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## Financing the Nations at War

PINIONS are divided as to the policy of the United States administration with regard to bankers of that country making loans to belligerent powers. President Wilson always has held the opinion that money being an instrument of war, neutral countries should withhold that instrument. As indicated in the statement of Mr. Bryan, his secretary of state, to The Monetary Times, this ban includes loans to Canada's governments. It will not prevent, however, the financing of municipal and corporation loans in the United States.

Several Canadian bankers, discussing the question with *The Monetary Times*, held the view that the presidential ban would not apply to Canada's provincial governments. But evidently it does. An attempt to prepare the way for a flotation of Ontario's provincial government bonds in the United States met with a positive declaration that the Ontario government, under a strict interpretation of the obligations of neutrality, was a "government at war." Naturally, the gifts which the various provinces of Canada are making to help the Imperial government, have emphasized the fact that the governments of the British Empire are at war.

President Wilson's view was expressed in 1900 by Mr. Oscar Strauss, former secretary of commerce and labor in the United States. In a speech in 1908, Mr. Strauss said: "Everyone knows that the money advanced to belligerents signifies the giving to them of means for securing war instruments. Money is the most effective war instrument."

The press of the United States think it is practically certain, in view of the stand taken at Washington, that no loans will be made to the European powers at war or to their colonies. The Wall Street Journal expresses one view of the matter in saying: "It seems rather to be regretted that the administration at Washington has discouraged the raising of a French loan of \$100,000,000 by New York bankers, or in fact, any loans to the belligerents in the present war. Such loans are really in the nature of money market operations, and there is no reason why New York should not be the money market for Germany or any other of the belligerent nations."

Later, the same journal took even a stronger stand, saying: "In order that there may be no possible misunderstanding, some expert on international law should convey to Mr. Bryan, and even to the president, the information that their consent is not requisite to the making of loans to belligerents in time of war. Why J. P. Morgan and Company should consult with the state department at all is their own business. It is not beyond the bounds of conjecture that they may have desired a polite way of saying 'No' to the French government; and preferred the secretary of state should perform that distasteful task.

It is difficult to see otherwise why the matter was referred to Washington.

"Mr. Bryan's statement to *The Monetary Times* that loans to Canada at this time would be improper, is simply silly. There is no breach of neutrality involved. If J. P. Morgan and Company lend directly to a belligerent, not even through colonies, transferring the loan not in cash, but in \$100,000,000 of American produce, they perform a patriotic act.

"What is the difference, in fact, and which is the more proper, if the United States government should relieve embarrassed German companies with \$30,000,000, on the security of ships which cannot keep the seas? There can be only one answer. A straightforward loan to a belligerent is sound in international law and common morals. The relief to the steamship companies is vicious, morally and economically.

"That the belligerents will borrow money here when our financiers can see their way to make a reasonable profit on good security, there can be no manner of doubt. It will be a pity if the war is thereby prolonged. If nations could agree to make loans to belligerents absolute contraband, the question would take on an entirely different aspect. As it stands now, it is merely a question of the international movement of credit—with which the department of state, and even the president himself, may with advantage meddle as little as possible."

Senator Lodge of the United States is reported in London as saying that the administration's policy of preventing loans to belligerents is inconsistent with plan to pay Germany \$25,000,000 outright for ships she cannot use. This purchase, Mr. Lodge claims, would check exports from the United States, because individuals, who otherwise might purchase vessels in large numbers, would fear government competition.

On the other hand, the London Statist thinks that the people of the United States are doing a service to themselves and to mankind in general, even including all the belligerents, if they extend their neutrality so far as to refuse to lend to any of those engaged in the war while it lasts. "The sooner it is brought to an end," it adds, "the better it will be for all the parties engaged. Therefore, those who refuse supplies that may be used for warlike purposes will really be rendering a service, even to those to whom they deny assistance."

There is also consolation in the fact that if the belligerents are to do without United States loans, Great Britain and her allies are in better position to meet that situation than is the enemy. It is agreed that the war must be fought to a finish. Consequently it must be financed. Great Britain's fight, with the sword as weapon, is for the principle which is backed by President Wilson's fight, with finance as weapon.

### HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

STIMATES of the war's duration vary from a few weeks to three years. The minimum guess is that of the thoughtless. The maximum is that of military men. Financiers and economists generally are not indulging in estimates. Their guesses probably would be always "Less than twelve months." In the House of Lords the other day, Earl Kitchener said: "The terms on which I am serving are the same as those under which some of the finest portions of our manhood, now so willingly stepping forward to join the colors, are engaging, that is to say, my term of office is for the duration of the war, or for three years if the war should last longer than that. It has been asked why this period has been limited. It is because if this disastrous war be prolonged -and no one can foretell for a certainty its durationthat after three years of war others will take our places and see this matter through."

One expects such stern stuff from Kitchener. His statement will have at least three marked effects. It will impress upon British people that this war is not an affair of days. It will impress upon the British Empire the immediate necessity for men and money. It will be an unmistakable hint to Germany that we are in this fight to stay. But after all, Kitchener's suggestion of a three years' war is that of a military man. He makes no calculations for publication regarding finance and food.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle thinks that a year will be the "There will be vast efforts," he says, "and occasional disappointments will await us. But it will be not long. It seems to me absolutely impossible that it should be long. The temper of the times will not brook slow measures, nor will the enormous financial strain upon Germany be tolerated indefinitely. How dangerous is prophecy, and these very words may come back to mock me. But I cannot make myself see how it can be over in less than six months, or how it could extend for more

The Monetary Times, while hesitating to prophesy, is inclined to take the view that twelve months at the outside will see the end of the war. Little financial and economic news is allowed to come out of Germany. The few official bulletins of that nature obviously are incorrect and have an inspired touch. Those who left Germany just after the outbreak of war describe some extraordinary financial and commercial measures there which are making an astounding drain upon that country's financial reserves and her credit system, "creating a situation which may be tolerable in victory but will be appalling in defeat."

At the same time, Great Britain's commercial trade, navigation, food and financial problems are being solved in the same cool and effective manner as are its military and naval problems. Germany is being cut off from the world, while Great Britain is making practical use of its Empire links. The Wall Street Journal thinks that what is likely to stop this war, and in the not far distant future, is not bayonets but bankruptcy; hunger and not horse artillery. This, we think, is the correct view. Every week of the war sees nations and their supplies more exhausted.

Do not stop money circulating, because money circulates.

Be like the British bull dog-hang on to the business you have and take an extra bite at the enemy's.

### COMPANIES PAID FOURTEEN MILLIONS

### That was Result of Fire's Toll in One Year in Canada

During the year 1913 the business of fire insurance in Canada was carried on by 84 companies; of these 29 were Canadian, 24 British, 29 United States and 2 French.

During the year two Canadian companies, the Beaver and the Imperial Underwriters (the business of the former being confined to organization), one British company, the Marine, which during the year received a license for fire insurance in addition to its previous powers, but did not actually transact fire business, and two United States companies, the Equitable Fire and Marine and the Glens Falls, were added to those transacting business in Canada.

The Ottawa Assurance Company having reinsured its business in 1912 did not transact business in 1913 and has business in 1912 did not transact business in 1913 been wound up. Three Canadian companies, the Central Canada Manufacturers, the Nova Scotia, and the Sovereign discontinued business during the year, and having reinsured discontinued business during the year, and having reinsured the proficies are being wound up. The insuror cancelled their policies, are being wound up. The insurance department withdrew the license of the Ontario Fire and this company is now in liquidation. Since the beginning of 1914 the license of the Rimouski Fire has been cancelled and

the company is being liquidated.

The Nationale Fire Insurance Company of Paris, France, the Globe and Rutgers and the National-Ben Franklin have

received licenses for fire business.

#### Premium Total Was Larger.

Cash received for premiums during the year in Canada amounted to \$25,745,947, being greater than that received in 1912 by \$2,551,429, and the amount paid for losses was \$14,-003,759, which is greater than that paid in 1912 by \$1,884,-178. The ratio of losses paid to premiums received is shown in the following table:-

Companies.	Paid for losses.	for	Rate of losses paid per cent. of premiums. received.	The same for 1912.
Canadian	\$ 3,020,551 6,939,451	\$ 5,099,298 13,138,597		53.95 52.26
United States and other	4,043,757	7,508,052	53.86	50.82
Totals	14.003.750	25,745,947	54.39	52.25

Taking the totals for the same forty-five years, 1869-1913. according to the nationalities of the companies, the following

are the results		o lo	Rate of sses paid
Companies.	Premiums received.	Losses	per cent.
Canadian	225,693,037	\$ 51,601,983 140,758,700 35,257,966	63.21 62.37 57.21
Totals	368,981,717	227,618,649	61.69

#### Shows Incurred Loss Rate.

The loss rate for 1913 (54.39) is 7.30 below the average for the forty-five years over which the insurance department's records extend.

Obtaining an approximation to the losses incurred during the year, by excluding the estimates for losses outstanding at the beginning of the year, and including the amounts estimated for those of the year still unsettled, the ratio of the losses incurred to premiums received comes out 56.71 per cent., which is 5.59 per cent. greater than the 51.12 of the previous year, and is 3.17 per cent. less than the average for the last fifteen years (59.88). The following are the rates of incurred losses from 1899:-

Companies. 1	013.	1012.	1011.	1010.
	1.31	52.59	53.08	60.41
British5	4.78	50.95	53.80	57.01
United States and				
other5	6.96	50.21	48.95	59.72
Totals	6.71	51.12	52.54	58.40

### "Business as Usual"

### BUY LIFE INSURANCE NOW

In spite of the present situation, the Toronto office of the Sun Life Assurance Company made a gain of \$10,000 in new business over the record of August, 1913.

#### TOO MANY ORDERS TO FILL

A cement dealer tells *The Monetary Times* that during the past month he has shipped 120,000 barrels of cement to fill orders. He could have sold twice as much had the mills supplying the cement been of greater capacity.

### WORK AND CONFIDENCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Premier McBride says that public works in the province will not be stopped, that construction will proceed on the railways in different sections, and that every effort will be made to sustain that confidence which has generally marked the people of British Columbia.

#### POPULATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment will not be as serious in Canada as many appear to anticipate. During the past two years many thousands have left Canada for Great Britain and the United States. In the past eighteen months, immigration to the Dominion has been cut by more than half, and now has ceased entirely. The stern call to the front will take from 25,000 to 100,000 men from Canada. In addition, arrangements are being made everywhere to handle the situation effectively.

#### BANK CREDIT FOR BUSINESS

At a conference held at Victoria between the members of the provincial administration and prominent business men and officials in British Columbia, Mr. Campbell Sweeny, superintendent of the Bank of Montreal in British Columbia, stated that credit for legitimate business enterprises would not be curtailed any more than it had been before the war. There will be a little more conservatism in advancing money for new enterprises and there will not be any loans for speculative purposes.

### CANDA'S MUNICIPAL BONDS ARE COOD

The Bank of Montreal has loaned \$6,000,000 to the city of Montreal. Mr. W. H. Southam, of Hamilton, has offered to purchase \$250,000 debentures to provide funds for local improvement work. The people of Berlin, Ontario, are buying their city's debentures, and so are the people of Peterborough. Canadian municipal debentures have an unbroken record of security. A municipality of Canada never has defaulted in payments of principal or interest. Buy a few municipal bonds.

### SASKATCHEWAN TO KEEP BUSINESS MOVING .

"There is no semblance of panic over the conditions engendered by the war, so far as Saskatchewan is concerned," said Hon. Walter Scott, premier of that province, in an interview at Ottawa. "We are all, Canadian and foreign-born alike, of one mind, and everybody is determined to meet the situation with confidence, and to keep business moving in the same old way."

Premier Scott declared that conferences had been held

Premier Scott declared that conferences had been held by the Government with representatives of all branches of business and finance, with the result that all were determined that there should be as little as possible cessation of any industry or business. "It is expected that the high prices for wheat will more than compensate for the poorer crops this year," he said. PRODUCE MORE FOOD

There will be a shortage of food next year. Canada is one of the chief larders for the world's consumers. It must stock the shelves for the heavy demand in 1915. For instance, little jam is being made in England this year. The fruit is being eaten raw.

Lord Milner points out this week that, although the present harvest is abundant, an immense decrease in wheat in 1915 must result from the fact that all the able-bodied males in France, Germany, Austria and Russia are now engaged in fighting.

Of the 650,000,000 quarters of wheat and rye annually produced throughout the world, 350,000,000 come from these countries, and the other producing countries cannot possibly make up the deficiency. Lord Milner predicts that in the latter half of next year, if not before, all nations which live on wheat will be competing fiercely for a share in the diminishing supply.

### WESTERN CANADA AS FOOD PRODUCER

The sudden, unwarned outbreak of hostilities involving the British empire, has awakened western people, and as nothing else could, to a clearer appreciation of their country and of her place and purpose, not merely in the empire, but in a truly cosmic sense. It may be that formerly she was too largely a fertile field for the speculative exploitation of non-producers; nevertheless, the fact remains that to-day's stressful exigencies have compelled for her a clear and unquestioned recognition as the one land chosen of all others and inevitably destined to become the world's greatest fountain of food, states Mr. F. M. Sclanders, commissioner, Saskatoon. As for the non-producer, nothing is more certain than that he has had his day and ceased to be. The new era upon the threshold of which we now stand, is one of extraordinary productive activity with its attendant prosperity and populous development. We have successfully emerged from the whole gamut of infantile maladies invariably affecting young countries. Even our growing pains which formerly disquieted, have found their panacea. We are now ready and able for real business—ready with the fresh, full, strenuous energy of youth that has taken farewell of errorready and anxious to grapple with the innumerable crude potentialities of our marvellous heritage, so that we may subdue and transform them to magnificent actualities for the benefit of the world. A deep sense of their responsibilities now obsesses the people of these fertile plains, and with it an earnest purpose to be faithful thereunto. Such is the silver lining which, with characteristic optimism, the west discerns in the present lowering clouds.

Stick to business and business will stick to you.

Canada is a great country, when each man does his part.

The auto as a luxury may go—as a necessity to the front.

Business faith is only that when it stands firm in time of crisis.

Germany planned a war on British finance and trade. Do not surrender your share.

If you must have a bonfire to celebrate, shove on some made-in-Germany goods and replace them in Canada.

Go about your business. If you stand in the road, look-

ing with open mouth at the war, someone will run you down.

Two national holidays to come—Labor and Thanksgiving. Work and be grateful you live in the British Empire.

Let the "prospect" talk war by all means, but sell him a life insurance policy to protect him against all those terrible things he cites.

In many respects Canada will feel the effect of the war. London has been acting as "uncle," in a very generous way, for years, supplying money whenever asked. The source of supply is now temporarily cut off, and that is where Canada will feel the pinch. On the other hand, the Dominion will get better prices for her grain. Russia's crop was not good, and in any case it is not available in the world's markets; while Canada and the United States will find the seas

open and protected for their exports.-London Financier.

### War, Finance and Commerce

The Dutch Chamber has passed a credit of five million florins (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of maintaining neutrality.

The British treasury department contemplates the formation of a state bank to finance industrial activities unless certain joint stock banks relax their attitude of holding aloof and declining to help.

#### War Risks Insurance Lower.

The War Risks Insurance Committee announced a reduction in the rate of ship cargo insurance to two guineas per cent. from the prevailing three guineas per cent., beginning September 1st.

#### British Moratorium Extended.

Mr. David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer, has announced that the moratorium will be extended for a month to October 4th. It would be too risky, he said, to bring it to an end at once.

#### United States Buys Silver.

United States director of the mint Roberts has announced that the president paid 53.10 cents an ounce for the 200,000 ounces of silver for which offers were asked a few days ago. This silver is to be delivered at San Francisco.

