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THE BANKS AND THE COUNTRY.

Last week on this page, we put forward some considerations regarding the relations of the banks to the people of the Dominion; we propose now to take up for discussion some aspects of the relations of the banks to the business of the country. The expansion of the business of the country during recent years is well-known, and it is not here necessary to recapitulate the facts. It is certain that that business will go on expanding; occasionally there will be set-backs, possibly even contraction from time to time, but for many years to come, the growth in the country's business will, on the average, be very rapid. Expansion in the country's business will involve a corresponding extension of banking operations, not only in the aggregate but in the business of the individual bank. Of necessity it must be so; the natural development of the country ensures and involves the development of every well managed financial and commercial institution within it. Unless indeed by arbitrary laws which would constitute an indefensible invasion of the rights of the subject, special classes of those institutions were limited in size and in the extent of their operations.

The growth here contemplated of commercial and financial institutions generally and particularly of the banks is a natural growth, which is a different matter entirely from forced growth stimulated by an ambitious manager desirous of self-aggrandisement. The two phenomena need to be carefully differentiated. With regard to natural growth, it is necessary to remember at the present time that size per se is not a certificate of iniquity. There is a temper abroad-even among those in important placeswhich almost instinctively thinks of the millionaire as inevitably a scoundrel, and of the poor man, as again inevitably, a compendium of the virtues. The same temper views with distrust a large financial institution, while it gives encouraging pats on the back to a small one, oblivious of the fairly obvious fact that the small institution is usually engaged in the honorable task of building up its business so that it will eventually achieve large and important pro-

The time will come—and that possibly at no very distant date—when the leading Canadian banks will have paid-up capitals of perhaps \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000 each. That stage will be reached in due course, not as the result of the supposed machinations of a bogey "money trust," but merely in order to keep pace with the development and the growing business of the Dominion. To go into hysterics in the manner that is sometimes fashionable on the

platform and in the press-because of an inevitable growth is about as sensible as would be a small boy's fit of weeping on the discovery that his last year's clothes weep getting too small for him.

clothes were getting too small for him. While the fundamental principles of the laws under which Canadian banking is conducted have been kept intact for many years, the system itself is always in a state of transition-of growth and development. It is only within recent years that the homogenity, which is now perhaps the most characteristic feature of the Canadian banking system, has been achieved. The purely local one-office bank has now entirely disappeared from Canadian banking, because it could not hold its own in competition with the banks conducted upon lines which more adequately supply the needs of the country, and are the better able to safe-guard its interests. The type of bank of branches to which all the Canadian banks now belong has become dominant in Canada, simply because by years of practise it has been found that this type of bank best meets the needs of the country. Beyond the similarity of type, the banks naturally differ among themselves-in the scale of their operations, in the type of business mainly transacted, and in other respects. The fact that the larger banks are growing larger, and must inevitably grow larger in order to keep pace with the requirements of the country does not mean that there will be no field in the future for the smaller institutions. There are naturally certain advantages which a large and old-established bank has in competition with a younger institution, but the demands upon the banks from the country and the use of them are growing at such a pace that there will continue to be business for all. While the large banks are growing larger the smaller ones will be extending their operations and making additions to their resources.

But if the banks are to continue to keep pace with the demands of the country for banking accommodation, there must not only be an absence of hysterics because of inevitable growth, but also a ready flow of capital to engage in banking operations. This can only be secured if that capital has the assurance of fair treatment and of reasonable returns. One of the astonishing things about recent attacks made upon the banks was the union of those who complain that the banks are not keeping pace with the country's demands with those who would hamper the banks' operations. How many of those who have lately been crying out against the banks are content in their business transactions with the modest returns which accrue to holders of Canadian bank shares? The encouragement of capital engaged in Canadian banking operations and not its discouragement is the need of the present day.

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LIQUIDATION AND ITS RESULTS

Such liquidation as the Montreal and Toronto markets encountered this week makes decidedly for easier conditions. Although the heavy selling of Canadian Pacific-by Berlin, London, and New York -is blamed for bringing about the upset in local speculative circles, it is no secret that many important borrowers in this country had got themselves into an over-extended position, from which the only possible retreat lay through liquidation. There is no need for alarm or trepidation. The very banking policy which involved the bankers in great unpopularity with disappointed borrowers, short-sighted politicians, and journalistic near-economists will now perhaps be recognized as exactly what was needed. For at least eight months the banks have been endeavouring to repress or restrain their borrowing customers; and in spite of the fact that the item of current loans shows a substantial increase during this term, there is reason to believe that when the grain loans pertaining to the 1912 crop and the special loans to municipalities are cleared off or funded there will be seen a decided improvement in the banking position.

MERCANTILE INTERESTS.

At the same time it will perhaps evolve that the position of the mercantile and industrial interests is better than the bear operators in the market would have us believe. It is an undoubted fact that profits in the various important lines are still good; and orders still come forward satisfactorily. So far as the stock markets are concerned one of the most encouraging features is that the Canadian call loans of the banks are not unduly high-the total amount as at April 30th is no greater than last year at the same date. However, it is impossible to estimate or foretell the action of the markets. The position of the European monetary centres is not comfortable, and New York too has plenty of troubles. An unfavorable outside situation usually reacts upon affairs in Canada.

In the meantime call loans in Montreal and Toronto are quoted 6 to 6½ as heretofore and it is by no means easy to procure large loans on stock market collateral. It should be said that if there is a repetition of this week's experiences the demand for such loans will likely fall off materially

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS.

For the \$4,100,000 African gold offered this week in London, Continental competition developed, and the bulk of it went to Germany. The English bank rate is unchanged at 4½. In the open market at London the following quotations prevail: call money, 3½ to 3½; short bills, 4½ to 4½; and three months' bills, 4½ to 4½ p.c. At Paris bank rate is 4-and private rate 3¾; and at Berlin the Reichsbank quotes 6 as against 5½ to 5½ in the private market.

European politics have not cut a very important figure in this week's markets. As mentioned above there has been financial pressure at Berlin which resulted in throwing on the market a considerable amount of Canadian Pacific as well as other stocks. The near approach of the June settlements is believed to be largely responsible for the liquidation at the German centre. And, so far as London is concerned, Canadian financiers returning from that Imperial centre describe the situation as most unsatisfactory.

Congestion of New Issues.

Although there was considerable congestion in evidence at the end of 1912, the issue of new securities in London in 1913 has proceeded on a very large scale—the total has exceeded \$500,000,000. As the New York Evening Post remarks, the market appears to be drifting steadily into that state where it will be impossible for borrowers to dispose of new securities except at large discounts. Cables received in New York this week stated that it has become utterly unpracticable for London underwriters to take the

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issues offered to them. It was also said that the South Australian Government had failed to secure a permanent loan in London and that the premier was told he must be content with a loan repayable in a year, for \$2,500,000 to meet imperative needs. When the London market is in that state it is clear that it will not be an easy matter for our banks to shift \$100,000,000 of municipal loans to the other side of the Atlantic.

THE NEW YORK POSITION.

At New York call loans are 2¾ p.c.; sixty day loans, 4 p.c.; ninety days, 4¼; and six months, 5 to 5½. These quotations represent a sharp advance on last week's figures. Demand for time money has been quite strong especially for the longer maturities. Notwithstanding a loan contraction of \$6,282,000, the banks and trust companies reported a decrease of \$90,000 in surplus reserves on Saturday—their loss of \$800,000 cash contributing to that result. The banks alone reported a loan expansion of \$1,975.000 and a cash gain of \$3,260,000. So their surplus increased \$1,320,000. In case of all members of the clearing house the surplus stands at \$27,208,000; and in case of the banks alone it is \$26,894,750.

RAILROAD DEVELOPMENTS.

As the New York market was extensively used for liquidation purposes by Montreal and Berlin, the circumstance naturally tended to encourage discussion among American bankers regarding the Dominion's economic position. Judging by the comments appearing in the New York press the opinion seems to be that Canada has entered a time of trial. The disagreeable feelings excited by the 'Frisco receivership are still in evidence. A considerable amount of the bonds of this company were placed in Paris just a little while previous to the confession of bankruptcy. The French financial press is indulging itself in denunciations of American morals. The alternative plans for dissolution of the Union and Southern Pacifics went before the court at St. Louis this week. If these plans are rejected the Southern Pacific stock held by Union Pacific will have to go into the hands of a receiver or trustee. It is said that Attorney General McReynolds intends to bring suit against Sotuhern Pacific to force it to dispose of the Central Pacific.

Earnings of \$258,697 are reported by the P. Lyall & Sons Construction Company, Limited, for the year ended March 31st last. After payment of bond interest and preferred stock dividend, a balance remained of \$89,232, or equal to 5.1 per cent. on the company's \$1,750,000 of common stock. Of this balance \$40,000 was appropriated for reserve fund, leaving \$49,232, an amount equal to 2.8 per cent. on the common stock to be carried forward to credit of profit and loss. The Company has \$4,000,000 contracts on hand.

THE BANKS' EXTRA ISSUES.

