that as fore-shadowed in his last budget speech, the bonds and debentures of the loan of 1882 had been paid from the resources of the revenue.

Of this loan, debentures for £500,000 (\$2,433,-333-33) were in London, and for \$1,006,500 in Quebec, redeemable by one year's notice by the Government, at the expiration of thirty years, which notice was given in June, 1911.

Part of the debentures were converted into 3 per cent, inseribed stock in 1897 and 1898.

The outstanding debentures, amounting to £351,-900, equal to \$1,712,580, of the London issue, and \$093,000 of the Quebec issue, were paid on the 1st 1uly, 1912.

The financial position of the Government of the province of the 30th June, 1912, was such that it could pay off this loan from the consolidated revenue, without issuing any new loan to provide the means for so doing.

The cash deposits in banks on 30th June, 1912, pertaining to the consolidated revenue fund, amounted to \$2,609,493."

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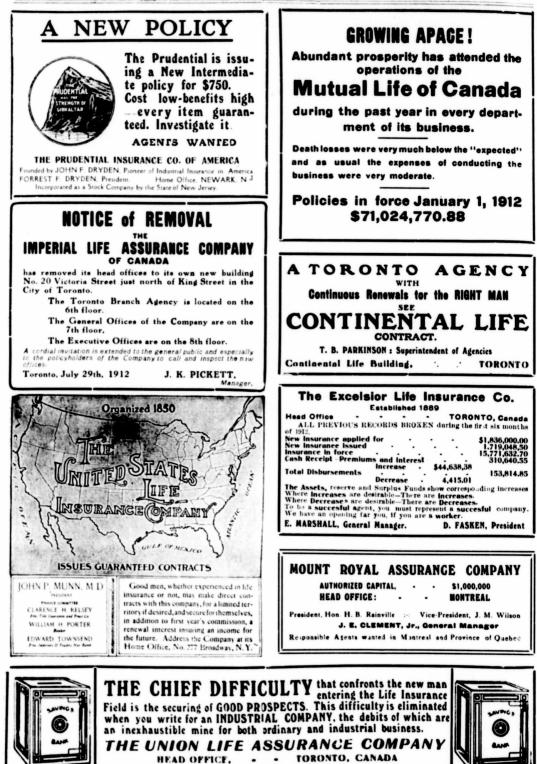
### UNITED STATES BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

A Chicago correspondent says:

Now that July is past, one of the critical months for the crops lies behind us. Since the Government Crop Report was published early in July, a material improvement has been noted, and the indications are at present that unless exceptionally severe weather conditions should supervene during the remaining weeks before harvest, the final results should be much better than early forecasts had given hope for. Thus, one of the uncertainties which have been holding business in check is in the act of being removed, and not only that, but the expected money results of the harvests are now enthusing much energy and life into agricultural communities.

No doubt it is in large measure due to this that the reports coming from the West and South are generally optimistic, while manufacturing and commercial centres, particularly in the East, continue cautious in their commitments. The steel business is the only one that stands out conspicuously on account of its strength, and that at a time when the volume of production usually slackens for seasonal reasons. THE CHRONICLE.

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This July, however, furnaces have been pushed to the limit of their capacity, and what is more encouraging is, that this activity has develoepd in the face of advancing prices, which in many cases have taken the shape of very respectable premiums for prompt deliveries. This hardening in prices is, as we have just said, one of the most favorable features, because, while the volume of output has been creeping up for the past year, prices kept falling pretty steadily until March, when the low point was reached. The statement of the United States Steel Corporation for the second quarter of the year indicates the improving tendency very clearly, and what is true of that corporation is, we believe, true of the steel business in general.

