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### THE WESTERN CROP PROSPECT.

Our Winnipeg crop despatch of yesterday noon says: "The weather during the past week throughout the West generally has been fine and warm, very favorable for all the crops. Cutting will be general in a few days provided we have continued fine weather. There have been so many conflicting reports of the estimated damage from rust that only threshing returns will show the true state of affairs. The most reliable sources, however, estimate rust damage at ten to twenty per cent., but this may become greater, inasmuch as rust may spread to many places where grain is late and is still unaffected." An excursion of grainmen and bankers of Winnipeg who had gone south and west to investigate the state of the Manitoba crop returned from touring the country on Wednesday evening. They estimate the wheat crop at 44,000,000 bushels, a shrinkage of 30 per cent. We learn further that the information received by the Bank of Commerce from their branches and agencies in the North-West places the average yield of wheat at eighteen bushels per acre. Even should the yield be less than this, the increased acreage and the increased price now prevailing as compared with last year means r hes for the farmer.

## MARITIME PROVINCE TOPICS.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade has come to be regarded as the most important meeting of representative business men at the eastern end of the Dominion. We made a brief reference to it in last week's issue, having but telegraphic despatches about a few leading resolutions. But to-day we can give a tolerable digest of the conclusions reached from our own correspondent and the daily press. The sessions at Moncton, in New Brunswick, this year were particularly interesting. There

was a large representation from Halifax, including J. E. DeWolfe, Hon. W. Ross, Hon. G. J. Troop, B. F. Pearson, M.P.P., James Hall, Alex. Stephen, A. M. Bell, J. B. Foster, A. M. Payne, Edw. Stairs, W. B. Arthur, R. B. Colwell, O. E. Smith, G. S. Campbell, H. S. Colwell, F. A. Ronnan, H. R. Silver, Fred DeWolfe. And there was an attendance of delegates very generally distributed over the Maritime Provinces. The subjects discussed by these gentlemen were many and various.

It may be remembered that at the 1903 meeting of the Board, held in Charlottetown, there was a lengthy discussion of a fast Atlantic line of steamers for Canada. This year again this subject was debated, and the resolution passed upon it at Moncton, towards which many adroit whereases converge, is both strong and convincing. A matter which merited all the consideration it received was that of steel shipbuilding in our Atlantic Provinces. Again and again we have insisted in these columns upon the great importance of this. The resolution which deals with it deserves to attract wide attention because of the surpassing advantages which these Provinces possess for that industry. To the utterance of the meeting upon the dumping clause and to that desiring the British preference to apply only to goods imported through Canadian ports we referred last week. Various matters of real import to the Island of Prince Edward were discussed, and we present the resolutions carried with respect to them. The matter of winter communication with the mainland is a vital one to the Island.

—The same paper which announces the production on Wednesday last of the first steel rails at the Canadian Soo brings word also of a purchase in the United States by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of 60,000 tons of steel rails at \$20 to \$21 a ton,

which is \$7 to \$8 a ton under the pool price. The rails have been sold by the United States Steel Corporation and the Pennsylvania Steel Company. Is there not a connection between the two events? The selling companies explain the incident of this sale to suit themselves, but it is evidently disturbing their market. And as to Canadian producers of steel rails, the dumping clause ought to have something to do in their protection.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW.

We present below a condensation of the monthly statement of Canadian banks for July, 1904. It is compared with the Bank Statement for the same month of the previous year instead of with the month of June this year, and shows capital, reserve, assets and liabilities, average holdings of specie and Dominion notes, etc.:

#### CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT.

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LIABILITIES.	July 1904.	July 1903
Capital authorized	\$100,546,666	\$96,326,666
Capital paid up	79,267,773	77,093,666
Reserve Funds	52,318,691	48,122,212
Notes in circulation	\$59,979,830	\$57,563,665
Dominion and Provincial Government		
deposits	8,518,003	6,794,542
Public deposits on demand in Canada	118,331,939	110,542,900
Public deposits at notice	312,713,823	271,597,201
Deposits outside of Canada	32,643,571	36,349,191
Bank loans or deposits from other banks		
secured	817,668	579,948
Due to other banks in Canada	4,676,353	4,198,658
Due to other banks in Great Britain	7,635,558	5,270,959
Due to other banks in foreign countries	1,562,375	1,561,076
Other liabilities	9,247,331	10,821,812
Total liabilities	\$556,126,535	\$505,280,024
ASSETS.		
Specie	\$17,303,333	\$14,073,865
Dominion notes	32,049,188	29,742,431
Deposits to secure note circulation	3,327,618	3,130,844
Notes and cheques on other banks	17,161,541	16,411,627
Loans to other banks, secured	817,668	589,972
Deposits with other banks in Canada	5,617,022	5,064,725
Due from banks in Great Britain	9,395,427	3,711,374
Due from other banks in foreign		
countries	19,213,193	17,197,942
Dominion or provincial Govt. debentures		
or stock	10,865,878	11,840,264
Other securities	53,457,330	52,147,092
Call loans on bonds and stocks in Canada	36,711,597	41,881,085
Call loans elsewhere	34,924,405	36,382,605
	\$240,844,200	\$232,173,826
Current Loans in Canada	414,096,802	363,586,174
Current Loans elsewhere	19,821,390	22,226,350
Loans to Dominion and Provincial	gangagara.	production of
Governments	2,094,659	1,286,312
Overdue debts	2,133,146	2,199,555
Real estate	758,962	835,697
Mortgages on real estate sold	748,128	724,969
Bank premises	9,783,402	8,420,051
Other assets		10,532,557
Total assets	\$696,409,519	\$641,985,699
Average amount of specie held during		
the month	16,671,640	14,257,291
Average Dominion notes held during the	10,071,040	14,25/,291
month	31,076,172	29,067,961
Greatest amount notes in circulation	3-10/0,1/2	29,007,901
during month	62,160,693	60,640,008
Loans to directors or their firm	10,168,288	11,209,805
Total to directors of their arm friends	7,0,0	1,109,003

Taking the figures of a year ago instead of those of a month ago enables a comparison of the state of commercial affairs they disclose at two points. The figures of last month show quite as healthy a state of affairs as a year ago, with no set-backs but such as have arisen through stock speculation. The banks appear to have been able to take care of the regular business of the country very well. Current loans show an increase of fifty millions of dollars, which practically corresponds with the increase in deposits in the banks, which increase is surprising. Call loans are less, which is natural and by no means to be deplored, for an increase in transactions resting on production and transportation is to be preferred to a largely puffed up business in shares. Notwithstanding continued activity in business, the reserves of the banks have been well maintained, the proportion of cash assets being to-day 341/2 per cent. of the total assets. The increase in circulation from \$57,500,000 to \$59,900,000 is another remarkable feature of the statement; for it indicates continued activity in directions where by reason of strikes and fires at home and some untoward appearances in the United States, one might reasonably have looked for a decrease.

#### ABSTRACT OF BANK RETURNS.

Description.	July 30th, 1904.	July 31st, 1903.	In Month
Capital paid up	\$79,267,000	\$77,093,000	Inc. \$174,000
Circulation	59,979,000	57,563,000	Dec 119,000
DepositsLoans, Discounts and Invest-	477,697,000	430,058,000	Inc. 4,524,000
ments	503,282,000	453,872,000	" 299,000
Loans	166,003,000	160,761,000	" 2,256,000
Specie	17,303,000	14.073,000	
Legals	32,049,000	29,742,000	
Call Loans	71,135,000		Dec 2,633,000
Investments	64,321.000	63,986,000	" 1,735,000
Government Savings Bank Montreal City and Distr Bank La Caisse d'Economie d' Loan Companies Bank Deposits	Quebec	62,213,000 16,123,000 7,114,000 20,000,000 —————————————————————————————	05,450,000 17,697,000
GOVERNM	IENT CIRCULA		33,147,000
Large			393,000 919,000
Gold held, \$30,172,000. or 7	1 per cent.		

#### DRY GOODS PROSPECTS.

At the present time it would be rash to attempt to forecast the probabilities so far as cotton and cotton goods are concerned. On one or two days this week spot cotton at New York has made upward jumps, but the general tendency without a doubt is towards really lower prices; that is, unless something very serious should happen to the crop now growing, which, of course, during the present weeks is at a critical stage in its growth. Canadian manufacturers seem to anticipate a decline in prices, and for the present withhold quotations. At any rate it may be stated that in the event of any marked change in values the likelihood is in favor of them falling lower. Already battings have made a recession of 10 per cent., but in this particular line there had been some accumulation of stocks. In reading the above remarks it should be borne in mind that the goods which will be purchased between now and, say, the next two months will not be affected by the decline in prices.

One difficulty which is making itself felt by both wholesale and retail dealers in regard to the policy pursued by the textile mills of not delivering before December 1st on a basis of new prices, whenever they may be issued, is that the former, generally speaking, have not sufficient goods in stock to carry on the ordinary requirements of their trade until that time. The new quotations are expected this week.

In the department of woolens a very different order of things exists. The position is becoming stronger every week, principally due to the high cost of raw wool. Flannels of all sorts are scarce. Blankets are likely to be in specially great demand in the North-West and elsewhere during the next few months, and they have already advanced in price a little. But the main difficulty is not in getting them at fair prices, but in getting them at all. The trouble consists in getting promise of delivery.

As to general trade, it may be described as fully up to the average for this time of the year, in spite of the somewhat adverse influence exercised by holidays and by uncertainty regarding the harvest. A good many country retailers also have no doubt postponed sending in their orders in the expectation of themselves visiting Toronto during Exhibition fortnight. The fact that Monday next will see the fall millinery and dress goods openings gives point to this determination. In the meantime it may be said that there is good promise for a satisfactory fall trade in dry goods and millinery.

### FORGERY.

While the law relative to forgery is settled in certain respects, yet the variation in facts attending certain forgeries gives rise to new combinations of principles which constantly present difficulty to the courts. A most interesting case has recently been decided by the Supreme Court of Canada, which case is unique by reason of the fact that in deciding it the learned judges had absolutely no direct precedent in either the courts of Great Britain, the United States, or Canada, and it became necessary to decide it on the general principles of common law as nearly as possible applicable. In this case of Ewing and the Dominion Bank, one Wallace was manager of a phosphate company in Toronto, and it appears that he forged the signature of Messrs. Ewing & Company, of Montreal, to a note for \$2,000, which note he discounted at the Dominion Bank in Toronto on the 15th of August, 1900. Immediately thereafter the Dominion Bank, as is their custom, sent a written notice to Messrs. Ewing & Company, of Montreal, advising the firm that the said note had been discounted at the bank named, and requesting them to make provision for its payment on the 17th of December, 1900, at its maturity. Immediately on receipt of this notice on the 16th of August, Messrs. Ewing & Company, of Montreal, got into communication with the phosphate company of Toronto in order to get an explanation of this unusual proceeding, and within the course of a few days they had learned without question that their

signature to the note described was a forgery. Meantime Wallace issued cheques against his deposit as above, which left a balance at the close of business on the 16th of August of \$1,350, and on the 17th of \$84; and, the funds having thus gone out of the bank's hands, they had no way of recouping themselves.

Messrs. Ewing & Co. did not notify the Dominion Bank that the signature above was not genuine, but continued their communication with Wallace in Toronto to endeavor to get restitution. The note finally matured, and Messrs. Ewing & Company were called on for payment. Refusing, the matter went to suit, and both at the trial and again before the Court of Appeal of Ontario they were ordered to pay to the Dominion Bank the amount of the note. These judgments have now been sustained by the Supreme Court of Canada as above.

Although it seems rather hard that Messrs. Ewing & Co. should have been compelled to pay this note under the circumstances, yet the correctness of the decision cannot well be questioned in view of the truth that it is absolutely essential to sustain a high standard of business morality, because the bulk of all legitimate business is done on a basis of confidence. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada was based on a technical rule of law known as the doctrine of estoppel, which shortly means that if a man, by silence or acts, induces another man to believe that a given state of circumstances are so, and the other man, believing, therefore, that these facts are true, acts on them and sustains damage thereby, the former cannot thereafter deny the truth of the fictitious circumstances which he by his conduct or silence has induced the other man to accept as true.

This decision also settled that even although a man is not a customer of a bank such as a depositor, for instance, yet if he is advised by the bank that they hold his paper under discount, the signature to which he knows to be a forgery, then a duty is cast on that man to notify the bank of the forgery immediately, in order that they may save themselves by either proceeding directly against the forger or by attaching any monies in their hands, as, for instance, the proceeds of the discount.

In this case, therefore, the Supreme Court held that there was a duty incumbent upon Messrs. Ewing & Company, of Montreal, to immediately, by either telephone or telegraph, advise the Dominion Bank, immediately after receipt of their notice on August 16th, that said note was a forgery, and that Messrs. Ewing & Company having represented to the bank, by not fulfilling this duty and by keeping silent on the matter, that their note was genuine when the bank had parted with practically all the proceeds of the discount as above on August 17th. After that date Messrs. Ewing & Co. were estopped from saying that the note was not genuine, and, therefore, they were liable for the amount of the same to the bank the same as if it had been a genuine signature.

There were a number of decisions previous to this case which had settled the doctrine of estoppel in reference to forged instruments, and it had been definitely decided that where a man was a customer of a bank, as, for instance, a depositor, when such man learned that his cheques had been forged there was a duty cast on him to immediately notify the bank of the forgery as soon as he discovered it, in order that they might save themselves as much as possible. There had, however, never been a case applying this principle to the case of an outside man who was not a regular customer of the bank, and this is the fact which made the present case a difficult one to decide. But this point is settled definitely now, and on the whole it seems but reasonable that if a man discovers his name to have been forged and a bank is liable to lose money through the forgery, he is under an imperative duty, as well as being actuated by the incentive of self-interest, to notify the bank at once of the forgery in order that that institution may suffer as little loss as possible.

## AN ADVANTAGE FOR CANADIAN LIFE COMPANIES.

A change has been made in the status of colonial life insurance companies in England. Hitherto, for many years, premiums paid in the United Kingdom on life insurance or on contracts for deferred annuities have been, if the companies were British ones, exempt from income tax. But since of late years colonial companies have been doing business in England, their business has suffered from the disadvantage they were placed under in this respect. The matter was laid before the High Commissioner for Canada and the Minister of Finance, and in consequence of representations made to the British Treasury on the subject the disability has been removed.

The effect of this change in the English law is illustrated thus: The English law used to provide that where a person invests one-sixth of his income in life insurance in British companies that portion of his income should be exempt from the income tax. This provision did not formerly extend to insurance in colonial companies. In the past if of an income of £1,200 say £200 was invested in life assurance in English companies, this £200 was exempt from income tax, while the same investment in a colonial company would have to pay the income tax on this sum amounting to £10. In order to compete with English companies the colonial companies have in the past been forced to pay this by deducting it from the amount of the premium collected. Now they will not only be on a par with English and Scotch companies, but, it appears, will have this as an advantage over American companies doing business in the Old Country, a very considerable preference for colonial companies.