A study of the banks' action during the past five seasons regarding the extra issue power granted to them in 1908 for the purpose of meeting the pressure at the time of crop moving is contributed by Mr. H. M. P. Eckardt to the current issue of the Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association. It is pointed out that two of the banks-the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Banque d'Hochelaga have never used the issue power, but with these exceptions nearly all of the banks in the country have made a free use of the excess issues. This does not however prove, says Mr. Eckardt, that the taxed notes are profitable. It appears that the banks have generally taken the ground that it was their duty to provide the currency required for financing the business of the country; and they have used their extra powers of issue whenever necessary notwithstanding the unprofitable nature of the transaction. For this they should get some credit throughout the country. But on the other hand the banks that do not feel that they should subject themselves to loss in this way should not be blamed. If any one is to be blamed, it is the Government, that set the tax so high as 5 per cent. But possibly European observers will consider that it was a wise precaution to set the tax at such a figure as to make the extra issue costly or unprofitable. For when that is the case, the notes will be speedily withdrawn from circulation as soon as the pressing need for the currency passes. These outside observers do not perhaps understand that under the plan of daily redemption of bank notes as practised in Canada, there is no need of a tax to drive in a redundant currency. Even when there is no tax any notes in circulation which are not needed are redeemed automatically.

AN INCREASE EACH YEAR.

While two of the older banks have not used the excess issues at all during the five-year period in which they have been allowed, it is to be noted also that a number of the other banks have used them very sparingly. Apparently they have been used in some cases as a means of getting full value out of the ordinary untaxed issues. Thus when the excess issues are in season, a bank can let its ordinary issue run quite up to the limit without fear of being fined if it runs over the mark.

Taking the aggregate of the excess issues it is seen that it increased steadily each year. The following summary gives a comprehensive view of the tendency:—

	TOTAL C	F MAXIMU	M EXCESS	Issues.	
	1908-9.			1911-12	1912-13.
Sep.					8764.514
Oct.	. \$721,296	\$1,411,025	\$2,692,794	\$5,715,405	3.449.275
Nov.	. 788,307	2,382,732	3,859,617	9,099,096	8.888.756
Dec.	. 137,781		2,625,110		
Jan.		15,608	454,721		

EFFECT OF NEW GOVERNMENT FIVES.

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is gaining on the paid-up capital of the banks. Notwithstanding the important capital increases of the last couple of years, the banks have had to use each year an increasing amount of the excess issues. In 1912-13 there were in circulation from September to January from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in Dominion Government "fives." This circulation, taken with the excess bank notes, shows that the currency requirements of the country during the last crop-moving season overtopped the ordinary untaxed issue power of the banks by from 15 to 18 million dollars. There is suggested, observes Mr. Eckardt in conclusion, a possibly large recourse to the central gold reserves when they are inaugurated. For banks which are always very strong in cash and high class quick assets, the issue of notes against gold deposited in the central reserves will be more advantageous than circulating Dominion "fives" or the taxed excess notes. For other banks which have not much gold or Dominion notes to spare, the privilege will not be quite so valuable.

THE LAST OF THE BANK ACT. Commons Pass Senate's Amendments—Transfer Offices in each Province are not Mandatory— Profit and Los. Accounts Need not be "Detailed."

The new Bank Act made its final appearance in the House of Commons on Monday, when it was reconsidered on a few amendments which had been made by the Senate. The principal amendments were that the establishment in each province of offices for the transfer of bank shares was made permissive instead of mandatory; the provision for a "detailed" statement of profit and loss was eliminated, and the sterilization of bank notes was made permissive instead of mandatory.

TRANSFERS AND SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Hon. Mr. White in explaining the amendments, said:

In section 43 a provision was made whereby it was compulsory for the bank to open and maintain in each province in which it has resident shareholders, a shares registry office, in order that shares belonging to such residents might be transferred there. That was inserted not by reason of any request of the shareholders or a bank, but having regard to the fact that under the present Bank Act it is possible that more than one province could collect succession duties upon the shares of shareholders of chartered banks. That results from a decision of Chancellor Boyd in Ontario, who held that a bank's shares are domiciled in the province in which the bank has its head office. Therefore it is possible for the Government of Ontario and the Government of Quebec each to collect succession duties in respect of shares belonging to the estate of a deceased shareholder resident in the Province of Quebec. In the com-mittee, it was thought that, if a provision were inserted in the Act whereby shares might be completely transferred in any province, although the head office of the bank did not happen to be in that province, it might possibly have the effect that only the province in which the deceased was domiciled would be able to collect succession duties in respect of his shares. In other words, it would make the shares follow the domicile of the owner, and I believe that is the general law in respect of personal prop-

A DOUBTFUL BENEFIT.

It was doubtful whether the amendment inserted by the committee and approved by this House would effectuate that purpose. The opinion of the deputy Minister of Justice was obtained, but was not very positive in its character. He indicated that if this amendment were inserted, and if action were brought, the courts would give effect to the Dominion legislalation because the banks come under Dominion jurisdiction. The banks pointed out that this would entail considerable inconvenience to them and some inconvenience to the shareholders. They further pointed out that the transfer of bank shares was a very important matter; that every care had to be taken against fraud or negligence, and that the head office organization in connection with the transfer of shares was very complete and efficient. They also pointed out that they would have to establish a similar organization in each of the provinces, and that this would be no convenience to shareholders because shares are sold principally in Montreal or Toronto. The Senate, instead of allowing the amendment to stand, making it compulsory for the banks to establish these offices, made it permissive, contending that the section, permissive as it now is, is quite as effectual as if it were mandatory. That is to say, if the shares may be completely transferred in a province, the courts would hold that the domicile of the shares is with the owner resident in the province, in other words, if the banks 'may' open offices at which shares may be completely and effectually transferred, the same legal consequences, in so far as the domicile of the shares is concerned, will follow as if the section were mandatory. I am of the view, especially as the Senate appears to have given the matter careful consideration, that we should concur in the amendment.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS.

In sub-section 4 of section 54, the word "detailed" is struck out before the words "profit and loss ac-count." This amendment was introduced in the committee by the hon, member for Shelbourne and Queen's (Mr. McCurdy). The banks are in the habit of presenting to the shareholders simply a statement showing net profits after deducting amounts written off for bad and doubtful debts, cost of administration, etc. It was thought it would be in the interest of the shareholders that that statement should be elaborated a little. It has been pointed out, however, that the word "detailed" in itself is equivocal and ambiguous, and that the sub-section does not particularize or indicate by any form, as a schedule to the Act, the extent of the detailed information to be given. As the sub-section stood, a bank could put its own interpretation upon the word, and the Senate practically unanimously came to the conclusion that it should be struck out. As it appears to be rather of minor importance, I think that we should concur in this change also.

STERILIZING BANK NOTES.

The next amendment is in connection with section 72. The Bill as it left the House provided:

The Treasury Board shall make regulations providing for the disinfection and sterilization by the several banks of all bank notes and Dominion notes which have come into the bank's possession before a re-issue thereof to the public.

This is a matter that was discussed at some length

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MONTREAL. B. HAL. BROWN, President and Gen. Manager. in the Banking and Commerce Committee, and we reached the conclusion that it would be well to make it compulsory for the banks to sterilize their own notes and Dominion notes that come into their possession, this to be done in the interest of public health. Since the Bill left the House there has been a report by a public officer in the United States, whose name I do not recall at the moment, to the effect that germs are not found upon bank notes, although the bank notes may be soiled and old. While I do not regard that as conclusive by any means, and while I think it is quite probable that filthy bank notes carry the proportion of germs we should naturally expect, at the same time, before the Treasury Board makes these regulations we desire to have time to inquire into the subject, and to have bacteriological tests made. The United States official to whom I have referred, evidently reached the conclusion that the ink on the bank bills did not afford a congenial lodging place for germs, and that therefore it was unnecessary to have bank bills disinfected. It is my intention to have the matter investigated carefully and bacteriological tests made, and if it is found that soiled bank bills carry germs of kinds dangerous to the public, we can pass the regulations provided for. The Senate took that view, and substituted the word "may" for "shall," making the section permissive instead of compulsory.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS.

The next change of any importance is in section 114. It is a new amendment proposed by the Senate, and it seems to me to be unobjectionable and possibly desirable. It makes it incumbent upon the banks to transmit by registered post to the person to whom any dividend amount or balance is payable, a notice stating that such amount remains unpaid. Section 114 which is thus amended applies to the case of dividends and balances remaining unpaid for a period of five years, and the object of the Senate was to give notice, in so far as notice could be given, to the parties entitled to the dividends or sums payable as the case might be.

The amendments were agreed to by 83 votes to 10, the ten being eight Conservatives and two Liberals, who complained that fundamental points had been touched and "progressive sentiment" thwarted.

BRITISH COLONIAL FIRE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company, of Montreal, has been called by the Board of Directors for the purpose of making an issue of \$250,000 new stock, thereby increasing the subscribed capital to \$1,000,000.

The Company has been doing business since June, 1912, and at the first annual meeting of shareholders, held in February last, an issue of \$250,000 was made and immediately subscribed.