Time money has been growing firmer during the last weeks, and in our opinion it is the outlook for money that is now one of the controlling factors in the security and stock markets. With a prospective large demand for cash for crop moving purposes staring them in the face, the New York banks, as well as those in the interior, have been gradually strengthening their position, and this could not have been done without creating some trouble if an active stock speculation in New York had had to be financed. We believe that the leading operators on the Stock Exchange have recognized this, and have purposely kept the market quiet and on an even keel. Moreover, as we have pointed out on previous occasions, the financial situation in Europe is still such that we cannot reasonably expect much support this fall from those foreign quarters which have generally supplied us freely with funds at crop moving periods. Consequently there is all the more reason why we should not tempt Europe to return stock to us by forcing up the market to a point where liquidation would be invited, even if favorable crop prospects and the general satisfactory economic condition of the country would seem to warrant a gradual advance.

There is also another factor which should not now be lost sight of, and that is the political situation. After the enervating effects of the Republican and Democratic conventions, a period of relative inaction was most natural, and certainly much to be desired, but we believe that if the speech Mr. Wilson is on the eve of delivering should indicate that certain planks in the platform are not likely to suit the more radical elements in the party, it is quite possible that the new progressive party may forge to the front, thus complicating an already tense situation.

Whether rightly or wrongly the people are attributing the high cost of living in great part to the dutics, and, therefore, if a drastic change in the tariff be foreshadowed in the platform of any of the parties, a slackening in trade would appear all but inevitable. The results on the wool and sugar trades during the late discussions on the tariff indicates this pretty clearly, even though it is not generally expected that the present Congress will pass any important legislation before it adjourns.

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#### CANADA WEST CROP PROSPECTS.

Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration who has made a long trip through the West, says:

"The weather conditions for the past week have been ideal throughout the three prairie provinces, and as a consequence the crop outlook is extremely promising. The generous rains of July have had a good

effect upon cereal vegetation, and the straw, which at one time gave evidence of shortness, is now long, strong and healthy. The ever increasing area coming under wheat and oat cultivation makes the assurance of a crop practically independent of local climatic conditions.

"This year's crop will be 50,000,000 bushels ahead of the best western record. In Manitoba, while the acreage sown to wheat is about the same as last year, the yield will be much greater.

"In Saskatchewan, the wheat and oat crop is really magnificent and will undoubtedly give a generous yield per acre. Something over 151,844 acres of new land came under wheat this year, and is about 2.90 per cent. over last year's area. The total area of wheat in Saskatchewan will this year reach the enormous total of 5.385,000 acres, which exceeds all the rest of the Dominion of Canada by half a million acres. With the continuance for a couple of weeks of the present ideal conditions, it is a conservative estimate to say Saskatchewan alone will yield 150,-000,000 bushels of wheat of the very best quality.

"In Alberta the conditions are equally gratifying, and the yield is expected to be equally gratifying. Over the whole western country the crop is from ten days to two weeks earlier than last year. In Alberta they are now cutting barley, while within the next two or three days winter wheat cutting in the southern part of the province will be practically general.

"Fifty thousand extra harvesters will be required for this year's 220,000,000 bushel crop. The need of this help is real and urgent, and without it the progress of the West must come to a halt. Sufficient harvest help is our greatest and most pressing western problem. Here is an occasion when the East can save the West."

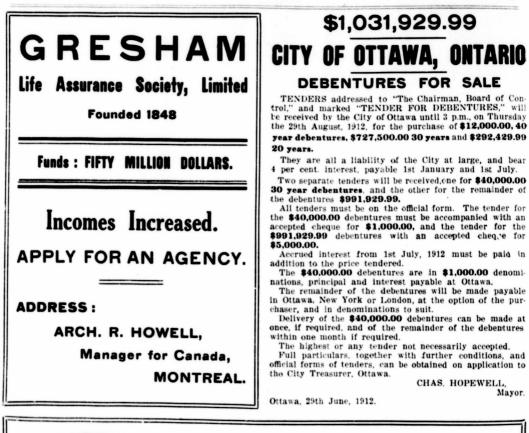
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#### WHAT IS A MINERAL.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has decided that natural gas is not a mineral. The appeal was taken by the company against judgment in favor of a farmer named Farquharson. The case was a test to determine as between the Canada Company and the purchasers from the company what rights were reserved under the form of conveyance adopted by the company in disposing of lands in the southwestern Ontario oil region. The conveyance contained this provision:—"excepting and reserving to the said company, their successors and assigns, all springs of oil in or under the said land, whether already discovered or not, with liberty of ingress, egress and regress to and for the said company."