But is this fair? ask some English journals, who bring forward the fact that there are continental and other foreign companies which do far more life business in the United Kingdom than the colonial and Indian companies put together. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, when bringing forward the measure declared "that it was not in the interests of the companies, but in the interests of the individuals that he commended the amending clause to the house." If this be the case, comments the London Economist, why is the extension of the privilege to be limited to insurers with colonial and Indian

offices? "If the principle is to be applied equitably, it will have to be applied all round. Moreover, while our home life offices have hitherto enjoyed a privilege in this matter denied to their colonial or foreign competitors, they have labored under still greater disabilities. They are required to pay income-tax on the whole of their interest receipts, while the colonial and foreign offices practically escape the tax altogether, as their funds are invested abroad."

### MANUFACTURERS TO FORM AN INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

A plan, or at least the outline of a plan, for the formation of a manufacturers' mutual fire insurance company has been arranged, to be submitted at the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Montreal in September. And we commend to the attention of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association the scheme as far as it has been promulgated.

It is proposed that this mutual company, to be operated direct from the offices of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, will for a time at least confine itself to bearing what is known as sprinkled risks among its membership. In other words, risks of the highest class with all the modern improvements of fire doors, automatic sprinklers, etc., will be carried by this company, all other risks being placed outside the board companies, making a saving, it is claimed, of twenty per cent. for the latter over present rates, while the sprinkled risks can be carried at very much less than what they now cost with the board companies. The Manufacturers' Association hope by this means to bring back into Canada a very large percentage of the sprinkled risks which are now being carried abroad particularly in the New England mutual companies, which make a specialty of this sort of insurance.

Seeing that the combined capital of the associated manufacturers of the Dominion amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars, there is a great field for the operation of such a company as that proposed. Certainly, if it shall adopt the careful plans and the exacting restrictions of the New England Mutuals, a great saving may be expected, not only in the fire waste of this description of property, but in the cost of fire insurance. For we are told that part of the plan of organization of this Manufacturers' Mutual is that no agents be employed, the offices of the Association handling the business. This is expected to make a vast difference in the expense account, a very desirable thing. Another feature is that insurance will be confined to members of the Association.

It will be found, however, that the betterments that will have to be effected in premises and plant and the appliances to be provided in order to reach the standard required by, say, the New England Mutuals will be much more exacting than the average manufacturer dreams of. It will be well if the effort outlined shall result in the formation of a strong and competent company, or group of companies, in Canada to give secure indemnity instead of depending upon United States companies which write such risks as those indicated. Nothing, however, but the highest skill, the result of long observation and experience, will suffice to yield such results as the New England Mutual are able to show. Given this skill, and the exemplification of that old-fashioned but effective trio, "care, order, and cleanliness," and effects will be shown that must lessen the fire waste and help the manufacturer to increase the balance on the right side of his ledger.

### BRITISH RAILWAYS.

The reports of railways in the United Kingdom which have been published during the first week in August were looked for with general interest, inasmuch as railway earnings are a good indicator of prosperity or depression in commerce. Those which have thus far appeared do not savor of any serious lessening of activity. In a list of twenty-four companies, whose dividends and forward balances for the June half year are given in the London Economist of August 6th, there are ten whose dividend remains the same, seven who declare more dividend, and seven who declare less than in the same period of 1903. We present the figures of the principal roads:

	Half-Year Ended June 30th.							
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		Balance		Balance				
	Dividend	Forward.	Dividend.I	Forward.				
	%	£	%	£				
Central London		48,737	4.	55,832				
Gt. Central (1,879 Pf.)		3,366	nil	12,895				
Great Eastern		16,380	13/4	16,113				
Great Northern		41,806	3	22,880				
Great Western		25,600	33/4	24,255				
		19,300	31/4	37,109				
Lancs. and Yorks		23,339	3	18,084				
Lon. and Brighton		74,000	5	80,800				
Lon. and NWestern		25,977	4	25,546				
Lon. and SWestern		21,236	21/2	26,256				
Metropolitan		24,707	21/4	22,256				
Midland Deferred		40,875	5	45,287				
North-Eastern		336	61/2	2,962				
North London		3,868		2,359				
Rhymney			1/2	17,060				
South-Eastern		11,545	31/2	6,315				
Taff Vale	4	11,545	3/2	7,5-5				

People were looking with curiosity for the report of the Lancashire & Yorkshire, which was not expected to pay so much as 3 per cent. Economy in working expenses (these were £1,571,000 for the half year compared with 1903) had much to do with it. The Great Central accounts are always looked for, too, for that road is "making progress in climbing the stairs of the successive preference issues towards a dividend on the ordinary." It pays dividend this year on the 1879 preference, but there still remain without dividend four issues of preference stock amounting to £8,210,000; "so that a long and toilsome climb must be accomplished before the goal of an ordinary dividend is attained." The half year's gross revenue was £1,732,484.

The Great Northern Company has done well, gaining £25,000 in gross receipts and writing off permanent way suspense account. The great sum of £2,470,153, equal to more than twelve millions of dollars, is shown by the London & South-Western company for the half year. It is an increase of £55,572 over 1903. The working expenses of the road are 64.4 per cent., we observe; that of the Grand Trunk of Canada is 70.16. As to the North-Eastern Company, the Economist says disappointment was felt that no better result than that for the first half of 1903 was secured. "A good deal has been made of the fact that this company had adopted American

methods of statistics and working, had electrified a portion of its system, and was very up-to-date generally. The company is also credited with dealing fairly with its capital account by charging revenue with a full proportion for renewals and 'betterments." But the ordinary shareholders do not benefit. The market professed to be disappointed that the Great Western dividend was not made 41/2 or 5 instead of 4, but it is contended that the increase to 4 from 33/4 was as much as could be expected. As the ordinary capital has been increased to the extent of £1,350,532, "it would have required £65,600 more to pay 4 than sufficed to pay 33/4 last year." The North-Western dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. must be regarded as extremely satisfactory, last year's rate having been maintained, although the estimated traffic receipts showed a falling off equal to £91,000.

-An interesting and important work is that entered upon by Professor Zavitz, who is in charge of re-forestry at the Guelph Agricultural College. He was in Ottawa the other day conferring with the Minister of Agriculture about plans for the future. The professor has recently completed a tour of Ontario with the object of finding out what are the farm forestry conditions, the needs and capabilities of the different sections. He found the Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay districts well adapted for experiments in farm forestry. It is his intention to set out at once on a seed-collecting expedition. A heavy crop of white pine seed is promised this year, and he will endeavor to obtain a large supply of it. Energetic action in such a direction as here indicated is the part of wisdom. Canada must not be behind other countries in the needful work of restoring trees that have been needlessly and wastefully cut down, to the impoverishment of the country and the injury of its cultivators.

### SOME POINTS ABOUT THE WINNIPEG FAIR.

It is not sufficient to say that the Winnipeg Summer Fair of 1904 was a good Exhibition—that would be a commonplace expression. It was an extraordinary Exhibition, for the following, among other reasons. The Fair was kept open for two weeks, and it was the first time this had been done. The result justified the experiment. Again, in a new country, and with only a dozen years' growth, to have got together such an instructive array of products, natural and artificial, was a remarkable achievement. The arrangement of the handsome colonnade, a covered way from which one could walk protected into each and all of the great sheds, was a happy thought. These buildings were from 550 to 650 feet in length each, and 40 feet in width. Their disposition made it possible for a spectator to see every exhibit in all these spacious premises without going from under cover, and this is something to be appreciated in case of inclement weather. It is stated that 30,000 people could have found shelter therein in case of necessity. It should be emphasized, too, that the having a covered marquee, seated and always dry, in which judges could do their work, was found to be a great comfort.

In two particulars the 1904 Fair was especially noteworthy, the display of live stock and the exhibit of field implements. This was to be expected, for these are two of the great features of North-West farming. Of farm engines, threshers, and the other implements that a plains farmer needs, there was an astonishing display; in size and value, on the testimony of good judges, the machines shown could not be surpassed anywhere. It is satisfactory to know, too, that a Cana-

dian concern carried off the gold medal from United States exhibitors in this class. The show of animals, as we have said, was most creditable, Ayrshire, shorthorn, and polled cattle were all present in large variety. It seems to be admitted that the shorthorn is the best breed for our North-West. An excellent showing was made of grade cattle. A very fine display of horses was made. The Clydesdales and roadsters shown were of a good kind, and there were some fine carriage horses. A deficiency of saddle horses was to be remarked, however. Sheep were only of fair quality, and the exhibit was not great, but the swine were admirable—the size of some of them enormous. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the show, from an agricultural point of view, was the great and cordial interest displayed by the great cattle breeders of the Eastern provinces.

By means of an arrangement with Eastern manufacturers, a greater display than ever before was found possible at this Fair of Canadian products of machinery. It may, perhaps, be said that a greater variety might have been shown; but considering the distance goods had to be taken, the array deserved praise, some of the individual exhibits being large and most striking.

The attendance was very large, indeed the crowd was sometimes enormous, and one would have thought embarrassing. In fact, the doubts held by the management as to whether the second week's duration of the Fair would justify itself were all dispelled. Of course the greater scale of things, the erection of the colonnade, and the great new sheds, must have run away with a lot of money. But we are glad to be told that the financial results were so satisfactory that there is likely to be a balance on the profit side.

### SAINT JOHN AND THE FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

The City of St. John is now seriously considering a large expenditure for an improved water supply. Engineer Frank A. Barbour, of the firm of Snow & Barbour, Boston, has made a report on the St. John water service. He finds that while sufficient for domestic and manufacturing uses, it is inadequate for fire protection. He recommends a connection of the existing system with Loch Lomond, a large lake eleven miles from the city. This lake can supply water sufficient for a city seven times as large as St. John, and the service will be a gravity one, the lake being about 230 feet above the level of the city. Mr. Barbour estimates the cost of the extension he recommends at about \$200,000, but there is a fear in the city that if the work is undertaken, claims for very heavy damages will be presented. The Mispec river drains Loch Lomond, and at its mouth is the Mispec or St. John Sulphite Pulp Mill, owned by an English syndicate. This mill has not proved a financial success, and is advertised to be sold by order of the courts on October 1st. The company built large dams on the Mispec river and used the water in connection with the mill. If the city sought to take water from the lake the mill owners might set up a claim for big damages. This is the present fear. The fire underwriters are demanding the improvement of the water service. Recently that body added 40 cents to the insurance rate, promising to take off 15 cents when two chemical engines are added to the city's fire fighting apparatus, and the remaining 25 cents when an adequate water supply is secured. The chemical engines have been ordered, so that the 15 cents will soon come off, and the other work is sure to be done, no matter what the cost is.

Wholesale druggists from different Maritime Province points are here to-day. The object of their conference has not been learned, but it is generally believed that the meeting is part of a move now general over the Dominion to compel the retailers to buy from the wholesalers. It is understood that many jobbers have been in the habit of placing orders for proprietary medicines direct with the manufacturers. The wholesalers want to get a share of this trade, and it is understood are taking steps to secure from the manufacturers promises to sell only to the wholesale trade, and from the retailers pledges that they will buy only in the same way. Some of the manufacturers have agreed to the demand of the wholesalers, and of course the small jobbers, who are dependent on

the wholesale houses for their very existence, also agree not to buy elsewhere. Some St. John dealers, who have been placing orders with manufacturers for years past, have had them turned down lately.

The company that is working the New Brunswick oil fields now has about sixty wells bored. All these are producing oil, some of them quite freely. It is intended to keep on boring until 100 producing wells have been put down, and then a small refinery will be built. Recently some of the oil was given a test in the I.C.R. shops, at Moncton, and the report on it is understood to have been most satisfactory. While the development is slow, the owners of the property express themselves thoroughly satisfied with the outlook, and appear to think the time is not far distant when New Brunswick oil will be on the market as a commercial product.

New York capitalists have deposited \$10,000 with the Provincial Government as a guarantee of good faith. They have been granted permission to harness the water power at Grand Falls, next to Niagara the finest water power in Canada. The company intend going into the manufacture of manganese from bog ores, and say they will build an extensive plant at the falls. The water power is such a fine one that when once harnessed other important industries are likely to be established at Grand Falls.

Word has been received by the city authorities from the Bertram Iron Works, Toronto, that the hull of the city's new ferry boat has been completed. Thirty cars will be required to bring the steamer to St. John, where workmen of Messrs. James Fleming & Son, the local machinists who took the contract, will put it together. This firm is building the machinery.

Bakers in New Brunswick are talking in view of the advance in wheat of increasing the price of bread. Two pounds is the standard loaf in this section, and the price of it is seven cents.

St. John harbor fishermen have been unusually successful this year. The catches of salmon, shad and gaspereaux were all above the average, and prices were good. The bay fishermen, on the other hand, have had poorer luck than for fifteen or twenty years past. Catches of cod, halibut, pollock and other deep sea fish have been very small. The foggy weather and the ravages of the dog fish are the reasons assigned.

Lumbermen in the province of New Brunswick have made a demand on the local Government for a reduction in the new stumpage and mileage rates. The lumber trade is very dull and the manufacturers say the business will not stand the increases put upon it. The Government has promised consideration. The question is apt to be a troublesome one for the Government at the provincial bye-elections now pending in St. John.

A commission appointed by the Provincial Government is taking evidence over the province with regard to the necessity of a factory act. St. John, Campbellton, Chatham, and Newcastle have been visited. The Government is pledged to the St. John labor organizations to pass an act, but the evidence so far given shows there is little need for one.

St. John, N.B., 23rd August, 1904.

#### MONTREAL REAL ESTATE.

"Real estate is legitimately in demand and there is no signs of any falling off in its earning power; on the contrary, there is little doubt but that Montreal at the present time is underbuilt, and until a good deal more housing accommodation is furnished to meet the requirements of a growing city, rents will still have a tendency to increase." Such is the statement of Simpson's Real Estate Record for August, which considers, all things being taken into account, that the real estate market in that city must be regarded as in an exceptionally safe position. Building operations are going on pretty steadily, we are told, but it will likely take another year or two to restore the equilibrium between supply and demand.

The record shows one hundred and eighty-two transfers in the seventeen wards of the city and the municipality of Westmount during July, and the aggregate of them was \$729,-363. The largest figures are shown by Westmount, \$105,202; St.

Lawrence Ward, \$99,750; St. Louis Ward, and St. Mary's Ward, \$67,000 each; St. Jean Baptiste, \$57,000; St. George's, \$59,000; Hochelaga, only \$15,000. In the same month last year the total figures reached about the same amount. In the suburban municipalities recorded sales mounted up to \$390,644, and were as follows: Maisonneuve, \$185,545; Delorimier, \$15,706; Mile End, \$92,735; Outremont, \$6,000; Cote des Neiges, \$15,-100; Notre Dame de Grace, \$33,986; Montreal West, \$400; Verdun, \$526; Cote St. Paul, \$21,734; St. Henri, \$12,412; Ste. Cunegonde, \$6,500.