The balance of the proposed issue remaining unsubscribed at a certain date will be taken up by a Montreal syndicate, which has agreed to subscribe all the shares not sold, at a premium of \$10 per share.

Arrangements have been completed for a loan by the Government to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway of not exceeding \$15,000,000 at 4 per cent. interest. Principal and interest will be guaranteed by the Grand Trunk.

BANKERS' VIEWS OF WESTERN CONDITIONS

Interesting views regarding conditions in the West are given by two bankers who accompanied the Winmipeg business men on their recent trip to the remoter West. Mr. Vere C. Brown, superintendent of western branches, Canadian Bank of Commerce, is quoted as saying that he believed conditions in the Peace River country to be most favorable. Many settlers were going in, imbued with the firmest faith in the doctrine of mixed farming. He noted that the tendency to enter upon mixed farming was growing more marked. Mr. Brown referred to a sugges-tion made to the Mayor of North Battleford, which it was hoped would be taken up for the purpose of furthering the mixed farming movement. The idea is to form a committee of business men in the town, the surrounding district of which is to be benefited. This committee will take stock of the men requiring financial aid and guarantee the bank for any loan made, as no security can be taken from the farmer. To choose the men worthy of this aid, the committee will not take into consideration the borrower's wealth in land or stock, but will weigh his character, integrity, industry and ability to repay through his own efforts. The committee goes good for the loan. It is likely the plan will at once be put in operation at North Battleford.

EXTRAVAGANT MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. G. W. Rowley, manager of the Winnipeg branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce, noted that many new municipalities are going in for luxurious lighting and intimated that there will have to be a readjustment somewhere. However, he found general business conditions satisfactory in agriculture and trade, "What the whole country to the north and west needs," observed Mr. Rowley, "is good roads. If they are acquired they will solve the freight rate question, which begins at home. The saving affected by good roads will pay for their construction. They would not have to pay, as they do now, indirectly, 30 to 40 cents per ton per mile to get their produce to the railway."

STATEMENT OF CANADIAN ACCIDENTS DURING APRIL, 1913 BY INDUSTRIES AND GROUPS OF TRADES.

Trade or Industry.	Killed	Injur'd.	Total
Agriculture	3	11	14
Fishing and Hunting		4	4
Lumbering	7	7	14
	15	28	43
Mining	1	9	3
Railway construction		33	41
Building Trades		114	125
Metal Trades	11		120
Woodworking Trades		9	9
Printing and Allied Trades	1	4	9
Clothing	1		1
Textiles		4	4
Food and Tobacco preparation	1	3	4
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Leather			
Transportation-	10	54	70
Steam Railway Service	16	34	- 7
Electric Railway Service	5		13
Navigation	3	10	
Miscellaneous	9	27	36
Public Employees	1	6	7
Miscellaneous Skilled Trades	5	20	25
	3	12	15
Unskilled Labour	0		-
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EXECUTIVE'S ANNUAL REPORT.

At the annual meeting of the All-Canada Fire Insurance Federation held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, on May 28, the following report of the executive, for the past year, was presented:-

THE MEMBERS OF THE ALL-CANADA FIRE INSURANCE FEDERATION-

SUPREME COURT REFERENCE.

The Supreme Court has heard and is about to pronounce upon the constitutional principles underlying the right to legislate in insurance matters. The right of Parliament to legislate in matters of insurance and particularly as to licensing of companies will be determined. At the hearing all the provinces were represented by counsel and your federation and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association were also permitted to state their cases. A decision is expected at the present sitting of the Supreme Court of Canada and should nothing unforeseen occur a final hearing before the Privy Council may be had in July of this year.

UNLICENSED COMPANIES: IMPORTANT DECISION.

In this connection it will no doubt be of interest for the members to know that a few days ago Mr. Justice White, of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, held in a case of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company vs. Hicks, that insurance contracts entered into with unlicensed companies provided they do not fall within the exception stated in section 139 of the Act are illegal and absolutely void, that the effect of the Insurance Act is to render policies assessed by foreign unlicensed companies illegal and, therefore, unenforceable and void and the learned judge adds: "I am quite clear in even an express stipulation of the company to raise the question of illegality as a defense would not avail in law to make the contract enforceable, for no court will lend its aid to enforce an illegal contract." In biew of this, it is felt that if the insuring public knew of the danger which they run in insuring in unlicensed companies as outlined in this decision, not only would no further risks be placed with them, but it is reasonable to expect that much of this insurance would be cancelled. Neither of the counsels representing the opposing parties contended that the Insurance Act was beyond the powers of Parliament and Mr. Justice White, in coming to the conclusion which he has, naturally could not do so without assuming that the Act is intra vires.

AMENDMENT TO THE RAILWAY ACT.

Your committee has endeavored for some years to obtain the removal of a sub-section of section 298 of the Dominion Railway Act which has for effect to transfer the liability for loss by fire caused by locomotives of railway companies to insurance companies, whether railway companies are negligent or not. The Minister of Justice, while not inclined to take so serious a view of this section, has stated it as his opinion that if the section can be given this interpretation, the insurance companies have an undoubted grievance and that any ambiguity should be removed. We have lately been advised that the

amendment, proposed by the committee, had been embodied in the draft bill which will be printed shortly and introduced in Parliament. The Lumber Insurance General Agency has taken an interest in this work and hopes favorably to interest the Canadian Lumbermen's Association and possibly the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. We should icel grateful for the assistance of any of the members in obtaining the repeal of this objectionable

RETURNS OF ASSURED IN UNLICENSED COMPANIES.

As a result of the courtesy extended by the Minister of Finance, the Federation is now in possession of the returns made by persons, firms or companies insuring in unlicensed companies and who have reported to the Government. These returns have been-tabulated and it is intended to have them printed shortly and forwarded to the members of the federation so as to facilitate their discovering those who violate the law by not making returns and having them penalized as provided by the statute.

TAXATION IN QUEBEC.

The somewhat startling returns obtained from the members of the Federation establishing that the companies pay in the Province of Quebec taxes averaging double what they pay in all the other provinces united, have urged your committee to make a determined effort to obtain legislation from the Quebec Legislature re-adjusting and reducing this excess of imports. With this object in view, the following bills were drafted and submitted, through the proper channels, to the different Ministers:

Bill to force unlicensed companies to share in the tax of I p.c. in the City of Montreal. Bill to amend the Fire Commissioners Act,

with a view of obliging unlicensed companies to share in its maintenance.

Bill obliging companies to pay the registration fee of \$150.00 once and for all instead of an annual tax of this amount as at present.

Bill forcing unlicensed companies to pay the minimum tax of \$250.00 to the Province.

Bill abolishing or reducing municipal taxation. The City of Montreal has met our suggestions as to the first two bills in a fair spirit with the result that the legislation committee of its council recommended our amendments.

Owing to the illness early in the session of the assistant attorney general, Mr. Lanctot, this and other measures had to be put aside but will be reintroduced next session with every chance of their

being made law.

The several delegations which went to Quebec realized that the whole of the considerable programme undertaken could not be carried out and, therefore, concentrated their efforts on the abolition of municipal taxation, or at least a substantial reduction thereof. A bill with this object in view was accordingly introduced in the Quebec House, but owing to the lateness of the session and the serious opposition of the country members on the grounds of their inopportunity of communicating with their con-stituents as to its bearing, it had to be withdrawn.

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FIRE PROTECTION ACT.

The Honorable Mr. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works, introduced a further measure, which had for object to provide for efficient fire equipment and education in the small towns and villages where serious losses have occurred. This fire protection bill was drawn on lines similar to the acts of Manitoba and other provinces and of many states of the Union. This measure has obtained the sanction of the Lieut.-Governor and has become law, but nothing so far has been done to bring about its execution.

Realizing, as no doubt we all do, that success in legislation is only obtained through infinite patience, the work above outlined will again be taken up early next session with a view of obtaining from the Ministers, whose good faith we have no reason to doubt, the very legitimate concessions which we have demanded.

UNREGISTERED COMPANIES' MINIMUM TAX.

In the Province of Quebec, a tax of I p.c. and a minimum of \$250 is imposed, under the Commercial Corporations Tax Act, on all registered insurance companies doing business therein, the minimum being payable in advance. The Attorney-General of the Province has expressed it as his opinion that unregistered competitors are only liable to the tax of 1 p.c., thus being exempt from the minimum. injustice of this law is apparent more particularly as it was formed with the stated object that it would effect an even distribution of rights and obligations between registered and unregistered companies. A company, a member of this Federation, on which a demand for the minimum tax in advance has been made, under this law, is willing to be a defendant in a test case and stated its intention to your committee which submits the matter for your consideration.

Provincial Acts, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Alberta.

The Province of Alberta at its last session passed a new insurance act embodying a resident agents' law and providing for a payment into the treasury of the Province of 50 p.c. of all premiums paid to companies not registering under the Act. The Province of New Brunswick adopted statuary conditions based largely on the Nova Scotia conditions, but departing therefrom in several important particulars and in the opinion of our committee an effort should be made to have these conditions amended at the next session of the Legislature. An Insurance Act was introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature last session. Its provisions were very fair and should have been acceptable to the companies registering under the laws of that Province. But when it reached the Upper House an amendment which has been found so objectionable in other provinces, providing for the placing of business with companies not complying with the laws was introduced, whereupon the bill was withdrawn but may come up again next session.

