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O Mr. R. M. Horne Payne, of London, is due a great idea for-IMPERIALLY, cibly and tersely expressed. He advises the British public "not only to think imperially, but to invest imperially." The suggestion is far sighted and patriotic, for, as was said of old, where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also. It was good advice too from a business point of view. The people of the United Kingdom invested £23,000,000 last year in the United States at less than five per cent. interest, and this, says Mr. Horne Payne could be invested with at least equal safety in Canada at from six to ten per cent. By all means, let us all think imperially and invest imperially. Not only is it good politics, but there is money in it. There is enormous, almost unlimited, opportunity for safe and profitable investment in Canada.

HANDS OFF DORCHESTER STREET. THE proposal to lay street railway tracks on Dorchester Street West, will meet with

strenuous opposition from most of the residents of St. Antoine District. Not only does the scheme mean ruin to Dorchester Street, as a residential street, but it deprives the people of the west end of one of the only two remaining streets available for driving or valking. The property owners in this locality, who include many of the largest tax-payers, have some rights in the matter, and are entitled to some consideration. Granting that more tracks are necessary, not so much for the beneat of Montrealers, but for the benefit of the Westmount tax-payers-and incidentally for the benefit of the Street Railway Company-the routes should be chosen with some regard for the interests of our own people. The extreme west of Westmount can be as well served by way of St. Antoine or St. James Streets, Atwater Avenue and the Glen, as by way of Dorchester Street. The cars are needed on St. Antoine Street, a wide business thoroughfare, and they are most decidedly not wanted on Derchester Street West, a comparatively narrow and exclusively residential street. The mere fact that the great majority of the proprietors and residents are strongly opposed to the invasion, ought to be sufficient to put an end to the project. The cars would be a nuisance to St. James Cathedral and five other important churches, to the Western Hospital and to Lord Strathcona's home, which is practically the vice-regal residence. At present, it is only proposed to extend the tracks from University Street, but nobedy is innecent enough to imagine, that if the

tracks get that far, they will stop short of the city limits or even there. The best thing to do with Dorchester Street is to preserve its residential character. If it is turned into a business street, it will always have to play second fiddle to St. Catherine Street.

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BUILDING IN

strikes and threats of strikes and CANADA.

fears of strikes building in Canada was never more active than it is at the present time. "Construction," a Toronto paper, gives a record of the building permits issued in May 1910 and May 1909, respectively in twenty-five of the principal cities, showing a very large increase this year. The list is as follows:

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	Permits for	Permits for
	May, 1910.	May, 1909.
Brandon, Man	. \$ 224,590	\$ 88,225
Brantford, Ont		58,275
Calgary, Alta	. 225,066	377,650
Edmonton, Alta	. 231,055	368,005
Fort William, Ont	. 259,230	123,645
Halifax, N. S	. 36,200	102,430
Hamilton, Ont	. 202,625	24,195
Lethbridge, Alta	. 354,535	236,200
London, Ont		88,620
Montreal, Que	1,709,200	1,107,790
Moose Jaw, Sask	. 207,000	25,700
Ottawa, Ont		628,075
Peterboro, Ont	. 124,845	42,155
Port Arthur, Ont	. 131,925	48,300
Regina, Sask	. 397,040	90,325
St. John, N.B	. 28,800	22,600
St. Thomas, Ont	. 31,500	31,300
Saskatoon, Sask		106,985
Stratford, Ont	. 23,400	22,400
Sydney, N.S	. 25,928	21,775
Toronto, Ont	. 1,870,350	1,887,532
Victoria, B.C	. 257,290	188,620
Vancouver, B.C	. 941,570	477,140
Windsor, Ont	. 21,580	25,410
Winnipeg, Man	. 2,091,500	1,291,800

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Some little discount, perhaps should be allowed on Toronto's figures, because, there, it is the fashion in applying for permits to put fancy figures on the estimates of cost. It does not cost any more, and it looks better for purposes of comparison. That Toronto is making rapid and substantial progress, there is, however, no question. In Montreal, the Canadian Pacific has just taken out permits amounting to \$1,450,000.

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Prominent Topics.

The Campbellton Victims.

The people of Campbellton, New Brunswick, have that peculiar claim upon the help of their brother Canadians, that

is due to people who help themselves. They have accepted a colossal misfortune with a calmness and courage that commands admiration, and will, it is to be hoped, bring them assistance from every possible source in Canada. A town that produces people like these is worth re-building.

The atmosphere in Montreal on The Weather. Sunday was about the worst in the memory of man, but conditions were worse elsewhere. In New York alone ten people died and others went mad through the heat. In London there was not one hour's sunshine for a whole week. It does not make us any better off, that other people are worse off, but it helps us to realize how well-off we are.

· Cap à la Roche is evidently the Ship Channel. weakest link in the chain of the St. Lawrence Ship Channel. No less than four steamers have touched bottom there this season. The actual damage in the last case is trivial, but the accident will tend to give the route a bad name. No expense or effort should be spared and we imagine the government is sparing none to ascertain the cause of the trouble and remove it.

The Women's Suffrage Bill has Women's Suffrage. passed its second reading by a majority of 100 notwithstanding the opposition of the Prince Minister and Mr. Balfour and even of ardent supporters of women suffrage, who, however, do not approve the details of the measure. The Bill which is a sweeping one has been referred to a committee of the whole House and will probably not come up again until next year. Meanwhile it is manifest that the suffragettes have made some impression upon the House of Commons.

Premier Botha's speech at Johan-Botha's Speech. nesberg outlining his political programme captured his whole audience, which was mainly of British origin, by its sturdy imperialism. It will echo and echo throughout the Empire; and will once more attract the attention of the whole world to the most remarkable phenomenon in political history; a vanquished race actually dominating their victors by their loyal and sensible acquiescence in a situation they fought magnificently to avert. They have won not only the hearts but the admiration of their fellow subjects.

Proposal.

A Bill has been deposited in the A Sweeping Chamber of Deputies, proposing that the State shall have a monopoly of insurance business in France. It is

further proposed that insurance against fire, trade accidents and agricultural risks, shall be compulsory, but that life, maritime and ordinary accident insurance shall be optional. The Bill, which is a private one, suggests a credit of 500,-000,000 francs to indemnify private enterprises.

Wireless Telegraphy Compulsory.

The British House of Commons is following the example of the United States Congress in compelling all

passenger-carrying vessels to be provided with a wireless telegraph installation capable of receiving and transmitting messages a hundred miles. The Bill, which has passed its first reading, applies equally to all passenger ships calling at British ports whether British or foreign and provides a penalty of \$5,000 for failure to obey the law.

High-Flying Record.

Walter Brookins in a biplane flight at Atlantic City broke the world's record by reaching an altitude of 6,175 feet. The most remarkable

thing about the performance was that although his engine broke down and stopped altogether at 5,600 feet while he was over the sea, he was able to reach the ground in safety. The breaking down of a gasoline motor is a pretty frequent occurence in automobiles and there is no reason to expect the machine to behave any better in the air, where a break down may involve serious consequences. What is needed is a light auxiliary motor for lifesaving purposes.

Antomobile Scorching.

Five automobile scorchers have been fined \$20 each for exceeding the speed limit on the Dorval road. The sentences will give much public satisfac-

tion. If the fines had been doubled, public satisfaction would have been twice as great. There is no sympathy among the general public for the men who are guilty of the cowardly terrorism involved in automobile scorching. The best deterrent, however, is not so much severity of punishment as certainty of punishment. The automobile lunatic takes gamblers' chances of being fined as he takes gamblers' chances of killing other people. Were he reasonably sure of being convicted and fined or imprisoned for every offence, the knowledge would have a wonderfully sobering effect upon him.

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THE GENERAL FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Transvaal gold arriving in London on Monday was taken by the United States and Germany. Exchange rates in New York have been moving to the gold import basis and already several millions of the precious metal have been engaged. To a moderate movement this way across the Atlantic it is not to be expected that the directors of the Bank of England would have any objection. Rather, for the reasons enumerated in last week's article, it is to be expected that they would be disposed to encourage it-at least while the position of the bank itself continues to be satisfactory. No change was made this week in the official discount rate. The fact that the bankers in America are getting gold under a 3 p.c. bank rate might operate to cause the Bank of England to defer a reduction, for a while at any rate.

In the London market money at call is 1 to 1¼; short bills, 1½ p.c.; three months bills, 2 per cent. Across the channel at Paris the market rate is 1½; while the Berlin market is 3½. The Bank of France continues its 3 p.c. rate and the rate of the Bank of Germany remains at 4 p.c. Thus, conditions have rather hardened at Berlin, which fact perhaps accounts for the increased German inquiry for gold in London. At Paris and London there is little change. Possibly at all those centres the financial interests are giving as much attention to New York conditions as to anything.

At the American metropolis further liquidation has been seen, but it has hardly been as drastic or acute as that experienced in the two preceding weeks. Call money has fluctuated considerably, as was natural under the circumstances. Rates have ranged from 2 to 3 per cent. Time money has stiffened appreciably, especially for the longer maturities. This perhaps reflects the belief of the banking classes that the exigencies of crop moving this fall will produce something of a stringency notwithstanding the expected shortage of the wheat crop. Sixty days, 3½ p.c.; 90 days, 4 to 4¼; six months, 5 to 5¼. The Saturday bank statement when it appeared, afforded satisfactory evidence that the heavy loss of surplus reported by the banks at the end of the preceding week

was due largely to some temporary influences such as the mid-year dividend and interest disbursements. At any rate the greater part of the loss in surplus was replaced. Loans decreased \$24,-000,000, cash increased \$3,850,000, the surplus rose by \$10,000,000 and now stands at \$18,739,-100. The proportion of reserve to liability rose nearly a full one per cent.—standing at 26.5 p.c. of the net liability as compared with 25.7 p.c. on the Saturday previous. The trust companies and nonmember state banks also reported a substantial increase in the percentage of reserve, and through the same principal cause-loan contraction. Their loans decreased \$27,347,100 and cash decreased \$2,900,000. Their reserves are 17.5 p.c. as against 17.2 p.c. a week ago.