Three hundred and forty building permits were issued in July, and the stated aggregate cost of the work was \$480,421. Nearly half the number of permits were for new buildings, consisting of 63 houses, 108 tenements, warehouses, factories, school, etc., to the total of \$392,000. The permits for alterations and repairs amounted to a value of \$87,000.

Money is easily obtainable, the Record adds, at five per cent. on first-class mortgage loans on property in the city of Montreal or its immediate suburbs, but lenders are disposed to be very conservative, and it is difficult to place loans unless up to their standard of requirements. The mortgage loans tabulated were mostly at 4, 5, and 6 per cent. in the Eastern End of the city. In the west one loan of \$6,400 was made at 3, but the great bulk was at 5,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  and 6.

### LIFE ASSURANCE ITEMS.

We learn from the Insurance Record of London, England that Mr. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, is on a visit to the Old Country, with the object, it is said, of opening an office in London, and of finding a manager to take charge.

In the language of the day, it is the "knocker" who does the "twisting," says W. S. Tupper. No man lapses one policy to replace it with another merely because he is solicited to take life insurance. It is because the soliciting agent attacks the other company and causes the policyholder to lose faith in it. Without attacking the company in some way the "twister" could not effect his purpose. Any company forbidding competitive literature in the interest of clean field methods, would certainly forbid scandalous and abusive literature; and the same principle should exclude verbal abuse.

The course in fire insurance and fire insurance engineering which the University of Michigan proposes to inaugurate next fall, would seem to have many points to commend it. The technical course in life insurance, established in this university two years ago, has passed beyond its experimental state and is now firmly established. This is the only course offered by any university or college which prepares students for actuarial work, and that it fills a demand is attested by the applications received from life insurance companies for men to fill office positions, a demand very considerably greater than the supply. The success of this course has amply demonstrated the fact that there is in this country a field for technical instruction in life insurance, and has made it a permanent feature of the curriculum. We can see no reason why a technical course in fire insurance should not meet with just as hearty a reception.—Detroit Indicator.

### FIRE INSURANCE MATTERS.

Souris, Manitoba, is installing a gasoline engine valued at \$3,580, a chemical engine at \$750, and a hook and ladder truck at \$200, also tanks which will cost \$500, making a total of \$5,030 for fire protection purposes. It is understood that fire insurance rates will now be reduced in the town, as a consequence.

On Tuesday last, the ratepayers of Meaford voted by a large majority in favor of extending the water mains and increasing the pumping plant of that place. \$20,000 to the Meaford Wheelbarrow Co.

Several fires of suspicious origin have occurred lately in and around Dresden, Ont,. Provincial Detective Murray has been despatched to investigate the causes of them.

The corporation of London has made a demand on the C.F.U.A. for a reduction of twenty per cent. in the key rate

of fire insurance in that city, which reduction, it appears, was promised not long ago. Correspondence is now going on upon the question, the underwriters having invited the London council to send delegates to confer with them in Toronto

The capital city of Michigan, Lansing, has been quite recently subjected to a rise in rates of fire insurance. Indeed the new schedule has changed almost every risk in the place the advances ranging from 10 to 30 per cent. Naturally, the citizens do not like this and have demanded to know why it was done. Mr. N. C. Lowe, of the State Inspection Bureau, was asked to report. He did so thus: "On examination of the surveys made by our inspectors, I find that in nearly every instance where an advance in rate has been been made, it is due mainly to the omnibus construction of buildings, exposures, faulty electrical equipment, or other defects which can easily be remedied if your patrons so desire. By so doing they will be entitled to a modification of the estimates." The lesson is plain enough; it is strange that so few, whether in Michigan or anywhere else, appear disposed to learn it.

#### ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

During the absence of the Editor, a number of enquiries have accumulated. Some have been answered by letter within the week; others, unreasonably long, which we cannot undertake to answer, have been returned to the writers. To those replied to below, we pen this explanation of the delay.

F. McK., Edmonton.-We do not know of such a company in Canada as the Royal Canadian Trust Company. You must mean the Royal Trust Company, whose headquarters are in Montreal. It has a branch in Winnipeg, as the Toronto General Trusts Corporation has. The Royal is a respectable company. Its president is Lord Strathcona; its vice-president, Sir George A. Drummond; the remaining directors are: R. B. Angus, E. S. Clouston, E. B. Greenshields, C. M. Hays, C. R. Hosmer, Sir W. C. Macdonald, Hon. R. Mackay, A. Macnider, H. V. Meredith, A. T. Paterson, R. G. Reid, Jas. Ross, Sir T. G. Shaughnessy, Sir William C. Van Horne, K.C.M.G. The manager is Mr. H. Robertson. Paid capital, \$500,000; reserve fund, \$350,000.

Far West, Nelson.—It is very questionable if any company of the kind can afford to pay such dividends as that one promises. Better let it alone unless you have money to waste and

want to gamble.

Borderer, Sault Ste. Marie.—There is no excess of modesty about your request. What you ask us to do would take a page of this journal. We have already published the figures, but as you probably do not file the Monetary Times, we shall repeat the amounts of Canada's imports from the West Indies for a series of years. This includes British Guiana, the British, Danish, Cuban and American West India Islands. Fiscal year, 1900, \$1,544,600; 1901, \$3,027,000; 1902, \$2,260,500; 1903, \$3,042,800. The exports to the same for the years given were: \$536,000 in 1900; \$610,000 in 1901; \$564,000 in 1902, and \$584,000 in 1903. Exports consisted of fish, lumber, flour, oats, peas, bran, animals, coal, hay, cotton, boots and shoes, books, drugs and chemicals, fruit, paper, butter and cheese, vegetables, meats, spirits and wines, household furniture, iron and steel goods, and a score of other articles.

R. C. D., Hull, Que.-Write to the New Brunswick Tourist Association, St. John, N.B., W. S. Fisher, president; Charles D. Shaw, secretary. They will send you an illustrated pamphlet and map. Take the Intercolonial Railway or board the steamer "Campana" at Montreal. The C.P.R. will only take you through parts of Quebec and the State of Maine.

J. H., Brantford.—Canada's exports for that year consisted of produce of the mine, \$31,235,165; of the fisheries, \$11,826,-646; of the forest, \$36,431,114; animals and their produce, \$70,466,619; agricultural products, \$51,572,889; manufactures, \$22,880,176; miscellaneous, \$817,152. Total value of exports, \$225,849,724, including \$619,963 of coin and bullion.

R. B., 257 Pond St., Boston.—Your letter of July arrived while the Editor was absent on his vacation. Regret having no special knowledge of the place or people, beyond a general impression that the locality is almost ideal for the purpose.

E. B. H., Griswold, St., Detroit, Mich.-Your article is not suitable and has been returned. The subject does not possess interest enough for Canadians. It is for the people of your country to bring pressure to bear upon the authorities at Washington. The residents of Boston, St. Paul and the lake cities are awake to the anomaly that exists, but the people of the South and West are either obtuse or prejudiced in the matter.

H. McL., Montreal.—Look out for the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association on 21st September, and make the proposition then. The idea is a good one.

### BANKING AND FINANCIAL ITEMS.

A map of the city of Toronto has been issued, which takes in parts of High Park and Toronto Junction, on the west, and north, the Woodbine race track and beyond, on the east. It shows in red lettering the eight branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in the city and the Toronto Junction one, nearly five miles away. On the back of the sheet is a key which enables one to find a street quickly.

Mr. E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been visiting Nova Scotia in his private car "Riva." He stopped off at Amherst and inspected the site on which it is proposed to erect a handsome stone building for the branch of the bank in that town. Thence he proceeded to Cape Breton.

W. T. T., Dundas.—Yours of 12th August stating that an appeal to the files of the Monetary Times would probably confirm your assertion that Canadian Bank Discounts decreased between 1870 and 1880, is correct. We have consulted the files and give the figures for ten years. The expansion in business of all kinds in 1873 and 1874, well remembered by those living whom it affected, is clearly shown by the amounts we quote below. Between 1872 and 1874 the bank discounts rose from \$101,000,000, in the year first mentioned, to \$128,000,000, in 1874. So also is the subsequent decline in business and stringency in finances for half a dozen years reflected in the statistics. In 1875 the discounts had gone down to \$122,000,000; in 1878 to \$113,000,000; and by 1880 they had declined to \$86,000,000 from which point they began to rise, reaching \$100,000,000 inside two years thereafter:

				Discounts.
Year	ended	with June,	1871	\$79,820,289
"	"	"	1872	101,295,542
"	"		1873	115,477,412
"	"	**	1874	128,661,632
"	"	"	1875	122,714,010
"		"	1876	122,086,161
66	"	"	1877	118,923,322
"	"	"	1878	113,569,240
66 /	"	"	1879	102,453,570
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"			1881	100,021,000

### TOBACCO SELLERS AND BUYERS.

The measure which was being prepared by Hon. Mr. Brodeur to relieve the smaller tobacco manufacturers of Canada from what they regard as unfair competition, did not meet with completion during the session of Parliament which has just closed. A large deputation of wholesale and retail dealers in tobacco appeared at Ottawa at the end of July to lay their side of the question before the Government. This deputation protested against any interference with the trade contracts which the wholesale houses had made with the Empire Tobacco Company. Mr. Bristol insisted that "the arrangement as now in force as between the American Tobacco Company and the wholesale grocer, is quite satisfactory to the wholesale trade and the general trade. It did not originate from the American or Canadian Tobacco Companies, but came from the wholesale grocer trade, and I was one of the parties instrumental in introducing it. It put the selling of tobaccos on a solid basis, and it afterwards extended and worked satisfactorily to all. We claim it is not an injustice to anybody."

The answer made by the wholesale houses, who have

agreed to sell the Empire Tobacco Company's product, amounts to this, that it pays them to sell these particular goods, and it does not pay them to sell other brands or kinds. When they are reproached with being monopolists who are assisting a particular maker of tobacco and cigars to cripple his competitors, their reply is: We are willing to do the same with other makers whose goods are equally in demand, and who will make arrangements to secure us the same slim but steady profit we get on his goods." If you suggest that these arrangements are perhaps not equitable, but that they handicap other makers of tobacco, they will tell you: "We have nothing to do with his arrangements, indeed, we don't know, and don't want to, how he does for other people. If he keeps faith with us that is sufficient."

It is doubtless a fine thing for the Empire Tobacco Company to have the assistance of forty-five wholesale houses in selling the company's goods through their travellers and other salesmen. And the company on its part has done much, by ingenious advertising, and above all by putting out a good quality of goods, to retain the friendship of these houses. But it is hardly to be expected that this sort of arrangement, which ties up a whole trade virtually to one man, can last forever. Monopoly, if too long permitted, is apt to become arrogant, and this is what the Premier and Hon. Mr. Fielding evidently perceive, when speaking to the deputation about undue restrictions in the business, and about taking power from Parliament to restrain. It is not certain, however, that the smaller makers, in efforts to correct an iniquity they say the Empire Tobacco Co. is guilty of, have gone the right way to work to cure their wrongs. It would be curing one injustice by creating another to take away the company's license.

-The party sent out by the Ontario Crown Lands Department to explore the Lake Abitibi region, with a view to ascertaining its mineral and agricultural resources, reports that most of the land is quite flat and covered with stratified clay. Though somewhat wet on account of the level nature of the country, the streams have banks of sufficient height in most places to drain the land, with the exception of those parts which are covered with muskeg. These last mentioned are comprised in the district covered, so far from one-tenth to one-fifth of the total area. Owing to the level nature of the country, the peat deposit on them does not extend to any great depth. On most of them a sounding of from three to six feet encountered a clay bottom, though in some the sounding went from ten to twelve feet. It is believed that with a system of draining much less extensive than that in parts of the counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton, most of these muskegs could be changed into farming lands.

—A Canadian Commercial Club has been formed in Mexico, its object being to create and improve the trade relations between that country and Canada. Most of the members who have organized the club have been long resident in the southern Republic, so that their experience should prove of especial value to exporters here who desire to enter the Mexican field.

### CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing Houses for the week ended with Thursday, August 25th, 1904, compared with those of the previous week:

one with him hood a ton o	Aug. 25th.	Aug. 18th.
Montreal	\$18,951,923	\$19,877,714
Toronto	13,711,231	15,177,116
Winnipeg	4,747,801	5,170,590
Halifax	1,627,164	1,617,022
Hamilton	1,051,573	1,058,646
St. John	938,093	1,056,554
Vancouver	1,596,509	1,225,542
Victoria	566,122	683,985
Quebec		1,549,547
Ottawa	2,272,981	1,944,024
London	778,007	897,747
Total		\$50,258,487

### MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE.

At Moncton, N.B., on several days of last week was held, as we stated last issue, the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, where were present delegates from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. Hon. Senator Josiah Wood, of Sackville, was in the chair. There was a great deal of spirited and sometimes even hot discussion, as may be imagined where some twenty different boards of trade were represented. But that much of the discussion was sensible and cogent appears from the conclusions reached in the nineteen resolutions carried which

On Thursday, 18th August, most of the day was spent by the delegates at St. Joseph's College and Dover, where there are oil wells. A special train took the vistors and a number of Moncton citizens to Memramcook, whence by carriages they were conveyed across country to Dover, about fourteen miles. They then went back to St. Joseph's

College, where in the afternoon a well was shot for the benefit of visitors and an hour or so spent in viewing wells in the district. The oil industry of the locality offered a novel and improving sight to most of the delegates.

Among the speakers and those present at the convention were: Mr. W. Lewis, of Louisburg, C.B., who spoke on the Canadian coasting trade; Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, of Charlottetown, and Captain Reid, of Summerside, who respectively moved and seconded a resolution on fishermen's education at fishing stations and the suppression of illegal fishing. Mr. C. Jamieson, of Digby, and Mr. W. M. Jarvis, of St. John, spoke on the dogfish pest. In addition to several speeches by Halifax representatives in advocacy of the construction of steel vessels on our eastern coasts, Mr. Rattenbury, of Prince Edward Island, and Mr. B. F. Pearson, M.P.P., spoke upon it. On the question of an open port for Sydney, Mr. Shaffner moved a resolution setting out that Sydney was the second largest shipping port in the Dominion, and asking the Dominion Government to give Syd-

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ney a harbor ice-breaking steamer. J. G. Lefurgey, Summerside, seconded the resolution. J. H. White, St. John; W. S. Loggie, M.P., of Chatham; Capt. Anderson, Sackville; Mr. Birch, of Alberton, P.E.I., were other speakers, more particularly on the subject of short weight in canned goods, and the need of penalties to stop it.

The officers elected for the current year are:

President, E. K. Spinney, of Yarmouth.

First vice-president, Capt. Joseph Read, of Summer-side, P.E.I.

Second vice-president, W. S. Fisher, of St. John.

Permanent Secretary, Chas. M. Creed, Halifax; corresponding secretary, E. H. Armstrong, of Yarmouth; auditor, M. G. De Wolfe, Kentville.