WATCHING LEGISLATION.

Legislation was carefully watched, bills scanned and submitted to your committee when found of importance.

In view of the importance of the work now before us, particularly of the reference to the Supreme Court of Canada and its ultimate hearing before the Privy Council, a further small assessment is recommended.

Feeling as your committee does that this Federation could accomplish so much while safe-guarding the public, for the joint interests of the companies by mutual co-operation, a recommendation is hereby made that the incoming committee make a special effort to get in closer touch with all its members, more particularly those who on account of distance are not in immediate touch with the Executive, in order to meet their requirements and to devise by practical measures the most effective way to obtain and maintain just and equitable laws.

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If a man lives he may recoup a fire loss, but a loss by death cannot be regained. It appears that the more important of the two forms of insurance protection would therefore be protection against loss by death.

Business insurance not only protects the creditors or the business itself, but it also frees the mind of the man engaged in the business, so that instead of worrying about the outcome of any endeavour to press him for settlement he utilizes that time in furthering his busness interests.

The small amount of net premium he will pay is not to be reckoned in comparison with the amount of time he has had free of worry.

There are business men in every territory covered by insurance salesmen, many of whom have not had the subject of partnership insurance or business insurance explained to them. This is a good season to specialize on that form. The early part of the year is the time when business men do a lot of planning and thinking about their business. Get some insurance ideas included in these plans.—Hartford Life's Office and Field.

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Capital Fully Subscribed	\$14,750,000
Capital Paid Up	1,475,000
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Total Annual Income exceeds Total Funds exceed	115,000,000
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Interest, Net	\$2,394,039
Total Income	\$4,000,000
Funds	\$105,666
In addition to the above there is	the further

guarantee of the Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited, whose Funds exceed \$115,000,000

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FAVORABLE RESULTS.

The Guardian last year achieved those results of a normally favorable character which are recorded by several of the great British insurance organisations in their newly-issued annual reports. Its fire income showed an increase of some \$150,000 upon that recorded in 1911, being \$3,128,450. With that increase, the loss experience was somewhat more favorable than in the previous year, being in a ratio of 55.07 to premiums and absorbing \$1,722,885. Moreover the expense ratio also showed a downward tendency, being fractionally reduced from 36.6 p.c. of premiums (which was the 1911 figure) to 36.04 per cent. equal to \$1,127,450. Such results indicate that 1912 may be counted a satisfactory year.

A Sound Position.

In consonance with the Guardian's well-known policy, the opportunity has been taken to further solidify an already strong position. An allowance of 44½ per cent. is made for unexpired risks, giving a fund of \$1,391,750, while another addition of \$50,000 is made to the general reserve against conflagrations, making that reserve \$2,750,000. So that, in fact, the Company's fire funds, aggregating \$4,141,750, are equal to over 132 per cent. of the premium income, apart from a balance on profit and loss account of over \$700,000 and a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000. A position of this kind furnishes its own recommendation; the security provided is as ample as any one could desire.

THE GUARDIAN IN CANADA.

The total funds of the Guardian are now approaching \$33,000,000. Transacting at home the business of life and miscellaneous insurance, the Guardian has until quite recently confined its operations in Canada, which field it entered in 1869, to fire insurance. Its Canadian manager is Mr. H. M. Lambert of Montreal, an underwriter well known throughout Canada. Under his sound direction the fire business of the Guardian is showing steady expansion along desirable lines. A year or so ago, the Guardian launched out into the casualty business in Canada, through the medium of the Guardian Accident and Guarantee Company, a subsidiary. With the good management that is always at the Guardian's disposal, a prosperous future may be safely anticipated for the new subsidiary.

THE OUTLOOK FOR LIFE INSURANCE.

To the careful observer of passing events, the fact must seem tolerably clear that never was life insurance on so firm a basis nor the opportunity for its extension so favorable as at the present time. Not only has the increasing army of intelligent agents in the field been an educational force among the masses, removing prejudices and crude errors and replacing them with correct views of fundamental principles, but the practical benefits accruing more and more each year, alike to the business man and to the widow and orphan, have had a convincing eloquence beyond the power of rhetorical discourse or forceful logic. The tangible argument of a five or ten thousand dollar cheque is one which appeals with complete success to all classes and conditions of men and women. The fact that the old-line life insurance companies-Canadian, British and American-operating in the Canadian field, paid to policyholders in 1911 \$14,400,000 by way of death claims, matured endowments, annuities and dividends, is a speaking fact which the probably larger disbursements of 1912 only emphasise. Under the influence of beneficent results found to be uniformly certain, repeated in a multitude of neighborhoods and together making the total above referred to, not only is confidence becoming strong but duty is becoming plain among people of average intelligence. The question with many people is no longer, Shall I insure? but for how much and with what company shall I insure?

Events not yet altogether ancient history have forcibly demonstrated the fact that the confidence of the public in the stability of life insurance is deeply rooted. The upheaval of a few years ago with all its clamorous accompaniments had its disturbing effects upon that confidence, of course. But those effects, it would seem, have not been lasting. The best evidence that this is the case is to be found in the great strides which have been made in recent years since that upheaval by the insurance organisations of this continent, both in Canada and the United States. Supposing that there had been a similar upheaval in the seventies or early eighties. Is it not a fair inference that the results upon the business of life insurance would have been infinitely more serious than they have been in this case, owing to the public's ignorance of the fundamental principles of life insurance and its consequent inability to distinguish between violations of those principles and instances of merely defective administration.

But not only have people become better acquainted with the idea of regular life insurance, but they have also begun to find out the imperfections and weaknesses of imitations and substitutes. They have seen demonstrated by actual results, the fundamental weaknesses of the assessment system. The assess-



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ment organisations have doubtless well served the cause of legitimate life insurance. Those whose eyes have been opened to the failure of the assessment system, cannot fail to see all around them friends and neighbours, who have been the beneficiaries of old-line life insurance. They will naturally, if they have not, as on too many occasions is unfortunately the case, got to old-age before they discover that they have been leaning on a bruised reed, turn to that kind of insurance that has repeatedly demonstrated that it can fulfil every promise and interpose unfailing succor in the hour of need. To all workers in the cause of legitimate life insurance, whether in the office or in the field, the time is propitious and the outlook encouraging. Confidence in the system and respect for its representatives is widespread and growing every day.

FIRE LOSS RATIOS BY STATES.

Our Chicago contemporary the Argus, publishes some interesting tables regarding the fire loss ratios by States. Its ratios are based on the business done by stock companies and the few mutuals which write generally on the cash plan. These companies carrying over 95 per cent. of the insured risks of the country, it follows that the underwriting results obtained by them offer a practical guide for purposes

An admission by the Missouri insurance department, which is of particular interest in view of present circumstances that fire insurance is not as a whole profitable if the losses absorb more than 55 per cent. of the premiums, leads the Argus to an ingenious system of emphasis of unprofitable years. Some of the results shown are not particularly bright. In Alabama, for instance, seven years out of the last eight have been unprofitable; in Idaho and Maine, six out of the last ten; in Mississippi, the last five years have been unprofitable with loss ratios of from 59 to 86 per cent, and in two previous years of the last ten, the loss ratios were 90 and 75 per cent. respectively, so that of the last ten years, seven have been unprofitable. Tennessee has the same record of seven unprofitable years out of ten, though the loss ratios are not so high as in the case of Mississippi; in Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas the last five years have been unprofitable; in Missouri the last four; in New Hampshire and New Mexico, five out of the last ten. A ten-year average, 1903-1912, shows in the case of California (including, of course, the 'Frisco disaster), a loss ratio of 148.17; in Maryland (affected by the Baltimore conflagration in 1904) one of 118.33; in Maine (where the Bangor fire of 1911 swells the returns) one of 69.15; and in Mississippi, 66.82. Several other States are close up.

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THE POLICY LOANS PROBLEM.

From the standpoint of life insurance both as a beneficent institution and as a practical business, the situation is little less than deplorable, at least on its face. The whole growth and development of life insurance has been predicated upon the conception, not of a convenience offered to the insured, but of the fulfilling of a duty by the insured to those dependent upon him, a duty calling for the highest degree of unselfishness, self-restraint and self-abnegation on his part. No man who has spent his life in persuading the reluctant, the thoughtless and the happygo-lucky to submit themselves to the severe regime of carrying life insurance, using the arguments of duty to accomplish this result, can help feeling something like abhorrence for a change that appears to undermine all he has been working for. He realizes how many cases of bitter disappointment, of just expectation mocked and even of actual distress must result for those left dependent by death, through this dissipation of what had been counted upon for the support of a decent and seemly life. Patience almost ceases to be a virtue when such possibilities are contemplated and when the thought insistently returns to the essential contradiction between the cause of the mischief and the very theory of the institution in which the mischief is showing itself.