#### Decline in Securities.

The London Bankers' Magazine says from July 20 to 30 the depreciation in 387 representative securities dealt in on the London Stock Exchange amounted to £188,000,000, the fall being the greatest in British and foreign funds,

#### Bank of England Cold at Ottawa.

The Bank of England says that the arrangement regarding the gold from Ottawa is working extremely well. About £1,750,000 had been remitted from Ottawa up to August 25th. A similar arrangement has been made at Cape Colony.

### Heavy Cable Mileage.

The total cable mileage of the world is 322,000. The following gives the mileage controlled by companies of the various nations:—British, 144,000; American, 63,653; French, 27,000; German, 27,000; Danish, 10,800; Japanese, 5,600.

### Few British Ships Taken.

Chancellor of the exchequer Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons that German men-of-war on all the seas have captured 20,000 tons of British shipping. remain 20,000,000 tons to be taken," said the Chancellor.

### Ontario Paper Company.

The creditors of the Battle Island Paper Company, on August 10, 1914, voted to sell the Canadian property to the Ontario Paper Company, of Thorold, Ont., for \$300,000. The appraised valuation of the property and rights was \$385,000.

### Sugar from Barbados.

The legislature of Barbados having voted \$100,000 as a contribution to "the expenses of the righteous war being waged by the Mother Country," the British Colonial Office has suggested that the gift would be most acceptable in the form of sugar.

#### Captured German Ships.

The London Times publishes a list of 225 German ships captured by British cruisers in all parts of the world since the war began, giving the names, tonnage, home port and disposition of each ship. More than 200 ships are now held in various ports in all seas, from London to Rangoon and Colombo.

#### May Issue Money Orders.

The Canadian post-office department has decided that money orders may now be safely issued at a premium of 4 cents per nound sterling or fraction of a pound. The old rate was \$4.87. In order to prevent speculation in exchange by unscrupulous persons, no person will be permitted to purchase money orders exceeding \$100 on any one day.

#### Will Hold Back Dividends.

In the British House of Commons the Prime Minister was asked whether, seeing that a large number of alien subjects were shareholders in companies registered in Britain and in the overseas dominions, he would prevent them from receiving their dividends during war time. In reply, the president of the Board of Trade said he was directing joint stock companies not to pay any dividends that became due after the outbreak of war to persons resident in the enemy's territory, or in accordance with their instructions.

#### Effect on Panama Canal.

As a direct result of war in Europe receipts from the operation of the Panama Canal have failed to pay the expenses of the great waterway. Tolls during the first week of traffic in the canal amounted to only about \$15,000. That was not enough to pay operating expenses, much less meet the interest payment on the vast capital invested. Professor Emory Johnson estimated that the receipts from tolls at the end of the first two years would be about \$24,000,000 or \$25,000,000.

#### Russia Has Moratorium.

With regard to the moratorium in Russia, Reuter's Agency is informed that the following official statement has been issued in St. Petersburg:-"In virtue of the moratorium (1) all commercial bills issued prior to July 17, all protests, and all proceedings relating thereto are suspended for two months as from July 25, 1914. This measure relates to bills the places of issue or payment of which are situated in the provinces of Poland and the provinces of Kieff, Volhynia, Tchernigoff, Mohileff, Kholmsk, Kherson, Taurida, Bessarabia, Podolia, Vilna, Kovno, Grodno, Minsk, St. Petersburg, Pskoff, Novgorod, Vitebsk, Livonia, Esthonia, Courland and Olonetz. (2) The minister of finance is empowered, it pool Olonetz. (2) The minister of finance is empowered, it need should arise, to extend the above-mentioned privileges to other parts of the empire, likewise for a period of two

### ANOTHER WAR ORDER

Fifty thousand pairs of heavy grey socks is the order the Kingston Hosiery Company has received from the Dominion government, and the order will be filled within a month. The socks will be sent to Valcartier, and will be for winter

### FREDERICTON REDUCED FIRE WASTE

The fire loss of Fredericton, N.B., for 1913, was \$5,726. which is \$9,177 less than the year 1912—the losses on buildings being \$4,328 and on contents \$1,397; the total insurance risk, where losses have occurred, being on buildings \$28,325 and on contents \$8,700, according to the annual report of Fire Chief Rutter, which also shows that the average annual fire loss for 30 years is \$7,296.

### EMERCENCY CURRENCY IN ENGLAND

The emergency currency in England, is not in the form of Bank of England notes, but is in Government notes or fiat notes. The wording on the notes is as follows:—
"These notes are a legal tender for a payment of any

amount.
"Issued by the Lord's Commissioners of His Majesty's

Treasury, under Authority of Act of Parliament.
"One Pound (£1)

"(Serial number) (Signed) "JOHN BRADBURY,

"Secretary to the Treasury."

The notes are printed in black on white water-marked paper and the size is about 21/2 inches by 5 inches. The notes are not Bank of England notes and apparently are not secured on Bank of England gold, although the chancellor of the exchequer has said that they can be changed for gold at the bank. They are secured on the credit of the British government.

### MANY TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

### Commissioner Grigg Tells How Canada May Benefit-Two Striking Effects

That the Dominion will benefit by the war in two ways, is the opinion of Mr. Richard Grigg, chief Canadian trade commissioner, who has returned to Ottawa from a business mission to Europe. The German imports will be cut off in Canada, and the home manufacturers will reap the benefit. In addition, the Canadian shippers will take away largely from the German trade in the Far East.
"While the European war is a terrible thing, it will in

the long run, prove a commercial benefit to the Dominion," Mr. Grigg said. "Whether Germany is eventually victorious or is defeated by the allies, her commerce during the pro-

gress of the war is bound to be paralysed.

#### Blow to German Industry.

"Germany has mobilized all of her able-bodied men under 45 years of age. Naturally, that will cripple every branch of industry in Germany during the duration of the war, and doubtless for a long period after the cessation of hostilities. That state of affairs is bound to benefit the commerce of the rest of the world, and in the shift of trade conditions,

Canada will surely get her share.

"Firstly, the people of the Dominion have for years been importing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of German products annually. With the war on this importation has ceased from a two-fold cause; through patriotism, the loyal Canadian would not use German-made goods while the two countries are at war, and with all German shipping tied up on both sides of the Atlantic, there are no German exports reaching Canada.

#### Stimulate Home Trade.

"The international war will in this way greatly stimulate Canadian trade at home, by inducing people to use home-made products in place of the German articles they have been buying. I expect this state of affairs to increase our manu-

factures to a considerable extent.

"But, in addition, there is a tremendous general field now open to the Canadian manufacturers and exporters which they have in the past neglected. Particularly in South America and Central America have the German traders had the advantage. In Brazil, Peru, Mexico, the Argentine Republic and other countries in that part of the world the Germans have led in trade. They have had the bulk of the commerce of Central and South America. Because of the war they will no longer have that advantage. German merchant ships are not running.

#### South American Trade.

"The Central and South American trade, therefore, will be at a standstill until other exporters get after it. Before the end of this conflict, that trade will be in the possession of Britain, the United States and Canada. There is no reason why the Canadian manufacturers and exporters should not get a big share of this commerce. Certainly they will get after it on a large scale, if I can influence them to do so.

"The same will be true in the Far East. For several years Germany has done a large trade with China, some with Japan, and to a considerable extent with the islands of the Southern Pacific. That trade naturally will be nullified by the war. With the British warships in the Far East on the watch for German vessels, and with the entire Japanese fleet on the job, it is certain that German trade in eastern waters will be entirely neutralized. As in the case of Central and South America, that trade will be taken over by Britain, the United States and Canada.

"With record-breaking crops in the Dominion this year, Canada is ready to do a big business exporting foodstuffs to all parts of the world. Of course, a large part of what we have to ship is in the provision line, and will go to Britain, but there will be p'enty left, and that will be exported to France and Russia, then to any other parts of the world where there may be a demand.

Proceed with caution-and with energy. Anybody can have faith when the sun is shining. More production in Canada and business as usual.

### CANADA NEEDS ONLY CONFIDENCE

### London Says So, and London Has Loaned Canada the Money

The outbreak of war almost throughout the whole of Europe, has naturally caused some misgivings in trade circles in Canada, says the London Financial News. The Dominion has only recently emerged from a period of strain and stress, owing to the tightness of money and the set-back after a long term of abounding prosperity, coupled with a certain measure of unwise speculation, especially in real estate. All eyes have been fixed upon the crops, and as these promise to give splendid results, the commercial outlook of the Dominion appeared most encouraging in every direction. Now traders have to decide what will be the effect of the war on Canadian finance and industry, and they must make their arrangements accordingly.

#### Must Have Confidence.

In the opinion of men in London who have to study Canadian affairs very closely in the ordinary course of their business, all that Canada needs at the present time is confidence, and anybody who knows Canada and her people is aware that there will be no lack thereof in that land of bound-

less natural resources.
"Canada now has the finest opportunity of her history," said a Canadian banker in London. "You have seen how splendidly Canada has come forward with assistance to the Mother Country in defending the honor of the Empire. The offers of aid, readily accepted by the Government, have been of a very practical and sensible character—men, sacks of flour, wheat, oats, apples, and horses have been freely offered; and all honor to the men who have arranged these magnificent plans and are carrying them into effect.

"At the same time Canada has other opportunities for showing her prowess. Many of the goods, manufactured and part manufactured material, which Great Britain used to buy from the Continent can be produced in Canada and supplied in high quality and at reasonable prices. The continental markets are now cut off, and are likely to be cut off for

#### Some Practical Considerations.

"Meanwhile, I know that United States manufacturers are making arrangements to seize the markets for these manufactures. Now, I say that what the United States can produce Canada can produce just as cheaply and just as well. It may take time to organize matters in order to be able to supply the English and Scottish markets with stuff that they have been getting from the Continent; but there is a big trade to be got now, and it is well worth Canada's time, money, and energy to try to secure that trade, or a good proportion of it.

"I know many men here who are looking for fresh sources of supplies of goods that have been cut off by the war. They think they will have to go to the United States for them; but in every case I have advised them to see what they can do in Canada first, and I have found, without exception, a desire to trade with Canada if Canada can supply the goods. It's up to Canada to show what she can do.

#### ANOTHER INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CANADA

The Car and General Insurance Company, of London, England, may transact business in Canada shortly. Mr. F. Thoresby, the company's managing director, visited the Dominion about three years ago.

The Kaiser cannot help it, but we can. Blue pencil, blue talk and ta'k business.

Some dividends are cut and dried; others, cut and deferred.

"Made-in-Canada" means brend and butter for the Canadian worker.

Every five cent. piece spent in Canada or in the empire helps Canada and the empire. Boycott German and Austrian goods.

The Berlin bourse may reopen, says a cable messagea stock exchange welcome to the John bulls and the Russian bears.

### PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. William Fitzgerald has retired as Dominion superintendent of insurance. Mr. G. D. Finlayson succeeds him.

Sir Rodolphe Forget's prediction of last year that Canadian Pacific stock would go below 200 has come true, with a big margin. But it is noticeable that Sir Rodolphe is not in the prophecy business just now.

Mr. George Wegenast, managing director of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada, is touring Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He is inspecting properties on which loans have been made by the company.

Mr. H. S. Holt, president of the Royal Bank, has two sons with the colors. One of them a graduate of Kingston, holds a commission in an Imperial regiment, while the other, who is on the staff of the firm of McDougall and Cowans, Montreal, is at Valcartier as lieutenant in the Montreal Grenadier Guards.

Mr. Cecil Lubbock, director of the Bank of England, and of the Northern Assurance Company, and managing director of Whitebread's Brewery Company, has been appointed a director of the Hudson's Bay Company, filling the vacancy created by the appointment of Sir Thomas Skinner to the governorship, vice Lord Strathcona.

Mr. Maurice Ferrand, manager for Canada of the Union of Paris, has left Montreal to join his regiment in France. Mr. Ferrand is a French reservist. During his absence the company will be in charge of Mr. W. A. Wilson, superintendent of agencies, who will have the advice and assistance of the company's Canadian director, Mr. Lansing Lewis.

Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, for two years quietly has been urging his countrymen to get into a less vulnerable position in the matter of borrowing heavily and producing lightly. The adverse effect of the war upon Canada certainly would have been less marked had his advice been followed more generally. Instead, he was labelled pessimistic.

Mr. James Addison Halsted died at Toronto last week. Born near Whitby, in 1841, Mr. Halsted, after being in mercantile business in Listowel, moved in 1877 to Mount Forest. There, he and Mr. J. W. Scott, conducted a private banking business, from which branches developed under the name of J. A. Halsted and Company, in Shelburne, Arthur, Wingham and Durham. Selling his business in 1904, he came to Toronto in 1911, being engaged since then in financial and brokerage business here.

Mr. T. L. Armstrong, of the firm of Reed, Shaw and McNaught, Toronto, arrived in British Columbia last week. This is Mr. Armstrong's first trip to the west, and he speaks in glowing terms of the vast resources and splendid prospects of the Canadian west. He was agreeably surprised with the progressive spirit evidenced in Vancouver, which he believes is destined to become one of the greatest cities on the Pacific coast. While in Vancouver Mr. Armstrong paid a visit to the Pacific Coast Fire home office, which company is represented in Ontario by Messrs. Reed, Shaw and McNaught. Mr. Armstrong is now on his way east again and will visit points of interest in the mountains before returning to Toronto.

Mr. Fred G. Hearne, the enterprising general agent in Toronto, of the Glens Falls Insurance Company, sends The Monetary Times a newspaper clipping which his head office has issued. It deals with the warning by the Marshall Field store to its employees and says in part:—"It is the duty of every assured, be he a householder or an employee, to take every wise precaution to prevent fire and its dire results at all times, particularly so at the present time. Consequently we call upon every employee in every department in all parts of our business to be more than watchful and careful in this regard, and every department head will be expected to make this a personal matter with those under him, to see that this is carried out."

Mr. H. N. Dickinson, present secretary of the Glens Falls Insurance Company, was a civil engineer by profession, but many years ago "side-lined" an insurance agency which finally brought him wholly into the business. He served a couple of other companies for several years in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia field as special agent, and

came to the Glens Falls 12 years ago, serving as special agent in Pennsylvania and southern and western New Jersey. In 1912 he was made assistant secretary. Like the other officers of the company he has experience in the field and office and is well seasoned for his present duties. He already has a large acquaintance with the company's agents, and as he is liked by these so will he be liked by others when they know him, for he is a friend making and friend deserving man. The Glens Falls Company has agencies now throughout Canada as well as the United States.

Mr. John Howard Hunter, the Toronto barrister, who died last week, was one of Canada's leading citizens. Only 37 years old, he had won already a prominent place in the legal profession and had become an expert in insurance practice and law. His father was the late Dr. J. Howard Hunter, superintendent of insurance for Ontario and the son in early years had absorbed much of the parent's knowledge of underwriting and its fine technical points. Mr. Hunter was a keen young man, and had exceptional ability. He impressed everyone with his businesslike ways. After a notable course at Osgoode Hall. Toronto, he graduated in 1900, and became associated with his brothers in the wellknown legal firm of Hunter and Hunter, Temple Building, Toronto. Shortly afterwards he accepted the appointment as solicitor for the Western Assurance Company, and for several years was in charge of its legal department at the head office. Besides looking after the legal business of the Western, he was also associated with the management of its foreign department, and was enabled to obtain an extensive and thorough grasp of insurance from the practical as well as from the legal standpoint. Having thus equipped himself, he opened an office for the practice of the law. His advice was much sought by insurance men with legal questions to solve or administrative situations to handle. Among the insurance companies for which he arted as legal adviser were the following:—Western Assurance Company, British America Assurance Company, London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Imperial Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, Firemen's Fund Insurance Company and the American Central, of St. Louis.