The president, Mr. Spinney, is described to us as a jovial hardware merchant, a successful man of much shrewdness, who will give the members a good time when they meet him in his home town of Yarmouth at the next annual session of the Board.

The following resolutions were carried:

#### The Fishery Regulations.

"Resolved, that it is desirable that the Government take active measures to enforce the regulation for the protection of the lobster fishery by instructing the officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department to suppress the illegal fishing in their respective districts;

"Further resolved, that it is desirable to establish Government fishery stations at suitable places on the Atlantic coast and the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

"Further resolved, that it is desirable the Government should consider the re-organization of the fishery service with the view of bringing it up to a higher state of efficency."

#### Via Canadian Ports.

"Whereas, under the present tariff a preference of 33 per cent. on British goods applies to merchandise imported via foreign ports as well as Canadian direct to the detriment of Canadian commerce routes;

"Therefore resolved, that the Government of Canada be asked to apply the rebate only to goods coming direct to Canadian ports, so that our own ports and transportation companies may be built up by business of our country."

#### Fast Atlantic Service.

"Whereas, the construction of a second transcontinental railway and the growing expansion of Canadian exports and imports indicate the imperative necessity of utilizing Canadian shipping ports to the fullest possible extent in order to keep pace with the constantly increasing internal development;

"And whereas, the maintenance of a separate summer and winter Atlantic mail service between Great Britain and Canada has proved inadequate to the requirements of Cana-Gian commerce;

"And whereas, it has been admitted in the Dominion Parliament that nine-tenths of the Canadian mails to and from Great Britain are despatched and received via New York:

"And whereas, the Home Government recently granted the largest ocean mail subsidies on record to assist in the construction of the two fastest steamers in the world for service to foreign ports;

"And whereas, the establishment of a Canadian fast Atlantic service affords a material all-round decrease in mileage, and consequently more rapid conveyance for Imperial mails to and from the Orient;

"And whereas, the Atlantic ports of Canada are several hundred miles closer to the Motherland than any other ports, and are better adapted for rapid ocean mail transit on modern lines;

"Therefore resolved, that the Maritime Board of Trade strenuously protests against the present divided system of Atlantic mail transit, which at a cost of over a thousand dollars per day only provides an ocean mail service very slightly in advance in the average time of the delivery of Atlantic mails at the inception of ocean steamer navigation three-quarters of a century ago;

"And further resolved, that in view of the fact that over twenty steamers with a speed of from twenty to twentythree knots are now plying on the North Atlantic, the time has arrived for the people of Canada with the aid of the Government to inaugurate the long-promised fast Atlantic service."

#### Double Tracking I. C. R.

"Whereas, it is considered advisable by this Board that the I. C. R. would be improved by double tracking where needed, and by improving the terminal facilities at Halifax, and by shortening and improving the grades where possible, so as to provide for the fast and increased traffic which will result from the establishment of a fast line of steamers from Halifax to Great Britain;

"Therefore resolved, that the Dominion Government be respectfully requested to take the matter into careful consideration and enquiry, and appoint a competent person or committee to survey and report upon possible improvements and the estimated cost of such changes and the benefits likely to accrue from such charges and the extra speed to be attained by fast trains over an improved line."

#### Woolens.

"Whereas, the Maritime Provinces are eminently adapted to the wool raising industry and woolen cloths at times manufactured contain inferior substances;

"Therefore resolved, that it is desirable that the Government be requested to place such restrictions on manufacturers that will compel all we plen fabrics to be plainly marked as to the proportion of pure wool or adulterations therein contained in a manner similar to the legal restrictions placed by the Government on manufactured imitations of dairy products."

#### Undesirable Ventures.

"Resolved, that this Board, having in mind the patriotism and sense of fair play of our Canadian newspapers as a whole, cannot but regret the occasional publication therein of prospectuses and advertisements inviting and encouraging investment in ventures, the commercial standing of which is entirely doubtful and unknown, and the object of which is to enrich promoters at the expense of the public, thereby prejudicing the flotation of legitimate enterprises calculated to aid in the development and to stimulate the production of the country. Further resolved, that this Board entertains the hope that by increased care and discretion of publishers the prospectuses of unscrupulous promoters may in future be denied space in the Canadian press."

#### Places of Historical Interest.

"Whereas, places of historical interest in the Maritime Provinces constitute our leading attractions in inducing tourist travel, and the circulation of considerable money, and whereas most of these places, now owned by private persons, are unsightly and unmarked by any monuments, and in consequence are disappointing to strangers visiting among us, and whereas our historical societies could probably secure the erection of suitable monuments thereon by private subscriptions, and thus foster a higher patriotism and more firmly cement the ties binding the English and French people together;

"Therefore resolved, that the Dominion and Provincial Governments be respectfully memorialized and requested to take such steps as may result in the public ownership of the more important of these places commemorative of and binding us to our past."

#### Bank Agency Cheques.

"Whereas the chartered banks have established agencies at different points in the Maritime Provinces, and cheques drawn on these agencies have come into general use as a circulating medium, and whereas the receiver loses the exchange, and the present charges are considered excessive;





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"Resolved, that this Board confer with the Clearing House Associations at Halifax and St. John with a view to adjusting the present exchange rates on a basis at least equal to that charged by express companies for transmitting similar amounts."

#### P. E. I. Telegraphs.

"Resolved, that this Board puts itself on record in favor of Government ownership and operation of telegraphs as in the United Kingdom, and that pending the general acquirement of the various systems the Government be memorialized to expropriate and operate the lines and cable of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. from Sackville to Prince Edward Island, including the land lines in the latter Province."

#### P. E. I. Freight Rates.

It was resolved that in the opinion of the Board the rates of freight from P.E.I.R. and I.C.R. to and from the Island should be adjusted on a basis of a continuous rail haul. It was further resolved that the same principle apply to shipments originating at Island ports and transferred to the I.C.R., and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Minister of Railways and the Maritime representatives at Ottawa.

#### Communication with P. E. Island.

"Whereas, in the opinion of this Board the most feasible route for water communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland is a point on the southern coast of said island, at or near Carleton Head, and Cape Tormentine at the extreme east of New Brunswick; and whereas, there is no wharf or pier at said Carleton Head for landing passengers, though recent surveys show such could be built at reasonable cost;

"Therefore resolved, that the Dominion Parliament be memorialized to construct safe terminal facilities at said Carleton Head, and as soon as possible have a steamer put upon the proposed Cape Tormentine and Carleton Head route for traffic immediately on the close of summer navigation;

"Further resolved, that the coming winter a steamer be put on between Summerside and Cape Tormentine, with a view to regular winter communication as long as possible."

#### Express Competition.

"Whereas, under the Railway Act all express companies may have the same privileges over all railways in Canada, except over the Intercolonial Railway;

"And whereas, under the contract between the Government and the Canadian Express Co., paragraph 15 stipulates that this agreement is subject to the condition that equal facilities and equal terms shall and may be granted to any or all express companies which may contract with His Majesty for the conduct of an express business over said railway, or any part thereof;

"And whereas, over the Intercolonial Railway, between Montreal and Moncton and from Truro eastward, in Cape Breton and in Prince Edward Island, there is only one express company permitted to do the business;

"And whereas, the shippers of fish and other merchandise from eastern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and shippers of fruit from Western Canada to points on the I.C.R., between Montreal and Moncton and points east of Truro are handicapped by being shut out from a competitive express service and compelled to pay extra rates of carriage;

"And whereas, numerous resolutions have from time to time been addressed to the Government asking that the Dominion Express Company be granted the same privileges over the Government railways as are granted to the Canadian Express Co.;

"Therefore resolved, that this Maritime Board of Trade endorses said resolutions, and urges upon the Government the early granting of said express privileges to other companies than that one now having the monopoly of the express business.

"Further resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Railways and Canals, Minister of Finance, and to Maritime Province members at Ottawa."

#### The "Dumping" Clause.

"That in the opinion of this meeting the recent tariff legislation known as the dumping clause as at present administered is, in some respects, detrimental to the interests of trade, and the Customs Department is hereby requested to immediately make such necessary changes in the administration of the law as will remove all unnecessary restriction to trade."

#### Immigration.

"Resolved, that in the opinion of the Board the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island should co-operate in the publication and distribution in Great Britain and Ireland, among desirable settlers, of literature showing the advantage of these Provinces for settlement, and that a committee of three members of the Board from each Province be appointed to press the matter on the respective Governments. The committee was named as follows: New Brunswick—William Jarvis, St. John; Senator McSweeney, Moncton; D. G. Smith, Chatham. Nova Scotia—G. S. Campbell, Halifax; Dr. Moore, Kentville; C. Jameson, Digby. P. E. Island—C. Rattenbury, A. Lefurgey and Mr. Acorn."

#### Maritime Shipping.

"Whereas, the shipping interest of the Maritime Provinces is every year decreasing; and whereas the chief cause of such decrease is due to a treaty or treaties existing between the Imperial Government and several European Governments; resolved, that this Maritime Board of Trade respectfully ask the Canadian Government to use its influence with the Imperial Government to have such treaty or treaties, as far as concerns the Canadian coasting trade, annulled."

#### Steel Shipbuilding.

"That as a substitution of steel for wood construction ships reduced Canada from her position as one of the four shipbuilding nations of the world to an unimportant place, and on account of the heavy trade and natural facilities, the construction of steel vessels is prevented here, by reason of skill and capital employed in British yards, the products of which are admitted free to our coastwise and foreign trade. Resolved, that the Maritime Board of Trade hereby endorses and approves of the principle of home steel shipbuilding as offering a new and profitable field for the utilization of our steel products, the employment of skilled labor, and the creation of a new mercantile marine, formerly a great source of wealth to the country."

#### Short-weight Packages.

"That this Maritime Board of Trade submit to the Government the importance of providing a by-law that in case such goods, each can or package shall be marked with the net weight, the article contained therein, and suitable penalties imposed for infraction of law where it shall appear that there was short weight at the time of putting up such goods."

#### The Dogfish Plants.

"Whereas, the Federal Government contemplates the establishment at certain points in the Maritime Province of fish reduction plants for the extermination of dogfish, and the utilization of products of such plants for fertilizing purposes; and whereas it is feared that the proposed plants may not be of sufficient capacity or so situated as to render them capable of treating all material available; Resolved, that the Government be respectfully requested to further grant a bounty of a reasonable amount to any person or company proposing to establish similar works as a private enterprise at such places in the Maritime Provinces as may meet with the approval of the Marine Department."

#### Fair Play to Labor.

"Whereas, municipal corporations in the Province of New Brunswick have been applying for and obtaining au-

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### Saturday, the First Day of October Next.

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Toronto, 24th August, 1904.

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thority to impose a license fee upon mechanics and laborers working within and residing outside the municipalities; therefore resolved, that in the opinion of this Board such legislation is not in the best interests of the Province, and such power should not be granted municipal corporations."

#### OUR HALIFAX LETTER.

The president of the Nova Scotia Coal Company, Mr. Winfield, announces that a change is being made in the telephone systems in the towns of New Glasgow, Westville, Stellarton and Trenton, this having been made necessary by the installation of an electric tramway in these towns, which would render the old telephones of little use. The system now to be put in is that known as the "Central Energy," or "Relay" system, such as is now in use in Winnipeg, Toronto, and Halifax, but which has hitherto been considered too expensive for towns of less than 40,000 population. It is intended to increase the rates \$5 a year, making house telephones cost \$25, and business telephones \$30. This increase cannot be made without the sanction of the Provincial Government.

In the death of W. D. Harrington, Collector of Customs at this port, Halifax loses one of its most esteemed citizens. In early life he was a prominent figure in commercial affairs, conducting an extensive grocery business on the corner now occupied by the down town offices of the Intercolonial Railway. Speculation is busy with the appointment of a new collector, the name of Dr. Kendall being mentioned for the position. It is only a little while ago that the doctor was said to be slated for the position of Post-office Inspector, but his intimate friends express the opinion that should the election come this autumn, he will contest Cape Breton County in the Liberal interest, the labor situation there necessitating the putting up of the strongest available man.

The many friends of F. B. Wade are congratulating him upon his appointment to the chairmanship of the commission which is to build the new G. T. Pacific Railway between Winnipeg and Montreal. He was one of the chief promoters and constructors of the Nova Scotia Central Railway, and is believed to have good qualifications for the larger work.

The home-coming of R. L. Borden, leader of the Federal Opposition, at the close of the session, was made the occasion of a monster procession. He was given a great ovation by his supporters and friends. Halifax is proud of her distinguished sons. She has already given one Premier to Canada, and is in the line of succession for another, not to speak of Mr. Fielding, who both friend and foe admit has shown judgment and ability as Finance Minister.

The Provincial Educational Association held its annual meeting at Truro last week, extending over several days. There was a good attendance of teachers and others, and the papers read and the discussions thereon were of much interest. The Government appropriation for education in Nova Scotia is quite one-quarter of the entire revenue of the province, while the burden of assessment for school purposes in various sections is small, averaging only sixty-eight cents per head. The impression prevails that teachers are rather poorly paid, but it is evident that if any increase is to come it must be by additional taxation in the school districts rather than by additions to the Government grant.

Acadia College has adopted two new courses in addition to those now comprising its curriculum. One is a four year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science, the other is an abbreviated science course without degree. Both courses are affiliated with the Department of Applied Science in Mc-Gill University, and the student matriculating in either will be eligible for admission to the third year in Applied Science in McGill without further examination.

The Davison Lumber Company are preparing to build a huge steam mill, at Springfield, in Annapolis County, midway between the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic, having a capacity of 250,000 feet a day with two shifts. A railway has been surveyed from Springfield a distance of ten miles into the heart of the forest, and construction will be commenced at once. The distance will be extended as the logging progresses, until it is expected 50 miles will be constructed. Forty large

flat cars for hauling logs are being built, each with a capacity of 60 tons.

The general manager of the Bank of Montreal was visiting this province last week. He was at Amherst, and went from there, I understand, to Cape Breton, where he and his assistants made a close inspection of the properties and position of the Dominion Coal Company, but for what object has not transpired. The Bank carries a loan of \$3,000,000 on these properties, and it is possible that the directors may desire to increase the amount, but of this your correspondent has no personal knowledge.

Halifax, August 22nd.