It is said in New York that the frauds in connection with cotton bills of lading, which came to light a short time ago on the failure of Knight, Yancy & Co., the Alabama dealers, have resulted in the exercise of great caution by the international exchange and banking houses. Also the English acceptors of documentary bills coming from America are taking precautions and refusing to handle bills open to risk of loss of this kind. Some say that this display of carefulness has put certain of the American bankers in a huff and that it is in part responsible for the placing of United States bond issues in Paris. But it hardly seems as if the New Yorkers would be justified in allowing themselves to be huffed from that cause. It should be their aim to remedy the shortcomings of their bills of lading and to make them such that foreign bankers will accept them readily for what they purport to be. Until this is done the international bankers handling them are likely to insist in many cases on guarantees of authenticity before they will advance on them.

The Canadian monetary situation has not undergone marked change since a week ago. Call loans in Montreal and Toronto are still quoted at 5½ p.c. Crop news from the Western provinces is mixed, but it appears certain that considerable damage has been done in particular localities. But, as some observers have pointed out, the crop area in Western Canada is now so large that anything like a general failure is not to be anticipated. More favourable weather has at last made its appearance, and as the soil possesses great recuperative powers, it is permissible to hope that the ultimate returns of the harvest will not be so depressing as current rumors would indicate.

Although the statement of earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the year ended June 30th, treats of the past, it shows conclusively that there will have to be a very heavy fall in general business before the traffic of the road declines to the proportions shown for the fiscal year 1908-9. In the year just passed the company earned \$94,600,000 gross and \$33,600,000 net. The gross earnings represented a gain of \$18,468,506 or 24.2 p.c. over those of the preceding year. The net earnings represented a gain of \$10,644,000 or over 43 p.c. This is a wonderful showing.

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TWO YEARS OF CANADIAN TRADE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The tables below of Canadian trade with foreign countries, for the years ending March 31, 1909, and March 31, 1910, respectively, are compiled from official statistics and follow the same lines as the tables given on page 979 of last week's CHRONICLE of two years of Canadian trade with the British Empire. The tables are again divided into three sections. Tables I. and II. are tables of aggregates, the first of the total trade of Canada being repeated for purposes of comparison with the figures relating to the trade with foreign countries; Tables III. to IX. give the individual figures of Canada's most important markets among foreign countries and Table X. is a summary of those figures.

It will be observed that of the increase in Canada's trade with foreign countries during 1910 in comparison with 1909, amounting in round figures to 74½ million dollars, \$64,000,000 is accounted for by the increase in the volume of Canada's trade with the United States. This increase with trade in the United State, also, is more than onehalf of the increase in 1910, of Canada's total trade, both with foreign countries and within the British Empire. The only foreign country with which Canadian trade decreased in the year 1910 in comparison with 1909 is Italy, and the greater part of the decrease in this instance is accounted for by a falling off in Canadian exports, mainly of foreign produce. The official figures do not, however, disclose to what goods the falling off is due.

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	IMP	ORTS.	
Year. 1909 1910	Dutiable. \$175,014,160 227 214,990	Free. \$123,191.797 148,56°,670	Total. \$298,205,957 375,783,660
Increase	\$ 52,200,830	\$ 25,376,873	\$ 77,577,703
	EXP	ORTS.	
Year. 1909	Home Produce. \$242,603,586 279,211,537	Foreign Produce. \$18,9 \cdot 8,573 22,146,292	Total. \$261,512,159 301,358,529
Increase	\$ 36,607,951	\$ 3,238,419	\$ 39,846,370
	TOTAL	TRADE.	
Incre	ease F CANADA W	\$117,-	142,189 124,073 COUNTRIES
Year. 1909	Dutiable. \$112,309,847 146,078,516	Free. \$ 98,853,860 117,956,083	Total. \$211,163,707 264,034,599
Increase	\$33,769,669	\$19,102,223	\$ 52,870,892
	EXP	ORTS.	
Year. 1909	Hon e Pr duce. \$102,905,562 124,310,099	Foreign Produce. \$11,308,746 11,684,344	Tota'. \$114,214,308 135,994,443
Increase	\$ 21,404,537 TOTAL	\$ 375,598 TRADE.	\$ 21,780,125
1909			378,015 029.042

CANADA'S TRADE WITH INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

III .- BELGIUM.

IMI	PORT	S.
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Dutiable.

\$ 1,396,518

1910		2,110,284		1,129,604		3,239,888
Increase	\$	713,766	*	624,534	*	1,338,300
		EXP	ORTS			
Year. 1909	\$	Home Produce. 2 699,162 1,835,066		Foreign Produce. 1,228,283 1,059,936	•	Total. 3,927,445 2,895,002
Decrease	*	864,056	*	168,347	\$	1,032,443
		TOTAL	TRA			
1909	••••		••••		29,03	

IV .- FRANCE. IMPORTS

Year. 1909 1910	Dutiable. \$ 6,978,938 8,518,671	Free. \$ 1,218,497 1,590,873	Total. \$ 8,197,435 10,109,544
Increase	\$ 1,539,733	\$ 372,376	\$ 1,912,109

Year. 1909	Home Produce. \$ 2,341,507 2,601,097	Foreign Produce. \$ 834,589 39,551	Total. \$ 3.176,096 2,640,648
	259 590	-\$ 795,038	-\$ 535,448

TOTAL TRADE.

1909 1910	\$ 11,37 3 ,531 12 ,750 ,192
	 1 070 001

V.-GERMANY.

IMPORTS.

Year. 1909 1910	Dutiable. \$ 448,601 5,493,492	Free. \$1,601,764 2,441,788	Total. \$6,050,365 7,935,230
Increase	\$1,044,891	\$ 839,974	\$1,884,865
	EXP	ORTS.	

Year. 1909	Home Produce. \$1,456,379 2,065,768	Foreign Produce. \$ 20,173 435,423	Total. \$1,476,552 2,501,191
Increase	\$ 609,389	\$ 415,250	\$1,024,639

TOTAL TRADE.

1909	\$ 7,526.917
1910	10,436,421
	40.000.004

Increase \$2,909,501

VI.-ITALY. IMPORTS

Year. 1909 1910	Dutiable. \$ 350,944 492,727	Free. 410.395 \$400,671	Total. \$ 761 339 893,393
	+\$ 141,783	-\$ 9,724	+\$ 132,059
	EXP	ORTS.	

Year. 1909 1910	Home Produce. \$581,873 346,049	Foreign Produce. \$1,038,900 483,524	Total \$1,620,773 829,573
Decrease	\$ 235,824	\$ 555,376	\$ 791,200

1909 1910	\$2,382,112 1,722,971
Decrease	\$ 659,141



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	IMPO VII.—J	ORTS.	
			Total
Year.	Dutiable.	Free.	Total.
1909	\$ 741,925	\$1,243,943	\$1,985,868
1910	965,903	1,215,333	2,181,238
	+\$ 223,918	_\$ 28,610	+\$ 195,370
	-	ORTS.	
	Home	Foreign	Total.
Year	Produce.	Produce.	
1909	\$ 756,033	\$ 78	\$ 756 111
1910	659,063	1,404	660,457
	-\$ 196,980 TOTAL	+ \$ 1,326 TRADE.	+ \$ 95,654
1000		\$ 2.7	41,979
		00	41,693
1010111			00.714
Inci	ease		99,714
	VIIIUNIT	ED STATES.	
	IMP	ORTS.	
Year.	Dutiable.	Free.	Total.
1909\$		\$ 89,442,043	\$180,026,550
1910	18.834,173	104,667,636	223,501,809
			\$ 43,475,259
Increase \$		\$ 15,225,593	\$ 45,410,200
	EXP	ORTS.	
	ome	Foreign	Total
	roduce.	Produce	\$ 92,604,357
	5,334,806	\$ 7,269,551	
1910 10	4,199,675	8,951,103	113,150,778
ncrease \$ 18	964 969	\$ 1,681,552	\$ 20,546,421
nerease P to		TRADE.	
		-07	2,630,907
	•••••••••••		6,652,587
Incom	ase	\$ 6	4,021,680
		F TOTAL FORE	
IXSUMMAR	Y TABLE OF	TOTAL FORE	1910.
		1909.	
Belgium		\$ 5,829,033	6,134,890
France		11,373,531	12.750,192
Germany		7,526,917	10,436,421
Italy		2,382,112	1,722,971
Japan		2,741,979	2,841,693
United States		272,630,907	£36,652,587
		2002 101 152	\$370,538,754
		\$302,484,479	29,490,288
Other Foreign (ountries	22,893,536	20,100,200
Total Forei	gn Trade	\$325,378,015	\$400,029,042

BEARER BONDS AND THE LONDON MARKET.

An interesting suggestion upon the much discussed subject of the comparative failure of some recent Canadian flotations on the London market and one, also, which has the merit of novelty is contributed by our well-known daily contemporary the London Financial News. That journal takes the specific case of the recent City of Vancouver loan for £453,600, which, as the London correspondent of THE CHRONICLE stated last week, had to be taken up by the underwriters to the extent of 70 per cent. The Financial News agrees that the conditions of the loan were quite favourable for the class of investor who requires a colonial corporation stock. "The issue is not too large, the bonds have forty years to run, and the yield (just under 4 per cent.) is satisfactory, while the security is sound." What then was the objection

Our contemporary gives the following explana-

tion: -

"The objection to this stock, in the eyes of many investors, lies in five words near the top of the prospectus, which read as follows: "The stock will be registered—." The sentence continues: "—and transferable by deed, in multiples of £1, at the counting house of Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., Founders-court, E.C., where the principal and interest will be payable."

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not.