### WESTERN CROP ESTIMATE

The Manitoba Free Press publishes its annual estimate of the crop yield of the three prairie provinces, the feature of which is the total wheat yield of 134,500,000 bushels, and a selling value of all grains of \$100,000,000. The report is an encouraging one in view of the many adverse conditions from which the crop has suffered. Drought, frost, black rust, and in some districts cut worms have all taken their toll, little or big, of the 1914 crop. The following are the figures:—

	Wheat.	Average	Total
	Acres.	yield.	bushels.
Manitoba	3,841,428 6,003,522 779,050	13 12 16	49,938,564 72,042,264 12,464,800
Totals	10,624,000		134,445,628
	Oats.		
Manitoba	2,064,114 2,792,611 1,778,000	20 20 30	41,282,280 55,852,220 53,340,000
Totals	6,634,725		150,474,500
	Barley.		
Manitoba	1,187,136 313,537 202,000	16 20 18	18,994,176 6,270,740 3,636,000
Totals	1,702,673		28,900,916
	Flax.		
3 provinces	750,000	7	5,250,000
Grand total	17,771,398		319,071,044

### BANK CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS

The following are the figures for the Canadian Bank Clearing Houses for the weeks of August 28th, 1913; August 20th, 1914; and August 27th, 1914, with percentage changes:

Δ1	10° 28 '12 A	119. 20. 114.	Aug. 27, '14.	Chg. %
	44,450,697 \$	44,988,575		+ 1.7
	35,308,131	32,919,305	32,794,615	- 6.8
	21,422,045	19,634,681	17,998,280	-11.3
Vancouver	10,014,505	8,117,574	7,192,262	-28.1
	3,937,230	3,463,026	3,195,432	-18.8
	3,219,752	2,648,561	2,511,484	-21.0
	3,353,148	3,934,693	3,936,851	+17.4
Ottawa	3,007,327	2,793,957	2,259,643	-26.3
Hamilton	2,984,895	2,370,998	2,020,223	-32.01
Victoria	3,043,714	3,308,328	2,830,496	- 7.00
Quebec	1,633,076	1,733,140	1,355,715	-16.9
Regina	1,781,093	2,132,853	1,740,602	- 2.2
Halifax		879,701	794,823	-40.7
Saskatoon	1,341,992	1,830,440	1,512,913	+ 5.3
London	1,436,721		1,474,947	+ .51
St. John	1,467,367	1,402,087	741,832	-23.6
Moose Jaw	971,274	757,003	635,546	-33.7
Fort William	958,757	805,149	480,841	—13.I
Brantford	553,792	589,744		—18.7
Brandon	448,027	434,969	364,019	-25.8
Lethbridge	434,886	402,211	322,299	-25.0
New Westmin-	0.0		0	280
ster	504,883	354,525	308,290	
Medicine Hat .	531,756	438,434	275,784	<u>-48.1</u>
Total \$1	42,765,068 \$	136,000,014 324,455	\$129,974,879 367,968	— 8.9

### BUSINESS AFTER THE WAR

There is a future for business and it will be good. affects every business, but slowly we are realizing that there are many favorable phases of the present situation. Monetary Times is printing the best story of the war, from financial and business viewpoints, from week to week. The following are the chief articles appearing in this issue on the pages noted :-

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The Monetary Times has half a century's reputation for reliability, enterprise and optimism in its proper place.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY BONDS

Bond buying should be thought about when everybody else is saying the bond market is dull and slow, when everybody is saying that prices are low and when everybody is wondering when there will ever be another bond market again. The same principle that holds often in buying of stocks holds to the same extent in buying of funded obligations, says Mr. F. Lowenhaupt, in the Magazine of Wall Street

On large purchases you sometimes have money left over. If you have a few dollars left over from a large purchase make it up by buying some small bonds, possibly one

hundred-dollar pieces.

Never let idle balances stand in the broker's office. Buy bonds yielding a good rate of return, and then these bonds can be used for collateral. This in the form of a bond is drawing money and helping to pay for the interest

charges.

Since one really wants a big income, get into the market when bonds generally are low. If one insists on it when bonds are generally on a high level of prices one soon will be watching a loss that will offset a larger income, since the first decline will carry the bonds along with it inevitably.

### MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET

### The Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Municipal Activities and Financing

Indian Head, Sask .- An issue of debentures has been withdrawn.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The city is endeavoring to place a loan in London.

Calgary, Alta .- A Toronto bond house has asked for a week's option of \$500,000 treasury notes.

Brantford Township, Ont.—A by-law has been passed providing for an issue of \$300,000 debentures.

Hamiota S.D., Man.—Bids are desired for an issue of \$16,000 6 per cent. debentures for school additions.

Tuxedo, Man.-Ratepayers vote on September 5th on a by-law to issue \$9,000 7 per cent. 20-year debentures.

Virden and Wallace R.M., Man .- Neither of these municipalities received bids for their recent issues of debentures.

Point-Aux-Trembles, Que.-An issue of \$150,000 6 per cent. 40-year school board debentures for erection of college remains unsold.

South Vancouver, B.C.—At a meeting of the council the Victoria Road local improvement by-law, authorizing the construction of a bitulithic pavement, was read three times.

St. Catharines, Ont.—A by-law to assist the Marathon Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, to establish a \$50,000 factory here, by the gift of a site of five acres and a fixed assessment of \$10,000 for ten years, has been passed.

Redcliff, Alta.—The council has fixed the tax rate for the year 1914 at 17 mills, 121/2 general tax, 31/2 debenture tax and one mill school tax. This is three mills less than The assessed valuation of the town for 1914 is \$5,000,-000. It was \$3,000,000 in 1913.

Richmond, B.C.—Two dyking by-laws, one for \$40,000 to encircle Sea Island, and the other for \$24,500 to fill in the gap along the North Arm of the Fraser River, were passed at a special meeting of the council. The debentures are for forty years at 5 per cent., and have been sold.

St. Thomas, Ont.—City solicitor Doherty has advised the members of the different committees that they must retrench as much as possible for the time being, and only make necessary disbursements. For this reason the board of health will coose the sewer construction work. of health will cease the sewer construction work.

Calgary, Alta.—In lieu of all cash in payment of future accounts, the city council is considering settlement of part cash and balance in treasury notes. This applies only to improvement work for which there is an urgent demand, and would be effective only in case the money was not to be had readily.

Montreal, Que.—The Bank of Montreal will loan \$6,000, ooo to the city. Included in the conditions of the loan is that the city agrees to appoint the bank its financial agent for a period of five years with the right of extending the to the contrary. The rate of interest will be 4½ per cent., which is the legal rate authorized by the city charter, plus commission and other charges, making a total of just under 5 per cent. As the Bank of Montreal has been for several years acting in the capacity of foreneed agent, in the London years acting in the capacity of financial agent in the London market, the new arrangement is an extension of an understanding which already exists.

### COMPANIES LICENSED

The following companies have been licensed to do busi-

ness in British Columbia:—
Canadian Mining and Exploration Company, Limited, of Toronto. Wrought Iron Range Company of Canada, Limited, of Toronto. Hamilton Carhartt Manufacturer, Limited, of Toronto. Howell Creek Syndicate, Limited, of London, England.

The following companies have been licensed to do busi-

ness in Ontario:-

Algoma Timber and Lumber Company, of Michigan, U.S.A., capital, \$120,000. Canadian Universal Film Company, Limited (Dominion charter), capital, \$40,000.

### NEW INCORPORATIONS

### Company Promoters are Not Busy-Twenty Charters Granted

Canada's new companies incorporated this week number The head offices of these companies are located in five provinces. The total capitalization amounts to \$1,618,000.

Grouping these new concerns according to provinces in which the head offices are situated, we have the following

	No. of	
Province.	companies.	Capitalization.
New Brunswick	3	\$ 143,000
Prince Edward Island	3	120,000
Quebec	4	710,000
Ontario	3	175,000
British Columbia	7	470,000
	20	\$1,618,000

The following is a list of charters granted during the past week in Canada. The head office of the company is situated in the town or city mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph. The persons named are provisional direc-

Kamloops, B.C.—Kamloops Press, Limited, \$50,000. Woodstock, N.B.—Burtt Hardware Company, Limited, \$20,000. H. E. Burtt, D. Stewart, F. B. Armour.

Oak Point, N.B.—The Island Fox Company, Limited, \$24,000. R. B. Slipp, C. H. McGee, H. E. Palmer.

Cranby, Que.—N. Mitchell and Company, Limited, \$90,-000. N. Mitchell, E. Dextradeur, J. E. Tetreault.

Quebec, Que.—Dominion Iron and Wrecking Company, Limited, \$20,000. W. H. Millican, F. O. Drouin, P. Drouin. Morrisburg, Ont.—Commercial Coal-Saving Company, Limited, \$50,000. I. Hilliard, F. H. Broder, J. N. Eastman.

Victoria, B.C.—The Victoria General Motor Bus Company, Limited, \$50,000. Oswald F. Paint Company, Limited, \$10,000.

Richibucto, N.B.—Richibucto Silver Black Fox and Fur Company, Limited, \$99,000. W. E. Forbes, J. L. Hutchinson, G. A. Hutchinson.

Montreal, Que.—James Strachan, Limited, \$500,000. J. F. Strachan, W. S. Strachan, E. G. Place. Cazen Cigarette Machine Company, Limited, \$100,000. J. A. Labonte, J. A. Daigneault, G. J. Jarjour.

Toronto, Ont.—Campanello Steamships, Limited, \$100,-000. S. P. Biggs, W. W. Evans, W. L. Pinkney. International Royalties Company, Limited, \$25,000. W. G. Lumsden, P. Stokes, E. E. Sutherland.

Prince Edward Island .- Lot Twelve Fox Company, Limited, 60,000. F. England, L. Hayes, R. C. Hayes. Canada Fur Farms, Limited, \$30,000. W. J. McLean, B. G. Rogers, A. C. Saunders. The Enmore Dark Patch Fox Company, Limited, \$30,000. J. H. Yeo, L. W. Moore, W. A. Smith.

Vancouver, B.C.—Defiance Packing Company, Limited, \$50,000. Western Cloak and Suit Company, Limited, \$50,000. Burrard Inlet Gravel and Dredging Company, Limited, \$10,000. Queen Charlotte Petroleum Company, Limited, \$250,000.

Application is being made for letters patent for the following company :-

Summerside, P.E.I .- Inter-Provincial Silver Black Fox Company, Limited, \$125,000. U. R. Gillis, W. B. McNeill, A. E. Bennet.

### DOW FRASER TRUST COMPANY

The Dow Fraser Trust Company, Vancouver, has moved into its new offices on Hastings Street West. The company was incorporated in the year 1900, carries on business in accordance with the new Trust Companies Act, and has the necessary deposit, some \$90,000, in the charge of the government. The firm is empowered to carry on all the functions allowed by the act as executors, trustees, liquidators, etc., es well as a general real estate and brokerage business and fire indemnity insurance.

### RECENT FIRES

### Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

South Wellington, B.C.—Alexandra Hotel. Loss, \$40,000. Cause unknown.

Baysville, Ont.-August 30-Pulford House. Loss and cause unknown.

Fernridge, B.C.—Fernridge Lumber Company. Loss, \$150,000. Cause unknown.

Grafton, Ont.-August 30-Public school. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed incendiary.

Redcliff, Alta.—August 28—Northern Hotel. Loss, \$1,-500. Insured. Cause unknown.

Guelph, Ont.-August 26-Victoria Rink, Baker Street. Loss, \$25,000. Cause, electrical defects.

Trenton, Ont.—August 29—Trenton garage. \$30,000. Cause, supposed ignition of gasoline.

Vancouver, B.C.-August 28-Arbuthnot Brothers' sash and door factory. Loss, \$10,000. Cause unknown.

Sydney Mines, N.S.—August 22-Mr. J. C. McAuley's store. Loss, \$2,500. Cause, supposed dropped cigarette.

Cochrane, Ont.—August 24—Mr. W. S. Carter's residence, 7th Avenue. Loss, \$1,000. Cause, electrical defects.

North Battleford, Sask .- August 24-North Battleford Manufacturing Company's sash and door factory. \$25,000. Cause unknown.

Montreal, Que.—August 25—Mr. J. W. Gingrais' store. Loss and cause unknown.

August 26-61-73 Marie Street. Loss unknown. Cause, supposed lamp explosion.

Ontario.—Mr. P. Spring's barn Innisfil, Mr. J. Reed's barn, Innisfil; Mr. J. McLaughlin's barn, Hendrie; Mr. H. Loftus' barn, Hendrie; Mr. H. Minty's barn, Craighurst; Mr. J. Goddard's barn, Flos. Cause, lightning.

Toronto, Ont.-Fire Chief Thompson's report for the week ended August 25th, shows the following losses:-

August 21-Building of Brunswick Balke Collender Company, Hanna Street. Cause, ignition of shavings by unknown Gerrard Street East. Cause, lamp upset in clothes closet.

Loss, contents, \$50; dwelling of N. Soloman, 210

Gerrard Street East. Cause, lamp upset in clothes closet.

Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$5.

August 22—Dwelling of A. F. Gibson, 37 Spruce Street,

owned by Thos. Self. Cause, match dropped on lounge. Loss, contents, \$65; building, \$25.

August 23—Dwelling of J. Ramsden, 45 Yorkville Avenue. Cause, children with matches. Loss, contents, \$50; building, \$25.

August 25-Dwelling of S. Williams, 491 Wellington August 25—Dwelling of S. Williams, 491 Wellington Street, owned by Mrs. A. Moriarity. Cause, charcoal furnace on roof ignited roof. Loss, building, \$75; dwelling of M. Swartz, 7 Larch Street. owned by Mr. Oldstein. Cause unknown. Loss, contents, \$25: building, \$25: building of H. Wells, 98-102 Jarvis Street. Cause, electric dynamo burnt out. Loss, contents, \$150: dwelling of E. Matthews, 512 Bathurst Street, owned by E. Pease. Cause, papers in furnace register became ignited setting fire to bed. contents, \$200; building, \$50.

#### TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF DIVIDENDS

Dividend declarations on securities in Montreal and Toronto call for a disbursement of \$2,291,914 in the first two weeks of September.

### KEEP UP THE WACES

The suggestion that the rate of wages should be reduced as a war measure is one which ought to have no support. It is well meant, and designed to keep as many persons as possible employed. But its results upon the community would be bad .- Toronto Star.