#### MINING IN KOOTENAY.

The Nelson Tribune of 13th August gives a list of the shipments of about fifty mines in the Kootenay country for July, showing a decrease of ore, as compared with June. The principal shippers were the St. Eugene mine, at Moyie, to Antwerp, 2,200 tons, and smaller quantities to Trail and Nelson smelters; the Centre Star, at Rossland, to Trail, 7,653 tons; the Jumbo, at Rossland, to Grand Forks, 2,393 tons; the War Eagle, at Rossland, to Trail 5,100 tons, the Granby, at Phoenix, to Grand Forks, 34,072 tons; the Mother Lode, to Greenwood, 13,410 tons; the Emma, 836 tons to Nelson, 957 tons to Greenwood, and 1,072 to Trail; the Ymir, III tons to Nelson smelter, and 122 to Trail; the Ottawa, at Slocan City, 228 tons to Nelson smelter; the Ivanhoe, at Sandon, 62 tons to Trail smelter and its zinc to Kansas; the Idaho, at Alamo, 180 tons to Nelson, and its zinc to Iola, Kansas; the the Oro Denoro, at Eholt, 570 tons to Grand Forks; the Hunter V, at Ymir, 814 tons to Trail; the Slocan Star, at Sandon, to Trail, 355 tons. The Tribune says: The returns of ore shipped during the month of July show a small decrease, as compared with the June shipments. In the statement below, no returns are given from mines that ship to the smelter at Northport, or from mines that mill their ore at the mines. . . During the month of July, the Canadian Smelting Works, at Trail, shipped 146 tons of copper matte to Tacoma and 455 tons of lead bullion to San Francisco. The pig lead shipments from the same works were: 118 tons to Montreal, 30 to Toronto, 15 to Lethbridge, 56 to St. Henri, 20 to Windsor, 20 to Oshawa, and 15 to Moose Jaw; a total of 274 tons. The smelters in the Boundary shipped 585 tons of blister copper to New York during July.

—The Cape Breton Electric Company is having trouble with the city council of Sydney. There is a dispute over water, which it is said the company has been using without properly accounting for. The company are asking consumers to sign a contract calling for an advanced rate of from 12 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents per kilowatt hour, which is met by a threat that an action will be brought against the company for non-compliance with the Government regulations regarding the inspection of meters. It is believed that the present bickerings are in part due to the action of the company in discharging some union employees at the time of the strike in the steel works, when the decreased business warranted a curtailment of the working expenses.

—Mons. Kalo Morvel, of Geneva, (Switzerland), writes asking for our good services in making known more widely a suggestion he has sent to thirty of the leading advocates of the Metric System resident in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. He states it remains true that many signs indicate the universal adoption of the decimal system, but greater collective efforts are necessary, and the suggestion is "that Canadian, Usonans, and British 'metricites' should bring about the formation of a pro-metric system society in Canada." At first we were puzzled by the descriptive term "Usonans," but 'a foot note in Mons. Morvel's letter explains that in 1889 he invented the word "Usona" to indicate the residents of the United States of North America, as distinct from the residents of British North America.

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James C. Curry, of Windsor, N.S., carrying on an old established planing mill business, under the style of W. Curry & Son, has assigned with a goodsized liability. He is said to owe some \$40,000, apart from a mortgage indebtedness of \$10,000. The failure has created surprise as well as distress in some quarters.

A. Koury, a Syrian, formerly engaged in peddling, but for several years past doing a store trade at Inverness, N.S., has assigned, and is said to owe as much as \$12,000. It is feared, that in the settlement of his affairs, complication may arise with several of his relations, who have made his premises a sort of headquarters for their trading operations.

We hear of the death at Oxford, N.S., from typhoid fever, of H. G. Cameron, secretary-treasurer of the Oxford Woolen Mills. Mr. Cameron was, for a number of years, a resident of Halifax, having been employed both at Miller Bros. and at Moir, Son & Co., as bookkeeper. He had many friends in both places, to whom the news of his death while still a young man, comes as a shock.

The firm of Smith & Co., tailors, Montreal, have assigned on demand. They were once before unfortunate in 1888, when they arranged to pay 50 cents on liabilities of about \$5,000.-Joseph Thibault, who began business in Montreal, in a moderate dry goods way two years ago, has assigned. He was heard of recently as seeking an extension, when he claimed a surplus of some \$3,000.—L. E. Gingras, doing a suburban dry goods and grocery business in Montreal, who was lately reported insolvent, has made an offer of 20 cents, which will likely be declined.

What is to be the first cement dwelling in Saginaw, Michigan, is described by the Michigan Investor. It is that of John J. Granville, a well Mr. Granville inknown contractor. tends to roof the house with cement shingles. The foundation is made of cement blocks, 8 x 10 x 20 inches in size, and laid so that they make a wall 10 inches thick. These blocks are made hollow; they look like stone, and the foundation has the appearance of being constructed of stone in the usual manner. The blocks, which are to be used in the upper portion of the building, are 8 x 12 x 18 in size and make a hollow wall eight inches thick.

Closed automobiles are getting to be the vogue in Paris. The women of that city are growing tired of dusty and wet riding in the open machine and are asking for vehicles which can be covered when climatic conditions become unfavorable. The coachbuilder had to alter his pattern, and the long "chassis" now in use permits him to have entrance at the side of the auto, which makes closed coaches possible and convenient. It is said that to-day nearly all kinds of long automobiles are supplied with closed coachwork, whether for town or tour-

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ing. For town, says a recent article, there can be no question that the closed vehicle, with large windows capable of being lowered, is the most sensible pattern, while for touring, in most parts of the world, its advantages are even more apparent. Speed is checked slightly, no doubt, by the additional weight, and wind pressure, but touring is a comfortable proceeding rather than a longdrawn drink of dust and flying mud. Detroit, which is the great auto-producing city of the United States, is turning out closed automobiles in different patterns.

S	PATEMENT OF BANKS acting		CAPITA	L		LIAI	BILITIES	
uı fo	nder Dominion Gov't charter, r the month ending July 31st, 904.	Capital authorized	Capital Sub- scribed.	Capital paid up	Amount of Rest or Reserve Fund.	Rate per cent, of last Dividend declared.	Notes in circulation.	Bal. due to Dom. Gov. afte deducting advances.
1 2 3	Bank of Montreai	\$14,000,000 500,000 3,000,000	\$14,000,000 500,000 2,500,000	\$14,000,000 500,000 2,500,000	\$10,000,000 775,000 1,000,000	10 12 7	\$ 7,995,541 473,037 1,387,003	\$ 967,64; 41,754 18,40;
4 5 6	Bank of Nova Scotia	2,500,000 200,000 4,866,666	2,000,000 200,000 4,866,666	2,000,000 200,000 4,866,666	3,100,000 $45,000$ $1,946,666$	10 5 6	1,938,170 139,300 2,646,608	259,498 5,659
7 8 9	Bank of Toronto Molsons Bank Eastern Townships Bank	4,000,000 5,000,000 3,000,000	2,978,000 3,000,000 2,497,550	2,976,940 3,000,000 2,471,470	3,176,940 2,850,000 1,500,000	10 9 8	2,398,307 2,747,102 1,866,170	37,363 29,913
10 11 12	Union Bank of Halifax Ontario Bank Banque Nationale	3,000,000 $1,500,000$ $2,000,000$	$1,336,150 \\ 1,500,000 \\ 1,500,000$	1,334,982 1,500,000 1,500,000	930,617 600,000 450,000	7 6 6	1,225,736 1,365,054 1,434,805	20,948 30,814
13 14 15	Merchants' Bank of Canada	6,000,000 1,000,000 1,500,000	6,000,000 846,537 1,000,000	6,000,000 823,301 999,882	3,200,000 Nil. 440,000	7 3 6	3,936,265 768,465 944,631	
16 17 18	People's Bank of New Brunswick Bank of Yarmouth Union Bank of Canada	180,000 300,000 4,000,000	180,000 300,000 2,500,000	$180,000 \\ 300,000 \\ 2,500,000$	170,000 50,000 1,000,000	8 5 7	142,482 71,759 2,328,539	14,784 5,007 4,327
19 20 21	Canadian Bank of Commerce Royal Bank of Canada Dominion Bank	10,000,000 4,000,000 4,000,000	8,700,000 3,000,000 3,000,000	8,700,000 3,000,000 3,000,000	3,000,000 3,000,000 3,000,000	7 8 10	6,706,913 2,366,010 2,518,552	551,149 120,446 31,828
22 23 24	Merchants' Bank of Prince Edward Island Bank of Hamilton	500,000 2,500,000 2,000,000	343,976 2,237,400 1,000,000	343,976 $2,233,500$ $1,000,000$	266,136 2,002,992 1,000,000	8 10 10	297,630 2,088,524 856,326	
25 26 27	Banque de St. Jean	1,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	500,200 2,000,000 504,600	$\begin{array}{c} 274,872 \\ 2,000,000 \\ 329,515 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 10,000 \\ 1,200,000 \\ 75,000 \end{array} $	6 7 6	$134,068 \\ 1,677,568 \\ 306,285$	20,595
28 29 30	Bank of Ottawa Imperial Bank of Canada Western Bank of Canada	3,000,000 4,000,000 1,000,000	2,497,600 3,000,000 500,000	2,497,600 3,000,000 494,700	2,412,840 2,850,000 217,500	9 10 7	2,198,932 2,712,921 423,400	30,561 46,656
31 32 33 34	Traders Bank of Canada Sovereign Bank of Canada Metropolitan Bank. Crown Bank of Canada	3,000,000 2,000,000 2,000,000 2,000,000	2,030,000 1,300,000 1,000,000 711,200	2,019,180 1,300,000 1,000,000 421,189	700,000 350,000 1,000,000 Nil.	5 5	1,870,025 1,135,205 799,297	
	Total	100,546,666	80,029,679	79,267,773			59,979,830	2,627,728

ASSETS													
BANK	Specie.	Dominion Notes.	Deposits with Dom. Gov. for security of note circula- tion.	Notes of and Cheques on other Banks.	Loans to other banks in Canada secured.	Demand deposits or at notice or on a fixed day with other Banks in Canada.	Balance due from agents of Bank or from other banks, etc., in United Kingdom.	Balance due from agents of the B'k or from other Banks or agencies abroad.	Dominion Govern- ment deben- tures or stocks.	Public and Munic. se- curities not Canadian.	Can- adian, British and other Railway securi- ties.		
1 Bank of Montreal 2 Bk, of New Bruns'ck 3 Quebec Bank 4 Bank of Nova Scotia.	4,608,468 117,181 296,994 1,735,890	4,261,051 184,450 568,578 1,531,826		928,134	231,332 29,207	21,699 141,954 61,262 1,073	43,049		178,363 150,633	112,232 127,655	257,745 687,005		
5 St. Stephen's Bank 6 Bk. of Br. N. America 7 Bank of Toronto 8 Molsons Bank	19,349 906,856 625,485 501,941	1,551,224 1,154,083	150,655 134,000 135,000	738,646		56,879 15,249 15,359 230,548	135,881 	2,598,658 914,779 602,458	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 1,045,551 \\ 235,598 \\ 376,269 \end{array} $	1,053,974	326,233 2,164,832 1,454,807		
9 E. Townships Bank 10 Union Bk. of Halifax 11 Ontario Bank 12 Banque Nationale	158,545 305,126 123,345 87,794	503,919 429,246 542,980	69,137 72,102 75,000	283,031 544,922 369,034		302,748 144,814 227,819 35,458		784,209 91,469 69,127 148,367	634,937 50,000	265,047 143,424	169,550 1,047,067		
13 Mer. Bk. of Canada s 14 Bk. Prov. du Canada 15 Peop's Bk. of Halifax 16 People's Bk. of N.B.	515,552 25,974 83,798 9,397	36,581 296,638 41,904	39,816 47,000 9,000	231,792 2,770		4,638 196,414 34 028 16,405		81,887 43,621 38,480 23,626	127,706	821,667 343,397 45,892 5,000	,,,,,,,		
17 Bank of Yarmouth 18 Union Bk. of Canada 19 Canadian Bk. of Com. 20 Royal Bk. of Canada	13,670 380,314 2,551,273 615,744	1,100,724	125,000 400,000 120,000	591,026 3,202,234 953,518		11,905 90,232 23,630 94,675	114,234 3,589,718	4,948 451,813 1,352,664 1,626,752	2,123,272 385,000	50,986 631,722 937,500	14,250 28,821 4,137,392 2,906,150		
21 Dominion Bank 22 Mer. Bk of P. E. I 23 Bank of Hamilton 24 Standard Bk. of Can.	1,075,508 27,811 420,029 228,864	1,926,866 79,960 1,157,022 930,332	14,500 110,000 50,000	25,518 405,128 440,172		453,146 59,344 458,538 197,339	432,534 11,819	$\begin{array}{c} 2,080,925 \\ 9,257 \\ 731,420 \\ 147,330 \end{array}$	129,020	669,315  1,786,206 1,382,821	3,585,294 		
25 Banque de St. Jean 26 Banque d'Hochelaga 27 Ban. de St. Hyacinthe 28 Bank of Ottawa	4,641 161,534 10,151 507,320	$   \begin{array}{r}     7,639 \\     630,826 \\     12,155 \\     702,482   \end{array} $	7,351 93,000 16,748 125,000	13,474 638,353 11,639 345,899		29,710 81,183 59,074 254,055	74,259	3,136 364,146 18,893	767,958	260,125	303,000		
29 Im. Bk. of Canada	781,451 30,784 213,860 93,937	2,686,176 25,937 1,092,156 558,447	145,000 22,304 100,000	924,985 50,781 332,055		600,071 984,004 208,194	348,239	87,424 1,185,663 26,600 285,763	642,516 948,803 127,829 661,096	1,172,754 1,711,899 477,931 4,625	656,464 1,478,282 216,406 1,114,777		
33 Metropolitan Bank Crown Bank of Can	39,399 25,348	170,666 62,776	56,868 28,464 5,020	249,460 59,798 54,822		58,554 376,426 70,595	10,245	185,052 45,040 97,460	513	1,095 4,500	681,891 429,458		
Total	17,303,333	32,049,188	3,327,618	17,161,541	817,756	5,617,022	9,395,427	19,213,193	10,865,878	14,904,813	38,552,517		

Return of Canadian Bank of Commerce. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes gold bullion.

Return of Bank of British North America. Amount under heading "Other assets not included under foregoing heads," includes bullion. The figures for the Dawson City Branch are taken from the last returns received, viz: 16th July, 1904.