The bearing of the point made by the Financial News with regard to this Vancouver loan, becomes more evident when it is remembered what the attitude is of the British investing and monied classes towards the existing income tax. By the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, that tax is fixed at 1s. 2d. in the £ upon all "unearned" income with a super-tax upon incomes of £5,000 and upwards which makes the tax about 1s. 8d. in the £. That steps are being taken by many people to avoid this heavy tax there can be no doubt. Our London correspondent, in THE CHRONICLE of June 10, gave particulars of a specific plan, now being organized upon a considerable scale, for the placing of securities outside the reach of the income tax collector-this particular plan having been pronounced legal by Sir Edward Carson, a former Solicitor General. In many other ways there is little doubt, wealthy English people are taking steps to avoid the tax. That they can do so with comparative ease is shown by an answer made by Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to a question upon the subject addressed to him in the House of Commons. He said: -

"Under the Finance Act, 1910, an individual is not required to include in his statement of income for the purpose of assessment to super-tax, income derived from capital invested out of the United Kingdom, which is not at any time received or

brought or remitted into this country."

As the Financial News points out, had the Vancouver issue been in the form of bearer certificates, with coupons payable outside of Great Britain, it would have come within the category of the stocks eligible for investors who desire to take advantage of this loop hole in the English income tax system. Being a colonial security tax need not be paid upon the income derived from it so long as that income is not received in England. Moreover, the bearer certificates have the advantage of being transferable from hand to hand, without a penny of transfer duty being paid upon them, since no one other than the parties making the transfer need know of the transaction.

That in the natural course of events a good deal of the British capital which is seeking to avoid income tax will come to Canada, there can be no doubt. Steps have already been taken to encourage it here. But there appears no reason why that capital should not if it so desires have the opportunity of going into the highest class of municipal stocks, as well as industrial and similar

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Head Office for Canada, Montreal. MUNTZ & BEATTY - Resident Agents Toronto bonds; and certainly there is none against the use of every legitimate means of attracting British capital to the Dominion. The Vancouver authorities, in making their issue in the form they did doubtless followed the advice of their London advisers; but the point raised by the Financial News is of sufficient importance, to justify it being borne in mind by Canadian municipalities and others who are thinking of floating loans in London with a view to making the necessary suggestions and, if thought desirable, arrangements for bearer securities.

A HALF YEAR'S CAPITAL ISSUES IN LONDON AND THE UNITED STATES.

London has never known such a half-year for new capital issues as that which has just closed. For the first quarter of the year the applications in the London market for new capital totalled £99,355,600, and in the second quarter, although the period began with a 4 per cenf. bank rate, the total was £88,721,400, an apparent decline, but a real increase, since the British Government's issue of £21,000,000 Exchequer bonds in the first quarter can hardly be counted as new money. In the second quarter the requirements under nearly every head exceeded those of the preceding three months, and the total of £188,000,000 for the half-year is far above any previous record, although for the greater part of the time the bank rate was over 3 per cent. In fact, this vast total for the six months has only once, in 1908, been exceeded by the capital applications for a whole year. The following table, compiled by the London Economist, shows the figures for each quarter in each of the past four years:-

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1900	1210
lst Q'ter 2nd Q'ter 3rd Q'ter 4th Q'ter	55,059,800 10,835,800 24,012,800	40,304,600 15,631,400 18,265,400	64,385,600 31,541,800 50,988,400	56,835,200 27,694,400 33,588,800	88,721,400
Total	120,173,200	123,630,000	192,203,700	182,356,800	ľ

The year 1910 is, therefore, bound to be a conspicuous landmark in the history of capital applicacations in London, though doubtless there will be some natural falling off from these marvellous figures in the second half of the year.

In the last three months the British Government has raised no public loans, but the colonies are large borrowers, Canada being responsible for six of the eight millions taken by Colonial Governments during the period. The heavy bond issues of the American railways have swollen the total under the heading of foreign railways to over 21½ millions sterling, though otherwise the total would have been quite normal. The rubber companies, which, as the Economist says, "have been springing up like mushrooms," are mostly quite small, but they have been so numerous that their total capital amounted to £16,500,000, while the oil boom accounts for over £8,500,000.

Regarding the destination of this new capital,

a classification according to the part of the world where this money will be employed gives the following result:—

United Kingdom£	43,887,600
British Possessions	59,666,600
Foreign Countries	84,522,800

Total....£188,077,000

Dissection of the "British possessions" total reveals these figures:—

Canada	£26,518,200
India and Ceylon	12,784,300
Australasia	7.130.800
South Africa	2.466.100
Other British Possessions	10,767,200

Total £59,666,600

On an analysis by countries of the destination of the British capital raised during the half year, it is found that the only individual totals larger than that of Canada, are those of the United Kingdom, which, including the £21,000,000 issue of Exchequer bonds, absorbed £43,887,600 during the half-year, and of the United States, which took £36,414,600, mainly in the form of railroad bonds.

The United States' Record.

The exact total of new issues in the United States during the first half of 1910, according to New York compilations, was \$1,048,431,950, which compares with \$860,544,480 in 1909, showing therefore, an increase of \$187,887,470. The total for the first half of 1908 was \$836,174,876.

The following table summarizes the new bonds, notes and stocks actually issued during the last six months by railroad and other transportation companies and by industrial, mining and miscellaneous corporations:

R	AILROADS.		
1910.	1909.		Change.
Bonds \$435,756,440	\$443,800,000		8,043,560
Notes 158,540,000	22,604 580	+	135,935,420
Stocks 74,970 910	49,081,000	+	25,889,910
Total \$669,267,350	\$515,485,580	+1	153.781,770
INDUSTRI	AL CORPORATIONS.		
Bonds\$172,943,000	\$2 33,889,000		60,946,000
Notes 25,100,000	23,575,000	+	1,525,000
Stocks 181,121,600	87,594,900	+	93,526,700
Total\$379,164,600	\$345,058,900	+\$	34,105,700
Gd. Total\$1,048,431,950	\$860,544,480	+1	187,887,470

The most striking features of the 1910 financing, says the New York Journal of Commerce, has been the phenomenal increase in the sale of short-term notes by the railroads. Fashion changes in the investment world as elsewhere, and this year the demand, especially on the part of Europeans, has been for short securities. Long-term bonds have been sold in large quantity, it is true, but the terms have been less satisfactory to the borrowers than to the buyers. Seldom has the disparity between the yield on high grade bonds and the ruling rate for collateral loans been greater than during the current year; hence many boards of directors have preferred to pay high rates for only a few years in the hope that by the time the notes mature it will be possible to obtain accommodation at less prohibitive cost.

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the amount raised, for had conditions been at all favorable the applications would have been much heavier. As a matter of fact, authority was obtained from stockholders during the half year to float no less than \$1,845,977,660 new bonds, notes and stocks, against \$1,409,925,080 a year ago, an increase of \$436,052,580. But actual flotation had to be postponed in many cases.

Records show that during the whole of 1910 just over \$500,000,000 bonds and notes fall due, this abnormally heavy total being mainly an aftermath of the short-term financing indulged in during the prolonged spell of dear money in 1906-1907. If allowance be made for this, the new capital demands for the six months just ended will appear to have been fairly modest, although a goodly part of the money needed for refunding and for paying off old loans was obtained during 1000.

THE PROPOSED BANK MERGER.

It is announced by the Royal Bank of Canada that the negotiations, which have lately been in progress, for the purchase by that bank of the Union Bank of Halifax have now been satisfactorily concluded, subject to ratification by the shareholders.

The proposed terms of the arrangement will appear at an early date, and no doubt, special meetings of the shareholders of the respective banks will shortly be called. As an index to the importance of the merger it may be again mentioned that the authorized capital of the Royal Bank of Canada is \$10,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is issued and paid up and it has a rest of \$5,700,000 with total assets of \$74,551,541. The capital of the Union Bank of Halifax is \$3,000,000 authorized of which \$1,500,000 is subscribed and paid up, its rest is \$1,250,000 and it has total assets of \$16,108,311. The figures in each case are those from the bank statement to 31st May, 1910.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

The Census and Statistics Office at Ottawa, has this week issued a report on the condition of the field crops in the Dominion at June 30. The general condition of crops in Manitoba is much below the average. Correspondents in nearly every district report no rains-only a few light showers and hot dry winds that absorbed the moisture and withered the crops. The lowest average condition is reported from around Brandon and Morden, and the highest from Marquette where it is placed at a standard. In Saskatchewan the crops do not appear to have suffered from climatic conditions to the same extent as in either Manitoba or Alberta, as there have been many local showers. The reports from Lloydminster, Battleford, Indian Head and Qu'Appelle are very favourable, the condition of wheat being placed at 100 and over, The prevailing condition of crops in that part of Alberta south of townships No. 30, is below the average in consequence of drouth and hot winds. In the Edmonton district the grains, although suffering to some extent from the same causes, are in much better condition. The best reports come from the Strathcona district, and those from Athabaska Landing and Saddle Lake districts are also particularly favourable.

The statistical condition of the various crops is given by the Census and Statistics office as follows:—

	1900.	1909.	1908.
Spring Wheat	82.16		80
Fall Wheat	85.47	77.28	×9
Oats	86.29	93 81	90
Peas	82	84.40	86.94
Mixed Grains	84.53	86 58	84
Hay and Clover	91 42	76.	87
Alfaita	88.94		
Pasture	₹9.02	37.74	99

LIFE ASSURANCE IN AUSTRALIA.

That life assurance in Australia is in anything but a healthy condition is the general impression made in an interesting article which its Melbourne correspondent contributes to the London Economist. Formerly, it appears, there were six mutual offices in the Commonwealth, but within recent years three of these have disappeared, having been absorbed by proprietary offices. The latest amalgamation is now in process of being carried through.

The main underlying cause of the desire to amalgamate, says the Economist's correspondent, is the recklessness with which new business has been sought at a beavy cost. "Lapsing" has gone on at a frightful rate. The Australian Widows' Fund, for instance, wrote new business during the ten years, 1899 to 1908, amounting to £6,017,822, but the net increase at risk was only £1,417,851. Several of the offices have suffered greatly from "twisting" by the aid of unscrupulous statements both printed and oral.