### AUGUST FIRE LOSSES

### Month's Total Shows Decrease-Fewer Deaths Reported

The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire loss during August amounted to \$2,021,379, compared with July loss of \$2,033,139 and \$3,034,775 for the corresponding period of The following is the estimate for the August

Fires exceeding \$10,000			\$1,527,000
Small fires		 	254,197
Estimates for unreported	fires	 	240,182
		-	\$2.021.270

The fire waste in each province for the first eight months of 1913 and 1914 has been estimated by The Monetary Times as follows :-

	1914.	1913.
Ontario	\$6,518,801	\$6,067,461
Quebec	3,659,969	3,201,576
New Brunswick		909,230
British Columbia	1,449,464	768,234
Alberta	961,328	3,357,028
Saskatchewan	693,035	1,867,065
Manitoba	685,574	1,057,112
Nova Scotia	458,549	1,364,654
Prince Edward Island	32,529	447,567
	\$16,634,286	\$19,939,936

The following are the monthly totals of the losses by fire for 1914, compared with the three previous years' losses:-

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
January	\$2,250,550	\$3,002,650	\$3,913,385	\$2,796,312
February	941,045	1,640,153	2,037,386	2,920,749
March	852,380	2,261,414	1,710,756	2,139,552
April	1,317,900	1,355,055	1,470,622	1,916,238
May	2,564,500	2,251,815	2,123,868	1,539,502
June	1,151,150	4,229,412	3,069,446	1,267,416
July	5,384,300	1,741,371	2,579,698	2,033,139
August	920,000	1,164,760	3,034,775	2,021,379
September	1,123,550	883,949	1,468,324	
October	580,750	1,416,218	1,383,572	
November	1,506,500	1,184,010	2,200,486	
December	2,866,950	1,769,905	1,354,300	

Totals ...\$21,459,575 \$22,900,712 \$26,346,618 \$16,634,286

The fires at which the loss was estimated at \$10,000 and over were as follow:-

Ridgeville, Man., August 3	Warehouse stores,
	etc \$45,000
Montreal, Que., August 7	Icehouse, etc 10,000
Grimsby Beach, Ont, Aug. 8.	Cottages 10,000
Kingston, Ont., August 19	Tannery 100,000
Toronto, Ont., August 11	Lumber yard 12,000
St. John, N.B., August 13.	Elevator
Toronto, Ont., August 15	Office building 20,000
Queenston, Ont., August 20	Farm premises 30,000
Homer, Ont., August 21	Boarding house 10,000
Ottawa, Ont., August 21	Stores 10,600
North Battleford, Sask., Aug.	Sash and door fac-
24	tory 25,000
Guelph, Ont., August 26	Rink 25,000
Vancouver, B.C., August 28.	Sash and door fac-
	tory 10,000
South Wellington, B.C	Hotel 40,000
Fernbridge, B.C	Lumber yard 150,000
Trenton, Ont., August 29	Garage 30,000

The structures damaged and destroyed included 70 residences, 30 barns, 9 stores, 5 factories, 3 business blocks, 3 office buildings, 6 hotels, 4 planing mills, 2 icehouses, garages, I tannery, I elevator, I picture theatre, I school, I rink.

Of the presumed causes 18 were lightning, 7 electrical defects, 6 matches, 5 dropped cigarettes. 4 incendiary, 4 bush fires. 3 gasoline, 3 upset and exploded lamps, 2 gas jets, 1 engine backfiring, I overheated boiler.

There were burnt 20 horses, 20 pigs, 5 calves, 1,000,000 bushels wheat, 2,000 bushels oats, 300 tons hay, 2 million feet lumber, 11 freight cars, 3 gasoline launches, 3 automobiles.

During August only three persons were reported as hav-

ing lost their lives through fire.

The following table compiled by The Monetary Times shows deaths caused by fire during the last six years :-

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	1909.	1910.	1911	1912.	1913.	1914.
January	16	27	27	27	14	26
February	8	15	12	II	21	18
March	16	20	18	24	22	27
April	18	37	20	15	LI	22
May	21	15	28	18	33	8
June	16	52	13	6	18	12
July	4	15	IIO	9	9	8
August	17	II	22	16	29	3
September	10	10	13	6	27	
October	26	16	17	21	15	
November	34	19	20	22	24	
December	33	19	17	28	13	
Totals	219	256	317	203	236	124

Ouebec.,	Que., August 5	Oil stove explosion	I
Windsor,	Ont., August 12	Set clothing alight	I
Montreal	Que., August 12	Fell in bonfire	I

#### COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

The following are the shipments of ore in pounds from

Cobalt Station for the week ended August 28th:-

Chambers Ferland Mining Company, 65,890; La Rose Mines, Limited, 85,080; O'Brien Mine, 66,000; Dominion Reduction Company, 74,200; City of Cobalt Mining Company, 82,570; Penn Canadian Mines, Limited, 65,190; Cobalt Townsite Mining Company, 85,640; McKinley-Darragh-Savage Mine, 246,310; Beaver Consolidated Mine (Kerr Lake), 64,660; Tough Oakes Gold Mine, Limited (Swastika, Ont.), 61,680; total, 897,220 pounds, or 448 tons. The total shipments since January 1st. 1014, are now 25,280,013 pounds. shipments since January 1st, 1914, are now 25,280,013 pounds, or 12,640 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons, valued at \$316,217; in 1905, 2,144, valued at \$1,437,106; in 1906, 5,835 tons; in 1907, 4,850 tons; in 1908, 29,360 tons; in 1909, 20,941 tons; in 1910, 34,041 tons; in 1911, 25,089 tons; in 1912, 21,509

tons; in 1913, 20,261 tons.

#### EMERCENCY CURRENCY AS SOUVENIRS

Mr. Douglas Robertson, who arrived at Montreal from England a few days ago, tells The Monetary Times that there is far more war talk, fear and business suspension in Canada than in the old country, and thinks it is quite unjustified here. When hostilities were declared there were signs of panic for seven or eight days, but these have disappeared entirely. Great Britain has its mind upon two things—war and "business as usual." A striking example of the British spirit and the trust in army and navy, was cited by Mr. Robertson. The emergency currency issued by the government in one pound and ten shillings paper notes, he said, is being grabbed up by people all over the United Kingdom as souvenirs. "Have you got one of those one pound notes?" is the frequent question. "Yes, we have managed to get one for each of the family," was the reply on one occasion. It is estimated that at least \$5,000,000 of this paper is being held

Post offices have been paying money only in postal orders. One man had a guinea postal order and asked for change at the post office. He was given two orders of half a guinea each. When he asked how he was to pay car fare with those, the official smiled, and gave him instead a bunch of one shilling and six penny orders!

Mr. Robertson is emphatic regarding the wonderful manner in which Great Britain has adopted the motto "Business as usual." He anticipates that Canada will follow this example within four weeks. Mr. Robertson is on his way to Prince Rupert, where he will inaugurate and manage an insurance department for Messrs. Harrison, Gamble and Company. This firm transacts a real estate, financial agency, shipping and general merchants business there.

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#### AUGUST MUNICIPAL BOND SALES

### Total Was Small Last Month, But Market Was Fairly Good

The municipal bond sales in Canada for August, as compiled by *The Monetary Times*, amounted to \$411,755, compared with \$2,154,260 for July and \$526,300 for the corresponding period of last year.

August municipal bond sales are usually smaller than the preceding three months, but owing to the financial uncertainty resulting from the war into which the British Empire has been forced, brokers have not tendered for several issues, notably that of Ottawa, while other issues have been withdrawn. Municipalities have adopted temporary financial measures, and details concerning various transactions have for a time been withheld, so that The Monetary Times list and total given below does not indicate the total sales during the past month. Sales in Canada for the year to date are much in advance of the corresponding period last year, as will be seen from the following totals:—

The following table, compiled from the records of The Monetary Times, shows the sales in the Dominion during the first eight months of 1914, compared with the three previous years:—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
January	\$ 420,337	\$2,133,531	\$1,337,500	\$1,628,337
February	1,037,287	2,596,378	1,038,806	5,995,336
March	6,271,925	1,926,716	335,492	5,108,776
April	3,910,288	927,160	3,693,857	2,708,153
May	3,946,047	1,928,748	880,630	5,655,755
June	3,983,670	1,690,344	2,435,726	4,200,204
July	1,594,566	1,967,476	1,501,024	2,154,260
August	1,493,507	1,649,547	526,300	411,755
September	1,748,778	1,998,605	1,663,260	
October	1,730,075	1,060,507	3,452,282	
November	2,015,765	1,396,664	2,481,062	
December	1,243,593	491,590	1,113,400	
Total 8	30,295,838	\$19,767,256	\$20,550,230	\$27,061,666

The following are the particulars of the July municipal bond sales in Canada by provinces:—

The following are the details:-	\$411,755
Manitoba	3,000
British Columbia	 104,500
Alberta	 138,000
Nova Scotia	 47,250
Ontario	 \$119,005

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Nova Sotia. \$44,250		
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\$138,000		
British Columbia.		
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		Manitoba.			
East St. Paul	S.D.	••••••	\$3,000	6	1934
There wer	e no	Canadian munici	nal bande	sold in	Great

Britain during August, but for the first seven months debentures totalling \$32,347,435 were sold.

The municipal bond sales in the United States as compiled by The Monetary Times, during the first eight months

of this year amount to \$5,008,000 as compared with \$20,-168,053 for the whole of 1913. The recent sales include:—

Port Arthur Port Coquitlam Edmonton Schools Kingston	100,000
The monthly totals are as follow:-	
	1914.
January	
February	. \$ 50,000
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
nagust	. 35,000
	\$5,008,000

#### CANADIAN-BRITISH TRADE

The following are official figures of trade between Canada and Great Britain in the under-mentioned articles during July:—

Imports	from	Canada

Wheat	1,143,820 344,446 407,765 566,055 140,547 1,044,231 801,506	July, 1913. £4,535,106 1,257,781 480,649 540,644 544,268 233,871 1,284,305 518,675 185,505
Exports to Ca	THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO	
Spirits Wool Pig iron Wrought bars Galvanized sheets Tinned plates Steel bars Pig lead	£ 381,394 71,539 52,763 14,540 320,638 68,936 84,006 41,353	£ 385,245 04,205 66,679 61,219 338,041 88,521 237,484 75,079

### QUEBEC PROVINCE FINANCES

The preliminary statement of the revenue and expenditure of the province of Quebec for the year ended with June 30, shows ordinary revenue of \$9,000,376 and ordinary expenditure of \$8,624,367. Other expenditure raised the total to \$12.760,746, necessitating a considerable addition to the debt of the province.

The statement of the public debt and temporary loans and deposits of the province on June 30th, 1914, is as follows:

#### Funded Debt.

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July 1st, 1880 January 1st, 1888 March 1st, 1894 December 30th, 1894 May 1st, 1896 April 1st, 1897 April 1st, 1897 January 1st, 1913 July 1st, 1914	3,182,800 2,530,666 5,332,976 292,000 1,360,000 9,236,061
Sinking fund invested	
Net funded debt (including increase of capital by conversion)	\$24,579,166
Temporary Loans and Deposits	s.
Temporary loans	
	\$26,515,996

### INVESTMENTS AND THE MARKET

## News and Notes of Active Companies—Their Financing, Operations, Developments, Extensions, Dividends and Future Plans

Twin City Rapid Transit Company.—For the third week of August the earnings of the company were \$180,173, an increase over the corresponding period last year of \$7,137, or 4.13 per cent.

Western Canada Flour Mills.—The directors have declared a dividend of 2 per cent. for the three months ended August 31st, 1914, payable September 15th, 1914. The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 8th to the 15th September, inclusive.

Childs Restaurant Company.—The company has declared the quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. on the common stock, a reduction of 1¼ per cent. from the last previous disbursement, declared in May. The company is a New York enterprise, with branches in Toronto and Montreal.

Kaministiquia Power Company.—The net income for June was \$22,697. After all fixed charges the surplus amounted to \$15,042 for the month. For eight months the company's net earnings total \$185,295 and the surplus for the same period amounts to \$126,479.

Crown Reserve Mining Company.—The company has shipped 55,000 ozs. of silver to the London market, to be followed by another consignment soon. The company has made satisfactory arrangements with its bankers in London to advance the company enough for operating expenses and to store the remainder until quotations are more regular and stable. At the end of the property on the 200-foot level exploration has yielded good results.

East Canada Power and Pulp Company.—At a meeting of the bondholders in Montreal, the affairs of the company were placed before the meeting, which was afterwards adjourned until October 1st without any definite action as to the future policy of the company being taken. This was necessary because no information had been received from France as to whether or not the notices calling the meeting had been published there, and that as a result of the war and interrupted communications bondholders were not certain as to whether or not this week's meeting was legal.

International Nickel Company.—While the company has closed all its mines in Canada with the exception of the Creighton, the curtailment is not so drastic as might be supposed, says the Wall Street Journal, as the bulk of the company's output comes from the Creighton mine. The plant at Constable Hook is closed, but that is always done in August in each year for repairs and adjustments. Like practically every other concern, the International Nickel Company is curtailing to meet the exigencies of the situation.

Domestic demand for the company's product continues good, but the foreign demand has been restricted as in other lines. The lower price for copper, which is an important incidental product of the nickel company, will probably operate to reduce the margin of profit on nickel.

Laurentide Company, Limited.—At the annual meeting on Tuesday, net profits were reported for the year ended June 30th, available for dividends, totalling \$730,774. This compares with \$758,085 for the previous year, a decrease of \$27,311. In addition to the \$57,366 taken from the earnings for betterment of plant, there was expended during the year or capital account for the new power development \$1,645,299, for the enlargement and improvement of the pulp and paper plant \$161,267, and for additions to real estate \$93,581. That would make a total expenditure on capital account of about \$1,900,000, against the \$2,400,000 secured by the new issue of stock at par last summer.

The balance-sheet will show active assets of \$2,284,766, and after deducting \$500,000 of money unexpended from the capital stock issue, a balance of \$1,784,766 remains against active current liabilities of \$800,468. That would leave a surplus of liquid assets of \$984,298. In addition to this the company has sundry reserves, depreciation, contingent and surplus accounts aggregating \$876,400. The work on the new power development has proceeded as rapidly as was originally planned, and its cost up to this time is within the estimates.

Sawyer-Massey Company.—The directors have passed the preferred stock dividend of 134 per cent. The official circular to shareholders is as follows:—

"Your directors, having considered very carefully the question of the quarterly dividend on the preferred stock, payable on the 1st September next, have concluded that, owing to the greatly disturbed commercial and financial conditions existing at the present time, that it is in the best interest of the shareholders that the resources of the company should be conserved and strengthened, and have, therefore, and feel that their action in the matter will meet with the approval of every shareholder.

"The dividends on the preferred shares, being cumulative, will accrue to the benefit of the shareholders until such time as the directors feel that conditions are such that they can be resumed and paid.

"Attention is called to the fact that the company has no business in any of the countries engaged in the present war."

Last year the company earned 7.78 per cent. on its preferred stock, the year before 13.93 per cent., and in 1911 15.30 per cent.

The company has bonds outstanding of \$687,750, preferred stock of \$1,500,000, and common of \$1,500,000. The company manufactures agricultural steam engines, gasoline tractors and threshers, etc., at Hamilton.

### NORTHERN NAVIGATION BONDS OFFERED

The unsold portion of an issue of \$275,000 first mortgage 5 per cent. gold bonds of the Northern Navigation Company, Limited, is being offered by the Tillitson and Wolcott Company, of Cleveland, New York and Cincinnati. The prospectus issued in connection with this offering, which is made at a price to yield 5% per cent. per annum, gives considerable information to the prospective investor.

The Northern Navigation Company, a Canadian corporation incorporated in 1899, owns nine other boats and is an integral part of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited. This latter company was formed under the Canadian Companies Act to acquire the assets of twelve other steamship companies. The combined companies operate about 100 steamers and control by far the most important part of the passenger and freight transportation business between Canadian ports on the Great Lakes and Montreal and Quebec on the St. Lawrence.

The bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the new steel steamer "Noronic," which is the largest stern-wheel passenger steamer on the Great Lakes, together with all its appurtenances and equipment. This vessel was recently built by the Western Drydock and Shipbuilding Company, Limited, at a cost of \$750,000, and represents the highest type of modern steamship construction.

The net earnings of the company for the last seven years have averaged \$147,882, and since organization the company has paid dividends at an average of 8 per cent. per annum. Its capital consists of \$1,000,000 common stock, fully paid, \$500,000 first mortgage ten-year bonds, authorized but not issued, and this issue amounting to \$275,000 on the "Noronic."

An application by the Cape Breton Electric Company, Limited, to the Nova Scotia board of commissioners of public utilities to approve an issue of \$132,000 of 5 per cent. bonds of the company was heard on September 2nd.

