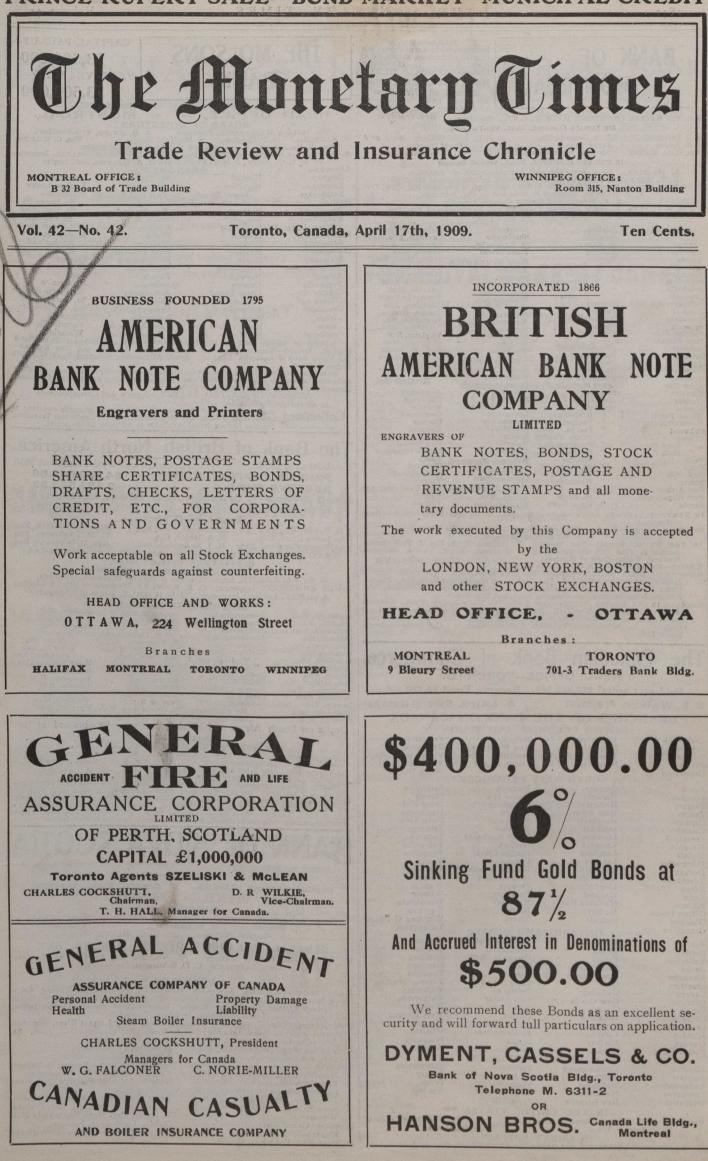
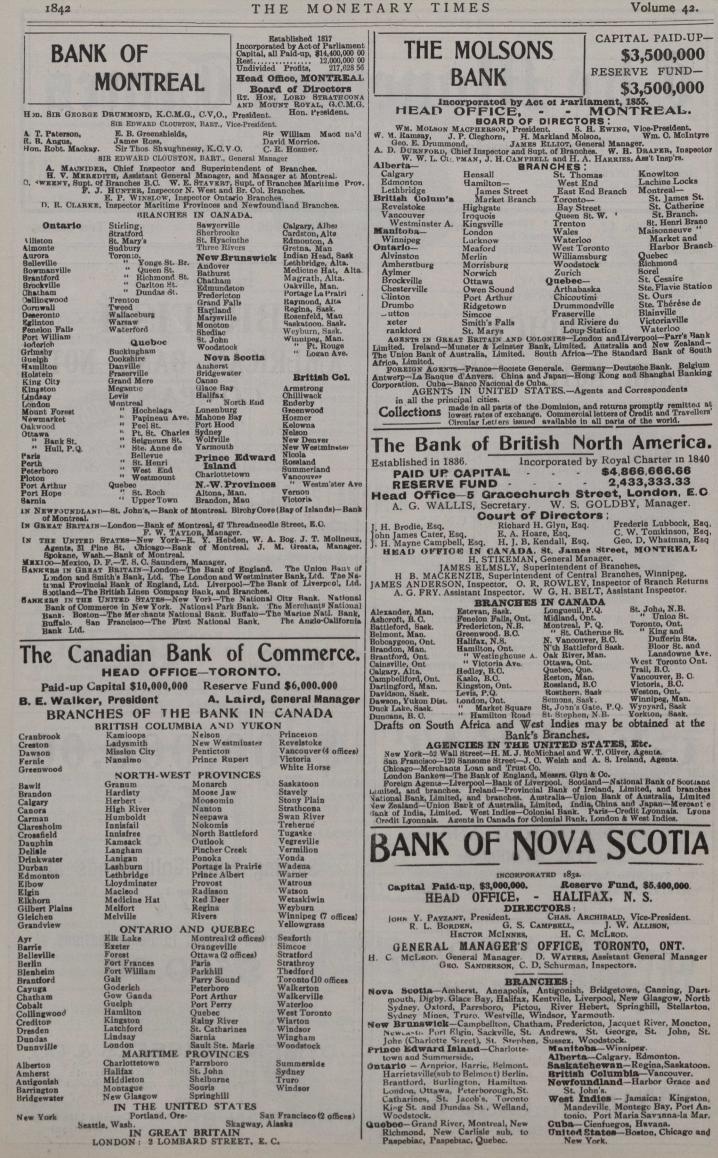