The public, continues the correspondent, view the position with a certain amount of distrust with regard to life insurance generally and it is evident that the time has arrived at which a few of the large British offices (especially those that have long conducted fire business in Australia) could venture into the Australian field, keeping expense down by selection and contentment with a moderate rate of increase. The mortality experience of Australia is highly favourable, the average rate of interest is about 4½ per cent. (subject to income tax) and on English tables the business should be profitable.

The first portion of the report of a Royal Commission on Assurance has recently been published. The principal recommendations of the report are that a system of government superivision, which would imply a guarantee of solvency is desirable; that the practice of guaranteeing cash surrender values is unsound; that the expenses of an ordinary and industrial office should be equitably apportioned; that the Government should not interfere with "twisting" as relating to assurants; that the caution money deposited with the Government should be increased by annual increments until it reaches £100,000; that an insurance commissioner be appointed; and that a Government Asurance Department is not needed. The report, on the whole, says the Economist's correspondent, lacks originality. What is wanted is a stern correction of certain abuses.



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Statement of the Public Debt and the Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion of Canada

As by returns furnished to the Finance Department to the night of the 30th June, 1909 and 1910.

	Public Debt.					
Liabilities.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.				
UNDED DEBT-				4 000 010 01		
Payable in Canada	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		4 844,524 23	4,899,010 61		
do. in England	•• •••• ••••		277,810,962 64	269,389,774 62		
Temporary Loans			13,995,666 65	17,033,333, 33		
Bank Circulation Redemption Fund			4,069,044 55	4,123,359 49		
Dominion Notes	** ************************************	1910.	79,043,138 50	89,347,796 75		
avings Banks-	1909.	42,638,057 89				
Post Office Savings Banks 1 Dominion Government Savings Banks 1	3,737,713 42	14,594,722 34				
Dominion Government Savings Banks 1	4,091,480 03	14,054,122 04	FO 200 102 47	57,232,780 23		
Trust Funds			58,329,193 47 9,000,960 00	9,267,392 92		
Province Accounts.		••••	11,920,582 42	11,920,582 42		
Miscellaneous and Banking Accounts			31,459,749 71	19,775,693,30		
Miscellaneous and Banking Accounts	•• ••••		31,459,149 11	19,110,000,00		
Total Gross Debt			490,473,822 17	482,989,723 67		
ASSETS.						
NVESTMENTS-				14 506 510 60		
Sinking Funds		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	38,697,750 03	14.790,713 99		
Other Investa ente			29,200,362 06	26,316,851 20		
Province Aggounts			2,296,429 12	2,296,429 12		
Miscellaneous and Banking Accounts.			105,293,032 66	117,180,400 49		
Total Assets	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	175,487,573 87	160,584,394 80		
Total Net Debt 30th June		· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	314,986,248 30	322,405,328 87		
do. 31st May		 	313,126,831 01	324,738,796 18		
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LIFE COMPANIES AND THE ANNUITY BUSINESS.

The President of a prominent United States life insurance company, who is also a well-known actuary, writes:—"The life annuity business is the antithesis of life insurance. In the latter an actuarial profit accrues from favorable experience at the conception of contracts. In life annuity work no profit must be claimed, at least in individual cases, until death determines the contract. The State by statutes calls for artificial reserves, and the company in accounting adopts necessarily artificial standards on liability accounting, but the fact is that the death of the annuitant alone decides the factor of profit or of loss. This, in

turn, raises no question for any company save that of its capacity to segregate capital. The selection problems in the annuity business are also at present indeterminate among American companies. Life annuity is a business wholly in its initial stages in the United States. There exists a splendid chance for its exploitation, but it is not availed of because of the law that it demands an immediate binding up of considerable capital, and several years in which to develop profit results. That is why capital which is immediately greedy of returns has not been found to apply itself to this form of service."

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comparatively in its infancy in the United States. But, says the Age, that the annuitant upon the whole is almost always a gainer is very certain

from experience in the past.

The annuity business was begun in the United States 37 years ago, and in that period it is calculated that the companies doing the business have received from annuitants \$114,329,418 and paid to annuitants \$91,802,164, or a ratio of 80.3. Experience during the last decade has been as follows:—

				Paid by	Paid to	
				Annuitants	. Annuitants.	Rate
1900	 	 	 	\$6,274,01	6 \$4,096,766	65.3
1901	 	 	 	8,608,65	4,324,305	50.2
1902	 	 	 	9,341,24	7 4.843,853	51.9
1903	 	 	 	8,094,23	5 5,517,851	68.1
1904	 	 	 	7.644,11	1 6,010,910	78.7
1905	 	 	 	6,834,15	4 6,536,777	94.2
1906	 	 	 	3,965,18	7 6,849,219	172.7
1907	 	 	 	2,958,77	3 7.011,861	236.9
1908	 	 	 	2,815,95	8 6,950,734	246.8
1909	 	 	 	3,569,90	7,011,967	196.4

For one thing, says the Insurance Age, it is pretty clear that during the greater part of the period covered by our figures the rates charged by the companies have not been high enough, or, what is the same thing, too large returns have been granted for a given amount of deposit. Several companies have now raised their rates, and others will doubtless follow suit. It is almost impossible to apply the usual principles of life insurance to the annuity business, because in accepting a policyholder a company takes all precautions to act upon the probability of a long life, while in the case of an annuity there can be no certainty whatever, although, as stated, the chances are that the applicant will be a person in good physical condition and likely to live out more than his expectation. It is a popular saying that annuitants "live for ever" and many companies have paid out on annuity contracts much more than received.

As regards the future of the annuity business this will depend largely upon circumstances, but we consider it very likely that as time goes on this form of investment will prove more and more popular. It reached its high tide in 1902, before the confidence in the companies was shaken by investigations, and probably before the realization of inadequate rates had fully dawned upon them. In that year deposits for annuities were made, amounting to more than nine million dollars. Since that time there has been a steady decrease, until 1909, when a considerable increase was made over

1908.

THE GROWTH OF FIRE RE-INSURANCE.

An interesting paper was recently read in Dublin before the Insurance Institute of Ireland by Mr. H. S. Moore, of the Phœnix Assurance Company, of London, on the subject of fire re-insurance. Of necessity, to some extent, the paper also dealt with the history of direct business.

"It is an interesting problem," said Mr. Moore, "whether re-insurance, which has apparently been so useful, has really been necessary. Taken as a whole it is believed to have been profitable to the guarantor. I know of two large companies who, over a range of some forty years, would have been

many thousands in pocket if they had had the courage to retain the whole of their policies. On the other hand, it is more than probable that they re-insured unwisely and gave away the wrong business. In addition to the retention of the whole of their policies they would have saved huge sums in principles of their policies.

in re-insurance expenses."

"On broad economies this latter point could find no favor, for no money could have been more usefully employed than that spent upon the re-insurance departments. The intelligent body it has helped to raise is worth the money. Almost without exception our managers of to-day have been guarantee men—or ought to have been. There is in all companies a certain section of their business which they regard unfavorably, but which for collateral reasons they are bound to accept. This unfavourable business is largely given to the re-insurer."

Mr. Moore briefly traced the history of fire insurance in England from its inception after the fire of London in 1666, by Dr. Nicholas Barebones, a son of the notorious Praise God Barebones. It was in the first quarter of the nineteenth century that risks of a special nature became subject to rates fixed by the offices jointly, beginning with mercantile risks at Liverpool and mill and mercantile risks in London, thereby originating the

tariff system.

"It is worthy of note," says Mr. Moore," "that, although there were upwards of twenty offices transacting fire insurances business in this country (about 1845), there was no particular necessity for re-insurance. This was mainly due to the enormous lines held by the offices upon single risks. I have been told that it was no uncommon thing in those days for an office to retain as much as £50,000 on a Manchester warehouse in London at a 2s rate. Of course, in the old days, the conditions of business life were entirely different from those obtaining to-day-no rush, no excitement, no insurance inspectors; all was placid and well ordered, and the insured looked after his business, morning, noon and night, living invariably upon the premises."

"It is extremely interesting, in the light of modern practice, to observe the methods adopted by the offices for dealing with large insurances at this period. Surpluses were dealt with by direct policy, and it was the practice for the company to whom the business was first offered to help itself to a full holding, and then send the insured, in the company of one of its clerks, round to a few friendly offices to place the balance. A charming and ingenuous people, our predecessors! Before leaving this point, it is worth mentioning that it is on record that an office lost a large connection because it refused to issue a policy for a greater amount than it could retain. Another and more progressive office accepted the business and probably dealt with the balance by re-insurance. The imperative need of being in the position to deal with large insurance became apparent at this time, and in the result created the demand for re-insurance, which has since grown to such enormous dimensions.

At the outset re-insurance was a mutual advan-

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CLAIMS PAID								135,900,000

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NOTICE.

A distribution of Profits to policy-holders of the Life Department in respect to the Quinquennial Period ending 31st December, 1909, is hereby announced. The same rate of Profits is being paid which has prevailed since 1865-a period of 45 years.

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tage and there was no intention of making a profit out of the business exchanged. The policy of making a profit out of re-insurance commission became popular at a much later period when the incursion of foreign companies into the business with tempting offers of commission made the idea "Extensive foreign treaties, which attractive. offer an easy, secret outlet for re-insurance," said Mr. Moore, "do not constitute a factor which works for the general good of the business. There is a large temptation, if pressed, to cut the current rate for a piece of new business, if all the conditions seem favorable. You please the insured; you please the agent; you please your director by the increase of business; you please your re-insurers for the same reason; everybody seems pleased-but harm has been done to the business, for you have reduced the current rate, with probably far-reach-

Summing up the position of re-insurance at the present time, Mr. Moore said: "Re-insurance business is necessarily in favor of the insuring office. The insuring office dictates terms; it has better information of the physical risk and greater knowledge of the moral features; it takes advantage of every benefit that arises in respect of any variation and improvements in risk; it watches results and shapes its retention accordingly; and in fact, speaking broadly, the experience of every phase is collected and acted upon to its advantage. Reinsurance between offices of equal size is a mutual obligation and the advantages are equal on an equal exchange of business. Between large and small offices the position assumes a different aspect. The small office does not get a share of the whole range of the insuring companies' business. The share obtained is invariably confined to the second class section of the re-insurance output. Risks of a gilt-edged character are carefully exchanged by the larger offices, obviously to their mutual advantage. This probably explains why so few small re-insuring companies have struggled through a delicate youth to years of maturity. We might count upon one hand the small companies of today, direct and re-insuring, whose length of years exceeds one generation. I fear their position is not likely to improve in the near future. The larger the office the more insatiable its appetite, with the result that it now even picks up its own crumbs. This is mainly due to the improved condition of the business generally. In the days when the losses were heavier and more frequent, re-insurance was not always easy to obtain. It is interesting to note the change in our regard for each other. Twenty years ago we regarded as our friends the offices who accepted our re-insurances; to-day we regard with the warmest affection the offices who bring us theirs."