A Possible Danger.

From the purely business point of view, moreover, the thoughtful life insurance man can hardly see without anxiety an increasing possibility of disturbance, loss and even danger intruding upon a business never designed to meet this particular strain. It is not that policy loans are in themselves unsafe investments for the assets of life insurance companies. On the contrary, no investments are more absolutely secure. But the necessity of being always ready to make them and the uncertainty as to when they will be called for in a large volume introduce elements of incalculability into what requires to be absolutely calculable. The very basis of life insurance on its financial side is the continuous investment at a fair rate of interest of all but an infinitesimal part of the resources of every life insurance company. And this continuous investment must not be exposed to incalculable losses occasioned by sudden and perhaps pressed transfers from one form of investment to another. The panic year of 1907 startlingly revealed to the managers of our life insurance companies with what violence and in what numbers their policyholders may on occasion descend upon them for loans, some to save themselves from commercial wreck, others to obtain quickly the means to take advantage of the opportunities for profit afforded by such a time. Sales of investment securities in such ruinous markets may involve losses that are ill compensated for by the theoretically higher rate that policy loans bear, as compared with sound bonds. Though happily the companies were strong enough to meet successfully the demands made upon them in 1907, it is scarcely to be wondered at that the more far-seeing managers are apprehensive as to what might happen in another similar time, but with the practice of borrowing on life insurance policies vastly better known and more general than it was in 1907 .- Market World and Chronicle. N.Y.

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PRESENT DAY LIFE INSURANCE FEATURES AND TENDENCIES.

(Address by Col. W. C. Macdonald, President, Actuarial Society of America, at the annual meeting.)

Immediately following the New York State Investigation, in fact almost simultaneously therewith investigations were instituted in other States and in Canada, which resulted in a large amount of new insurance legislation being placed upon the Statute books, some of it wise, much of it otherwise, often sectional in character, restrictive in its nature, interfering unduly with the operations of the companies and the freedom of contract, and consequently disadvantageous to the best interests of the policyholder. This condition which continued more especially throughout the years 1906, 1907 and 1908, has extended in a lesser degree to the present time. It arises in a large measure out of the general antagonism which obtains to-day towards all corporations on the part of the general public. Legislation imposing heavy administrative burdens upon the companies unnecessarily and without corresponding advantage is all too common.

UNFAIR TAXATION.

The heaviest and most unfair burden which is imposed upon life insurance companies to-day is in the form of governmental taxation, the tendency of which is to become greater from year to year. In opposing or in seeking redress from these measures our arguments and appeals have been made to the legislator, their framer and creator. We have overlooked almost entirely the policyholder. Is it not to the latter that we should in a careful and systematic manner present our arguments and seek by reasonable and fair means to impress upon him the fact that the burden of all unnecessary legislation and taxation must ultimately be borne by him either directly in the form of increased premium rates or indirectly in reduced dividends. To be effective this must be done systematically. Much useful and educational work could be accomplished by every company without much added expense either through our annual reports, a page or more of which might be devoted to this purpose, or through the medium of the journals published by many companies, or by means of other literature issued from time to time.

NEW COMPANIES.

An outstanding result of the investigation has been the impetus given to the organization of new companies both in the United States and Canada. At the beginning of 1906 the active life companies reported as operating in the United States numbered one hundred and thirty-two. In 1912 they had increased to two hundred and fifty-two, or very nearly doubled. The increase in Canada has not been relatively so great. The contributing causes are various. The limitation placed on the volume of business a company was permitted to write under the New York law opened up to some extent a field for new enterprise. Field men whose positions had been endangered during the period of re-organization following the investigation sought new spheres for their energies and abilities, while in other cases local ambitions or necessities were the actuating the books a tion years.

value of the stock in some old and well established companies and the rate of dividend paid. This was utilized by promoters often unfairly in securing subscriptions for new shares. I can speak with authority in regard to Canada. The conditions under which the business of these old companies was established were vastly different from those of to-day. The amount of the paid-up capital was usually relatively small and the rate of dividend now paid has been given much prominence without regard to the experience or record of the past. The stock of these new companies is usually issued at a premium varying from 25 p.c. to 100 p.c., a large portion of which is necessarily absorbed in flotation expenses. Some of them give evidence of capable and energetic management, and we wish all of them every success, but it is safe to say that a number of them will be absorbed by other companies. Instances of this have already occurred. The interests of the policyholder under the present stringent laws will doubtless be safe-guarded, but the stockholders will in many cases experience some disappointment. While a bar cannot be placed on the organization of new companies, however beneficial it might be to have a "close" or "holiday" season for a period in life insurance, yet if insurance legislation is desirable some provision regulating the issue of prospectuses and of estimated stock dividend results might not prove unwholesome.

WASTE BY LAPSE AND SURRENDER.

Possibly no result of the investigation was more to be regretted than the sacrifice of a large volume of insurance protection, due to the unrest and want of confidence created in the public mind, which was aggravated unduly by sensational and often unfair articles in certain sections of the daily press, an unnecessary sacrifice, for the irregularites revealed were functional only, and not organic. They were susceptible of treatment and easily cured. The business was sound, and it is gratifying to record that the financial status of all the old, established companies in the United States and Canada and their ability to fulfil their obligations to the uttermost could never be honestly or seriously questioned. The decrease in the volume of new business written, which amounted to as much as sixty per centum was partly due to the limitation imposed upon the amount which a company might write, the temporary disorganization of the agency staffs and the financial panic of 1907, the effects of which extended into 1908. The business terminated by lapse and surrender in 1905 was equal to 6.77 per centum, and in 1906 it was 7.29 per centum of the total amount at risk, the business terminated by lapse alone in the latter year being 20.2 per centum of the total business issued in the two preceding years. Public confidence, however, was soon restored and a marked improvement was evidenced in the succeeding years in the volume of business and in the lapse rate which has continued to the present time. The lapsed business in the past three years has not averaged more than twelve per centum of the amount of new insurances issued in the two preceding years, as compared with a ratio of 13.7 per centum for the year 1904, and an average for the three years 1902, 1903 and 1904, of about 13 per centum. While the difference is not great it bears some evidence of improvement in the quality of the business now being placed on the books as compared with that of the pre-investiga-

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Undoubtedly the most important and far-reaching provision was that in which attempt was made to regulate the cost of new business and in prescribing in definite terms the maximum remuneration which might be paid to agents. In so far as I know this is the first instance on this continent at least of sumptuary legislation in life insurance. The fact that the cost of the business was excessive and was becoming more so had been recognized for some time. The mad race for volume of business, which had obtained for some years, had assisted in bringing this about, but attempts made by voluntary arrangement on the part of the officers of the companies to call a halt always ended in failure. The personal equation entered too largely into the question. The ambition for volume was not confined exclusively to any particular class of companies. While it was an offence usually charged against the large companies the smaller ones were also offenders. Combined with this was the pernicious practice of rebating, which had become so general, and which added not only to the cost of the business, but exercised a demoralizing influence alike on the policyholder and the agent. The limitation of the commissions allowable, reinforced by the laws passed in other States rendering rebating a punishable offence have resulted in the elimination very largely of this abuse. I can speak advisedly in so far as Canada is concerned where it is to-day practically little heard of. The limitation of the commissions has operated most effectively in reducing the cost of the business and without injury to the welfare of the agent. Allowing one-quarter of one per cent. of the mean invested assets for investment expenses, and assessing the balance of the expenses against the first year and renewal premium income on the basis respectively of ten to one, the average cost of the new business of the New York State companies for the years 1910 and 1911 will be found to be 72 per centum of the premium as compared with an average cost ratio for the years 1903 and 1904, immediately preceding the investigation, of 84.8 per centum, thus recording an improvement of 12 per centum. These ratios are improvement of 12 per centum. These ratios are determined upon a revenue basis. Tests applied in other ways will show relatively favorable results. This record has been accomplished during a period when the cost of living was increasing, when the purchasing power of the dollar was decreasing, and when we might consequently have expected an increase rather than a decrease in cost.

INCREASING EXPENSES IN CANADA.

In Canada where the investigation followed very closely the lines of that in New York and the legislation proposed was very similar, but owing to the fact that public feeling did not run so high and that some considerable time elapsed before the recommendations of the Royal Commission were considered by Parliament, it was found possible to have many of the provisions of the proposed law modified or eliminated entirely, the proposal in regard to the limitation of expenses coming under the latter heading. Viewed in the light of present experience the wisdom of that action would appear doubtful inasmuch as a careful analysis shows that the expenses of the business in Canada, measured on the foregoing basis, are on an ascending rather than a de-

scending scale. A reasonable limit imposed upon the cost of obtaining new business, leaving the companies free as to the mode or basis of agency remuneration might have proved beneficial.

(To be continued.)