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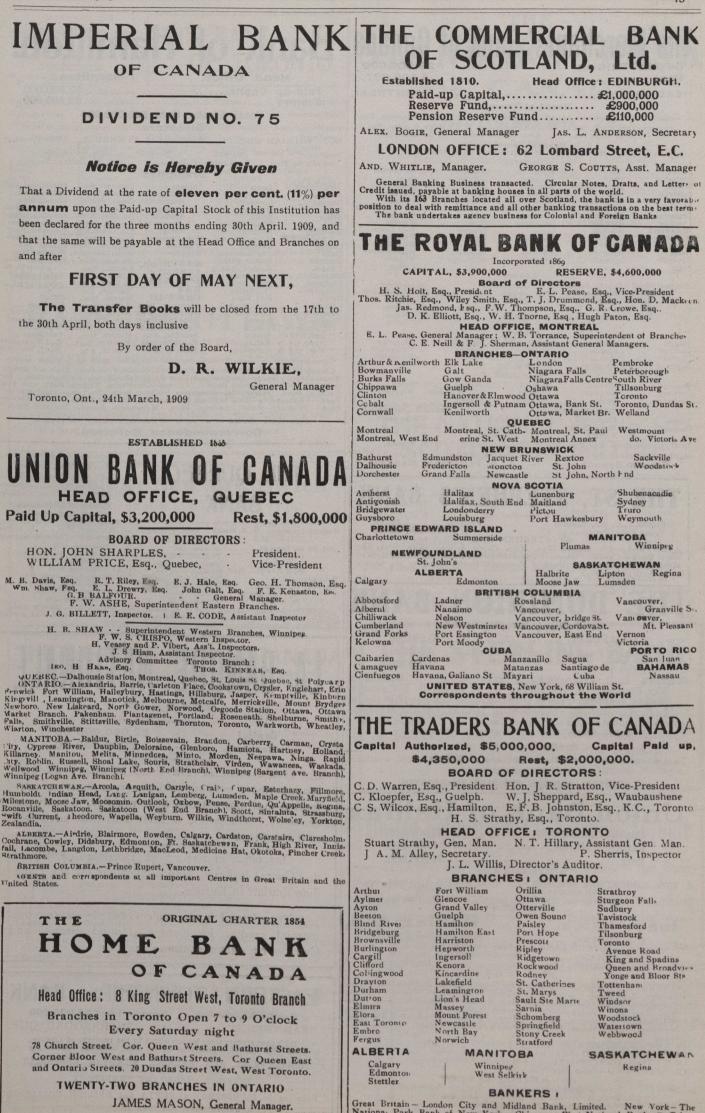