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				]	LIABILITII	ES				
Bal, due to Provincial Governments.	Deposits by the Public payable on demand	Deposits by the Public payable after notice or on a fixed day.	Dep sits elsewhere than in Canada.	Loans from other banks in Canada secured,	Balances due to other Banks in Canada in daily exchanges.	Balances due to agencies of bank, or to other banks or agencies in United Kingdom.	Bals, due to bank agencies or other banks or agencies out of Canada or Britain.		Total Liabilities.	Directors' liabilities.
626,697	19,012,992 928,400 3,272,333	56,794,645 2,508,913 3,753,623			985,634 220,728 193,103	139,744		21.00	104,745,447 4,172,834	977,000 252,677
69,613	6,820,873 143,882 5,395,986	11,083,316 173,418 9,606,485			447,385 388 81,512	34,422	294,656 11,606	93,355 207	8,900,263 23,484,389 474,462	353,468 382,463 39,617
95,916 59,863 10,934	4,647,257 4,222,821 1,794,595	11,738,410 13,278,409 7,425,432			508,456 135,882	367,023 135	105,918	831	28,778,401 19,807,182 20,580,047	Nil 751,201 446,436
211,295	891,215 2,421,294	5,129,135 8,129,319	423,415	**********	79,314	84,285 755,108 393,526	110,000	46,412	11,216,675 8,571,287 12,661,304	160,325 447,762 28,085
62,653 5,410 148,328	1,322,326 5,673,127 330,011	4,747,603 19,296,556 1,841,966	30,825	788,461	8,004 1,211,526	74,877 734,761		2,332 160,721	7,664,586 31,148,175 4,052,372	723,591 367,830 Nil
	674,281 159,002 27,613	2,610,645 255,006 251,948		4,207	249,484 17,543			1,493 150	4,653,091 588,969 370,726	206,884 113,584
1,497,435 942,551 41,900	4,214,287 21,302,813 3,343,943	9,019,592 39,004,266 10,451,171	6,867,584 2,559,733		53,606 158,879 105,306	426,152	103,559 677,899	3,881 120,188	17,117,789 75,641,600 20,212,751	28,445 963,243 1,534,965
42,606 560,546	7,606,302 327,040 4,054,925	20,096,342 681,926 13,317,132			2,374	46,959	1,794	11,482	30,295,632 1,318,078	271,470 407,000 142,780
95,461 26,074 55,588	2,664,995 28,047 2,010,258	8,824,084 236,644 6,525,241			1,278	893,103 541,606	162,899	188,096	20,094,335 13,704,920 425,958	$   \begin{array}{r}     100,573 \\     98,266 \\     31,529   \end{array} $
27,022 304,852 337,773	62,056 2,521,467 6,749,556	615,629 10,860,792 14,787,809			103,455 89,726	1,223,749		80,442 2,950	10,912,578 1,013,942 17,243,811	437,526 35,870 354,621
208,537 173,636	469,656 3,088,278 1,664,541	3,243,172			9,090 1,726	78,367 674,209			24,724,443 4,214,597 16,729,719	180,646 8,123 107,367
170,820	418,808 66,959	796,181 201,827		25,000	10,123 1,406	111,954		2,526	7,922,066 2,334,713 349,393	72,023 : 141,632 : 1,286 :
5,890,275	118,331,939	312,713,823	32,643,571	817,668	4,676,353	7,635,558	1,562,375	9,247,331	556,126,535	10,168,288

	ASSETS													
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Call Loans on Bonds and Stocks.	Call and Short Loans else- where than in Canada	Current Loans	Current Loans elsewhere than in Canada	Loans to Provin- cial Gov- ern- ments.	Overdue debts.	Real Estate owned by bank not bank premises	Mort- gageson real estate sold by the Bank.	Bank premises	Other assets not in- cluded under the fore- going heads.	Total assets.	Average amount of specie held during the month	Average amount of Dominion Notes heid during month.	Greatest amount of Notes in circula- tionat any time during the Month	f
655,695 1,410,399			70,000				3,400 9,360	600,000 33,185		5,437,595	119,832	214,608	490,119	9
2,252,803		10,952,229	2,847,937		43,767			227,549 350,913	02,010	12,565,095 28,799,202				500
2,251,603	1,351,403	499,815		316,398	13,641 166,715	53,651 5,123		12,000 817,516		728,910	18,640	15,870	153,900	0
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365,562	2		379,144	115,314	139,626	47,294 4,083	53,374	376,976 112,158	33,721	15,362,738 10,942,000	159,888	627,494	1,916,76	5
639,066 265,715		11,378,586 7,829,002			8,252 41,893		8,650	125,000 208,351	3,458	14,891,418	125,000	310,054	1,429,86	5 1
3,529,116 1,501,126		20,547,689 2,131,655			160,389 17,187	4,027	30,866	828,852	89,795	40,472,655	512,500		The state of the s	
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A meeting of the directors of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was held in Montreal on Thursday, last week. Reports were received from the works at Sydney, intimating that the steel rod and washing mills were in full operation.

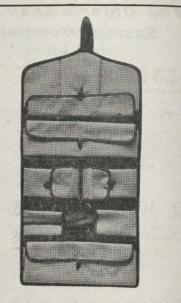
The cruiser "Canada," which the Dominion Government is having built at Barrow-in-Furness, England, for fishery protection on the Atlantic coast, is nearly complete. She is 200 feet in length, 25 feet breadth, and 148 feet depth, with two decks.

The thorough training given by The Dominion Business College, Limited, 4 Richmond St. East, Toronto, evidently meets the requirements of the business community. This week, six young men went direct from the class room to good positions in Winnipeg, besides several others to different manufacturing and mercantile firms.

The Dominion Iron and Steel Company, have awarded the contract for the building of a complete new rail mill. The machinery is expected to be ready in about three months. The mill is designed to turn out railway rails of all sizes and descriptions, and will have, when fully completed, a capacity of 1,000 tons per day. The plant is expected to be in a position to manufacture rails by next July.

The report of the Grand Trunk Railway for the past half-year, shows gross receipts of £2,559,300. The working expenses were £1,895,600, which is equal to 70.16 per cent., and the net receipts £663,700. The net revenue charges, less credits, were £519,700, leaving a balance of £144,000. Deducting a deficiency of £19,400, this leaves a surplus of £124,600, which, added to the balance from December, makes £127,300 available for dividends.

In the face of the keenest competition from firms and companies in the U.S., an English firm has just secured an important steel contract from a Canadian company. This is an undoubted victory for the preferential tariff. Messrs. G. & W. Walker, Limited, of Donnington, Shropshire, Eng., have secured the order from the Consumers' Gas Co., of Toronto, for a steel tank, 184 feet in diameter by 33 feet deep, and a telescope gas holder, with four lifts, to be erected in the tank. The capacity of the tank will be 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas, the largest in Canada. The price is somewhere about \$150,000. Great satisfaction is expressed in many quarters at the fact that what turned the scale in favor of the British firm obtaining such an important contrast, was the Canadian preferential tariff in favor of British goods.



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It is rumored in Pittsburg, that a \$20,000,000 coal combine is in course of formation. The scheme is to gather in no less than twenty-eight individual mining companies. Some of these are of the utmost importance to the coal trade, with facilities for mining that have already made them powerful competitors of the Pittsburg Coal Company and the River coal interests of that company. Others are smaller, but all have modern mines, many own their own coal cars and control a good trade. The project is fostered by coal mining companies themselves. What success the scheme has met with is still purely a matter of conjecture. It is said that the present estimated annual production of the new companies amounts to 10,-000,000 tons. The companies intended to be taken in are all located in what is termed the Pittsburg district, and aside from the Pittsburg Coal Co., the new concern would be the largest hituminous coal mining corporation in the country.

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### Mercantile Summary.

The Velvet Portland Mine, at Portland, B.C. has now started up a compressor plant.

The Western Ontario Cordage Company, Limited, of London, has been incorporated with a share capital of \$300,000. Messrs. D. C. Cowan, and T. H. Purdom are among the incorpora-

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club's building in Toronto, was on Monday last destroyed by fire, which broke out during the progress of a dance. The loss is placed at \$15,000

The Dominion Brass Works last week inaugurated their new factory at Port Colborne, Ontario, with a luncheon and entertainment of that town's leading citizens, after which the machinery was set in motion by the manager.

The Dominion Government has awarded the contract for the construction of a new steel tug to a Victoria, B.C., machinery concern, the price to be about \$30,000. It will be 85 feet long. 17 feet beam, and 121/2 feet deep in the hold. The indicated horsepower will be 280, and the speed about 111/2 or 12

A man of importance in the commercial and financial affairs of St. John's, Quebec, Mr. Louis Molleur, died in that town last week. Mr. Molleur was born in L'Acadie, in 1828, and moved to St. John's, to reside there, in 1867. He was the leading spirit in the establishment of the St. John's Bank, of which he was president till last year, and he built the St. John's waterworks in 1872. He represented the County of Iberville in the Legislature of Quebec from 1867 to 1881. The deceased gentleman was a man of much energy and business capacity, and maintained his strength until late in life, for he was 76 years of age when he died.

The following is a list of patents recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal and Washington: 88,-600, Eduard C. Carstens, Oldenburg, Germany, extension tables; 88,636, Wm. R. Bawden, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, Clinostat, for surveying deep bore holes; 88,649, Evence Coppee, Brussels, Belgium, coke ovens; 88,657, John Glover Nicol, Worcester, Eng., gloves; 88,734, Niels G. Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden, manufacturer of boards from round logs of wood; 88,769; Stanislas M. Barre, Winnipeg, heating and pasteurizing apparatus; 88,790,, Frederick Wm. Bursill, Marlborough, N.Z., means of securing fencing wires in standards, swingers,

From Sydney, N. S., we learn of the following recent mercantile failures. James A. McLean, a grocer, writes his creditors that owing to the strike at the steel works, and prevalence of smallpox in the town, he is unable to pay in full, and proposes that his creditors shall release him on payment of 25 per cent. of their claims, amounting to about \$1,500. The assignment is

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reported of W. E. Barron, originally a miner, who started as a retail grocer about three years ago. A suit for some \$400 instituted by a Montreal house, several weeks ago, apparently brought matters to a focus.-Max Wener, formerly a peddler in various districts of the Province of Nova Scotia, but for some little time settled in the clothing business at Sydney, is offering his creditors 30 cents on the dollar .-B. Kanter, who used to do dry goods business in the name of his wife, Sarah Kanter, but has been operating in his own name since September 1901, has had suits and judgments recorded against him of late by Montreal firms, and has now assigned.

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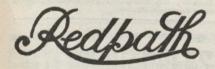
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The weekly list of business troubles among country dealers in the Province of Quebec, is as follows: H. Potvin, a farmer of St. Germain de Grantham, engaged in a grocery business about a year ago, and has already found that the way a merchant has to travel is not an easy one. He has put his affairs in the hands of an assignee, and will probably return to the plough, a poorer but wiser man. J. A. Payette, of St. Johns, formerly a journeyman jeweller, started to keep shop on his own account two years ago on a limited capital. He is now reported insolvent .-The experience of W. C. Fyfe, of St. Faustin, in the trout-fishing and health resort district of the Laurentian Mountains, north of Montreal, has been a brief and unfortunate one. He was formerly in the real estate business in Montreal, and bought a hotel business about eighteen month ago. His premises were burned during the prevalence of the disastrous forest fires which swept that section last summer, causing him serious loss, and now he has had to assign.-H. Mercier, general dealer at Upton, is reported an absentee, and it is said his wife will make a proposition to pay them 50 cents on their claims amounting to about \$4,000. Mercier began business in February, 1902, apparently with little experience, having been originally a farmer, and had resided a while in Quebec city, where he was connected with some brokerage business .cisse Leclerc, long a farmer at French Village, bought a general stock house years ago, and has also been running a sort of temperance hotel, but is now reported insolvent .- L. E. Desilets, of Shawinigan Falls, recently reported failed, has made an offer of 20 cents, which has been declined, and the assets will be sold .- J. P. Desilets, of Grande Mere, another recent insolvent, offers 20 cents, which is not satisfactory to creditors, who intimate they will accept 35 cents.-J. H. Constantin, of Nominique, Ottawa County, Quebec, who was assisted by his father to buy out an established business in 1902, is reported as embarrassed. He is said to have been very careless in his payments of obligations, frequent suits having appeared against him the past few months. His liabilities are stated at \$13,500.

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The Horaces are living happy bachelors' lives and the Johns couldn't stay single if they tried. Why should Horace go thus unscathed, while John is followed by a horrible fate? Dern 'em one an' all; some men have all the luck.-New York Sun.

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#### LITIGATION.

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A. E. MARK, Sec.-Treas. Rainy River, Aug. 18, 1904.

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Provincial Treasurer's Office, Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12, 1904. in that country are declared to exceed two millions in number. This seems a great number, until we learn that it is exceeded relatively by both Italy and Germany, which are litigation countries. The New York Sun says that the number of lawsuits brought in a year in France is 800,000. In Italy it is 1,400,-000, and in Germany it is 3,000,000, a very much larger number, both actually and relatively, than the number in the United States.

Civil actions of all kinds begun last vear in Great Britain and Ireland numbered about 1,500,000, or one for nearly every tenth male or female adult in the United Kingdom. In 1902, there was an increase of nearly 62,000 over the previous year, and 472,041 actions were heard out of 1,410,484 that were begun. Of the number of appeal cases heard, one in every three was successful, against one in four of five years ago. The total cost of British litigation in 1903 was placed at \$7,809,875.

The best measure of litigation is usually the number of laws or statutes, and not, contrary to general belief, the number of lawyers. In this country it is found generally to be the case that the largest amount of litigation does not originate among Americans, but among newcomers here, who appeal to the courts for the adjudication of matters of trifling accounts. In the United States, if the plaintiffs were different in every case, one in eight of the voting population could be said to be a litigant. As it is, the actual number of different litigants is not in excess of 800,000-400,000 plaintiffs, and 400,000 defendants-which is one per cent. of the total population of the country, which is now about 80,000,000.

#### ABOUT AUTOMOBILES.

It was after much deliberation and thought that I decided to invest in an automobile, relates Simon Ford, in Magazine: The first Everybody's machine I looked at was small, simple, and inexpensive. It had but one cylin-The salesman said that was an advantage. He said a four-cylinder engine would get out of order four times as often. This machine had a handle on the side like a barrel-organ. He showed me how to make it go fast and slow, and stop and start, and all while the machine stood in the store. A child of ten years could run it, he assured me. "Now, if you want to get out of a tight place," he said, "get a sudden move on-so to speak-you just touch this lever, called the accelerator.'

He touched it, and with that something went wrong, and the handle I have alluded to fled around and smote When me violently in the abdomen. I came to I told him a child of ten might run the machine, but the child would have to have a very strong stomach.

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iences I guess they were right. Finally, on my own responsibility, I bought that lovely lobster-pink creation in which I may be seen most any pleasant day now, running merrily through the park or street, and, anon, sitting reposefully while my chauffeur, assisted by the populace, explores the vitals of the machine, looking for trouble. I remember when I was a boy I saw and admired at Barnum's museum a working model of an engine, all made of glass, but I never dreamed I should own one.

I am getting rather proud of my machine. I think it holds the record for having travelled fewer miles in a given time than any other yet devised. My engine will break when standing motionless on the barn-floor, simply through the power of gravitation. It is operated by a skillful mechanic, and costs me as much per month as it would to run a battleship. But it has one merit. I never wander so far from my own fireside but that I can easily walk back. I have worn out six sets of hinges in the hood, peering at the engine to see what is busted.

I used to get up and help the chauffeur to look, until one day, when we were both hidden behind the hood, a sneak carried off my fur robes. I just sit back and listen to the jeers of the populace, and sigh to think of the happy times gone by, when I used to travel on the street-cars and get to my destination on the same day.