FROM THE OPENING of navigation until June 30th, there passed through the locks at Sault Ste. Marie (Canadian and American) 20,303,968 tons, of which 12,985,573 tons, or nearly 64 per cent, passed through the Canadian lock. For the same period last year the tonnage was 12,230,238, with 30 per cent., or 3,640,126 tons, through the Canadian lock.

HARASSED UNITED STATES UNDERWRITERS.

Endeavouring to Keep Pace with Legislatures' Activities.

North and south in the United States, underwriters are puzzled and bewildered owing to the recent activity of State legislatures. New liability laws in New York and Ohio brought about a meeting of liability underwriters in New York last week. The conditions introduced by these new laws are such that the liability to companies in furnishing indemnity for various plants is in seme instances trebled. An idea of the difference made by the new laws may be gained from the fact that proof of employment and of injury is all that is required to enable recovery of damages, and in the State of Ohio the amount which may be recovered owing to the death by accident of the head of a family is raised from \$5,000 to \$12,000. The great trouble is brought about by making the law effective without due time being allowed to mould business to the new conditions. At the New York conference it was suggested that the new arrangement might be put into effect by attaching a rider to policies now in force; another idea was that new policies be issued and tendered to the assured. That rates will be increased there is little doubt.

The puzzling character of the present situation in regard to these liability laws is increased by the probability that the laws will be changed during the next legislative session. This, of course, will add to the confusion. A prominent casualty official seems to have hit the nail on the head when he observed apropos of this subject:—"We are convinced that until the so-called labour laws of this State (New York) have been placed on a permanent basis and have been in force for several years, there is a rocky road ahead for corporations writing employers' liability, with the chances in favour of each company meeting large financial losses."

Fire underwriters in Texas are endeavouring to find their way through the mass of complications which have resulted from the recent decision of the Texas Fire Rating Board that the existing rates as promulgated by the insurance companies are unreasonable and that they must be reduced. The companies, it is believed, will file the new schedules as requested and then fight the order in the Courts, although it is understood that a large number of companies will decline to accept business on which the rates have been materially reduced.

Here is an example of the complications which are cropping up. The question has been raised as to what effect the rates under the new general schedule will have on business written during the first half of the current year. In some few towns and cities the first general schedule has been applied and the property owners have found out what their rates should be. In others no "re-rating" has been done and all policies are written with a rider attached, stating that the rate as made under the legal schedule will take effect as of the date of the issuance of the policy.

Supposing that the local agent has collected the temporary rate named when the policy was written and that in towns and cities, which have been

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re-rating he has collected the advance under the application of the schedule, the question now arises as to whether the rates under the amended schedule of July 11, will be effective on business written between January 1 and July 11, and if so, must the agents return to the assured the pro rata of the reduction from July 11, to the termination of the policy. Further, if the legislature changes the law so that the rate is again changed must the agent collect the increase, or refund the decrease if either should be made.

Another question which arises is whether the state will back up the companies in collecting the advance if the originally named premium was promptly paid and the customer refuses to pay the advance under the schedule. In such an event is the company justified in cancelling the policy for non-payment of the premium or will the state board order the local court to issue a judgment against the policyholder?

Imagine the state of mind of a local agent who has to calculate a premium in a case, say, where the temporary rate was I p.c., the schedule rate 4 per cent., the ultimate rate under the schedule when the property owner had made improvements 2½ per cent., and where the amended schedule brought the rate down to 2 per cent.

Several fire companies operating in Texas have petitioned the State Fire Rating Board, asking a re-consideration of its order reducing schedule rates on the ground that the reductions made are too sweeping. The petition also points out that the companies have already spent about \$200,000 in the preparation of the schedules now in effect to change which will incur great expense, that may be fruitless, inasmuch as the extra session of the legislature soon to convene, will necessarily make some changes, if not repeal the law altogether. There is no indication so far that the board will grant a rehearing.

Altogether it looks as if liability underwriters in Ohio and New York and fire underwriters in Texas have their hands pretty full at the present time.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES AS TRUSTEES.

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erally locked up during the lives of existing persons, the charges incurred through changes of investment might, unless the re-investments be made with great skill, result in loss to the reversioners and life tenants.

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Our London Letter.

A Humdrum Budget—Canadian Bonds in London— Unclaimed Bank Balances—Important Shipping Developments—The New Insurance Act—Another Fire and Accident Office—Special Correspondence of THE CHRONICLE.

The new Budget is out. It is quite a humdrum affair, and the only contentious points are the retention of the whiskey duty and the removal of the pauper disqualification for old age pensions. The final passage of the Budget will not take place until next autumn. The stock markets have not been affected by the introduction of the Budget, but they close the week very depressed and much lower owing to the slump in the American market and the fear of monetary trouble in New York.

Swanson Bay Forests, Wood-Pulp and Lumber Mills.

The list is open until to-day of £150,000 6 per cent. first mortgage sterling bonds issued by the above company which is formed to 'acquire and work extensive and valuable pulp and timber leases at Swanson Bay and other adjacent parts of the coast of British Columbia.". The standing timber is estimated at 3,000,000,000 feet, and the value thereof at £600,000; the shipping port, saw mill, pulp mill, etc., is put down at £200,000. The total estimated annual profit is £51,233. The directors are Mr. Robert Montgomery Cox, of Messrs. Robert Cox & Co., lumber shippers, Ottawa and Liverpool; Mr. C. E. Read, managing director of Hull Lumber Company of Quebec, and director of Riordon Paper Company of Montreal; Mr. Thomas Mackarell, of Messrs. Thomas Mackarell & Co., lumber merchants of Ottawa and Montreal; and four other directors of London and the provinces. The general manager in British Columbia is Mr. James Wood, and the offices are at Molsons Bank Chambers, Ottawa.

Canadian Cereal and Milling Company.

Mr. A. J. Nesbitt, the managing director of the Investment Trust Company, of Montreal, is in London just now with the object of putting on the market preferred stocks and bonds of the Canadian Cereal & Milling Company.

Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Raily

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Dormant Bank Balances.

The report of the Canadian Minister of Finance on dormant bank balances has been quoted here in connection with an agitation which is being fostered by Mr. Horatio Bottomley in the House of Commons for the appointment of a Committee of the House to inquire into the subject and report upon a Bill to compel bankers to make periodical returns of all dormant balances and unclaimed securities in their hands. Mr. Bottomley says, "If this were done the result would be a great surprise to the country, and would be a perfect godsend to the Exchequer." Mr. Bottomley is also demanding that all foreign bonds should be taxed and thus provide twenty million pounds sterling for the Exchequer. It is unlikely that the member for Hackney will obtain either demand.

Important Shipping Developments.

Sir John Ellerman, whose vessels are well-known in the Indian and Eastern trades, 'has made an offer to purchase a certain number of £5 ordinary shares in Shaw, Savill & Albion Company, Limited, whose vessels run by the Cape of Good Hope route to Australia and New Zealand, at a minimum of £15 per share, with an additional 5s. per share if the holders of over 15,000 shares agree to sell. The proposal is, I understand, regarded very favourably by the directors of the Shaw, Savill & Albion Company, and will probably be carried through. In the spring there were very active dealings in the company's shares and it was reported that the White Star line were the operators. It now appears, however, that Sir John Ellerman was responsible for the purchases. Rumour is also very busy just now with other lines, and we may expect some important shipping amalgamations in the near future.

Points from the New Insurance Act.

Yesterday the new Insurance Act came into operation. The Act is really the outcome of the agitation which followed the disclosures regarding certai. American companies some years ago. A Select Committee of the House of Lords was appointed in 1906 to consider what steps should be taken to provide for the security of British policyholders in foreign companies transacting business in the United Kingdom, and the recommendations of that committee form the basis of the new Act. The first important provision in the new Act is that all companies doing business in this country whether native or foreign, shall be required to deposit £20,000 with the Government. In the revenue account the items in respect to claims, surrenders, annuities, bonuses and commissions are to be given separately and stated for within and outside the United Kingdom. Companies are also required to state the number of policies, total sums assured, amount received by way of single premiums, and the amount of the yearly annual premium income, in each case also

separately for within and outside the United Kingdom. Companies formed to carry on bond investment business after the passing of the Act are also required to deposit £20,000, returnable to them under certain conditions.

The new Act is likely to do a good deal of good for the sounder insurance companies. There have of late years been too many companies entering the field of life insurance who have been advertising boldly such lines as:—

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In some cases the size of the type of the amount authorized is double that of the amount subscribed. The obvious intention is to mislead the ignorant, since an authorized capital of two millions is not worth twopence.

Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society.

The above society has just been registered. It is, of course, an off-shoot of the well-known Gresham life office, and is formed to carry on all kinds of insurance business except life assurance. The chairman will be Alderman C. A. Hanson. Mr. Alex . Lawson, who is at present assistant general manager of the parent company, will become manager and secretary of that company, and Mr. James H Scott will be general manager and principal officer of both the life company and new fire company.

LONDONER.

London, July 2, 1910.

From Western Fields.

Federal Premier at Winnipeg—Eastern Bank Manager on West's Progress—Fire Risks at Prince Rupert.