The town of Coleman, Alta., wants a man to fill the positions of constable, secretary-treasurer and fire chief. In the case of an incendiary blaze he would be able to arrest the criminal, collect the fine and put out the fire. One hundred dollars a month is the salary. In spare time, he will probably help the town clerk, give a little assistance to the garbage collector, shovel snow, send out weather reports, adjust fire losses and sell life insurance.

## Chartered Banks' Statement to the

			CAPITAL	STOCK		nt.					
	NAME OF BANK	Capital Authorized	Capital Subscribed	Capital Paid Up	Amount of rest or reserve fund	Rate per cent. of last dividend declared	Notes in circulation	Bal. due to Dom. Gov. after deducting advances for credits, pay-lists, etc.	Balances due to Provincial Govern- ments	Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada	Deposits by the public, payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada
		8	8	8	\$		\$	8	8	8	
	Bank of Montreal. Quebec Bank Bank of Nova Scotia	25,000,000 5,000,000 10,000,000	16,000,000 2,734,700 6,000,000	16,000,000 2,734,620 6,000,000	16,000,000 1,306,962 11,000,000	10 7 14	13,695,735 1,768,597 5,823,390	2,837,594 43,979 398,506	2,066,355 124,946 19,549	49,462 662 4,041,212 22,564,507	\$ 110,021,547 9,844,721 23,219,322
	Bank of British North America Bank of Toronto. Molsons Bank.	4,866,666 10,000,000 5,000,000	4,866,666 5,000,000 4,000,000	4,866,666 5,000,000 4,000,000	3,017,333 6,000,000 4,800,000	8 11 11	3,714,073 3,753,267 3,262,545	46,371 69,812 46,889	1,615,311 59,400 163,790	13,402,335 15,425,977 9,791,292	24,381,641 27,709,369 26,762,936
	Banque Nationale Merchants Bank of Canada Banque Provinciale du Canada	5,000,000 10,000,000 2,000,000	2,000,000 7,000,000 1,000,000	2,000,000 7,000,000 1,000,000	1,700,000 7,000,000 625,000	8 10 7	2,663,320 5,586,949 1,179,818	19,390 341,421 19,716	208,904 55,050 176,300	3,327,853 19,706,349 1,835,411	14,174,201 39,409,419 6,624,816
-1	Union Bank of Canada Canadian Bank of Commerce Royal Bank of Canada	8,000,000 25,000,000 25,000,000	5,000,000 15,000,000 11,560,000	5,000,000 15,000,000 11,560,000	3,400,000 13,500,000 12,560,000	8 10 12	4,687,949 11.767,475 11,648,484	102,742 2,322,038 185,009	15,273,409 8,002,996 741,443	18,636,334 71,994,777 33,783,437	30,280,918 87,252,525 78,074,226
-1	Dominion Bank Bank of Hamilton Standard Bank of Canada	10,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000	6,000,000 3,000,000 2,935,300	5,998,370 3,000,000 2,932,195	6,998,370 3,600,000 3,832,195	12 12 13	3,725,860 2,378,640 2,503,253	63,346 64,049 33,401	92,779 512,861 12,320	17,502,358 8,471,356 9,611,863	39.898,531 23.801,669 24,739,513
-10	Banque d'Hochelaga. Bank of Ottawa Imperial Bank of Canada	4,000,000 5,000,000 10,000,000	4,000,000 4,000,000 7,000,000	4,000,000 4,000,000 7,000,000	3,625,000 4,750,000 7,000,000	9 12 12	2,965,072 3,390,555 5,161,937	52,192 198,669 198,483	124,827 206,873 7,580,201	6,395,289 9,339,457 19,005,264	16,772,375 29,255,524 34,523,429
Z	Metropolitan Bank. Home Bank of Canada. Northern Crown Bank.	2,000,000 5.000,000 6,000,000	1,000,000 2,000,000 2,862,400	1,000,000 1,944,178 2,846,688	1,250,000 666,666 350,000	10 7 6	842,105 1,200,870 1,602,748	42,497	3,095 29,914 1,098,514	2,653,941 2,475,998 4,813,994	5,594,748 6,707,528 6,984,176
23	Sterling Bank of Canada Bank of Vancouver Weyburn Security Bank.	3,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	1,264,300 587,400 632,200	1,192,416 442,644 316,100	300,000	65	1,104,115 238,792 150,012		93,045 25,331	2,000,261 274,779 337,345	4.367,391 404,793 408,807
	Total	192,866,666	115,442,966	114,833,877	113,381,526		94,815,561	7,086,104	38,287,213	346,854,051	671,214,125

#### ASSETS

			t Gold an		Dor	minion No	otes	vith Minister e for security circulation	ral gold			other bks. in ecured, inclu- rediscounted	Dep'sits made with	Due from banks	Due from bks. and
	NAME OF BANK	In Canada	Else- where	Total	In Canada	Else- where	Total	Deposit with N of Finance for s of note circu	Deposit in central reserves	Notes of other banks	Cheques on other banks	Loans to other Canada, secured ding bills redisc	and bal. due from other banks in Canada	and banking corres- pond'ts in the United King.	banking corres- pond'nts else- where than in Canada and U.K
		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	\$	8	\$	8	8	8
2	Bank of Montreal	9,177,633 166,576 2,994,398		13,389,891 166,576 4,629,200	12.992,559 855,562 5,047,355	489 2,443	12,993,049 855,562 5,049,799	790,000 121,000 285.136	800,000	1,337,295 133,785 701,749	4,220,080 1,396,005 2,263,748		12,809 375,949	956,405 477,280	5,223,362 377,039 2,711,372
5	Bank of Brit, North America Bank of Toronto Molsons Bank	807,693 827,268 572,595		975,082 827,268 572,595	2,822,481 4,511,816 3,184,243	58	2,822,539 4.511,816 3,184,243	1,424,581 240,000 200,000		320,378 321,181 301,748	1,733,026 2,763,740 1,894,045	119.675	9,176	625,404	2,221,609
-8	Banque Nat'onale Merchants Bank of Canada Banque Provinciale du Canada	176,292 1,429,124 65,248	11,678 2,006,841	187,970 3,435,965 65,248	968,432 7,00 ,707 98,476	********	968,432 7,001,707 98,476	100.000 335,500 54,000		269,775 626,206 162,558	799.577 3,291,706 641,331		1,402 2,635 939,982	77,006	413,744 1,437,078 56,615
11	Union Bank of Canada Canadian Bank of Commerce Royal Bank of Canada	1,466.012 4,193,555 1,989,553	896,139 5,664,8:5 5,976,287	9,858,411	3,398,447 10,080,021 9,538,430	271 10,428 272	3,398,718 10,090,450 9,538,702	260,000 760,641 578,000	300,000	649,220 2,893,350 2,454,461	2,146,847 6,002,661 7,030,591		117,885 20,570 5,137	10,239	1,510,079 5,016,666 9,654,924
14	Dominion Bank Bank of Hamilton Standard Bank of Canada	1,601,883 679,035 788,777	5,620	1,607.503 679,035 788.777	4,214,273 3,308,205 2,302,557		4,214,273 3,308,205 2,302,557	260,000 155,000 150,000	500,000	568, 30 226, 570 231, 950	2,591,140 1,279.527	8,500	18	225,943	1,612,564 359,536 349,206
17	Banque d'Hochelaga Bank of Ottawa Imperial Bank of Canada	355,783 1,064,467 1,713,237		355.783 1,064,467 1,713,237	2,225,271 4,039,053 11,338,942		2,225,271 4,039,053 11,338,942	157,608 200,000 320,000		356,475 335,590 531,701	1,795,990		479,883 1.435,077 740,660	38,890 9,773 2,931,884	1,116,148 1,131,352 7,083,149
20	Metropolitan Bank	270,898 106,414 306,466		270,898 106,414 306,466	367,246 602,616 869,836		367,246 602,616 869,836	89,600		92,895 123,573 154,150	309,864 296,273 1,019,684		113,860 102,228 340,031		250,613
23	Sterling Bank of Canada Bank of Vancouver	47,486 25,235 10,854		47,486 25,235 10,854	683,232 76,634 75,498		683,232 76,634 75,498	56,400 20,500		110,378 29,565 7,599	369.791 51,281 19.068		10,000 50,709 32,845		149,583 10,040 46,040
	Total	30,836,482	20,575,869	51,412,353	90,602,892	13,961	90,616,856	6,735,517	4,400,000	12,940,682	47,197,424	128,175	5,161,896	9,446,938	43,695,506

## Dominion Government---July, 1914

		ZN YES				LIABIL	ITIES						
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada	Loans from other banks in Canada secured, including bills re- discounted	Deposits made by and balan- ces due to other banks in Canada	ents in the United	Due to banks and banking correspond- ents else- where than in Canada or the U.K.	Bills payable	Accept- ances under letters of credit	Liabilities not included under foregoing heads	Total Liabilities	Aggregate amount of loans to directors, and firms of which they are partners	Average amount of current gold and subsidiary coin held during the month	Average amount of Dominion Notes held during the month	Greatest amount of notes in circulation at any time during the month	
\$	8	\$	8	8	8	8	8	\$	8	\$	8.	8	
29.637,770		2,878,060 250,000 14,523	52,349 296,612 53,992	340,181 410,203 422,134	1,118,720	3,637,526 3,174 33,196	200,324 4,619	215,748,504 16,983,771 63,382,354	844,834 414,929 544,299	11,630,675 163,906 3,725,784	12,345,926 826,032 4,696,553	14,658,287 1,997,212 6,189,484	1 2 3
		8,855 70,116 108,449	13,982 859,661 302,875	358,157 138,362 78,759	4,952,022	1,984,915 619,385 59,860	43,668 462 67,584	54,187,686 48,741,815 40,644,984	70,738 122,959 526,685	1,010,405 837,512 574,219	2,690,043 4,267,496 3,378,329	4,087,378 4,186,700 3,642,210	4 5 6
905,558 215,879		651 1,506,154	724,986 1,305,543 1,703,333	18,019 732,414 149,469		1,028,078	251,687 175,965 1,421	22,294,573 70,063,227 11,690,287	503,778 574,979	181,700 2,433,739 67,388	995,600 6,597,968 114,393	2,772,830 6,133,264 1,205,268	7 8 9
773,674 22,372,573 26,294,052		24,366 806,949 316,242	741,039 3,478,110 1,273,440	33,035 3,528,827 2,769,479	607,766 8,432,183 6,388 918	3,025,703 2,585,563 1,159,535	4,415 5,595 5,209	74,191,353 222,549,618 162,639,478	723,467 975,397 650,719	923,626 9,614,000 7,357,137	4,624,010 12,256,000 9,932,967	4,877,204 12,697,000 12,490,163	11
1,178,619		314,628 4,261 4,454	11,959 939,143 669,579	370,958 186,590	218,179 97,333	575,248 101,052 183,287	83,835	64,036,305 36,556,959 37,757,673	1,149,164 239,418 29,623	1,591,000 664,460 780,340	5,803,000 1,794,568 2,234,420	4,265,000 2,794,660 2,812,678	14
		286,580 559 87,063	99,135 140,716 1,278	142,960 149,211 17,157		100,028 66,762 83,796	16,147 35,444	26,954,608 42,783,774 66,658,610	231,393 36,178 271,550	354,069 1,059,632 1,705,611	1,974,134 4,053,141 10,453,062	3,135,875 3,704,060 5,936,152	17
		379,387 3,223 5.563	481,677 73,000	216,761 63,160 284,132		6,902 61,821	2,643	10,178,731 10,553,695 14,896,090	468,567 73,983 158,903	174,712 108,185 303,526	376,797 571,038 855,442	974,000 1,321,700 1,841,200	20
		. 133,234	168,000			1,889	2,085	7,868,132 945,586 944,639	206,893 37,102 12,447	38,424 27,517 12,083	557,419 55,123 82,095	1,104,860 241,600 169,392	23
95,873,092	2	7,203,317	13,426,409	10,409,968	21,815,121	15,317,720	949,689	1,323,252,452	8,868,005	45,339,650	91,535,556	103,238,177	

#### ASSETS

Domin'n Govern- ment and Pro- vincial Govern- ment securi- ties	Can. municipal securi- ties, and Brit., foreign and colonial public se- curit's other than Can.	Railway and other bonds, deben- tures and stocks		Call and short loans else- where than in Canada (not ex- ceeding 30 days)	Other current loans and discounts in Canada	Other current loans and disco'nts else- where than in Canada	Loans to the Govern- ment of Canada	Loans to Pro- vincial Govern- ments	Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	Over- due debts	Real estate other than bank pre- mises	Mort- gages on real estate sold by the bank	Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off	Liabili- ties of cus- tomers under letters of credit as per contra	Other assets not included under the fore- going heads	Total Assets
8	8	8	\$	8	. 8	8	8	8		8	8	\$	8	\$	\$	8
501,260 49,750 654,365	250,946	11,845,811 1,810,187 3,714,309		71,586,593 5,966,803	105,098,405 10,693,573 36,198,178			659,337 68,420	130,062	239,232	49,939 66,425	173,745 2,000		3,637,526 3,174 33,196	127,969	250,195,761 21,194,702 81,053,021 3
87,470 272,000	1,512,035 11,075 941,666	160,154 905,284 1,639,536	2,264,786	6,399,848	25,574,031 41,305,699 31,322,505			540	4,307,474 1,905,924 1,388,680	394,837 151,959 297,597	12,087 56,726	265 5,633	2,546,944 2,896,113 1,560,891	1,984,915 619,385 59,860		62,997,597 4 60,776,787 5 49,900,065 6
568,991	1,036,186 528,057 1,111,136	1,023,904 4,084,447 1,799,345	3,298,528	1,761.342	16,431,041 51,213,239 5,623,478				569,719 1,382,057 295,951	26,919 176,753 87,682	113,956 82,636 43,169	82,862 10,980 35,844		1.028,078	3.638 161,991 150,535	26,182,228 7 84,455,824 8 13,413,749 9
570,707 3,658,234 1,272,406		2,178.897 14,138,275 12,815,713	8,713,713	5,205,733 22,539,255 9,430,615	138,275,349	1,033,450 10,723,159 15,463,064		75	2,667,708 3,628,147 2,616,111	1,069,135	1,057,677	109,423 403,684	2,349,180 4,666,600 6,119,657	3,025,703 2,585,563 1,159,535	35,441	83,666,445 10 252,179,071 11 189,102,839 12
401,331 284,635 605,117		4,851,668 471,502 726,463	1,268,498		46,667,532 28,552,700 30,357,365			13,879	456,520 1,294,005 1,500,353		24,462 345,625 21,000	19,030 94,236 1,350		575,248 101,052 183,287		77,995,255 43,879,248 44,908,554 15
747,623 1,210,433 688,022	1,965,352		738,086		23,183,822 32,092,705 40,828,291				629,194 3,266,787 5,206,235	204,041 471.061 90,523	36,784 114,026 114,338	68,899 61,164 470,157	1,805,151	100,028 66,762 83,796	105,812	34,934,540 52,109,103 82,710,074 18
42,716 62,325	32,987	293,585	2,170,380		8,531,127 8,387,164 13,194,619				134,526	55,583	9,967 56,696	1,000 80,235 93,806	724.579	6,902 61,821	6,815 44,940	12,640,978 13,232,949 18,227,949 21
	364,966	47,337	25,000		6,071,761 1,108,227 853,320	7				117,905			40,977	1,889	59,635 10,268 38,902	9,487,618 1,569,887 1,360,739
11,677.385	22,654,416	66,395,16	68,441,816	125,545,28	7 840,198,62	5 48,013,05	2	. 2,805,86	6 36,372,334	5,739,208	2,971,956	1,731,663	46,516,397	15,317,720	2,058,573	1,568,174,983

### DIVIDEND NOTICES

#### PORCUPINE-CROWN MINES, LIMITED.

#### DIVIDENU No. 3.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent., for quarter ending 30th September, has been declared, payable the 1st October, 1914, to shareholders of record the 15th September.