#### BUSINESS EDUCATION AWAY FROM HOME.

It may at first sight appear strange that Commercial Intelligence, whose whole object is to encourage business at home, should publish a series of articles on "How to Start Business Abroad," but a moment's reflection will show that in many cases the starting of branch businesses abroad by British firms is the very best means of increasing British trade at home. There can be no doubt that the establishment of American industries in England, has in many cases familiarized the British people with American methods in a way that could not have been done by any other means, and has led directly or indirectly to encouragement of export business for that industry in the States. Moreover, again and again, we read of British firms being compelled to establish branch businesses in countries from which their goods are shut out by high tariffs. Then, too, there are large numbers of young Englishmen who go abroad every year with a view to building up British goods abroad. Naturally enough they often make serious mistakes through assuming that foreign customs and laws are similar to those in England, and it is with a view to drawing their attention to some of the pitfalls that lie in their path, and putting them on their guard as to other difficulties that may arise, that we have invited our correspondents abroad to write us a series of short articles on

"How to Start Business Abroad."-Commercial Intelligence.

#### THE FIRE AT BROWN BROTHERS WAREHOUSE.

There are many, all over Canada, who will sympathize with the Brown Bros. Company in the second disaster which overtook them, in having their temporary warehouse (the Queen City Curling Rink) burned on Sunday night last. They issued a circular on Tuesday to their friends, and the trade, in which, while regretting the loss of such a unique warehouse, so convenient and completely stocked with new up-to-date goods, they are "glad that our factory

is still intact, which enables us to fill all orders for manufactured goods as usual. Our leather goods works are also undisturbed and in full working order." They meanwhile hope for the patience and co-operation of their friends. They had insurance as under: On stock: North British and Mercantile, \$10,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$5,000, and \$5,000 each in the Caledonian, Norwich Union, Liverpool and London and Globe, Union Society, Northern, Commercial Union, Alliance, British America, Royal-making \$60,000 in all.

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#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

August 24th, 1904.

Ashes.—The market is a quiet one, with a comparatively light demand for pots, which shade to easiness at \$5.75 to \$5.80 for firsts: seconds, about \$5.30. Pearls are being asked for from England, where there is apparently a new use for these goods, gin distillers using them in some of their processes.

Dairy Products .-- From this port there were shipped last week to Britain 84,647 boxes of cheese, some 14,000 boxes less than for the previous week, and 12,000 less than the same week of 1903. Butter shipments continue above the average, 32,398 packages having gone last week to London, Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol and Glasgow. For the corresponding week a year ago, shipments were 21.371 packages, and the gain for the season thus far is about 80,500 packages. The butter market is about on the level last noted: fancy creamery at 19 to 191/4c.; fine to finest, 181/2 to 19c.; dairy makes, 14 to 141/2. In cheese, buyers and sellers do not seem to harmonize in their views, and business is consequently more or less restricted. Finest Ontario makes are quoted at 81/2 to 85/8c.; Townships, 81/4 to 83/8c.; Quebecs, 8 to 81/4c. per pound.

Dry Goods.-There is not a great deal of change to be noted in this line as yet, and business still rules on the quiet side, but travellers are getting on their routes again for the sorting trip, also carrying some spring samples, and city retail trade is showing signs of picking up, as people are beginning to get back from the country, and the children have to be got ready for school, etc. Collections may be called just about fair, and failures are a little more frequent during the past few weeks. though there is really nothing very notable in this way. The firmness in woolens is steadily held, and there have been some further advances in price of certain lines of domestic knitted goods.

Flour and Feed.—The market continues firm at late advances, though wheat is weaker. Patent flours are quoted at \$5.50; strong bakers, \$5.20; winter wheat patents, \$5.25 to \$5.35. Stocks of mill feed are light, and bran is quoted at from \$16.50 to \$18; shorts, \$19 to \$20.

Groceries.-Things are still moving rather slowly in this line, but remittances are said to be coming in fairly well from the retail trade. As regards values, nothing in the way of an important change is noted. Sugars show no inclination to weaken on late advances, and the local refiners report a fairly sustained demand from jobbers. In teas, importers say the enquiry is still light, with no stiffening tendency in the markets abroad. Of sultana raisins a short crop is expected, and high prices prevail, 24s. is auoted for bright samples. Latest cables from Patras quote fine Filiatras at 14s. 6d. to 15s. Of figs, both Smyrnas and Com-

adres, a good yield is reported, also of French prunes and Valencia raisins, but it is figured the supply of Malagas may be below an average.

Hides.—Tanners are reported as making fairly liberal purchases of hides, prices of which are steady, dealers buying on the basis of 9c. per pound for No. I, and asking half a cent advance. Lambskins are steady at 6oc. each. Nothing doing now in calfskins.

Metals and Hardware.—There are some signs of the demand for metals picking up a little, but buyers as a rule seem disposed to place their orders conservatively, the tendency in iron values being towards easiness. Very little is being done in pig iron, and quotations for best domestic and Summerlee rule about \$18.50 to \$19. Bars are fairly steady at \$1.70 to \$1.75. Barb wire and galvanized wire are reduced 25c. a hundred, and rope is lower by half a cent a lb. In tinplates, Canada's galvanized sheets, etc., there have been no recent changes. Lead inclines to firmness at \$3.25; copper, 131/2c.; tin, 30 to 301/2c.; spelter, \$5.75 per hundred.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Travellers are beginning to start out again, but wholesale trade is still quiet. Turpentine has advanced, and is to-day quoted at 83½c. in single barrels. Linseed oil easy at 43 to 44c. for raw, and 46 to 47c. for boiled. Fish oils dull at prices quoted last week. Benzine and gasoline are a cent easier. White leads continue to be sold at cut rates, chemically pure at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and other grades at corresponding figures. Putty is easier at \$1.40 in bulk; in bladders, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Glass easy at \$3 to \$3.10 for first break. Shellac, \$2.70 for pure white, \$2.60 for orange.

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#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Aug. 25, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—A fair trade is passing in opium, which keeps now seemingly at a fair figure. Quinine is now pretty firm. In general business throughout the country a nominally good movement is reported, considering that this is the holiday season. From New York is reported a steady business with no features worthy of special attention. The British export trade is described in recent advices as poor, while the home requirements for chemicals are of a hand-to-mouth order.

Dry Goods.—The strongest feature in the dry goods situation at present is wool, the cost of which raw material is rapidly working up the prices of blankets, flannels, and other woolen materials to a high pitch. Not only this, but it is very difficult in such goods to obtain satisfactory delivery. Cotton goods are easy quite markedly. Trade for the present is fair, but it is

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### Toronto Prices Current.

Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.	Wholesale Rates.	Name of Article.
Breadstuffs.		Groceries.—Con.	\$c. \$c.	Hardware.—Con		Canned Fruits.
FLOUR	\$ c. \$ c.	Ceylon, Or'ge Pekoes Broken Pekoes	0 35 0 50	Galvanized Iron: Gauge 16	\$ c. \$ c.	D. I Tre se
" Strong Bakers	5 10	Pekoes	0 22 0 24	" 18 to 24	3 50 3 75	" Singapore—12 " 1 50 1 60
Patent (Winter Wheat) Straight Roller	4 25	Pekoe Souchongs Souchongs	0 21 0 25 0 18 0 20	" 26	3 75 4 00	Panches -11- 250 000
Oatmeal	4 75 18 co	Indian Darjeelings	0 22 0 55	Case lots less 100 100 lbs	4 00 4 25	
Bran per ton	19 00	Orange Pekoes Broken Pekoes	0 28 0 35	Wire: Brass	0 23	" 3's 1 60
Cornmeal, Domestic	4 00 4 75	Pekoes Pekoe Souchong	0 20 0 24	Copper Wire	0.28	Plums-Greengage 2's " I 20 I 25
FRAIN		Souchong Kangra Valley	0 19 0 21	Galvanized	3 45 5 00 3 65	" Damson, 2's " 1 00 1 15
Winter Wheat Spring Wheat	0 95 0 96	Oolong, Formosa	0 20 0 35	Barbed Wire	2 75	Apples—Gal. Cans
Man. Hard. No. 1 g. i. t.	1 09 1 10	1 OBACCO, Manufactured	33 5 33	Screws, flat head	0 871	Blueberries—2's 1 10
" Nort. No. 1 " No. 2 "	1 03 1 04	Derby, 3's,4's, 8's, 16's	0 65	" r'u head Boiler tubes, 2 in	0 821	Pineapples 2's
140. 3	0 98 0 99	Old Chum, cut, 1/10 Empire Tobacco Co.	0 85	STEEL: Cast	0 172	Strawberries " 1 47½ 1 60
Barley No. 2	0 40 0 41	Cur'ncy, 6's, 10's, 10's	0 45	Black Diamond	0 122 0 14	Canned Vegetables.
Oats	0 38 0 39	Empire, 3½'s, 5's, 10's. Bobs, 5's, 10's	0 39	Boiler Plate, ¼ in	2 10	Beans—2's Wax and Refugee doz 1 00 1 to Corn—2's, Standard
Peas	0 53 0 64	McAlpine Tobacco Co Beaver, 9's		" " 3/16 in " " 8 & th'kr Sleigh Shoe	2 10	Peas-2 S " 0 821 T 40
Corn Canadian	0 50 0 51	B'th Navy 6's reoz	0 73	CUT NAILS:	2 10 2 25	Tomatoes a's Standard " 0 90 I oc
Buckwheat	0 44 0 45	Macdonald's	0 40	30 to 60 dy	2 30	W. 1 20 1 20 1 20 1
Provisions. Butter, dairy, tubs	0 14	Prince of W.,8's,16's Napoleon, 8's	0 66	10 and 12 dy	2 45	Machani
" Prints	0 15 0 16	Brier, 8's	0 68	8 and 9 dy 6 and 7 dy	2 40	Salmon—Cohoes " 1 35
Creamery, boxes	0 17 0 18 0 19	G.E.Tuckett & SonCo Mahogany, 8's	0 62	4 and 5 dy	2 65	Lobster_XXX 1's flat " 1 75
Cheese (New)	0 094	Myrtle Navy, 4's	0 74	2 dv	2 90	Sardines—Alberts, 1'sper tin o 20 o 21
Dried Apples Evaporated Apples	0 07 0 00	Cut Myrtle, 1/10	0 86	Wire Nails, basis Rebate	0 10	Sardines—Alberts   Sper tin   0 20   0 21   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1
Hops, Canadian Beef, Mess	0 28 0 36	Pure Spirit, 65 o. p	in b'd dy pd	Rebate	dis 40-10-71	" French, ½s, key opener " o 21½ o 22
Pork, Mess	15 00	" 50 O. p	1 26 4 80	Peerless	dis 50-10 dis. 50-7½	" French, 2's, key opener " 222
" Breakt'st smok'd	0 08	Family Proof Whis-	0 60 2 22	HORSE SHOES, 100 lbs	3 80	" Canadian, ½'s " 0 04 0 04
HamsRolls	0 122 0 13	key, 20 u. p Old Bourbon 20 u. p.	0 66 2 40	Lion ½ pol	2 70	Chicken—Boneless Aylmer, 1's
Lard	0 071 0 071	Rye and Malt, 25 u. p. Rye Whiskey, 4 y. old	0 66 2 40 0 62 2 25	TIN PLATES IC	3 50	Duck—Bil's Aylmer, 1 s, 2 doz "
Picnic Hams Eggs, \$\psi\$ doz. new laid	0 09	Kye Whiskey, 4 y. old	0 85 2 60	WINDOW GLASS: 25 and under dis 10%	0	Turkey, B'l s Aylmer, 1's, 2 doz " 3 25 Pigs Feet—Aylmer, 1's, 2 doz " 2 50 2 50
Beans, per bush	1 40 1 50	G. and W 7 y. old		26 to 40 "	3 80	Corned Beef-Clark's, 1's, 2 doz " 1 55
Groceries.	N. Carrie, A.	Special 1887	3 00 6 45 5 25 8 70	51 to 60 "	4 50	
Coffees		Leather.		ROPE: Manilla basis	5 00	Clark S. 2 S " 8 ar
₩ 'b., green	0 24 0 35	Spanish Sole, No. 1 No. 2	29 0 31	Sisal	0 15	Clark's, 2½'s " 9 25 Lunch Tongue— " 1's, 1 doz " 3 15 3 25 Chinned Beat, 1's and 2' 2's " 6 15 6 25
Porto Rico "	0 10 0 13	Slaughter, heavy No. 1 light	0 28 0 29	Lath yarn	011 0117	Chipped Beel-3 sand is, prd z " 1 60 2 50
Mocha	0 20 0 28	No. 2 "	0 20 0 29	Single Bits Double Bits	6 50 9 00	"Clark's, i's, Chicken, 2 doz"
Ruit: Raisins, Malaga	2 25 6 00	Harness, heavy	0 30 0 32	Oils.	9 50 10 50	Fish-Medium scaled Herring. " o 16 o 17
" Valencias " Sultana	0 07 C 08	Upper, No. 1 heavy	0 28 0 32 0 35 0 38	Cod Oil, Imp Gal	e 75 1 00	
" California	0 08 0 12	Kip Skins French	0 39 0 40	Palm, # lb	0 65 0 75	White Labe \$1 00 0 79
Currants, Filiatra	0 05 0 06	" Demestic . Veals	0 50 0 50	Ordinary Linseed, boiled	0 50 0 60	India Pale 0 90 0 60
Calif. Apricots	0 07 0 081	Heml'k Calf (30 to 40)	0 60 0 70	Linseed, raw	O 45	Jubilee 0 90 0 60
Prunes, 90-100	0 00 0 00	French Calf	1 15 1 50	Spirits Turpentine Olive. # Imp. gal	0 821	XXX Porter 0 90 0 60
44 70—80	0 05 0 06	Enamelled Cow, # ft	0 20 0 23	Olive, # Imp. gal Seal pale S.R Amer'n Family Safety	0 5 0 60	
50—70	0 064 0 072	Pebble	0 18 0 22	Photogene	0 172	Sawn Pine Lumber, Inspected, B.M.  CAR OR CARGO LOTS AT MILL.
40-50	0 081 0 781	Grain, upper Buff	0 15 0 17	Petroleum.		i in. pine No. 1, cut up and better \$25 00 40 30
Tarragona Almonds	0 09 0 094	Russets. light, # lb	0 13 0 16 0 40 0 50	F.O.B., Toronto Canadian, 5 to 10 bls.	Imp. ga	if inch flooring
Peanuts, green	0 08 0 10	Saddlers Russets	0 06 0 07 2	Can. Water White Amer. Water White	0 24	1½ inch flooring 21 00 26 00
Grenoble Walnuts	0 09 0 11	Sumac Degras	0 05 0 06	Pennoline, Bulk	0 24 0 27	1X10 and 12 dressing 25 00 30 00
Brazils	14 0 15	Hides & Skins.	0 67	Paints, &c.		18 00 22 00 1x10 and 12 mill culls
Pecans	0 15	Cows, green, No. 1	0 00 081	White Lead, pure	5 25 5 45	r inch dressing and better 25 00 30 00
" Almonds	0 25 0 30 0 25 0 45	Steers, 60-90 lbs. No 1	00 071	White Lead,	4 50	I inch siding box
Fine to choice	0 013 0 021	Caltskins, green. No	0 07	Red Lead, genuine Venetian Red, B bright	I 75	i inch siding mill cuils 13 00 14 00
Pale	0 03 0 24 2	Shoonsking	0 08	Yellow Ochre, French Vermilion, Eng.	0 95 1 00	r in strips, 4 in. to 6 in. Canadian
New Orleans	0 30 0 50 28 0 50	Sheepskins	1 00 1 25	Varnish, No. 1 furn Varnish, No. 1 carr	0 90 1 00	dressing and better 25 00 30 00 1 inch strips, common 17 00 18 00
Patna dom to imp	0 03 0 04	Lambskins Tallow, rough	0 02	Bro. Japan	0 60 0 80	XXX Shingles, 16 in
Japan "Genuine Hd. Carolina	0 052 2 07	Tallow, caul	0 021 0 00	Whiting ordinary Putty, in brl per 10c lbs	0 65 1 00	Lath, No. 1
SPICES: Allspice	0 10 0 10 0 18 0 20	Tallow, rendered	0 04 0 041	Drugs.		Lath, Norway 2 00
Cloves	0 20 0 30 0 25 0 30	Fleece (unwashed)	0 13	Alum lb	1 90 2 50	2x4, 6, and 8 common
Ginger, ground	O 2C	Fleece (washed)	0 21	Blue Vitriol	0 061 0 071 2 2 00 2 50	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T
Nutmegs	0 20 0 30 0 35 0 60	Pulled, combing	0 18 0 20	Borax	0 042 0 05	Hard Woods — WM. ft. Car Lots Ash white 1st and 2nd-1, to 2 in \$28 00 35 00
Mace	0 161 0 18	" super	0 20 0 21 2	Camphor	0 75	22 10 4 11 35 00 40 00
" white, ground	0 28 0 30	Hardware	and the same of	Carbolic Acid	0 09 0 10	Birch " 1 to 1½ in 22 00 30 00
Cut Loat, 50 s		Tin: Ingot	\$ c. c.	Caustic Sodalb Cream Tartarlb Epsom Salts	0 032 0 05	" square, " 4x4 to 8x8 in. 25 00 28 00
" " 100'S	5 33 5 23 4 68	COPPER: Ingot	31 00 32 00	Epsom Salts	0 12 0 13	" 2 to in 35 00 48 00
Acadia	4 68		4 50 5 00	Extr't Logwood, bulk boxes	0 15 0 173	Basswood " 1 to 1½ in 10 00 22 00 " 1½ to 2 in 20 00 25 00
Beet Granulated	4 58	Pig	3 35 3 50	Gentian	0 10 0 12 0 19 0 22	Butternut, to 1½ in 24 00 30 00
Bright Coffee	4 58	Sheet	4 75 5 15	Hellebore	0 14 0 16	Chestnut, " 1 to 2 in 25 00 35 00
No. 3 Yellow	4 38	Zinc sheet	0 50 7 00	Insect Powder	3 75 4 75 o 28 o 30	Cherry " 1 to 17 in 48 00 55 00
" I "	4 08	Antimony	8 00 9 00	Morphia Sul	1 75 1 80 4 50 4 75	Elm, Soft, " 1 to 11 in 20 00 25 00
EAS:	THE RESERVE	Brass: Sheet	0 19	Opium Oil Lemon, Super	1 50 1 75	" Rock " 1 to 11 in 18 00 22 00
Japan, Yokohama	0 20 0 35	IRON: Hamilton Pig	21 00	Oxalic Acid Paris Green 1 b pkts	0 10 0 12	1½ to 3 in 20 00 25 50
Japan, Siftings & Dust	0.09 0 12	Refined	2 85 2 95	Potass. Iodide	2 75 3 00	Hickory, " 1½ to 2 in 28 00 30 00
Congou, Foochows	0 13 0 60	Hoop Steel	2 90	Quinine oz. Saltpetre lb.	0 45 0 50	Maple, " 1 to 11 in 16 00 20 00
Yg. Hyson, Moyune Yg Hyson, Fuchow &	0 20 0 65	Bar, ordinary	1 75 1 85	Sal Rochelle	0 28 0 30 0 60 0 65	Oak, Red Plain" 2 to 4 in 25 00 28 00 1 to 11 in 35 00 40 00
THE FIVEOR PUCKOW AV	0 20 0 50	Hoops, coopers	0 06	Sulphur Flowers	0 02 0 03	"White Pl'in" 1 to 17 in 25 00 45 00
Tienkai, com to cho't					0 02 0 03	10 12 11111 15 00 40 00
Yg. Hyson, Pingsuey	0 20 0 35	Band	2 90	Soda Bicarb, \$\mathbb{B} keg	2 25 2 75	2 10 4 11 40 00 45 00
Tienkai, com to cho't	0 20 0 35 0 18 0 65 0 15 0 30			Soda Ash Soda Bicarb, # keg Tartaric Acid Citric Acid		"Quartered " 1 to 2 in 85 00 95 00 Walnut, " 1 to 3 in 80 00 00 50 00 Whitewood " to 2 in 35 00 40 00