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The Royal Exchange entered the Canadian field for fire business so recently as November, 1910, yet last year (1912) its Canadian fire premium income reached the substantial figure of \$331,248, while the losses show the exceedingly moderate ratio to premiums of 38 per cent. The figures speak for themselves as to the progress which has been made thus far by the Canadian organization of the Royal Exchange under the direction of Mr. Arthur Barry, general manager for Canada. In addition to its fire business, the Royal Exchange is now engaged in building up a Canadian casualty department, writing sickness, accident, liability (of many kinds) and automobile insurance, which bids fair also to develop important proportions. Having the advantage of influential Canadian directors-Mr. H. V. Meredith, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal; Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, of Montreal; and Mr. J. S. Hough, K.C., of Winnipeg-and of a well located Canadian office-its own building in the heart of the Montreal financial district at the corner of St. Francois Xavier and St. Sacrament streets-the circumstances are such as to bespeak for the Royal Exchange in the future an important position among the insurance organisations transacting business in Canada.

LARGE RESOURCES

The fire department of the Royal Exchange last year enjoyed a premium income of practically \$4,200,000, an advance of about \$200,000 upon that reported for 1911. Losses were on a moderate scale, absorbing \$2,178,950 or under 52 per cent. of the premiums. An addition of some \$80,000, to maintain the 40 per cent. reserve against unexpired risks, was made to the fire fund, this being raised to \$1,929,215. The large profit and loss balance of \$2,560,375 makes the amount available to meet fire losses, \$4,489,590, an increase of \$240,000 upon 1911, and equal to 107 per cent. of the premium income. The total resources of the Royal Exchange exceed \$35,000,000.

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WHY LIFE INSURANCE ON THE MUTUAL PLAN SHOULD NOT BE TAXED.

(Darwin P. Kingsley.)

Such enterprises (as life insurance companies) should not be taxed at all because they work most powerfully in the solution of the great problems which every state constantly faces. To tax them is to levy a tax. To tax them is to punish individuals for effectively doing the very thing the state is preparing to do when it levies a tax. To tax them is worse than punishing thrift, it is burdening small savings which are impressed with an unequalled social efficiency; and social efficiency means a decrease in the dependent class. Life insurance answers the question whether or not a man will live long enough to provide for his family. That is one of the grave problems of all-society, and, so far as money can represent a man's productive power, the calamity that otherwise happens when a man dies prematurely is vastly minimized. Life insurance cultivates the fundamental principles of self-respect and individual responsibility, which underlie every successful, self-governing community.

PREVENTS SOCIAL DEFAULTS.

Life insurance prevents social defults through premature death, which are as disastrous to society, and frequently as dishonorable, as those which occur in

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Life insurance takes money otherwise unrelatedand possibly hostile-associates it, and then meets the demands for capital of a rapidly developing society. The great principle in modern industrial and civic development is that the earning power of unborn generations is constantly offered as security for money which must be spent now. The scattered, otherwise unrelated, and financially unimportant, members of a great life insurance company, by their co-operation and the capital which they are obliged to assemble, buy these securities and thereby forward the great plan of modern civilization.

A FINANCIAL EDUCATOR.

Life insurance is a financial educator for millions of people, a banker that cannot be ruined through panic, and who nevertheless allows every depositor to draw at any time, even in panic times, to the extent of his individual cash credit.

Life insurance transforms business into a constructive sociology. It adopts a great statesman-like plan and makes the individual an effective part of

Against the encroachments of the dependent class, it makes the individual definitely efficient. Under our form of government, every individual has a certain civic responsibility which most individuals shirk with distressing results. Under the plan of life insurance, every individual has a definite responsibility which he may not shirk, or, if he does, he leaves something with his associates, through what he has already done, which in a degree is a compensation for his default.

Some of the above reasons could in a measure, although not in the same way, be assigned why other kinds of business should not be taxed. They are recited here not because they in themselves justify the exemption of life insurance, but because they buttress the central, the great reason, viz.:

Life insurance practically eliminates the panic caused by premature death.

"DYING TO WIN."

The absurd talk about life insurance being a game in which one must "die to win," which used to be so flippantly indulged in, is growing less and less common and no longer heard among observant and really intelligent men. The fact is becoming recog-nised that in true life insurance, there is less of the element of chance than in almost anything else in the world, and as to dying there is no chance whatever, save that of the particular time when the event may occur. Everybody, insured or uninsured, must alike die, and prudent forethought with reference to that unalterable fact is quite as sensible as to anticipate next week's empty bread pan or next winter's empty coal bin. Frail wife and helpless children are to be fed and sheltered whether the husband and father lives or dies. When he insures his life for their benefit, he is simply buying for them in advance that raiment, food and shelter which his present daily labor provides. He does not win anything by "dying," excepting gratitude for his thoughtful care and the favor of heaven, though his family and children certainly do escape the fate of poverty which befalls the family of his neighbour who smartly refused to enter a game where he had "to die to win."

INSURANCE FOR RICH AND POOR.

Many life insurance salesmen hesitate approaching a wealthy man or a capitalist on the subject of life insurance, believing that they do not need it. This is a false idea, as the records of any of the older companies will easily prove. Rich men need life insurance, and in larger amounts than those less fortunately blessed, if for no other reason than to protect their investments when they die. If a wealthy man is engaged in business the proceeds of his estate cannot be quickly realized and his family might be placed in distressing circumstances for want of ready money after his death. A life insurance policy can be turned into cash at once, the sum insured is often paid within a week after the assured's death and any delay in payment is as a rule caused by the claimant's slowness in submitting the neces-

Most wealthy men are engaged in business enterprises which would suffer seriously in event of their death, and insurance is probably the only one way of meeting this loss; this is undoubtedly one of the best arguments for life insurance. Moreover, such men are up-to-date and a convincing example readily appeals to them. We know of one specialist in this line who makes it a rule to talk the single premium policy with wonderful success among stock and grain brokers. If a lucky speculation has yielded a large profit a life policy is a safe investment for some of the proceeds. The insurance can be made a trust for the benefit of wife, daughter or other dependent and as the premiums are all paid in one sum an absolute provision is secured for the beneficiary. Moreover, the settlement options in such policies, by instalments and by annuities payable to the beneficiary, appeal to such men as they know how easy it is for a widow or daughter to lose the capital through injudicious advise given by designing friends. -Argus.

The official rate of the Bank of England was unchanged yesterday and remains at 41/2 p.c.



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REVIEWS.

Insurance against Loss of Profits by Fire (Consequential Loss). By Alex. B. Wright. London, C. & E. Layton, 1s. 6d. net.

This recent publication incorporates a paper read by Mr. Wright before the Insurance Institute of Liverpool. Mr. Wright deals with the main principles of Consequential Loss insurance, the publication being intended to give the reader a general knowledge of the subject. Mr. Wright writes clearly and with an obviously intimate knowledge of his subject and the book is one which will, no doubt, be of distinct service as a text book.

THE LARGER ASPECTS OF SOCIALISM. By William English Walling. The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto. Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Walling is already known for his learned book "Socialism as it is." In the present volume he deals exclusively with the larger aspects of Socalism, its intellectual and spiritual side and quotes copiously from pragmatic and Socialist writers on every point discussed.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S JURISDICTION.

The question of the extent of the powers of the Montreal Fire Commissioner has come up in the case of Mr. Robillard de Mezuel, on whose behalf application was made for the issue of a writ of Habeas Corpus in the Montreal Courts on Wednesday. It will be in recollection that the arrest of Mr. de Mezuel was ordered by the Fire Commissioner, a short time ago, because at the investigation into a fire which took place at his residence, 293 Sherbrooke Street west on April 4, he declined to answer questions put to him as to how he became possessed of a collection of valuable pictures, for the damage of which a large claim was made.

Before Mr. Justice Beaudin, it was argued by Mr. L. A. David, counsel for Mr. de Mezuel, that, though in virtue of certain provisions of the Revised Statutes the Fire Commissioner had the necessary jurisdiction to enquire into the circumstances of a fire which had destroyed a building or other immovable property, he had not the power to make queries of a witness as to the manner in which he had come into the ownership of certain moveable property, which had been consumed by the flames.

The Commissioner, according to Mr. David, had the right to enquire into the circumstances which led up to the fire resulting in the destruction of immoveables but not of moveables. The Commissioner, he proceeded, had the right to enquire into the causes of a fire which destroyed immoveables, but he could not force a witness to answer a question calling upon him to state by what title he possessed any of the destroyed property.

On the other hand, Mr. J. N. Decarie, K.C., acting for the Attorney General, submitted that the Fire Commissioner was vested with the same powers as an investigating magistrate. Hence, he had the jurisdiction to make enquiry into all the circumstances which led up to the outbreak of any given fire. Mr. Justice Beaudin took the point en délibéré.

INSURANCE NOTES & NEWS

You needn't worry. The fire companies will not break their agreement to write no business in Missouri.—Rough Notes.

Victim of street car accident (glancing at caller's card)—"I guess you're an ambulance chaser, aren't you?"

Lawyer (blandly)—"That's rather a cruel name, old man. Why not call me a settlement worker."

Nearly all the representative life insurance companies made reductions in their expense ratios on the business of 1912—some of them very marked reductions.—Argus.

Soliciting life insurance, already much easier than it once was, although by no means a mere pastime, promises to become even less difficult during the coming years.—*Ibid*.