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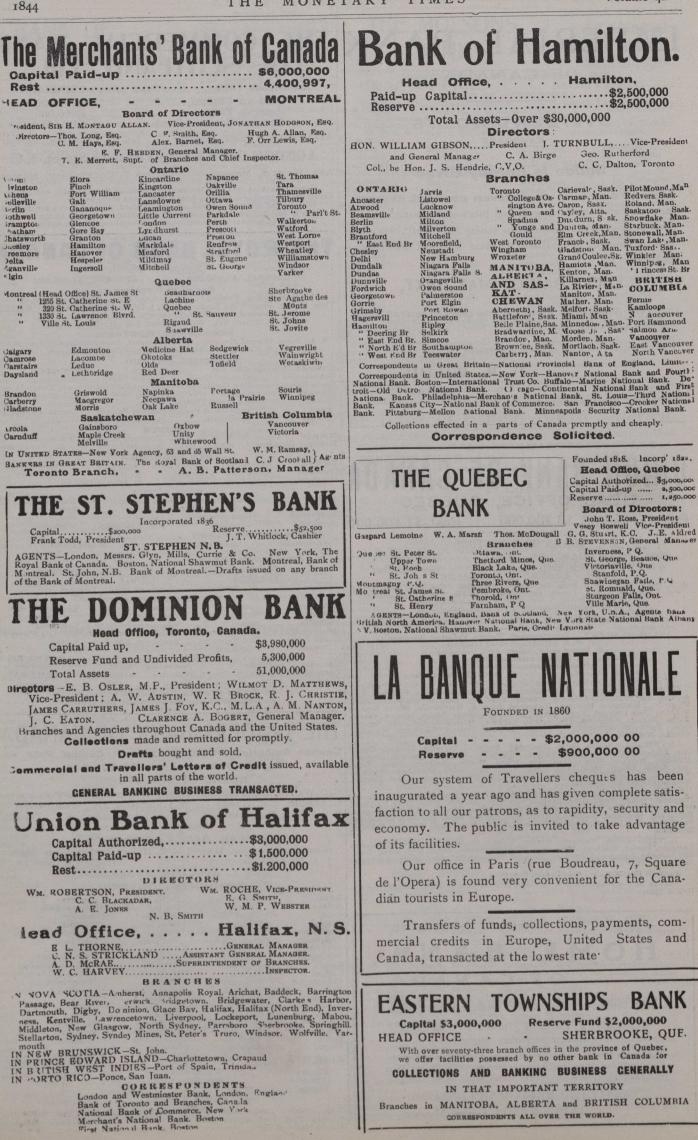