Transfer books will not be closed.

Dividend cheques will be mailed on the 30th September by our Transfer Agents, "the Crown Trust Company."

By order of the Board,

JAMES COOPER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, August 17th, 1914.

### THE MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two Dollars per Share on the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared and will be payable at its Head Office, in this City, on and after Thursday, the 1st of October next, to Share-holders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of September next.

By order of the Board.

A. P. LESPERANCE,

Manager.

Montreal, August 24th, 1914.

### THE CANADA LANDED AND NATIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

### DIVIDEND NO. 110.

Notice is hereby given that a DIVIDEND OF TWO AND ONE QUARTER PER CENT. (being at the rate of Nine Per Cent. per annum), on the amount paid up on the capital stock of this Company, has been declared for the quarter year to the Thirtieth day of September, 1914, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company, 23 Toronto Street, Toronto, on and after the FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1914, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the sixteenth day of September, 1914.

By order of the Board.

EDWARD SAUNDERS, Managing Director.

Toronto, 2nd September, 1914.

### THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

#### Incorporated by Royal Charter

"The Court of Directors hereby give notice that an Interim Dividend for the half-year ended 31st May last of forty shillings per share, being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, will be paid, less Income Tax, on the 3rd day of October next, to the proprietors of shares registered in the Dominion of Canada.

"The dividend will be payable at the rate of exchange current on the 3rd day of October next to be fixed by the

Managers.

"No transfers can be made between the 19th inst. and the 2nd prox. inclusive, as the books must be closed during that, period.

od.
"By order of the Court.
"JACKSON DODDS,
"See

"Secretary."

The Bank of Toronto has opened a branch at Freelton, Ont., under the management of Mr. J. B. Connell, formerly accountant at Hamilton branch.

### CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

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#### UTILIZING ONTARIO'S WATER POWERS

The mines and metallurgical plants of northern Ontario are now for the most part operated by electricity generated by water powers. At Cobalt, the falls and rapids on the Montreal and Matabitchewan Rivers are utilized; at Sudbury, mines and smelters are supplied with power by the Spanish, Wahnapitae and Vermilion Rivers; power is conducted to Porcupine from the Mattagami; at Michipicoten the Michipicoten and Magpie hoist the ore and operate the machinery at the Helen and Magpie mines; the Canadian Exploration Company's gold mine at Long Lake, also utilizes water power. A new water power installation is being put in at Gowganda Lake to operate the Miller Lake-O'Brien silver mine and a transmission line is under construction from the Blanche river at Charlton to work the gold properties in the new field at Kirkland Lake. Water powers are numerous in northern Ontario, and, as at Iroquois Falls on the Abitibi River, are employed also to operate pulp and paper mills. They have been of great service to the mining industry in providing cheap power.

#### LONDON PRICES QUOTED

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Cash trading among London Stock Exchange brokers is not large and for the present is not encouraged. Prices quoted unofficially, about two weeks ago, for various securities in London, were as follow:-

rate and the second second	
Consols	70
Local loans	80
London County Council 3 per cent	79
Metropolitan consolidated 3 per cent	86
Bank of England	245
Port of London 3½ per cent	86
New South Wales 4 per cent. (1942-62)	95
New Zealand 4 per cent. (1929)	97
Ontario 4½ per cent	961/2
Queensland 4 per cent. (1940-50)	96
Ouebec 4½ per cent	98
South African 10-year bonds	94
West Australia 4 per cent. (1942-62)	951/2
Canadian Pacific	157
Grand Trunk ordinary	1134
Missouri	81/2
Union Pacific	1141/2
United States steels	51
Mexican Railway ordinary	32 1/2
Mexican Railway 1st preferred	104
Mexican Railway 2nd preferred	66 1/2
Brazilian Tractions	52

### JULY BANK STATEMENT SHOWS PREPARATION

Banks are Calling Loans in New York—Savings Deposits Increase Heavily — Current Loans Increased Slightly

Deposits on demand Deposits after notice *Gurrent loans in Canad Loans to municipalities Current loans elsewhere Call loans in Canada Call loans elsewhere	621,347,383 901,550,453 43,121,384 42,960,513 67,991,255 89,266,235	June, 1914. \$355,006,229 663,650,230 875,536,999 37,260,571 46,186,854 67,401,484 137,120,167	July, 1914. \$346,854,051 671,214,125 876,570,959 36,372,334 48,013,052 68,441,816 125,545,287	rear's inc. or dec	Month's inc. or dec2.2 +1.1 + .11 -2.3 +3.9 +1.5 -8.4	
Circulation	99,143,411	99,138,029	94,815,561	<b>— 4.3</b>	-4.3	

<sup>\*</sup>Including loans to municipalities.

The July bank statement shows that the banks during that month were throwing up financial earthworks, and that business took some ammunition out of store for its own use. In other words, towards the end of July, the chartered banks prepared to meet the situation likely to result from the war, and business drew upon its demand deposits to the extent of \$8,000,000 during July. At the same time, deposits after notice, usually understood to represent the people's savings, increased by nearly \$8,000,000. This is a matter for satisfaction, although some of the amount may have been accounted for by a change in the bookkeeping methods of one of the banks. It would be interesting to know if the bank branches in Quebec province have received an unusual amount of new deposits. There may have been considerable money in the proverbial stocking in that province, which may have found its way to the banks at the present time.

The changes in the principal accounts during the month and the past year are noted in the above table. Current loans in Canada increased slightly in July, although they are \$25,000,000 less than a year ago. One may hope that this account will not be curtailed sharply. Loans to municipalities decreased slightly. Current loans abroad gained a little, but probably in connection with financing in London. Call loans in Canada made a slight increase, and owing to the favorable attitude of the banks to the stockbrokers, that account is not likely to vary considerably. Call loans abroad, chiefly in New York, decreased during the month by \$12,500,000, a decline of 8.4 per cent. These loans, at the end of July, were still 40 per cent. greater than in July, 1913. Undoubtedly a considerable reduction is being made and the August bank statement will show that loans in New York have been called heavily. Circulation declined in July by about \$4,000,000.

### Trend of Loan Accounts.

The following table shows the trend of the Canadian loans account for the past thirteen months:—

	Current in	Call in
Loans.	Canada.	Canada.
1913—July	\$901,550,453	\$67,991,255
August	899,132,894	67,233,983
September	903,717,013	70,047,291
October	900,159,736	71,118,255
November	865,888,832	70,123,101
December	852,906,548	72,862,971
1014—January	840,883,750	71,248,242
February	842,084,073	71,374,602
March	855,381,265	69,088,240
April	865,873,876	68,523,774
May	872,152,263	67,210,504
June	875,536,999	67,401,484
July	876,570,959	68,441,816

This time last year, current loans in Canada were \$25,000,000 greater. Current loans, however, were in eight of the past twelve months, smaller than they were in July. Call loans in Canada in July were 1.5 per cent. more than in June. The banks practically have agreed not to call their loans to the stockbrokers so long as the stockbrokers in their turn do not transact business while the stock exchanges are closed and treat their clients generously in regard to margins.

The following table shows the expansion of loans at home and abroad, during the past four years:—

July		Current loans in Canada.	Current loans elsewhere.	Call loans in Canada.	Call loans elsewhere.
1910		 \$653,008,336	\$40,267,390	\$60,081,250	\$102,436,037
1911	:	 723,765,358	32,870,114	65,339,288	
1912		 852,256,651	35,741,998	70,407,734	
1913		 901,550,453	42,960,513		
1914		 876,570,959			

Current loans in Canada are 2.7 less than they were a year ago, and current loans elsewhere are 11.7 per cent. more. Domestic loans were higher last July than in any past July with the exception of 1913.

#### Course of Deposits.

The following table shows the course of domestic deposit accounts for the past thirteen months:—

513 621,240,58 507 621,511,20 0.046 625,803,15 5509 624,692,32 339 635,135,95 640,927,13 642 646,143,60 993 653,670,22 488 663,945,75 229 663,650,23 051 671,214,12

Demand deposits were lower in July than in June. There was a heavy decline of about \$8,000,000 in this item during the month. In January and February, however, the total demand deposits were smaller than in July by about seven and nine million dollars respectively.

The deposits record for the past five years for the month of July is given in the following table compiled by The Monetary Times:—

July.		On demand.	After notice.	Total.
1910	 	\$251,638,522	\$538,384,371	\$ 790,022,803
1911	 	316,973,780	570,789,435	887,763,215
1912	 	0, 1171	640,592,345	1,012,604,830
1913	 	00-10-31-9-	621,347,388	977,932,584
1914	 	346,854,051	671,214,125	1,018,068,176

### Loans to Municipalities.

After notice deposits continue to grow, and total deposits

still exceed \$1,000,000,000.

Loans to municipalities decreased by about a million dollars in July. Some assistance probably will be given by the banks to municipalities, which in turn will be expected to do their best in marketing debentures and what is more, to take the first reasonable offer received. In the past there has been a disposition on the part of municipalities "to wait for better prices," rather than to accept the banker's advice. Such a municipal policy has proved expensive in the past.

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#### GERMANY DRAINING GOLD RESERVES

### Drastic Measures Adopted — Bank Laws Suspended

Little information regarding finances in Germany has been allowed to come out of that country. What few words have been cabled have an inspired touch which savors strong-ly of official Berlin. A London Times' correspondent, how-ever, in his journal on August 10th, gives some interesting information regarding Germany's financial mobilization and the industrial and trade preparation for the war.

There was everywhere, he says, a tremendous rush for gold. For some days, the private banks having already refused cash, the Imperial Bank was so besieged that the doors were shut early in the morning, and it was stated that the officials already had more business than they could handle before closing time.

### Bank of England Bombshell.

In reality, as regards the monetary situation, there seemed to be remarkable confidence, at any rate, until the news of the increase of the English Bank rate to 8 per cent., which struck financiers like the news of a lost battle.

Meanwhile the legislative preparations, of which this is the first published account, are of extraordinary interest. Germany is making an astounding drain upon her financial reserves and her credit system and creating a situation which may be tolerable in victory but will be appalling in defeat. It must not be forgotten that they are the preparations of a country which only last year was afraid or unable to raise any more ordinary taxes and proceeded to a direct confiscation of capital by way of the "levy"—little or any of which, by the way, has been collected. About the collection of taxes and of the "levy" nothing definite was larger way to be considered. of the "levy" nothing definite was known when we left Germany. The tax collectors had for the moment been commandeered by the military authorities to arrange for the billeting of troops. In Berlin they were making a census of accommodation.

#### New Money Bills.

The Reichstag on Tuesday passed without discussion seventeen emergency bills. The first authorized extraordinary expenditure to the amount of £265,000,000 (\$1,325,000,000)— £250,000,000 (\$1,250,000,000) from loan and £15,000,000 (\$75,000,000) from the empire's stock of gold and silver. I will try to group the most important of the other measures, taking the financial measures first.

The German bank law, in order to counteract an excess of bank notes, makes the Imperial Bank pay a tax of 5 per cent, of the amount by which its notes in circulation exceed the stock of cash. This provision has now been suspended for an indefinite period. In peace time the Imperial Bank must cover the notes in circulation which are not covered in cash by discounted bills with a currency of not more than three months and backed by three or at any rate two good These restrictions have been removed and the Imnames. perial Bank can now buy bills with only one signature. Further, the bank is now allowed to cover its note issue not only by discounted bills but by any imperial acceptances which fall due within three months.

### Paper Money Mix Up.

All the paper money issued by the Imperial Bank now becomes legal tender and there is no distinction left between actual bank notes and other paper. The Imperial Bank has been relieved of its obligation to hand out gold in exchange for its paper. The private note issuing banks are relieved of their obligation to give gold in exchange for their notes and are allowed to give Imperial Bank notes instead. These provisions take effect not from the declarations of war but from July 31, when the Kriegszustand was declared. In peace time the Imperial Bank in Berlin and its branches at Frankforton-Main, Konigsberg and Munich are compelled to give gold on-Main, tonigsburg and maintain are competed to give gold in exchange for parcels of silver coins to the amount of not less than £10 (\$50), or of nickel and copper coins to the amount of not less than £2 10s. (\$12.50). These obligations are now suspended by an amendment of the coinage law. is mainly a precautionary measure.

At present the Imperial Bank is engaged in satisfying he demand for silver and nickel from its extraordinary, resources, rather than tearing a demand for gold in exchange for silver and nickel. But it is calculated that when the first

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rush of adjustments of accounts among the public has passed there will be a fresh effort to turn the accumulation of silver and nickel into gold.

The empire is enabled for an indefinite period to employ bills (Wechsel) as an additional form of credit—these bills being of course free from taxation. Bill and check transactions are in Germany subject to restrictions unknown in other countries and there is practically no escape from the necessity to present bills and checks immediately they fall due and to take action immediately they are dishonored. The law has now been amended so as to protect the holders of bills from the consequences of the state of war and especially of the interruption of postal and other communications.

In order to help industry all the restrictions of any importance which the Gewerbeordnung places upon employment and the regulation of hours of labor in particular industries have been removed. This is much as if the factory acts and all similar measures in England were to be suspended. The provisions of the sick insurance and other imperial insurance laws have been adapted to the needs of war time. The legal provisions for the support of families of soldiers have been amended. The German law fixes minimum rates of aid. minimum rates are only—for a wife, 9s. (\$2.25) a month in May, June, July, August, September and October and 12s. (\$3) a month in the other months of the year; for every child under 15 years of age 6s. (\$1.50) a month.

#### This is Remarkable Bill.

Perhaps the most remarkable bill of all is that for the granting—up to a total amount of £75,000,000 (\$375,000,000)—of loans on all sorts of stocks and securities. In connection with the Imperial Bank special loan institutions will be set up which will issue special paper (Darlehnskassenscheine). This paper will be honored by the Imperial Bank and have the same status as banknotes, although the public is the same status as banknotes, although the public is not obliged to accept it in payment. The loans will run as a rule for three months and exceptionally for six months. The "loan" paper will be issued in notes of 5s., 10s., £1 and £2 10s. (\$1.25, \$2.50, \$5 and \$12.50). Loans can be effected on all sorts of (not perishable) trade stock and industrial products up to one-half or even two-thirds of the assessed value; upon all sound German stocks and shares up to something less than the market quotation; and upon any other securities which the authorities choose to accept. In the case of goods which are subject to wide fluctuations of price, the security of a third person must be given. The procedure will simply be that the loans will be arranged by negotiation and that the authorities will, without removing stock given as security. place their seal upon it.

#### What May Result.

There was a modest scheme of this sort in 1870, but the whole amount then involved was only £4,500,000 (\$22,500,000), as compared with the present sum of £75,000,000 (\$375,000,000). The rate of interest is, "as a rule," to be something above the published rate at which the Imperial Bank dis-It is no doubt a wonderful scheme of reliefcounts bills. and it should be added that the loan establishments will do business down to an amount so small as £5 (\$25). But, once again, one wonders what appalling consequences will result if the war drags on and trade remains at a standstill. I venture to predict that the £75,000,000 (\$375,000,000) of 'loan' paper will be absorbed very rapidly and that it will be impossible for most of the borrowers to deem it within three months or any such period unless the German forces secure very different results from those which are being concealed from the hoodwinked and unfortunate German public.