The third annual conventon of the International Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters will be held July 8 to 10 at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec. The programme will be announced at an early date.

It is reported that team insurance has of late developed into one of the high loss ratio producing elements in the large cities of the United States for the liability companies. This is said to be especially true of slow moving wagons which permit children on roller skates to "hitch behind."

While there is still unquestionably a large proportion of waste business, due to the lack of persistency in premium payments by many persons, yet the idea seems to be steadily gaining ground that when the first premium has been paid every effort should be made to continue the policy in force.—

The Spectator, N.Y.

The New York Insurance Department has completed its examination of the Plate Glass Underwriters' Association and the Plate Glass Service and Information Bureau. The examiners found much to criticise as regards the making of rates and the discriminations which develop under the present systems. As regards the individual rates of the local association, the examiners say they "are a trayesty upon the principles of insurance."

The situation in Missouri inspires the Argus to the following pathetic symphony:—"I must be shown," Missouri said, when hard of heart and thick of head. "Your barons bold can't tread on me; I'll hang them to a upas tree." "I'm being shown," Missouri cries, in anguished tones that reach the skies. "Come back, come back, O barons, dear; we're in a heap of trouble here." But barons had and barons bold decline Missouri's proffered fold; reject Missouri's tainted bait, content to bide their time and wait.

According to calculations made by the N. Y. Spectator, the percentage to mean policies in force of terminations by surrender and lapse of 27 insurance companies was last year 5.17 compared with 5.05 in 1911. The advance is accounted for by the increase in the volume of new business written. In 1906, the rate was 8.93.

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That suicides and violent deaths are playing a more important part in life insurance mortality results than was expected when the present mortality tables were constructed is a fact that, it is said, is being forced upon life insurance men in the States with great emphasis during the past year or two.

According to the Pittsburg Insurance World, there is tangible evidence that the accident companies are on the road towards adopting a standard form of personal accident policy. A standing committee of the personal accident division of the International Association of Casualty & Surety Underwriters has been working on the subject for a long time and it has now submitted to the companies a list of recommendations for the elimination and retention of various features. There are, however, said to be many difficulties in the way of securing the co-operation of all companies in the proposed changes.

A wild Kansas editor has just been set right by President Kiugsley, of the New York Life. The editor in question proclaimed that "the great life insurance companies have prodigious and constantly growing assets and surpluses running into hundreds of millions of dollars, none of which will ever be distributed among their policyholders, to whom this money belongs," To which President Kingsley replies warmly, "I am obliged to deny with emphasis your assertion that this money will never be distributed among the policyholders. It will never go anywhere else. If you will take the trouble to look at the annual statement, you will see that our theoretical liabilities amount to \$2,000,000,000, that is, we have that amount of insurance outstanding. In other words, we must pay that sum of money some time. Do you know of any way we can pay it except by having it in hand ready to pay?"

CANADIAN FIRE RECORD

(Specially compiled by The Chronicle)

OAK BLUFF, MAN.—G. P. Wastle's separator burned, May 29.

Rossland, B.C.—Several buildings at War Eagle

Mine destroyed, June 2. Loss, \$50,000.

CRAYEN, SASK.—Prairie fire did considerable dam-

age, May 29. Origin, spark from engine.

Brantford, Ont.—Scarfe Varnish factory damaged, May 20. Loss, \$7,000. Origin, sparks.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Rooming house on 19th street damaged, May 27. Loss, \$2,000. Origin, lightning.

St. John, N.B.—Home of Ed. Baxter, in Old Quaco road, destroyed, May 28. Loss, total. Cause unknown.

D. J. Purdy's barns, 325 Main Street, destroyed, June I. Loss. \$1,000. Origin, incendiary.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Nova Scotia Car Company's plant damaged, June 1. Loss, \$10,000. Orgin, explosion.

Grand Coulee, Sask.—W. J. Vancise's barn destroyed, May 27. Loss covered by insurance. Origin, lightning.

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—Baptist Church damaged, May 20. Loss, \$9,000; insurance, \$4,000. Origin, supposed incendiary.

THE PAS, MAN.—Bush fire has destroyed Mc-Millan, Bros. camp at Mile 90 on Hudson Bay railway right of way. Loss, \$20,000.

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BURDETTE, ALTA.—Hunt's hardware store, McCormick Implement Company's agency and C. C. Fielding's store burned, June 2. Loss, \$30,000.

WINNIPEG,—Dwelling house occupied by Carl Heiner, 258 Dorothy Street damaged, June 2. Origin, unknown. Loss, \$600; insured in London & Lancashire Fire.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Fire did \$500 damage to premises and stock of Victoria Paint & Paper Company, 852 Yates Street, May 17. Insurance, \$2,000. Fire at 935 Roos Street, in G. R. Richardson's residence caused a loss of \$500; fully covered by insurance in Canadian National.

AMHERST, N.S.—Unoccupied building on Electric Street, formerly occupied by Maritime Coal, Railway & Power Co., destroyed, June 2. Holmes boarding house and Victor bakery damaged. Apartment building owned by C. C. Black destroyed. Total loss, \$30,000.

PRINCIPAL FIRES IN CANADA, INVOLVING LOSS OF \$5,000 AND OVER, MAY, 1913.

May 1913.	PLACE.	Risk.	Loss.
1	Cobalt, Ont	Incinerator	\$ 7,000
í	Medicine Hat, Alta	Express Car	125,000
2	Lyster, Que	Houses and Stores.	20,000
3	Dawson V T	Power House	200,000
4	Englehart, Ont	Business section	125,000
4	North Sydney, N.S.	Business district	250,000
5	Moose Jaw, Sask	Prairie fires	250,000
5	Richmond Hill, Ont.	Barns	10,000
5	Winnipeg	Cottages	7,000
5	Belleville, Ont	Tallow plant	6,500
6	London, Ont	Stable	8,000
6	Moncton, N.B	Skating rink, church,	
0	Moneton, N.D.	etc	*70,000
-	Townsto	Freight cars	10,000
7	Moncton, N.B	Oil warehouse	8,000
7	Canoe Pass, B.C.	Steamer	24,000
9		Newspaper office	75,000
9	Chatham, Ont	Grain elevator	5,000
10	Kingston, Ont Ont	Ice-house and dwell	
12	St. Catherines, Ont.	ings	30,000
	0.1111	Store	18,000
12	Orillia, Ont	Sash and door fac-	
12	Winnipeg	tory and dwell-	
		ings	25,000
	D. 11 - 0-1	Coal chutes	20,000
12	Belleville, Ont	Residence	12,000
13	Grafton, Ont	Sawmill	17,000
13	Centre Blissville, N.B.	Barn and stable	5,000
13	Sanford, Man	Church.	40,000
13	Stratford, Ont	Drug store	10,000
15	Quebec City	Tenement house	5,000
15	St. John, N.B		5,000
15	Ancienne Lorette, Que	1 A	40,000
16	Plessisville, Que	Foundry	20,000
16	Inverness, C.B	Hotel, etc	7.000
17	Milton, Ont	Barn	30,000
17	Brantford, Ont	Stables, etc	
19	Montreal	Stores and tene-	
		ments	
20	North Sydney, N.S.		0.00
20	Chamcook, Ont	Residences	
20	Brantford, Ont	Varnish Factory.	
20	Scarboro, Ont		
21	Armstrong, B.C	Lumber mill	F 0.00
21	Winnipeg	Dwellings	48.00
22	Quebec City	Shoe Factory.	
22	Brantford, Ont	Livery stable.	
24	Edmonton, Alta	Hotel and store	
24	Selkirk, Man	Livery stable and	
		bake shop	
25	Calgary, Alta	Arena	50,00

^{*}Insurance loss, \$39,185.

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THE PREMIUMS, after deducting Re-insurances, amounted to \$3,128,450, showing an increase of \$157,880 in comparison with those of the previous year.

THE LOSSES, after making the same deduction, amounted to \$1,722,885 or 55.07 per cent. of the premiums.

THE EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT (including Fire Brigade Charges and Commission) amounted to \$1,127,450 or 36.04 per cent. of the premiums.

FIRE ACCOUNT

Amount of Fire Insurance Fund at the beginning of the year, viz.:—Reserve for unexpired Risks. \$1,321,500 General Reserve Fund. 2,700,000 Premiums. Interest and Dividends. \$164,565 Less income tax. 9,610	\$4,021,500 3,128,450 154,955	Commission. Expenses of Management. Contributions to Fire Brigades. Agents Bad Debts. Depreciation in securities written off Transfer to Profit and Loss Account. Amount of Fire Insurance Fund at the end of the year, viz.:— Reserve for unexpired Risks	\$1,722,885 406,165 699,940 21,350 350 14,730 297,735
		being 44.49 per cent. of Fire	

Premium Income for the year. 1,391,750 General Reserve Fund. . . . 2,750,000

\$7,304,905

\$7,304,905

4,141,750

FUNDS OF THE COMPANY AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1912

Capital paid up		 		 				 		 	 \$5,000,000
Life Assumption Fund				 	 			 		 	 ,
Fire Insurance Fund		 		 	 					 	 *,***,**
Accident, Burglary and General Assurance Fund	* *	 		 * *	 * *	٠		 		 	 01.415
Redemption Assurances Fund		 		 	 			 		 	 31,410
Officials' Fidelity Guarantee Fund		 		 	 			 		 	 10,330
Investment Reserve Fund		 	++	 	 			 		 	 220,000
Profit and Loss Balance		 		 	 	٠.	٠.		, ,	 	 120,800

\$32,864,930

Head Office for Canada - Guardian Building, Montreal H. M. LAMBERT, Manager. B. E. HARDS, Assist. Manager.