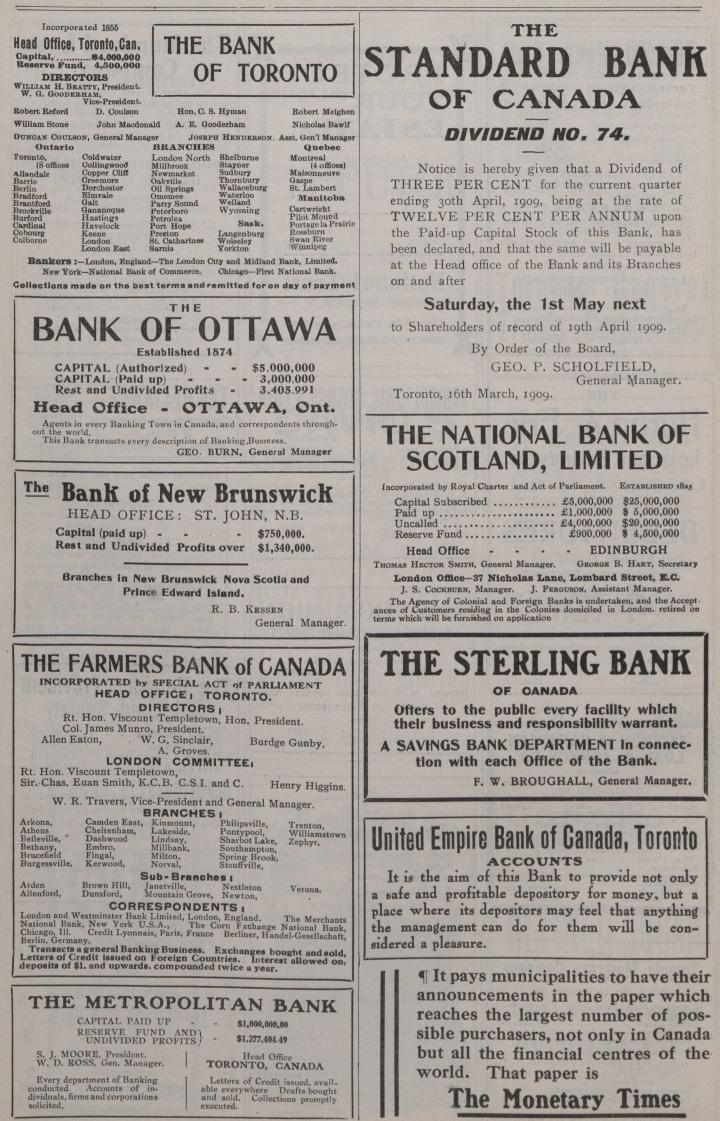


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SELLING A CITY IN EMBRYO.

At Vancouver next month a public auction of town site lots will set Prince Rupert high upon the platform of interest. The most substantial charm of the whole thing is that it fires the imagination as to new city building in Canada. Prince Rupert, as the Pacific coast terminal of our new transcontinental steel has to do one of two things—make itself or help break the back of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The railroad will take care of the latter contingency. Although Prince Rupert lots have yet to be sold, the coming port has a worldwide reputation. Building a new port-city in one of the most progressive countries of the twentieth century is not an everyday event. A land-locked harbor such as the Grand Trunk Pacific will have is not an everyday coastal possession.

Prince Rupert is more or less of a pioneering prodigy even now. The thousand and more people who make up its population already know the luxuries of dressers, chiffoniers, kodak cameras and the rest of an up-to-date outfit. A cafe there even goes so far as to advertise aft rnoon teas from 3 to 5 p.m., while "parties are catered for with music and refreshments." Prince Rupert is casily taking on dudish airs, so far as they are permitted in a land where labor stands first. The little town has had its newspaper for three years almost, as the planning of Prince Rupert was commenced in May, 1906. The man who desires to buy the journal and all of the assets of its business, will have to write a cheque for nearly \$15,000. A little of that pays for future possibilities. Those who expect to jump in at the auction sale and get ahead of the men who have figured on Prince Rupert for three, four and five years past, will be compelled to give the future a pretty big discount.

The townsite itself is owned by the Grand Trunk Pacific and the British Columbia provincial government. An agreement between them provides that each will first offer an equal number of lots, making a total of about

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twenty-four hundred. Both the business and residential districts will be offered in part. In Prince Rupert itself we are told that three hundred people are prepared to buy lots. Arguments from that region say that the sale should have been held at Prince Rupert. If the lots are sold there, says one, there will be present at the sale from three hundred to four hundred spirited bidders, while if they are sold at Vancouver and Victoria a smaller number of speculative bidders will be in evidence. This is what the warring Prince Rupert Empire says: "The provincial government will be breaking both the letter and the spirit of the Land Act if they sell Prince Rupert lots in Vancouver and Victoria. The railway company will lay itself open to the charge of attempting to obtain money through unsight and unseen methods, if its president decides to sell the company's lots elsewhere than at Prince Rupert." From one point of view the Empire's supposition is correct. Undoubtedly to sell land with the auctioneer standing upon it is the best method. But surely the number of bidders for Prince Rupert lots has been underestimated. Mr. C. D. Rand, who has been appointed exclusive sales agent acting for the Grand Trunk Pacific and the provincial government, thinks that at least three thousand investors and business men from all parts of the globe will attend the sale at Vancouver. This may be a little optimistic, but the Monetary Times can testify to the extraordinary interest which is being taken in the growth of Canada's coming city. Letters from prospective investors have arrived at this office from many quarters for many months.