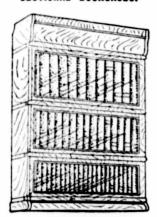
Natural gas was subsequently found on some of the properties and the company sought to claim it under the terms of conveyance. The Attorney General's Department took the side of the purchasers. Sir John Boyd in finding against the company in the court action which resulted held that what was reserved consisted of "mines of minerals" and "springs" of oil, but that gas did not come under the term "mines of minerals" and consequently there was a valid reservation of oil but no reservation of natural gas.

The company went to the Court of Appeal, which affirmed the judgment as the Privy Council has now done.





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Mayor.

The word "mineral" is one of those common words in everyday use which most people think they understand, but which are not particularly easy to define. There are many such words; for instance, "poison," Everybody knows fairly well what he means by the expression, but it would be hard to make a definition upon which everybody would agree. A dictionary definition is "Any substance which, introduced into the living organism directly, tends to destroy the life, or impair the health of that organism? This is all right so far as it goes, but is open to the objection that it includes a host of things, which nobody will admit to be poisons, but which under certain conditions may be fatal to certain organisms. So with the word "mineral." The usual dictionary definition is: "Any constituent of the earth's crust, more specifically an inorganic body occurring in nature, homogeneous and having a definite chemical composition which can be expressed by a chemical formula, and further having certain distinguishing physical characters." To most people almost anything that comes out of the earth is a "mineral," just as almost anything coming out of the earth used to be called a "fossil." The geologists now insist upon the definite chemical composition, as an essential characteristic of a mineral.

The lesson is principally for the lawyers whose business it is to steer their clients away from the rocks of verbal ambiguity.

Personals.

Messrs. Smith, Mackenzie & Hall, Toronto, general agents, Atlas Assurance Co., have admitted Mr. Thomas W. Hunter, to partnership. Mr. Hunter has been associated with the firm for the past eight years.

Mr. Richard I. Griffin, manager, Montreal, Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, has returned from a two months holiday spent in the old country from a two months holiday spent in the old country. While in England Mr. Griffin visited his Head Office. Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman of the Corporation, will visit Canada in the near future and will be accompanied by Mr. S. J. G. Hoare, M.P., director. As is well known the "Employers" transact a large business throughout the Dominion.

Mr. Griffin spent a portion of his holiday in Belgium and France. He states that the labour question is occupying a good deal of serious attention in Enggland at present. The Canadian Prime Minister has made a most favorable impression in London, and his utterances on the naval and other questions, has been deemed very important and favourably commented upon.

# The Canadian Fire Record.

WELLAND.—House and barn owned by David Bald on the farm known as the Charles Henry farm, four miles east of Wellandport, were burned, together with their contents, July 28. There was insurance amounting to \$1,200 on the buildings and \$1,200 on the contents in the Waterloo Mutual. The insurance will not cover the loss.

KEENE.—A barn belonging to Mr. G. Tucker, of Anstruther, destroyed July 28. The loss estimated at \$2,000, with \$500 insurance.

AMHERST, N.S.—The moulding shop of the Robb Engineering Company was destroyed by fire, July 29.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—The Tourville Lumber Company's saw mill at Louiseville, P.Q., was destroyed by fire, July 30.

MONTREAL.—A complete destruction of Notre Dame de Victories Church at Longue Pointe, July 26. An electric wire is believed to have ignited a crown over the altar. The church was built two years ago and had a seating capacity of two hundred.

Fire took place in the four-storey brick building at 622 St. Paul street, occupied by the Canadian Quilting Company, July 30. The damage by fire, smoke and water will probably bring the loss to \$10,000 or \$15,000.

MONTREAL.—The Montreal Abattoir Company's building at the corner of Mill and Oak Streets, Point St. Charles, badly damaged by fire, August 1. Over \$50,000 worth of beef destroyed. Total damage estimated at \$150,000. Two score of firemen were overcome by smoke and ammonia fumes, and a dozen of them had to be taken to the hospitals.

# Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

### Issue of \$18,000,000 Ordinary Capital Stock. Special Interest Payment.

As intimated in the President's Circular to the Shareholders, dated January 3rd, 1912, an Interest payment at 7 p.c. or \$3.18 per share, will be paid on October 15th next, on the first four instalments (\$120) from the due date of each instalment to September 30th, 1912, on the shares of the above New Issue represented by the Certificates of Subscription, to holders of record at close of business August 16th next, who have paid these instalments on or before their respective due dates. Notice is hereby given that this interest payment will be mailed from New York to the registered addresses of holders, or their duly appointed Attorneys, on October 14th, 1912. For the purpose of this payment the Certificate of Subscription books will close August 16th at 3 p.m., and reopen September 16th, 1912.

### W. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

Montreal, July 31st, 1912.



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# **BONDS vs MORTGAGES**

A South African Investor who recently visited Vancouver asked us to explain the seeming anomaly whereby 71/2 per cent. could be secured on first mortgages if they were as safe as the average Railway Bond bearing say 41/2 per cent.

Our explanation was that American Railroads are now bonded up to fully 60 per cent. of their value, while Vancouver first mortgages placed by this Company never exceeded 50 per cent of conservative valuation and we knew our valuations to be conservative, while it must be admitted that water constituted an appreciable part of American Railway Capitalization -

But the Railroad is, generally speaking, able to place its loan when conditions are favorable and is, moreover, on account of the volume of its borrowings able to secure funds in that part of the world where money is, to some extent, a drug on the market, while the individual borrower on first mortgages on real estate requires comparatively small amounts and pays prevailing Vancouver bank rates.

We further pointed out that while money rates throughout the world have a tendency to increase, yet this tendency is greater in Vancouver than other places on account of the increasing demand for money to develop the natural resources of the Province.

The prevailing Bank or Mortgage rate in Vancouver a few years ago was about 6 per cent. while to-day it is 7 per cent. to 8 per cent.

Another point favorable to Vancouver first mortgages as compared with Bonds is the question of duration.

Bonds generally have long term maturities while first mortgages usually mature in 3 years.

Many shrewd financial men claim that the increase in the gold supply is due to improved methods of extraction of gold from ore-

That being true, it would seem likely that the increase in gold will continue, thus tending to further increase money rates. Consequently it would seem wise to loan on short terms rather than on long terms, thus permitting the reinvesting of funds at stated limited periods, whereby the maximum of earning power may be maintained.

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### Stock Exchange Notes.

Thursday, August 1, 1912.

Canadian Pacific had a sharp movement during the last couple of days. Closing at 265½ on Tuesday, it opened three points higher yesterday morning and advanced a further three points during the day, and the opening sales to day again showed a gain of three full points. The stock to-day again showed a gain of three full points. The stock went over 276 in New York, closing with 275 bid here, a net gain of 1014 points for the week on fairly active trading. Even at the higher figures there is not much stock coming out, and the buying demand seems likely to force the stock to still better figures. The very excellent statement for the past year, the figures of which are given in another column, gave a fillip to the speculation, to which was added rumours of an approaching new issue of common shares. Cannadian Pacific new issues are deservedly looked upon as a good bonus to shareholders.

The general market seems to be recovering from the recent setback, and trading is again becoming active. Montreal Power is now selling X D of 2¼ per cent, and sold down to 227½ X D this week, from which figure a good recovery of some six points has taken place, and the outlook for a further advance is encouraging to holders. Soo Common shared in the advance in Pacific, and closed at a good gain. The trading in the rest of the general list was a fair volume, but there was no particular activity in any of the stocks.

A good deal of attention is still being paid to the Unlisted Department, and National Brick Common was a strong feature, advancing to a new high level and closing firm. There is a general feeling that it is booked for a gain of several points and speculation is favourable to this view. There was a good demand for the other Unlisted Stocks, amongst which Ames, Holden, McCready seemed to be a favourite. This stock is soon to be listed on the Montreal Exchange. The statement of Montreal Tramways & Power Co. has been published and appears a satisfactory document. Owing to the consolidation of the various Companies controlled by the Montreal Street Railway, and to the change in the period covered by the report, it is difficult to compare with previous balance sheets, but the earnings show a good surplus earned on the common stock. The figures of the statement are referred to elsewhere in this issue.