FINANCIAL GOSSIP

New Bank Branch:—British, at Esquimalt, B.C., under temporary management of Mr. R. C. Tremen.

This is a mechanical age, an inventive age, a spending age, an age in which all the capital that can be supplied, all the surplus savings, all the liquid resources of rich countries are greedily absorbed and swallowed.—London *Economist*.

The Hudson Bay Company has announced a dividend of 30 p.c. plus a bonus of 10 per cent., making a total of 50 per cent. for the past twelve months. Of the dividend for the last year 20 per cent. was derived from trading profits and 30 per cent. from land sales.

Canadian Converters in its seventh annual report makes an excellent showing, manufacturing profits of the subsidiary companies registering an increase of \$40.805, or 45.5 per cent., and net profits, after bond interest and depreciation allowance, an increase of \$37,174, or 73.5 per cent.

At the annual meeting of Montreal Light, Heat & Power on Wednesday, it was announced that a new issue of \$1,800,000 stock will be made at par in the autumn. Of this amount \$1,700,000 will be allotted to existing shareholders in the proportion of one share in ten and \$100,000 to employees.

Shareholders of the National Drug and Chemical Company have now formally authorised the issue of \$2,000,000 additional stock. The issue will take the form of 200,000 six per cent. first preference shares of a par value of £1 each equal to \$973,333 and 10,000 seven per cent. preference shares of a par value of \$100 each. The first preference shares will be offered in London this month at 105.

The first annual report of the Tuckett Tobacco Company, Ltd., re-organised last year, shows net profits of \$303,384 for the twelve months ended March 31st last, and a carry forward to credit of profit and loss a sum of \$141,842, or equal to approximately 534 per cent. on the \$2,500,000 of common stock. Combined profits of the three companies comprising the present organisation were in 1911, \$307,552 and n 1912, \$293,024.

The London Statist's monthly compilation of new capital issues shows a total for the month of May of £38,454,000, against £28,950,000 in May one year ago and £24,442,000 two years ago. For the first five months of the current calendar year the applications have amounted to £147,390,000, comparing with £104,218,000 one year ago and £109,740,000 in 1911.

The destinations of the issues in May included £7,281,000 for the United Kingdom, £78,000 for India, £2,973,000 for the Colonies and £28,120,000 for foreign countries. The total, it is said, will undoubtedly be much less for June as underwriters have agreed to discourage further issues until the present surplus supply is absorbed.

Mr. James Carruthers, president of R. & O. Navigation, states that while since the opening of navigation, steamers have been moving wheat out of the country as fast as they can, reports shows that there are still over 40 million bushels of last year's crop in the Western country to be moved out.

There is no mystery about the strain upon credit, the condition of the investment market and the high rates necessary to "raise money." Money cannot be raised from the dead or evoked from the air. The absorption of capital for uses that are not productive of new capital and do not contribute to the production of commodities, has much to do with the "high cost of living," and that in turn enhances the demand for a higher return upon investment. This is said to be a transition period. There seems to be a partial eclipse in the financial heavens, and relief is to be looked for as the world works out of the obscurity through increased saving and accumulation of capital and less waste and destruction.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

Mr. Walter J. Marquand, who has been manager for the Sun Life in Nova Scotia, was recently appointed manager for the company for Western Pennsylvania, with headquarters at Pittsburg.

The position taken by the fire insurance companies in Missouri is said to be having a material effect on other states which have been contemplating drastic insurance legislation. The state rating bill introduced in Florida, which was thought for a time to be certain of passage, has been defeated, the Missouri action being the controlling influence. In several of the southern states obnoxious bills have been introduced and the leading papers are opposing them on the ground that insurance legislation has been carried too far and the more important states do not want to be placed in the unpleasant position in which Missouri now finds itself.

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	CANADIAN I	ACIPIC RA	ILWAY.	C. /2 . F 1 . F 10
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Apr. 30\$28	.936.000 \$3	7.361.000	\$41,486,000	\$4,125,000
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
May 7	1,957,000	2,439,000	2,572,000	133,000
	1,989,000	2,518,000	2,627,000	109,000
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	3,124,000	3,625,000	3,788,000	163,000
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And the second second		RUNK RAIL	1913	Increase
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1313	
Mar. 31	\$14,141.429	\$14,898,562	\$17,170,040	Increase
Week ending	1911.	1912.	1910.	150,988
May 7	848,671	909,651	1,060,639	
" 14	877,194	952,083		152,214
** 21	874,443	928,783		140,282
" 31	1,341,847	1,512,857	1,680,003	167,146
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		1912.	1913.	Increase
Year to date.	1911.	\$5,612,300		\$731,000
Apl. 30			1913.	Increase
Week ending	1911.	1912.	472,400	81,200
May 7	373,200	391,200		91,260
" 14	330,500	389,000	480,200	54,200
" 21	303,700	453,200	507,400	
" 31	437,700	588,700	758,400	169,700
Tw	VIN CITY RAI	ID TRANSI	T COMPANY.	
Year to date.	1911.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Apl. 30	. \$2,407,967	\$2,511,63	5 \$2,707,167	\$195,532
Week ending.	1911.	1912.		Increase
May 7		153,671		6,518
" 14			160,578	9,441
" 21				14,491
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W I Mari	HAVANA E.L.	1912.	1913.	Increase
Week ending			54,770	3.578
May 4		51,192	54,671	3.589
" 11	***	51,082		4,680
" 18		49.494	54,174	21.052
. 25		47,012	68.064	6,575
June 1		48,096	54,671	6,575
	DULUTH SU	PERIOR TR	ACTION CO.	
	1911.		2. 1913.	Increase
May 7		20,64		2,383
" 14		21,7		1,431
14		UNITED R		
m l				Increase
Week ending				37,985
May 7	184,45	28 203,66	7 241,652	01,000

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS.

National Control	Week ending June 5, 1913	Week ending May 29, 1913	Week ending June 6, 1912	June 8, 1911		
Montreal Toronto Ottawa	\$56.992,179 40,659,852 4,126,737	\$45,151,659 35,287, 90 3,134,898	856,220,689 47,113,752 4,788,543	\$48,771,480 86,904,732 3,978,599		
	Five d	ays only this w	reek.			

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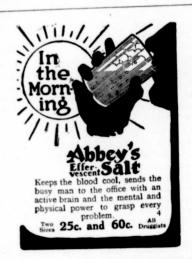
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Call money in Montreal	6-61%	6-61 %	5 %
in New York	31-31%	23-3%	21-21%
Bank of England rate	41%	41%	3 %

DOMINION CIRCULATION AND SPECIE.

March 31. 112,101,858 February 28, 110,484,879 January 31, 113,602,030 December 31, 1912 115,836,488 Nov. 30 118,958,620	May 51,

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Nov. 30 106,694,599	May 31 98,831,103



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AUGG CARA AND	Cleeing prices or Last sale.		Par value of one share.	Return per cent. on investment at present prices.	Rate of Annual Dividend	Capital subscribed	Capital paid up	Boot Fund	Per cent'ge of Reet to paid up Capital	When Dividend payable.
	Asked.	Bid.	8	Per Cent.	10+1	4,966,667 15,000,000 5,315,800	\$ 4,866,667 15,000,000 5,243,801	\$ 2,920,000 12,500,000 6,243,801	60.0 0 83.33 119.70	April, October. March, June, Sept., Dec. Jau., April, July, Oct.
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Montreal Nationale Northern Crown Bank	138	134	100	5 07	6	2,862,400	2,745,964	300.000 10,804,930		January, July. Jan., April, July. Oct.
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Toronto Toronto Union Bank of Canada Vancouver Weyburn Security	140	:::	100 100 100	5 71	8	5,000,00 1,174,40 631,00	5,000,000 852,495	40,00	0 4.70	March, June, Sept., Dec.
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Montreal Tramways Company WINTER SERVICE TIME TABLE, 1912-1913

From Post Office: 20 mins. service from 5.40 a.m. to 12.00 midnight.
Lachine: 20 5.10 a.m. to 12.45 midnight.

Sault au Recollet and St. Vincent de Paul:

From St. Denis Station:n St. Denis Station:—
15 mins, service from 5.15 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
20 ... 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
15 ... 0.00 p.m. to 12.00 midnight. om St. Vincent:—
15 mins. service from 5.45 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
30 ... 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
15 ... 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
30 ... 15 ... 8.30 p.m. to 12.00 midnight.
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Cartierville:

From Snowdon Junction:-

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From Cartierville:—
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