There is little that is new to record of the crops. To quote Mr. L. P. Strong, manager of the Alberta-Pacific Elevator Company, which owns and controls numerous elevators on the prairies, "until the weather conditions of the next month prove themselves, it is too early to attempt any definite prognostication of the yield per acre." The recent rains have done the crops a great deal of good, and although in some districts considerable damage has been done by excessive heat, speaking broadly, there is a feeling of confidence prevalent.

Mr. Strong believes that the largely increased acreage under crop in Alberta this year will more than make up any falling off in the yield per acre, and he has expressed the opinion also that more Alberta wheat than ever will be exported through Vancouver to Mexico next winter."

"The consumption of flour in Mexico he says is rapidly increasing; in fact, it is increasing much faster than the general run of people in that country realize. At present the high duty against our wheat is in effect, but the wheat crops of Mexico this year will not be large and there will be a large demand for Alberta wheat when the tariff is lowered. Owing to the decreased yield of wheat in the Eastern and middle sections of the states, with consequent decrease in the amount available for export, I anticipate there will be a greater call than ever for Alberta wheat in Mexico."

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Federal Premier at Winnipeg.

Hardly was the hardly-fought Manitoba general election over, with the result that Premier Roblin is confirmed for the third time in the power which he has held since 1900, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Winnipeg on his western tour, travelling from Fort William by its National Transcontinental line. Sir Wilfred was entertained to luncheon by the City Council and promised on behalf of the Government of Canada to grant \$2,500,000 to the world's fair to be held in Winnipeg in 1914. The four railways, the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg commercial bodies have promised a similar amount and Premier Laurier said the Federal Government would equal it.

In the course of his subsequent speech, in which he referred at some length to the question of transportation Sir Wilfrid said he hoped to live to see the day when the Saskatchewan river would be made navigable from the foot of the Rocky Mountains to the City of Winnipeg, and by this means a waterway completed to the Atlantic Ocean. "I hope to live to see this completed communication," he said; 'it is not a dream; it is something which sometime will be an accomplished fact."

Eastern Bank Manager on West's Progress.

Mr. H. A. Richardson, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has just arrived at Vancouver from Toronto, and, while expressing his pleasure at the progress of this West, issued a warning to the West in an interview when he said that young growing cities must not rely upon booms as a means of forcing their prosperity. Steady growth was most desirable and then the slumps which always follow booms are done away with.

Mr. Richardson thinks that Vancouver undoubtedly has a great future before it, not only as the commercial centre of the far West, but also as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the G.T.P., the Canadian Northern and the Northern Pacific which are all locating there. On such a sound basis he considers that Vancouver will continue to develop.

A point that Mr. Richardson emphasized was that, when foreign capital is brought into the country it is the business man's duty to see that investors get sound investments and fair returns for their money. Too much optimism leads to wildcat schemes, ending in loss. For this reason Mr. Richardson would like to see the great amount of English capital that is pouring into the country given the safest investments even though the returns may be more moderate.

Fire Risks at Prince Rupert.

Citizens of Prince Rupert are demanding better fire protection. In the event of a big blaze they would all be cleaned out. Little insurance is carried on account of the very high rates asked.



THE LATEST MERGER spoken of is one of wood working machinery firms in Ontario to be known as the Canadian Machinery Corporation, with a suggested capital of \$3,000,000.

Financial and General.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA have opened a branch at Fox Coulee, Alta.

A HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND of 3½ per cent. has been declared on the preferred stock of Dominion Coal Company, Limited, payable August 1st.

A CITY OF FORT WILLIAM 4½ per loan for £105,-100 has been issued in London this week at 101½ by the Bank of Montreal and fully subscribed.

BRITISH TRADE GOING UP.—The June statement of the British Board of Trade shows increases of \$14,621,000 in imports and \$25,463,000 in exports. The principal increase in imports was in raw material, and manufactured goods showed the largest gain in the exports.

CANADIAN NORTHERN OFFICIALS express themselves as more than satisfied with the trade which their "Royal" ships are obtaining. The ships, it is stated, will continue in service throughout the winter, but a winter port has not yet been decided upon.

DOMINION'S PUBLIC DEBT, REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.—We publish on page 1023 the full statement of the public debt and the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the month of June and for the first quarter ending 30th June of the fiscal year 1910-11. The revenue figures for the quarter, \$26,334,853, it will be observed, compare very favourably with those of the corresponding quarter last year, \$21,592,872 mainly as the result of increases in customs receipts. Revenue expenditure is almost the same as last year; on the quarter there is a considerable reduction in expenditure on capital account, and there is a decrease in debt during the month to the extent of \$2,333,467.

CANADIAN FAILURES.—Insolvencies in the Dominion of Canada during the first half of 1910, according to statistics compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., aggregate 659 in number, with defaulted indebtedness amounting to \$9,752,541. The number is considerably less than in 1909, but the liabilities are above the \$7,629,259 of the corresponding period last year. By provinces the showing is as follows:—

	No.	Assets.	L'abilities.
Quebec	322	\$3,127,392	\$4 733,880
Ontario	1:8	1,191,759	1,355,659
British Columbia	8	93,205	113 513
Nova Scotia	38	149,375	304,700
Newfoundland	5	401,300	705,300
Manit ba	30	66,700	116,250
New Brunswick	25	116.800	199,668
Pr. Edward Is	8	47,200	98,500
Alberta	25	2,592,577	2,125,071
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Total, 1910....... 659 \$7,793,298 \$9,752,541
CANADA'S NEXT CENSUS.—The next census of
Canada will be taken under date of June 1st, 1911,
and will embrace the subjects of population, mortality, agriculture, manufactures, minerals, fisheries and dairy products. Population will be recorded under the heads of residence and personal
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surance held at date of the census upon life, as well as against accident or sickness, together with the cost of such insurance in the census year.

YESTERDAY'S BANK OF ENGLAND return showed: Reserve, £31,962,000, against £31,082,000; bullion, £41,685,000, against £41,796,000 last week.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT was made yesterday that a syndicate headed by Mr. Robert E. Harris, president of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Ltd., has purchased the holdings of the Forget syndicate in that company, amounting to over 20,000 shares. This closes the recent contest for supremacy in Scotia.

FINANCIAL AID TO STEAM RAILWAYS.—The following table is an analysis of the financial aid which has been given to steam railways in Canada, up to June, 1909, the latest time for which the figures are available. It may be pointed out that these cash payments—as the items in the table below mainly are—do not represent all that has been done by the Dominion and the several provinces in aid of railway construction. The figures, for instance, do not touch the expenditure on the new Transcontinental, and guarantees also are substantial:—

DOMINION.

Cash Subsidies	\$ 77,028,081 15,576,523 5,160,054 37,785,320
	\$135,549,988
PROVINCES.	
Cash Subsidies	\$ 32,538,496 2,750,030 300,000
MUNICIPALITIES.	\$35,588,526
Cash Subsidies	\$ 12,580,825 2,404,499 2,839,500
	\$17,824,824

COTTON BILLS OF LADING.-With reference to the recent action of English banking interests in regard to cotton bills of lading, mentioned by THE CHRONICLE'S London correspondent, a scheme is being put forward in New York to get large surety companies to guarantee the bona fides of all through bills of lading issued by the various railroads throughout the country. The five companies which are interested in the plan and are investigating the matter have a combined capitalization and surplus of \$16,000,000 and are the strongest concerns in this line in the United States, so that their guarantee is regarded as absolutely sufficient to safeguard the interests of all concerned. The undertaking has the support of all the banks dealing in foreign exchange in New York city, whose example undoutedly will be followed by those in Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans. A committee of English bankers interested in this matter is expected in New York some time during the current month. A conference will be held with American bankers and some cotton shippers and the guarantee plan will be discussed.

Insurance Items.

FIR

THE ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY (FIRE) has filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Hartford, a certificate of its increase of capital from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

THE OMNIUM INSURANCE Corporation of London, which has a subscribed capital of \$1,000,000 and a paid-up capital of \$500,000, is, it is understood, entering the United States and Canadian field, but for the present will confine its operations to writing surplus lines.

FIRE POLICIES IN JAMAICA.—It is stated that an English company doing business in the West Indies has issued a circular offering to undertake additional risks in the fire policies for increased premiums. With this there is nothing to find fault for it is founded on the surest of all guides experience. Till the last great fire in Jamaica this company undertook fire insurance pure and simple, but was called upon by the local courts to pay for fires caused through earthquakes, despite a distinct clause supposed to absolve them in that respect. It is proposed to include this risk by the addition of 50 per cent. to the premium. As "civil commotions and riots" are not unknown in this part of the world, the same company covers this risk also upon the payment of an additional premium. Other English companies may now be expected to follow up the lead, which will put the business on a better foundation.-The Review, London.

LIFE

THE NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE COM-PANY has been authorized to open an agency in the Argentine Republic.

THE BEST SERVICE that could possibly be rendered by legislators generally throughout the United States to their constituents and the policyholders in various life insurance companies would be to repeal at least 80 per cent. of the laws pertaining to the life insurance business.—Life Insurance Courant.

I BELIEVE that the century, the half point of which we have now fairly passed, will be known as the life insurance age, and that the exploits of the fifty or sixty years, which have marked the beginning, the evolution and to-day's commanding prominence of life insurance are but an episode in the development of a business which in another half century will reach figures that will minimize those of the present and make life insurance, death protection, old age endowments, annuities, sickness and pensioning firmly fixed in the nation's economics..... Life insurance is the most underdone thing in America—William J. Graham, vice-president and actuary, North Western National Life, of Minneapolis, before Chicago Association of Life Underwriters.