An optimistic feeling prevails in London among those interested in the financial result of the grain crop in western Canada, especially as the safety of the Atlantic, which is now assured, has induced tramp steamers to enter the trade again on this route. It is anticipated the crop will now be shipped quickly until the close of the St. Lawrence.

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Little is heard as to how the nations at war are financing. Extraordinary financial measures have been passed in many European countries, several of them not engaged in the struggle. To date it has been difficult to learn their details. In the British House of Commons about \$1,000,000,000 has been voted, the money being required for meeting the expenses incurred in connection with military operations, food supplies, keeping communications, relieving distress and other matters arising out of the existence of a state of war between Great Britain and Germany. The sum placed at the disposal of the government will enable it to provide for all measures which may be taken for the security of the country.

#### How Best to Raise Funds.

The real problem is to raise the money in the most advantageous way. The London Financier says it is understood that the balances to the credit of the treasury are ample to provide for immediate outlays, such as the cost of The London Financier says it is undermobilization, but, should any shortage arise, it will be a simple matter to obtain temporary advances from the Bank of England. At all events, an immediate issue of government securities will not be necessary. It will be the duty of the treasury authorities, in consultation with the banking community, to take the first favorable opportunity for mak ing a public issue. Apparently it has not yet been decided what form the issue shall take. The suggestion that it should be raised by means of an emission of exchequer bonds is thought to be a good one. This form of redeemable security is popular with investors, and the new exchequer bonds would be still more popular if they were issued in bonds of a denomination sufficiently low to attract the small The rate of interest and the price of issue will investor. necessarily be governed by the financial conditions obtaining at the time when the loan is floated.

### Scheme in London.

With a view to assisting the British authorities to solve the problem relating to the cheapest and soundest method of issuing the £100,000,000 war loan, the outlines of a scheme have been prepared by certain financial interests in London, says the London Financial Times, and appear likely to afford a basis upon which to build up the necessary superstructure. It is proposed that the emission in question shall be known as "British three per cents.," and shall be offered at a discount of 2 or 3 per cent., an option being given after a period of two or three years to Consol holders to exchange from of the 2½ per cent, security for £87 ros. of the new loan. An important provision in this connection is that holders of Consols who take advantage of the option shall have already invested, in a proportion to be fixed, in the new three per cents. It is maintained that the advantage of the scheme is to give to Consol holders an additional 1/8 per cent. of interest, which, capitalized at, say, 32 years' purchase, would represent an appreciation in capital values of at least £20,000,000, the result being to strengthen the ration's finances to that extent. It is also considered that the decreciation which has been going on in Consols would be checked by the creation of such a security as that now suggest d; moreover, the exchange operation, if exercised, as it undoubtedly would be, should cancel £70,000,000 of indebt dness within the next two or three years and without inconvenience.

#### Forthcoming War Loan.

A London cable on August 26 said that the chancellor of the Exchequer, had introduced into the British House of Commons, a resolution as the basis for the forthcoming war loan bill. The bill, Mr. Lloyd George said, would differ from the previous war loan measures in two respects. First, the actual amount of money to be taken has not been fixed. The sum to be raised will include not only the vote of credit for \$500,000,000 already authorized, but the sum by which the revenue will be diminished in consequence of the war. Second, the bill will not indicate the precise method by which the money is to be raised. That will be left to the discretion of the treasury to be decided according to the conditions prevailing.

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In the current year the new issues of capital in the London market alone will probably reach £250,000,000, after providing for the nation's expenditure upon the construction of houses and extensions of works. If the occasion should arise the British people should be able, without any serious difficulty, to raise loans amounting to £200,000,000 a year over and above any sums they may derive from the sale to the United States of a part of the great quantity of American securities they now possess, according to Sir George Paish.

#### Belgium and France.

Great Britain has decided to make a loan of \$50,000,000 to Belgium by an issue of British treasury notes similar to those put out for the British government itself.

Important credits demanded by the French government amount to \$550,800,000, which will be submitted to Parliament for approval. Article 3 of the law for voting this extraordinary loan distinctly states that only \$200,000,000 of the above total can be issued in treasury bonds. These probably will bear 6 per cent. interest. The balance, therefore, will be obtained by other means.

Canada's war financing has already been discussed in detail in The Monetary Times.

#### BRITISH COLD RESERVES

Aside from those of the Bank of England, little publicity is given the gold reserves of British banks. The Bank of England issues a weekly statement as to its own reserves, and not a few financiers consider that this system should be made obligatory on all banking houses. Sir Edward Holden has already promised to publish the reserves of his own bank, the London City and Midland, but many other bankers do not approve of this. The argument is that while the Bank of England is, to all intents and purposes, a national institution, bound to give publicity to its affairs, the joint stock banks are not in the same category. Moreover, it is considered unwise, especially during the present crisis, to disclose the total resources of the British banking world. If it were decided by other bankers to agree with Sir Edward Holden's views, it would be interesting to see how the reserves of the banks now compare with the records gathered from the annual reports issued by the deputy master of the Mint.

A Canadian banker to *The Monetary Times* expressed the opinion that the joint stock banks of England have been accumulating gold for some time past, and that Great Britain is therefore in a much stronger gold position than has been shown by recent Bank of England statements. The financial measures, undertaken by the British government to conserve gold, has cleared the situation anyway.

In discussing the gold question in the British house recently, Chancellor Lloyd George said:—"There is a danger that individuals might selfishly attempt to hoard gold in order to be in a better position than their neighbors. It is vital that it should be made clear that any man who does that is inflicting a great injury on the country. In this tremendous struggle finance is going to play a great part. It is one of the most formidable weapons in this exhausting war. Anyone who, through selfish motives, greed or excessive caution or cowardice attempts to withdraw gold and appropriate it for his own use, let it be clearly understood that he is assisting the enemy—and that he is assisting them more effectively than if he were to take up arms in their favor."

For the first six months of 1914 the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission reports net profits of \$49,500, or 6 per cent. on the investment. The gross income was \$741,273.45, against which there were expenditures as follows: Current, \$147,566. 24; management, repairs, maintenance, \$268.828.11; interest, \$122,931.78; depreciation, \$108,759.83; sinking fund, \$43,686.82; leaving net profit of \$49,500.67.

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#### Canada's Opportunity.

"That Canada is alive to the opportunities presenting themselves is obvious," Mr. Donald says, "from the prompt and courteous assistance given to us by the Canadian representatives on this side. It now merely remains for the Canadian government and manufacturers to grasp their opportunities for a large trade to spring up between us."

Schemes of making war on Germany and trade matters have been discussed also at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute. It was resolved to bring statistics before the commercial community showing the German and Austrian trade with the overseas Dominions in recent years. Particular mention was made of the manner in which the German and Austrian trade competitors have studied the wants of the Dominions buyers on the spot, whereas the British manufacturers appear to show less enterprise in this respect. The British board of trade are to be asked to encourage and assist the Colonial Institute in making these matters known. Another meeting will be held after the government's views have been further ascertained.

### Cermans Sell These Lines.

The London Chamber of Commerce committee held a private meeting to discuss this anti-German trade campaign. It calls the attention of manufacturers to the following lines which Germans sell heavily in England:-Electrical appliances and apparatus, iron and steel, wire, stone and earthenware, chinaware, cutlery, hollowware, cotton hosiery, woolen and worsted piece goods, cotton prints, furniture, leather, gloves and boots and shoes. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 worth of German dynamos and motors are sold annually in British territory.

The Imperial board of trade has arranged for the suspension of German and Austrian patents in England, wherever manufacturers want to make use of them in the public interest. All English chambers of commerce have been advised of this opportunity and urged by the London chamber to interest manufacturers in cornering German business, especially in hosiery. Germany shipped over \$17,000,000 worth of stockings and socks to England last year, as well as much underwear. Furthermore, Germany has enjoyed an extensive Canadian trade in women's suits and cotton goods.

The English papers are making an especial attack on the German manufacturers of Christmas cards and toys. All parents are being urged to deny their children playthings made by the enemies of the empire.

### Canadian Work in London,

The work of the British navy in safeguarding the trade routes is of great assistance in this commercial war.

Falling in with the new campaign for securing German markets, Mr. Harrison Watson, trade commissioner of the Canadian government in London, is engaged in giving in-formation and making inquiries concerning goods hitherto supplied by Germany to Canada.

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There is little disposition either in Montreal or Toronto to reopen the stock exchanges until London and New York set the example. The question of trading for cash on the Canadian exchanges has been discussed, but no definite plan is evolved. Some of the brokers do not favor this form of trading. A suggestion has been made also that such trading should be transacted at fixed prices.

Under the careful regulation of the New York Stock Exchange Clearing House, cash transactions in securities are being effected. Some private trading is going on too. This is not being indulged in, perhaps, by the body of stock exchange members, but some transactions in listed securities are daily taking place without the knowledge and sanction of the stock exchange authorities.

#### At Discretion of Houses.

In a measure, it has been left to the discretion of banking and brokerage houses to regulate their own attitude as to what may be termed new business, although it is "unwritten law," perhaps, that they should hold aloof from the market in every way.

But the question arises, says Financial America, whether the present regulated transactions and those which are effected privately would not be more advantageously dealt with if the

New York Stock Exchange itself be opened for cash trading.
"Under the present arrangement," it adds, "much confusion exists. The public, surely, is largely in the dark as to any trend the market may have. And brokerage houses are in a condition of embarrassment and impatience, even as to cash trading under the regulation of the Stock Exchange Clearing House, which would be at least partially relieved should the stock exchange be thrown open to such transactions. The sentimental effect of such a course would be good, it would seem, for the ruling as to minimum prices for cash sales would still be operative and the stability afforded by this ruling under the present method of trading would not be endangered.

"There is ample evidence that there is growing favor of the course suggested. The plan is being considered relative to various exchanges in smaller cities. San Francisco is opening its market on certain dates for transactions in designated securities. The time is ripe for the consideration of this plan by the authorities of the New York Stock Exchange."

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### Finance Minister White Tells How it Will Work-Sir Wilfrid Laurier Approves

An interesting discussion took place in the House at Ottawa respecting the legislation introduced by the finance minister in regard to Dominion notes. Mr. White explained that the legislation authorizes an increase of Dominion notes from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 without any limitation or condition whatsoever, so that it would be open to the government to avail itself of it now or at any later time. words, there is an integral change made in the Dominion Notes Act whereby a margin of 25 per cent. of gold may be held in respect of an issue of \$50,000,000 instead of \$30,000,ooo as under the present legislation. As regards denomination, notes of any denomination may be issued to make up this amount. It may be wholly in ones, twos, or in fives or large legals, but it will be a combination of all.

It is desirable that the total amount of free Dominion notes that should be outstanding at any time should not be materially in excess of the amount of notes of small denominations in the hands of the public. In other words, in order that the Dominion may be able to retire its notes in gold there should not be outstanding a larger amount than is required from time to time by the community for its purposes. We have, however, a safeguard against any difficulty on that score. In the Bank Act there is a provision that the chartered banks of Canada must hold 40 per cent. of their cash reserves in Dominion notes. That being so, the amounts which the banks must hold under that legislation cannot of course come in for redemption. Therefore, the position is this :-

#### Must Consider Three Facts.

September 4, 1914.

In estimating what notes are likely to be presented for redemption, we have to take into consideration three facts: first, how many notes are likely to remain outstanding in the hands of the public; secondly, how many notes are likely to be required by the banks for the purpose of their clearings (which is a very large amount); and thirdly, what amount of notes must be held by the chartered banks, representing not less than 40 per cent. of their cash assets? As to the present issue of Dominion notes, I have some information here which I think will be of interest to the House:

Present issue of Dominion Notes and Gold holding

as on July 31, 1914. Fractionals 1's, 2's, 4's and 5's  50's, 100's, 1,000's  Bank specials good between banks only, in 500's, 1,000's and 5,000's	\$ 25,180,333 7,209,500
Amount Dominion notes held by the banks this date	
Amount Dominion notes in the hands of the public other than the banks	91,735,584
Banks Act.)  Amount Dominion notes outstanding not covered by gold holding	21,058,249

### Not Covered by Cold.

Referring more particularly to the item of \$21,058,249. representing the amount of Dominion notes outstanding not covered by gold holdings. The Dominion may issue \$22,-500,000 of free money to-day, but it happens that only \$21,-058,240 in Dominion notes are outstanding unsecured by gold. In addition to that, although the question does not arise here, the banks held in current gold and subsidiary coin on July 31st, 1914, \$51,406,472, so that in round figures you can say that the gold reserve of the Dominion both by Dominion and chartered banks would be over \$150,000,000.

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Mr. White explained that if advantage is taken of the proposals in the Dominion Notes Act, 1914, on the basis of the circulation as of July 31, the total outstanding circulation would be approximately \$127,800,000. The gold reserve as respects that issue would be \$91,735,000. This works out a percentage of gold to circulation of approximately 71.7. 71.7 per cent. is a larger percentage of gold holding to notes issued than was held by the Dominion at any time prior to 1909. At the present time the gold holding is approximately 81 per cent. of the total issue of Dominion notes. The issue of \$15,000,000 additional Dominion notes would reduce the percentage to 71.7 as stated.

### Cold Holding and Circulation.

In 1870 the percentage of gold holding to circulation was 22; in 1880, 41; in 1890, 34; in 1900, 55; in 1908, 65; at the present time 81 per cent. and at this extension that we propose, it will fall to 71.7 per cent.

It is provided in the war appropriation bill that the government may borrow in order to raise the funds in whole or in part. I thought it advisable that in addition to all the borrowing powers which the Dominion at present possesses we should insert in the bill the power to borrow. It would appear to me that it would not be just that the whole burden of this war in its entirety should fall upon the people of Canada during each year of the continuance of hostilities and that it would be proper that borrowing powers should be taken in connection with the appropriation bill. That is the course adopted by other countries. Great Britain has, according to the despatches received, issued treasury bills which have been at once subscribed for the purpose of carrying on the war. Her first step was to borrow a large sum of money, reported to be something like \$45,000,000 or \$50,000,000, from the Bank of England. The recent transaction under which treasury bills are sold will repay that advance from the Bank of England and put her in funds to the extent of the further amount realized by the sale of the treasury bills.

#### Meet Situation in Three Ways.

We will attempt to meet the situation in three ways: hrst, we will raise an additional amount by the taxation from customs and excise; and secondly, we will, from time to time, endeavor to make loans to meet the deficit between our revenue and the expenditure upon capital account, plus the special expenditure required in connection with our military and naval operations. We shall pursue that policy and avail ourselves at the same time of this expedient of issuing Dominion notes which is, after all, a method of borrowing from the public of Canada upon our own securities.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:—"This is not a temporary measure; it is a permanent measure and I do not know that I have any great criticism to offer. I think, on the contrary, that I approve of it altogether. The only point which might occasion some—not criticism—but desire to have further information is in regard to the raising of the proportion of Dominion notes not covered dollar for dollar by gold from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The proportion hitherto existing—25 per cent.—remains the same, but the amount is increased from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000. My hon. friend, I am quite sure, has given a good deal of consideration to that matter. I know that he is a believer in the credit of Canada being maintained upon a gold basis and nothing else. In changing the proportion from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 that principle has been maintained. I was relieved when I heard him say that at the present time our gold holdings amount to 81 per cent. of the Dominion note issue and that therefore the alteration would be only 3 or 4 per cent. which I think, is not material. I have no doubt that those who follow these matters will be relieved to know that our Dominion note issue remains upon an absolutely secure gold basis."