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Flour and Grain.—A very firm market exists for flour, and local buyers quote for export ninety per cent. patents at \$4.25, and a little higher for special, choice grade Manitoba flour is also quite firm. Bran and shorts, too, have an upward tendency. No change has been made in oatmeal.

Fruits and Vegetables.-Liberal supplies of fruit have come forward during the past week, but prices have kept fairly good. Pears and plums have come forward in fair abundance and have sold well. California fruits have become comparatively scarce. quote prices as follows: raspberries, 8c. to 10c.; lawton berries, 6c. to 8c.; black currants, large basket, 75c. to \$1; huckleberries, basket, 75c. to \$1.25; peaches, basket, 20: to 40c.; apples, basket, 10c. to 30c.; pears, 25c. to 40c.; plums, 30c. to 60c.; Canadian cantaloupes, 12 quart basket, 30c. to 45c.; oranges, Cal., Val3., \$4.50 to \$4.60; lemons, Messinas, \$3 to \$3.50; do Verdillis, \$4; do St. Nichols, \$4; bananas, 1sts, bunch, \$1.25; do 8's bunch 75c. to \$1; do red, \$1.50 to \$2.25; pineapples, Florida, case, \$4 to \$4.30; watermelons, each, 20c. to 25c.; cantaloupes, basket, 50c. to 75c.; California peaches, \$1 to \$1.50; do plums, 75c. to \$1; do pears, \$1.25 to \$1.75; tomatoes, 20c. to 30c. cucumbers, basket, 10c. to 15c.; beans; basket, 20c to 25c. green peppers, basket, 20c. to 25c.; new potatoes, bushel, 50c. to 55c.; egg plant, basket, 35c. to 50c.; Canadian green corn, dozen, 8c. to IIc.; Kalamazoo celery, dozen, 45c. Canadian celery, basket, 40c. to 50c.; do pink, 50c. to 65.; vegetable marrow, dozen, 40c.

Groceries.—No special feature presents itself for comment this week in groceries. Sugars continue firm at the recent advance. Molasses, too, are strong. Canned salmon are strong owing to reports from the Pacific coast. Dried fruits are in steady demand, but there is nothing new to report.

Hardware.—A seasonable trade is being done, though it is perhaps not quite so good as it would be were the crops already safely harvested. Trouble in the building trade as well is another thing which prevents any great augmentation of activity. The movement in metals is average, and a somewhat better feeling seems to prevail in pig iron. Scotch advices speak of a more active market with Cleveland warrants steadily advancing. Local consumers have bought more freely than for some time back.

Live Stock.—Considerably better tone prevailed in the cattle market this week, and everything of fairly good quality sold readily. Prices, however, remained very much as before, though for exporters they went a shade higher. The highest value attained was \$5. Butchers' cattle of prime quality were in good demand. Offerings of feeders and stockers were on the small side,

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and prices kept steady. Lambs declined 20c. as they, as well as sheep, were in larger supply than the demand warranted. Milch 20ws were scarce, the prices offered varying from \$25 to \$50.

Provisions.-There is an improving demand for choice butter, especially for creamery. Medium and poor grades, however, are still coming in too freely. Cheese is somewhat duller. Eggs are not coming in at all plentifully, and prices are quite firm. Hops are du!l, and buyers are waiting to see the result of this season's crop operations. There is a good movement in smoked meats. Long clear bacon and lard are particularly firm. Poultry remains as before, with spring chickens quoted at 16c. and fowls at 11c.

Wool. — Dullness prevails for the present in the wool market, the divergence of view between buyers and sellers being too wide to bridge vet. Offerings of fleece are small, for pulled wools there is a good demand from the domestic mills.

### TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

A stray feature on the local stock exchange this week was Nova Scotia Steel and Coal, which made several points advance on reports from the coal fields,

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### STOCK AND BOND REPORT.

BANKS	Share	Capital Author- ized.	Capital Sub- scribed.	Capital Paid-up	Rest	Dividend last 6 Months	Closing Price HALIFAX, Aug 21, 130
British North America New Brunswick Nova Scotia People's Bank of Halifax People's Bank of N.B Royal Bank of Canada St. Stephen's Union Bank, Halitax Yarmouth Merchants Bank of P.E.I.	\$ 243 100 100 20 150 100 50 75	\$ 4,866,000 500,000 2,500,000 1,500,000 180,000 4,000,000 3,000,000 300,000 500,000	\$ 4,866,000 500,000 2,000,000 1,000,000 180,000 2,000,000 1,336,000 300,000 343,000	\$ 4,866,000 500,000 2,000,000 2,000,000 2,000,000 200,000 1,374,000 300,000 343,000	\$ 1,946,000 775,000 3,100,000 440,000 170,000 3,000,00. 45,000 30,000 206,000	3% 6 5 3 4 4 2 1 3 1 4	130 1322 262 266 136 140, 202 206
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#### INSURANCE COMPANIES

ENGLISH (Quotations on London Market)

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City of Toronto Water Works Deb.,	1906, 6%	101	103	
do. do. gen. con. deb.	1920, 5%	108	110	
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City of Quebec, con.,	1905, 6%	101	103	
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The total number of casualties on the railroads of the United States during the year ending June 30th, 1903, was 86,393, of which 9,840 represented the number of persons killed and 76,-553 the number injured. Casualties occurred among three general classes of railway employees, as follows: Trainmen, 2,070 killed and 25,676 injured; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen, 283 killed, 2,352 injured;

other employees, 1,253 killed, 32,453 injured. The casualties to employees coupling and uncoupling cars, were: Employees killed, 281; injured, 3,551. For the year 1902 the corresponding figures were: Killed, 167; injured, 2,864. The casualties connected with coupling and uncoupling cars are assigned as follows: Trainmen killed, 211; injured, 3,023; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 57; injured, 416; other employees killed, 13; injured, 112.

The number of passengers killed in the course of the year 1903, was 355, and the number injured 8,231. In the previous year, 354 passengers were killed and 6,683 injured. There were 173 passengers killed and 4,584 injured because of collisions and derailments. The total number of persons, other than employees and passengers, killed was 5,879; injured, 7,841. These figures include the casualties to persons classed as trespassing, of whom 5,000 were killed and 5,079 were injured. The total number of casualties to persons other than employees from being struck by trains, locomotives or cars, were 4,534 killed and 4,029 injured. The casualties of this class were as follows: At highway crossings, passengers killed, 3; injured, 7; other persons killed, 895; injured, 1,474; at stations, passengers killed, 24; injured, 108; other persons killed, 390; injured, 501; at other points along the track, passengers killed, 8; injured, 14; other persons killed, 3,214; injured, 1,925. The ratios of casualties indicate that one employee in every 364 was killed, and one employee in every 22 was injured. With regard to trainmen-that is, enginemen, firemen, conductors and other trainmen-it appears that I trainman was killed for every 123 employed, and I was injured for every to employed.

One passenger was killed for every 1,957,441 carried, and I injured for every 84,424 carried. With respect to the number of miles travelled, however, the figures show that 58,917,645 passengermiles were accomplished for each passenger killed and 2,541,096 passengermiles for each passenger injured.

#### THE REAL SUFFERERS FROM FIRE.

In a recent address read before the Insurance and Actuarial Society of Glasgow, Mr. D. L. Laidlaw discussed the growing fire hazard in central city districts. This is a question of the greatest importance to fire insurance offices, butwhat is not sufficiently recognized by the public at large-it is eventually fully as important to the mercantile community. It is obvious that a continued growth in the losses accruing from fire must mean ultimately a corresponding increase in the premiums payable by the insuring public to cover the extra waste.

The public, as Mr. Laidlaw acutely points out, are constantly forgetting that every fire involves a permanent and absolute loss of national capital. The annual fire waste in Great Britain is upwards of £5,000,000 sterling, and the

amount, particularly in city districts, appears to be steadily growing. Not only is this large sum irretrievably lost every year to the country, but owing to a corresponding impairment in the taxable value of property, the burden of taxation is thereby proportionately increased everyone. The loss is usually so well distributed by the existing system of insurance that its incidence is not often seriously felt. There is, however, a distinct danger that the growing fire hazard in congested city districts may sooner or later involve merchants in the payment of such an increase of premium as may hamper the requirements of commerce. It would be impossible to carry on commercial undertakings on present lines without the protection of insurance, and in the event of the losses continuing to grow in magnitude, or of districts being so closely built and connected as to form one fire risk, or to be in danger of annihilation by the ravages of a single fire, it might become impossible to obtain adequate insurance in these districts even at the most tempting rates of premium.

It is, therefore, contends this writer, of vital importance to owners of property, especially in the central districts of large cities, that proper means be adopted to reduce as far as possible the risk of conflagration. To the fire offices also it is no doubt equally important, but the stronger companies-possessed of adequate reserves, and conducting their business within prudent limits-have hitherto been able, even after the most serious losses, to protect themselves by a readjustment of their premiums. Fire losses generally, are, therefore, in reality borne by the community, the insurance offices being merely the medium by which the loss is distri-

The Drummond Bleaching and Cotton Company, Montreal, capital \$150,-000, has been incorporated under Dominion charter. Senator Mitchell, of Drummondville, and J. W. Woods, of Ottawa, are among those mainly in-

The Montreal Woolen Mills do not seem to have derived so much benefit from the late increase of tariff in favor of woolen goods as was anticipated by their friends. The management announce that they have closed down the plant for this week and will continue to do so every alternate week for an indefinite time. They attribute the cause to lack of orders, owing to the British prefer-

Apropos of what is said in our Halifax correspondent's letter about the probable successor to Mr. Harrington as collector of customs at that city, we observe a telegram to the Toronto Globe dated 24th August, which says that Mr. Archibald S. Mitchell, of G. P. Mitchell & Sons, Halifax, one of the leading West India firms of the Maritime Provinces, will be appointed collector of customs at Halifax. Mitchell is a brother of George Mitchell, M. P. P. for Halifax, and is one of the most competent business men in the city.

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