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. J. W. DEUCHAR.—Much regret has been expressed in England at the retirement—enforced by indifferent health—of Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar from the post of general manager and actuary of the Norwich Union Life office. He had held this post since 1887. "In every year since Mr. Deuchar was appointed," says a newspaper appreciation, "there has been an

unusual increase of development, until the Society has become far and away the transactor of the largest new business amongst British life offices not possessing an industrial department, and, indeed, taking all offices, a very good new business second to the phenomenal Prudential..... This vast development has been concurrent with increased stringency in valuation and an advance in business. Perhaps if Mr. Deuchar had been able to continue to act as general manager, the Norwich Union Life developments might have been vastly extended in a new direction, for powers were taken last year for the Society to transact business in the United States." Mr. Deuchar has been appointed to a seat on the Board and it is remarked that while he remains a director "he will certainly be one of the society's greatest assets."

Personals

DR LESLIE DODD WARD, of Newark, N.J., vicepresident of the Prudential Insurance Company, died in London, Eng., on Wednesday.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, chairman of the Phœnix Assurance Company, of London, has been elected president of the Royal Statistical Society.

THREE OF THE GENTLEMEN recently advanced to the peerage by the British Government are known in the insurance world. Sir Walter Foster has long been on the board of the Clerical, Medical and General, and is deputy chairman of the National General; Sir W. H. Holland is a director of the Royal Exchange; and Sir Christopher Furness, chairman of the World Marine and of the National General.

STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED.

Announcement is made on another page of the offer of \$488,000 6 p.c. first mortgage and collateral trust bonds of the Steel Company of Canada, Limited, by the Royal Securities Corporation. These bonds are offered at the price of 1011/2 p.c. and accrued interest to yield over 578 p.c. They form part of an authorized issue of \$10,000,000 of which \$6,850,000 are now being issued-\$4,500,000 in sterling denominations in London. \$500,000 of the issue is being retained to retire a like amount of bonds now outstanding of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company. The Steel Company of Canada, as has recently been announced, has entered into agreements to acquire the undertakings and all the assets of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, Ltd., the Canada Screw Company, Limited, the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Company, Limited, the Canada Bolt & Nut Company, Limited, and all but 196 of the outstanding shares of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, while it is expected that the remaining shares of this company will be acquired when all the assets will be transferred to the company.

The bonds, it is stated in an official letter of the President of the company, are secured by a Scottish Un. & Nat 17,5

first mortgage covering all fixed assets owned by the company, present and future, and additionally, by a collateral trust comprising all but 196 shares of the capital stock of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company. The combined fixed assets amount to more than \$10,000,000 and the net current assets to over \$3,350,000. The average net earnings during the last three years were over three times the present interest charges and for last year, over four times these charges. The bonds are due July 1, 1940, but by a 2 per cent. cumulative sinking fund beginning 1916 over \$6,000,000 will be retired before maturity at 110 per cent. and accrued interest.

THE CAMPBELLTON FIRE.

One of the most serious fires ever known in New Brunswick is that which swept out of existence on Monday, the flourishing town of Campbellton. The conflagration originated in the mills of the Richards Lumber Company, sparks from a blaze which broke out there being carried by a gale of wind all over the town with the result that in four hours the whole town had gone with the exception of seven houses upon its outskirts. Fortunately, there was no loss of life, but naturally, a considerable amount of distress has resulted, and it is satisfactory to know that neighbouring towns and public authorities have rushed aid to the scene of the disaster as quickly as possible.

Campbellton was a flourishing town of about 5,000 inhabitants on the line of the I. C. R., of which it was an important centre. To many people it is best known as the centre where sportsmen congregate prior to setting out for the New Brunswick forests and rivers. It was, however, also an industrial centre with a considerable sea-going trade, the Restigouche river having lately been dredged and deepened so as to admit ships of considerable tonnage to Campbellton's wharves. Apparently the town will be rebuilt.

It is impossible at present to give a figure of the loss, which will be approximately correct, though it may be mentioned that the most conservative estimate yet made names \$2,000,000. To the insurance companies concerned the loss is, of course, a total one, and aggregates \$1,275,500. Details

are as follows:			21,000
Aetna	12,000	Sun	
Atlas	50,000	Western	60,000
British America	9,000	Nova Scotia	37,000
	25,000	Atlantic Mut	25,000
Caledonian		Yorkshire	24,000
Com. Union	20,000	Rimouski	20,000
German American			16,500
Guardian	40,000	General	15,000
Home	1,500		10,000
Law Union & Rock.	5,000		10,000
L. L. & G. & Man	69,000		9,000
Lon. & Lan. & Quebec	27,500		9,000
London	30,000	Springfield	
N. Y. U. & Hartford.	112,000	Crown	9,000
North America	13,500	Dominion	8,000
N. B. & M	60.000	Sovereign	5,000
	25,000	Rich. & Drum	5,000
Northern	52,000		2,500
Nor. Union	95,000	Acadia	
Phoenix of H	25,000	Ontario	
Phoenix of Lon		Anglo-America	100,000
Queen & Royal (pro-		Mon-Canada	
bably)	200,000	Mon-Canada	
Seattleh I'm & Nat	17.500	London Mutual	

FIRES OF THE WEEK.

MONTREAL.-Fire on Drolet Street, Nos. 684-686 on July 12th. Loss about \$100.

ATWOOD, ONT.-Planing mill of Forrest estate damaged, July 13. Cause unknown.

STREETSVILLE, ONT .- Two houses on Oueen Street and Maiden Lane gutted, July 7.

TORONTO.-Robert Elder's carriage works at Phæbe & Soho Streets, damaged, July 8.

WINNIPEG.—Pullar Paper Company of Toronto, burned out July 7. Loss estimated \$20,000.

SAND POINT, ONT.-Plant of Dominion Explosives, Ltd., destroyed, July 11. Three lives lost.

MIDLAND, ONT.-Frame store of Mr. John Boden destroyed, July 9. Work of incendiary.

VANCOUVER.—Bush fires in the suburban districts have done considerable damage to cordwood camps. TORRANCE, MUSKOSA.—Hotel Torrance struck by lightning, July 9, and destroyed by subsequent

CLIFFORD, ONT.-House, barns and outbuildings on the S. Sugg farm completely destroyed by fire. July 8.

BATTLEFORD. SASK .- J. Duhaime's livery, barn and ice house destroyed, July 4. Two horses burned.

RICHELIEU, QUE.-Flour mills burnt on July 11th. Insured in Manitoba Assurance Co. \$2,600. Loss about 75 p.c.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Fire in warehouse of Douglas & Co., wholesale furriers, Princess Street, July 10, did damage to building and stock.

MAGNETAWAN, ONT.-Brick residence of Mr. E. W. Jenkins, on the river, destroyed July 8. Loss about \$8,000 partly covered by insurance.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE.—Livery stable burnt, July 12th. Insurance Liverpool & London & Globe. Stable, \$2,000; contents \$500. Total loss.

HALIFAX, N.S.-Fire destroyed three hundred thousand feet of lumber belonging to Hill Bros., lumbermen, Truro, at their mill, July 10.

MONTREAL.-Fire damaged dry goods store at 405 St. Lawrence Boulevard, and offices at 403, occupied by the Gross Real Estate Agency, July 11.

NANAIMO, B.C.-Roman Catholic Church and St. Ann's Convent burned, July 11. Forty orphans in the convent were rescued, but all belongings were destroyed.

KINGSTON, ONT .- News has reached here of the destruction of a construction camp on the National Transcontinental, 100 miles west of Cochrane, by a forest fire.

OTTAWA.—Fire started in Cumming's lumber yards a mile above Maniwaki, July 11, and burned two days. Over 2,000 cords of pulpwood and saw logs destroyed.

St. John, N.B.—Between 800,000 and 1,000,000 feet of manufactured lumber, cut during last winter at a new mill at Rooth Station on the C.P.R. main line between Fredericton Junction and McAdam Junction, and belonging to John S. Cott, of Fredericton, destroyed, July 13.

Boissevan, Man.—Barn belonging to Sam Tyreman destroyed, July 10. Sixty tons of hay, about 2,000 bushels of oats and nearly all the farm machinery destroyed.

LONDON, ONT.—Forest City Laundry, King Street West, gutted, July 8. Fire supposed to have originated from an overheated pipe. Estimated damage, \$5,000, covered by insurance.

LONGFORD MILLS, ONT.-Fire caused by explosion, damaged one department at Standard Chemical Company's works. Loss on building, \$500, on machinery \$700, on stock about \$500.

TOMIKO, ONT.-With reference to the list of insurances, given on page 1001 of last week's CHRONICLE, involved by a lumber fire at Tomiko on June 20, we are informed by Messrs. McLean, Stenson & Co., Ltd., of Toronto, general agents of the Rimouski Fire Insurance Company, that the amount of that company's policy is \$15,000 or \$2,000 net.

FIDELITY PHENIX

Insurance Company

OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

ROBERT HAMPSON & SON, Agents MONTREAL, QUE.

\$620,507.11

CITY OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Debentures for sale.

Tenders addressed to "The Chairman, Board of Control, Ottawa." and marked "Tenders for Debintures" will be received by the City of Ottawa, until 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 2nd September, 1910, for the purchase of \$362,800 30 years debentures and \$257,706.11 20 years.

They are all a liability of the City at large and bear 4 per cent. interest, payable 1st January and 1st July.

Two separate tenders will be received, one for \$.48,800 30 years debentures and the other for the remainder of the debentures \$171,707.11.

All the tenders must be on the official form and each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque for \$2,500

Accrued interest from 1st July, 1910, must be paid in addition to the price tendered.

The \$148,800 debentures are in \$1,000 denominations,

principal and interest payable at Ottawa.

The remainder of the debentures will be made payable in Ottawa, New York, or London, at the option of the purchaser and in denominations to suit.

Delivery of the \$148,800 debentures can be made at once if required and the remainder within one month.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Full particulars, together with further conditions and official forms of tenders, can be obtained on application to the City Treasurer. CHAS. GOPEWELL

Ottawa let July,1910.

Mayor

Stock Exchange Notes

Montreal, July 14, 1910.