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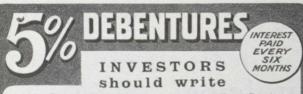
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### Some of Its Disadvantages-London Advice is to Pay if Possible

A moratorium is not entirely financial honey. The Central News Agency's correspondent in London says that one extremely inconvenient result of the moratorium there has been that many companies have decided to postpone dividend declarations, while others which have recently announced distributions have been withholding them. A development of this sort of course is calculated to bring a sense of the crisis very acutely home to small capitalists up and down the country and even to cause temporary distress among those who have been reckoning upon the payment of dividends for purposes of subsistence, for while the recent money market panic and the gold run on the Bank of England were at their worst retail shop-keepers of all kinds were exercising a very rigid discretion about giving credit even to well-known customers, and were allowing none at all to casual buyers.

### Should Pay if Possible.

The London Financier, noting that debtors are absolved from the obligation of discharging debts contracted prior to August 4th, hopes that the privilege will not be generally,

or even widely, availed of.
"Obviously, tradesmen and others can only keep going if the public pay readily, and they will be involved in serious embarrassments if most of their customers take advantage of the moratorium now in operation. People who, having money to their credit at the banks, refuse to pay their debts are enemies of the State and are playing the game of the enemy. The only patriotic thing to do is to pay up as far as

possible and look pleasant.

"To do otherwise is to bring about widespread distress and precipitate commercial insolvency. It must be clear to everybody that, while traders are afforded a certain amount of relief under the new dispensation, they are still under an obligation to provide for many important items of expenditure, such as rent, taxes and wages. These are obligations which cannot be escaped, and if people who owe money de-cline to pay up, the traders concerned will obviously be placed in a position of great difficulty. It is the patriotic duty of every citizen to do all in his power to avert such a calamity.

### Commonsense and Debts.

"Quite apart from any considerations of patriotism, commonsense dictates that debts should be discharged without delay, as no advantage is to be gained by piling up liabilities which will have to be liquidated eventually. Sooner or later the moratorium will expire, and debtors will no longer be

protected by the law.

"But many tradesmen, especially those who supply luxuries, will inevitably experience a heavy falling off in orders, and if their accounts are not paid they will find it practically impossible to tide over their present difficulties. Bankrupt-cies will result, and losses, direct and indirect, will be in-dicted on almost every class of the community. Therefore flicted on almost every class of the community. Therefore we trust that, if only for patriotic and humanitarian reasons, all who owe money and are in a position to pay up will promptly do so, and thus promote the welfare of the country at a time when it is imperative that our traditional financial stability should be maintained."

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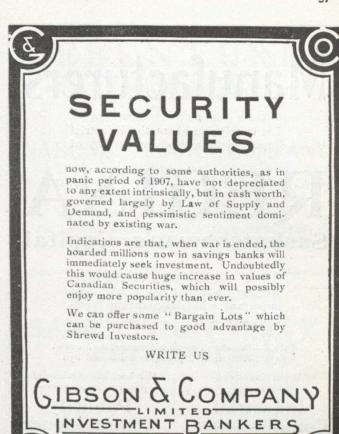
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bills of exchange, the machinery suggested for acting on the proclamation is as follows:—

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purpose in the usual way.
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The Canadian Pacific Railway capital expenditure of over \$60,000,000 for cars and locomotives in the years 1910-1913 was so very large that the directors decided that it would be proper to spread the payments for this year's deliveries, about \$14,000,000, over a period of fifteen years, under the terms of an ordinary equipment trust agreement, and, therefore, a contract was made with the Victoria Rolling Stock and Realty Company to provide the equipment and receive payment in 15 annual instalments, with interest at four and one-half per cent. per annum. All of the equipment has been delivered, and the cost has been advanced by the company pending the sale of the rolling stock company's bonds, when the Railway Company's treasury will be recouped.

The Canadian Pacific Railway accounts for the year show that \$35,571,959 had been advanced from current funds to meet the cost of additional railway mileage and ocean steamers against which no securities have been issued or sold. In ordinary course, four per cent. consolidated debenture stock would have been utilized to meet this expenditure, but market conditions were not favorable to the sale of this security in large amounts without unduly depressing the market price.

### Special Investment Notes.

In these circumstances the directors decided to create a special investment fund composed of the deferred payments on land sold, and securities in which land funds had been invested, to the amount of \$55,000,000, and to issue against this fund and the company's credit ten-year note certificates to the amount of \$52,000,000, carrying interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, to be offered to the shareholders at 80 per cent. of their face value, thus providing all the money required for the present purposes of the company, and at the same time giving the shareholders participation in the proceeds of land sales to the amount of about \$10,000,000.

The issue was entirely successful. The note certificates,

The issue was entirely successful. The note certificates, with interest, will be paid off in instalments without any encroachments on revenue from traffic, and the four per cent. consolidated debenture stock can be marketed in such amounts and at such times as may be most advantageous.

Since the close of the last fiscal year first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds to the amount of only £64,700 or \$314,873 have been taken up and cancelled, because the holders were unwilling to surrender their bonds at a premium satisfactory to the Canadian Pacific Railway directors. The outstanding bonds, amounting to £2,638,900 or \$12,842,646.67, will mature July 1st, 1915, and on or before that date they will be paid off and cancelled with funds set aside for the purpose.

### Over Three Hundred Million.

As mentioned in the notice to shareholders, the annual general meeting will be made special for the purpose of authorizing, if approved, an increase of the company's ordinary capital stock by the amount of \$75,000,000, namely, from \$260,000,000 to \$335,000,000, in order to make it accord with the amount for which the company has the sanction of government. Although with the curtailment of capital expenditure no necessity exists for issuing any additional ordinary stock at this time, and there will be no resumption of works requiring any large amount of money until a decided improvement in business conditions furnishes ample warrant. The Canadian Pacific directors are convinced of the prudence of making provision at this time for capital requirements covering a considerable period in the future. No portion of this increased amount will, of course, be issued by the directors until the sanction of the shareholders has been obtained at a special general meeting called for the purpose.

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### Minister of Finance Says No Fear Need Arise Regarding Undue Inflation of Currency

Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked finance minister White in the House at Ottawa if he is able at this moment to get all the gold he needs from the production of the country or whether he has to import any gold. In face of the development that has recently taken place in gold production in Canada, does he still import gold or has he enough in the country? he

Mr. White replied that when the Dominion buys gold it must pay for it in gold. Therefore, at the present time it is no object to the Dominion to buy gold and pay out gold if that gold leaves the country. "In the provision which I have inserted," the finance minister continued, "in this Dominion Notes Act whereby Dominion notes may be issued against bar gold as well as against gold coin, it is in my mind that we shall be able without depleting our balances with the bank to purchase bar gold the product of Canada of the requisite degree of fineness. The present method of purchasing gold through the mint is that they tender for gold no matter where it can be bought, whether in Canada or the United States. They require bar gold of a certain fineness. They may have to refine it a little more after they get it, but the gold purchased is converted into coin here.

### Must be Fine Cold.

"I have taken the matter one step farther by this amendment to the Dominion Notes Act. If bar gold is available, whether bearing the stamp of the United States government assay office or of the Royal Mint, or any branch thereof in Canada or Australia, we may pay for it by the issue of Dominion notes against it. That would not deplete our financial reserves. If I attempted to buy gold now that was not of the degree of fineness which would enable the Mint to coin it into specie, or gold currency, I would have to pay out gold to get that and thus impose quite a strain upon our reserves at the present time confronted as we are with the programme I indicated to the House yesterday.

"It is not an object of the government just now to buy gold, but it is an object of the government at the present time to conserve its gold; and therefore we have, as a corollary of the action that we took in making bank notes legal tender so far as the obligation of the banks to the public is concerned, discontinued the redemption of Dominion notes in gold. That was found necessary in order to conserve the gold resources of the country.

### Inflation of Currency.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has had in mind, what of course any financial man would have in mind-namely, the supreme importance of not inflating the currency beyond the point upon which we can readily get back upon a gold basis.

"We have been upon a gold basis. At the present time, like other countries, we are not upon a gold basis. United States to-day is upon the basis on which it was in 1907. Payments are being made by clearing-house certificates; but nothing that we are doing at the present time in connection with the Dominion Notes Act, and nothing I hope that we shall be obliged to do in the future to meet the situation by issuing Dominion notes, will put the Dominion in a position in which its note currency will be so inflated that we shall not within a reasonable time be able to get back upon a gold basis.

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### FARMERS AND FIRE HAZARDS.

As the farmers of Saskatchewan are continually giving to the world evidences of a progressive spirit in matters relating to their best interests, it may not be amiss to make an appeal for greater interest on the subject of fire prevention, suggests Mr. R. J. McLean, Saskatchewan's fire commissioner, in a bulletin. An analysis of reported fires shows that in rural districts sufficient thought has not been given to safety from possible fire and, consequently, adequate precautions are not generally taken in this respect.

The peculiar circumstances in which we find ourselves in the fall of 1914 give an additional emphasis to the necessity of the conservation of our resources. Farmers should sit up and take notice of the fact that fires increase the cost of living, inasmuch as each and every fire means a capital loss, where insurance is carried, which can only be replaced at the

cost of the community in general.

When insurance is not carried the loss, in the case of the individual owner is direct and absolute and the community suffers indirectly by the destruction of so much productive capital. Elimination of fire waste should be the wish of all. When consideration is given to the fact that the farmer is generally removed at a great distance from his nearest neighbor and help, in case of fire, is a factor of little value, prevention of fires should be the farmer's aim.

Another aspect of the case to be considered is that, where women and children are so often left alone every human con-

sideration demands the utmost precaution.

The great majority of fires are due to carelessness.

Here are some suggestions to guard against fires from this cause, which, if observed, will lessen the waste of property and the loss of life by the ravages of the fire fiend. Do not fail to burn all fire-breeding rubbish, but away from buildings, using every precaution. Do not keep gasoline or gasoline engines in the barn, but in a separate building. See that ashes are kept in a fireproof receptacle. Do not go, or permit any employee to go, into barns or other buildings with an open light. Avoid mistaking gasoline for kerosene by having the gasoline can painted red. Keep a supply of water and pails always available for fire protection. Do not permit careless handling of matches nor throw away a lighted match till completely extinguished. Do not use or permit to be used kerosene in lighting fires. Have the chimney flue inspected and cleaned every fall. Guard against the danger of overheated stoves. Do not permit stove-pipes near unprotected wood nor suffer them to pass through woodwork without a proper ventilating thimble. Do not handle gasoline by artificial light.

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### POSITION OF CRANBY EXPLAINED

The directors of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited, through Mr. William H. Nichols, president, has addressed the following circular letter to the company's stockholders:-

"We suppose that no shareholder will be surprised to learn that the directors have unanimously decided to defer action on the question of a dividend.

"Under the unprecedented conditions prevailing at this time, when there is no market for refined copper, it seems plain that working for a large output which could not be sold would be very unwise, as it would only postpone the time when normal prices might be resumed. Accordingly, the works at Phoenix and Grand Forks were closed down on the seventh

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that could be wisely attempted.
"The spirit of the management is admirable and every effort will be made to convert the temporary conditions, for which neither the property nor its management is in any wise responsible, into permanent benefit to the company.

### NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA'S RESOURCES.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Vancouver, August 22nd.

The possibilities of the northern interior of British Columbia have been reported on by Mr. Charles F. Law, mining engineer of Vancouver, who, as Canadian representative of the company which proposes to construct an east and west railway in the north, has been in the field all summer on a reconnaisance survey. This is a company projected by Mr. D. A. Thomas, the Welsh coal magnate. The primary reason of the company's activity is the coal-bearing areas in the Groundhog district, north of the Skeena. The company's charter gives it two years in which to company's charter gives it two years in which to commence actual operations. It is proposed to construct the first section to the Groundhog coal country, and ultimately expend \$75,000,000 on a line that will extend from the Pacific coast to Prince Albert, traversing the Peace River district, of which much has been heard in the past few years. An allied concern is the Peace River Tramway and Navigation Company, which will operate two short lines of tram, one 16 miles and the other six miles in length, which will give connection between northern inland waterways, and furnish through transporta-

northern inland waterways, and furnish through transportation facilities on 2,500 miles of navigable waters.

Mr. Law covered the country from the coast to Fort Smith. West of Hudson's Hope is a tract of level land, lightly covered with timber in places, 600 miles long and varying from 40 to 100 miles in width. This, he says, contains the best agricultural land to be found in the north.

Five survey parties are in the field and will complete the initial surveys. These parties are working different sections between the Naas River and Prince Albert. In the Groundhog basin, the mining of coal will create a certain amount of activity and supply freight. In the interior, facilities are not in such demand though the short tram lines will supply needed accommodation.

ed accommodation.

Mr. Law took up three oil leases in the neighborhood of Vermilion chutes. He expressed the opinion that extensive potash deposits are to be found beneath the stratas of salt to be found along the banks of Salt River, near Fort Smith. Potash is practically a monopoly of Germany.

Marshall Field's twelve things to remember are unusually opportune. Here they are: - The value of time; the success of perseverance; the pleasure of working; the dignity of simplicity; the worth of character; the power of kindness; the influence of example; the obligation of duty; the wisdom of economy; the virtue of patience; the improvement of talent; and the joy of originating.

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### WAR INCREASES MACNESIA PRODUCTS OUTPUT

Monetary Times Office

Montreal, September 3rd.

The Magnesia Products Company was organized in 1913 by the National Bond Company to take over the plant of the Canadian Magnesite Company with its magnesia mines at Calumet and at Newark, N.J. Owing to the prevailing stringency the company was not able to make the progress anticipated in its financial arrangements, but it has gone ahead installing plant and managed to work itself into a fairly comfortable position.

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### ENCRAVING DOMINION NOTES.

In explaining the new legislation in regard to Dominion notes, finance minister White gave some interesting information respecting the engraving. In the signing of the notes, he said, the signatures may be engraved thereon, provided that there be added a distinguishing device and a serial number while the notes are in the custody and control of the officers of the finance department. At the present time the signature of the deputy minister is engraved upon notes, and a clerk in the finance department adds an additional signa-

ture.
"We propose now to modernize the method by having both signatures engraved," continued Mr. White, "with this both after the notes are printed with the engraved signatures a distinguishing device and serial numbers shall be engraved on each note and that shall be done while the notes are in the custody and control of the officers of the department of finance. It is an additional safeguard to the note issue of the Dominion. I had this legislation prepared last year and intended to introduce it last session.
"If a note has not the distinguishing device we shall

know it has been issued without the authority of the department of finance. It is a check upon the issue of Dominion

Mr. Carvell said the minister had stated that these notes would not be actually signed as in the past but that a device would be placed on them. Is that intended to be a secret device known only to the officers of the department? he asked.

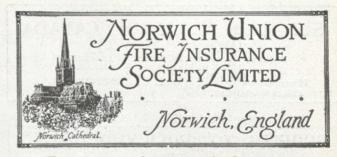
Mr. White replied:—It will be stamped on the bill and in

that way it will be public.

"Why could not the forger stamp the device on as well as he could forge the signature?" asked Mr. Carvell.

Mr. White replied:—"The Dominion notes are engraved with very great care. The device will be engraved with equal care and in the result it will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to successfully counterfeit either the bill or the device. The legislation is modern. The Bank of England notes are printed and the signatures are engraved. In the revision of the Bank Act last year we introduced a similar provision with respect to bank notes, it being found impossible, on account of the great demand for bank notes, to have them signed by officers.

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Mr. Lloyd George said last week that he was considering whether or not he could arrange a limited moratorium without interfering with the interests of those who wished to abolish it. He said he had consulted bankers and traders in this connection. Out of 8,000 replies, 4,500 were in favor of ending the moratorium; the remainder wished its extension.

A cable from Paris says that the Danish parliament has voted three months' moratorium covering all debts except civil law debts and coupons until October 10th. No suit is possible for debts contracted after August 1st abroad or toward foreigners.

The Swiss moratorium has been extended to September

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