A striking incident in this week's trading was the big break of some twelve points in Western Canada Power, after its rapid advance to over 90, and this reaction was without any more explanation than the previous advance. The recent high figures, however, seem to have pretty well discounted any immediate good news from the Company and a set-back was not unnatural under any selling pressure or profit taking.

Money conditions locally remain easy and the Bank of England rate is the same.

SUMMARY OF WELE'S SALES AND QUOTATIONS.

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Security	Sales July	25, 1912	To day.	chang	
Canadian Pacific	7,210	2611	275	+ 1	
" Soo" Common	2,431	1464	151	+	41
Detects United	1,672	70	73	+	21
Detroit United	18	150	151	+	1
Halifax Tram	16	94	93	_	1
Illinois Preferred	741	30	28	_	2
Quebec Ry	965	1411	141	_	1
Toronto Railway			197		
Twin City	75	231	• •	-	
Winnipeg Ry.	1.392	1171	1164		1
Richelieu & Ontario	1,392	85	86	+	ĩ
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Dom, Steel Corpn	900	631	1381	-	
Lake of the Woods Com		138	92	+	12
Mexican Power	50	93			1.
Montreal Power	6,005	233	2324 x.		1
Nova Scotia Steel Com	315	93	923		
Ogilvie Com		127	127	_	i
Ottawa Power	55	158	157		١,
Rio Light and Power	215	146	1461	++	1
Shawinigan .	3.0	150	151	+	1
Smart Bag Com	14	110	::		:
Spanish River Com.	420	63	60		
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# List of Leading Stocks and Bonds

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BANK STOCKS.	Closing prices or Last sale,	Par value of one share.	Return per cent. on investment at present prices.		Capital subscribed	Capital paid up	Rest Fund	of Rest to paid up Capital	When Dividend payable.
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#### JUG HANDLED POLITICS AT WASHINGTON.

The debate in the United States Senate on the Panama Canal question shows the American view of diplomatic obligations in a very peculiar light. Most of the senators who take part in the discussion speak of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty with the utmost contempt, and many of them seem to regard the idea that the United States should be bound by any international agreement to which it is a party, as a joke. Incidentally it indicates how much a Peace Treaty with the United States is worth.

Senator Massey declared the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901 might be ignored by the United States, so far as the Panama Canal was concerned. The operation of that waterway had become a domestic problem, he said, and one not properly reviewable by any international court.

Senator Bradley held that even under the treaty the United States had simply made the rules of equality which were to apply to all other nations. As the maker of those rules, and the nation at whose expense the canal has been built, he declared the United States was not bound by the regulations of the treaty, so far as it requires "equal treatment" to all ships.

He declared the people of the United States would not have sanctioned the spending of \$400,000,000 to build the canal had they believed they were to have no rights there that were not enjoyed by all other nations. He contended that the United States had the right under the treaty to protect its own interests and its own shipping, and claimed that since the United States had purchased the canal zone, the operation of the canal became a domestic question, and one which should not be submitted to an international court.

The pledge of "equality" to all nations, Senator Bradley said, meant that the United States would give equal treatment to all nations in the use of the canal, while reserving the right to protect itself. The United States adopted the rules of the treaty, he said, to apply to all other nations, but not to itself.

Senator McCumber threw in a word of warning. He said:

"If we should publish to the world that we had fortified it as a war measure and not for police protection," he said, "it would cost us ten times as much to protect it in time of war as we would derive in benefit from it. It would become a source of weakness, not of strength."

All nations would combine against the United States, he insisted, if it should attempt to close the canal in time of war to any foreign ships. The canal would then face the danger of destruction, he said, from "the surreptitious bomb of some foreign power."



# STOCK AND BOND LIST, Continued

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# Montreal Tramways Company SUMMER SERVICE TIME TABLE

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