The decline in prices under liquidation, which has been carried somewhat further this week, now seems to have been checked and although trading is dull and undecided the selling pressure is removed with stocks showing a ten-dency to recovery of values. Canadian Pacific has been a strong spot during the past few days and closes at an ad-Detroit Railway after selling down to 42 became somewhat stronger but closes at a decline for the week. A feature of to-day's trading was a sharp rise in Scotia on announcement of a syndicate's purchase the shares held by the Forget group. Money continues tight and it is possible that the local rate of 5 1-2 per cent. may be advanced to 6 per cent by the lending Banks. The immediate outlook is for a dull market with little decided tendency, and a nervous undertone, as many well informed operators are ready for a further downward movement before conditions are readjusted. The bargain hunter is abroad in the land and buying of small lots for investment has been a prominent feature in the recent

The Bank of England rate remains at three p	er cent.
Call money in Montreal	51 % 21 % 11 % 3 % 82 1-16 %
Call money in New York	14%
Call money in London	3 %
Consols	821-16%
Demand Sterling	91%
Sirty days' sight Sterling	

The quotations at continental points were	as follows : -	
The quotations at continental points	Market.	Bank.
Paris	31	3
Amsterdam	41	5
Vienna	31	4
Brussels		3}
CHANGE OF WEEK'S SALES AND	QUOTATIONS.	

SUMMARY OF WEE	K's SA	LES AND	QUOTATION	8.
		Closing	Closing	Net
Security.	Sales.	bid. July 7, 191	bid, to-day.	enange
			1881	A 11
Canadian Pacific	. 143		1264	1 11
"Soo" Common	1,860	125	431	+ 21
Detroit United	995	401	661	= "
Duluth Superior	165		7.7	
Halifax Tram	2		89	, 'i
Illinois Preferred	486		232 X1	D T 1
Montreal Street	300			- 1
Quebec Ry	. 1,705	391	381	= 1°
Toronto Railway	140		116	
Twin City	101		106	- 'i
Richelieu & Ontario	148		763	- 1
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Black Lake Asbestos	100	0 26	271	
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Lake of the Woods Com.		2 100	124	
Mackay Common	5	84		
Mackay Preferred		52 74		- :
Mexican Power	5	50 76	74	_ 2
Montreal Power	•••	11 128	1291	. +
Nova Scotia Steel Com		80	XD 851 X	KD + 5
Ogilvie Com		70 1274		
Rio Light and Power		75 89	914	+ 2
Shawinigan			XD 92 3	xD
Can. Colored Cotton		25 54	54	
Can. Convertors		05 34	35	+ 1
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Montreal Cotton		02 1001		
Pontreal Cotton		75 561	551	1
Permans Common		20	83	
Penmans Preferred				XD - 1
Crown Reserve				

St. Hyacinthe, Que. - Serious fire at St. Dominique de Bagot, July 12th. Flames originated in the workshops belonging to Mr. Hormisdas St. German, carriagemaker, and destroyed five residences.

Traffic Earnings.

The gross traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, Duluth, South Halifax, Twin City, Detroit United and Havana street railways, up to the most recent date obtainable, Shore & Atlantic railways, and the Montreal, Toronto. compared with the corresponding period for 1908 and 1909 were as follows: --

and 1909 were	as follow	S:		
	SRAND TRU	NK KAILWA	Y	Increase
	1000	19/19	1210.	\$2,950.294
June 30\$17	.594,542 \$1	8,225,943	521,176,231	Increase
Week ending.	1908.		1910.	110,953
Ile 7	728,831	768,409	879,362	110,000
July 1	ANADIAN P	ACIPIC RAIL	WAY.	
	1000	1919	ISIO.	Increase
June 30\$30	1908.	4 918 000	43.936,000	\$9,018,000
June 30	,034,000 #	1909	1910	Increase
Week ending.	1300.	1,611,000	2,022,000	411 000
July 7	1,399,000	1,611,000		
CA	NADIAN NO	RTHERN KA	1910.	Increase
Veer to date.	1908.	1909.	1310.	\$1,990,000
June 30 \$	3,704,500	4,033,800	\$6,031,800	Increase
Week ending.	1908.	1909.	1910.	115,600
	152 300	179 200	294,800	110,000
July 7	ти, Вости	Suope &	TLANTIC.	
	TH, SOUTH	1919.	1910.	Increase
Week ending.	1908.	62,724	63,373	649
June 7	43,435		68,116	4,872
" 14	48,480	63,244	75,185	8,176
" 21	49,523	67,009	95,213	8,039
" 30	65,325	87,174		
	IONTREAL S	TRRET RAI	LWAY.	
	1908.	1919	1510.	Increase
Year to date.		\$1,823,421	\$2,025,537	\$202,116
June 30 \$	1908	1909.	1910.	Increase
Week ending.	1908	75,171	87,060	11,879
July 7	72,681			
TWIN	CITY RAP	ID TRANSIT	COMPANY. 1910.	Incresee
Veer to date.	1908.	1909		\$327,290
June 30\$	2,952,520	83,217.501	\$3,544,796	Increase
Week ending.	1908.	1909	1910.	8,977
June 7	124,261	132,969	141,946	
" 14	125,593	131,286	153,000	
	129,600	140,841	154,381	
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Week ending.	190%.			
June 7	147,757	147,39		5 32,180
" 14	132,015	147,74	100.00	04 000
" 21	144,219	161,363		
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22,332 July 7..... MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS for the week ending July 14th, 1910 were \$45,087,361. For the corresponding weeks of 1909 and 1908 they were \$40,964,119 and \$28,739,074 respectively.

Toroxro Bark Clearings for the week ending July 14th, 1910,

were \$33,981,067. For the corresponding weeks of 1999 and 1998 they were \$29,530,989 and \$21,634,883 respectively.

OTTAWA BANK CLEARINGS for the week ending July 14th, 1910, were \$3,694,025. For the corresponding week of 1909 they were \$3,295,755

WANTED-By a progressive Fire Office, gentleman with sufficient experience and ability in underwriting and office management to assist Manager and act in his absence. Applicants should state age, experience and salary required. Address - C I. P.

P. O. Box 578, MONTREAL.

List of Leading Stocks and Bonds
REPORTED FOR THE CHRONICLE BY R. WILSON-SMITH & CO., 160 ST. JAMES STREET, MONTREAL.
CORRECTED TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th, 1910

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BANK STOCKS.	Closin prices Last sa	or	Par value of one share,	Revenue per cent. on investment at present prices.	Rate of Annual Dividend	Capital subscribed	Capital paid up	Rest Fund	Per cent'ge of Rest to paid up Capitai	When Dividend payable.	
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	-	Bid.	Bum.		1.5							
Bell Telephone Co Can. Con. Rubber Co		102 98‡	5	\$3,363,000 2,600,000	lst C	et.	1st Apl. 1st Oct	Bk. of M	Iontreal, Mtl	April 1s Oct. 1s	t, 1925 1946	Redeemable at 110 after Oct. 1st, 1911
Can. Colored Cotton Co	99	984	6	2,000,000	2nd	Apl.	2nd Oct		"	April 2n		
Can. Cement Co	99	98	6	5,000,000	Ist A	pl.	1st Oct	- 5		Oct. 21st		Redeemable at 110.
Dominion Coal Co Dom. Iron & Steel Co	981		5	6,175,000	lat A	lay	let Nov.		ontreal, Mtl	April le		Redeemable at 105 and
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" "C"		93	6	1,000,000		•	•	"	"			Redeemable at 105 and Interest.
" "D"				450,000				"	"			" "
Havana Electric Railway.			5						dway, N.Y			Redeemable at 105
Halifax Tram			6						Iontreal, Mtl.			n
Keewatin Mill Co	1034		6	750,000	IstM	arc	h I Sept.	Royal 1	rust, Mtl	Sept. 1s	t, 1916	Redeemable at 110
Lake of the Woods Mill Co			6	1,000,000	let J	une	1st Dec.	Merchan	ats Bank of	June 1st	. 1923	
Laurentide Paper Co	110	109	6	1,036,000	2 Ja	n.	2 July.	Bk. of M	ontreal, Mtl.			
Mexican Electric L. Co	87	83	5	6,000,000	1st J	an.	lst July.			July 1st	, 1935	
Mex. L't & Power Co	90	86	6	12,000,000						Feb. 1st	1933	
Montreal L. & Pow. Co		98	44	5,476,000	lst J	an.	let July.			Jan. 1st,	1932	Redeemable at 105 and
Montreal Street Ry. Co			. 43	1,500,000	let M		let Nov			May 1st	1999	Int. after 1912.
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Ogilvie Milling Co	115		6	1,000,000	lat J	une	1st Dec.	Bk. of M	Iontreal, Mtl.	July 1st	1932	Redeemable at 105 and Interest.
Price Bros			6	1,000,000	let J	une	1st Dec.			June 1st		
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and all but 196 of the outstanding shares of

THE MONTREAL ROLLING MILLS COMPANY.

It is expected that the remaining shares of this Company will be acquired when all the assets thereor will be transferred to the Company.

From an official letter of the President of The Steel Company of Canada, Limited, a copy of which will be sent on application, and to which we refer for details, we summarize as follows:

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2. Collaboral Trust comprising all but 196 shares of the capital stock of The Montreal Rolling Mills Company.

3. Combined fixed assets amount to more than \$10,000,000.

4. Not current assets amount to ever \$3,350,000.

5. Average not earnings last three years ever three times present interest charges, and for last year ever four times these charges.

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The bonds herein offered form part of an authorized issue of \$10,000,000, of which \$6,850,000 are now being issued. \$500,000 of the issue is being retained to retire a like amount of bonds now outstanding of The Montreal Rolling Mills

An offering of \$4,500,000 of Bonds in Sterling denominations, is being made by Parr's Bank, Limited, in London, on behalf of the purchasers, at the price of 1021/2 and accrued interest stamped. Application will be made to list these bonds on the London Stock Exchange.

Immediate application will be made to list the entire issue on the Montreal and

Toronto Stock Exchanges.

We offer subject to previous sale \$488,000 of currency bonds at 101% and accrued interest, to yield ever 5% per cent.

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