As to the other arguments, if the Prince Rupert people themselves know a good thing when they see it a comparatively short journey to Vancouver for the annexation of that good thing is little hardship. The Grand Trunk Pacific, we presume, has no time to think of attempting to obtain money through unsight and unseen methods. The provincial government and the railroad company are the vendors. The buyers must look to their own interests. If one orders by mail a picture or a set of furniture, through the medium of a newspaper advertisement, the purchaser takes a chance as to the value obtained for hard cash. Similarly, every investor who buys Prince Rupert lots at Vancouver without having seen the goods is making a more or less bold speculation.

The primary principle of investment, and it applies in the present instance, is to make sure of what one is buying. The intelligent Prince Rupert investor will know exactly what is to come to him in the event of his bid being successful. From the viewpoint of the sellers, their reserve prices will probably be fixed at a figure that will encourage settlement on Canada's Pacific coast and at the same time preclude the entrance of that illusive factor commonly known as Something for Nothing.

If present indications count for anything, the townsite of Prince Rupert should be owned by a cosmopolitan crowd. It will be impossible to check speculation. That will be the spice of the auction sale. Lots will be turned over time and again before they reach what may be termed the ultimate purchaser. When the land has been sold, one of those proverbial real estate booms may creep into the situation. Then, if not actually at the time of the May sale, lands anywhere from three to fifteen and more miles from Prince Rupert will be hoisted into the market. Here perhaps is one of the chief dangers from the investor's standpoint. We have referred before to the absurdities of the recent land boom in Western Canada. Lots, dubbed for the occasion with the prefix town or city, changed hands, the buyer and seller being more than a thousand miles apart. An easy money market, an attractive advertisement; a gullible investor, a blue print showing location of property, were frequently the stages to these real estate transactions. Land which should have been sold as ponds and lakes was traded as desirable city lots. Similarly, the man who thinks of sinking his money in Prince Rupert outside of the townsite itself may buy on the map what looks like a desirable site. Whereas, in reality, he may likely purchase the top of a mountain, or an excellent block of muskeg.

There are undoubtedly some good purchases outside the townsite, which is located on Kaien Island. That is proved by the fact that considerable land has been reserved, by the Government and the railroad, along the coast facing the island. But lots will be offered further away than these are. The investor then has to figure how long Prince Rupert will take to become an important city-remembering at the same time that Grand Trunk Pacific trains will not be running across the continent for at least another three years-how long settlement of immediately surrounding property will take and how many years will elapse before the scores of other properties which are to be offered for sale, will bring a fair return to the investor.

A NEW BRUNSWICK AFFAIR.

When politics enter finance, brotherly love flies out of the window, of which one is reminded by the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. The report has just been laid before the New Brunswick legislature. As with most Royal Commissions, their observations and conclusions are much to the point. Similarly, their report will probably be shelved with similar blue books, the recommendations of which have never been and never will be acted upon. There is difficulty in getting at facts in the present case. The Commission was composed of three gentlemen, whom a Liberal paper describes as "all staunch Conservatives." The Royal Commission have found that it is true a company was organized without any capital, whose share-holders never attempted to influence its policy. "From all the evidence before us," they say, "and from careful study of bank accounts and other matters by which we study of bank accounts and other matters by which we new business is sprung into being. Later, naturally, could trace disbursements of moneys, we have no hesi- things begin to find their level. It is discovered that a

tation in stating that, especially during 1902, the moneys used up and liabilities incurred far outstripped any legitimate expenditure that was being made; the difference we believe to have been misappropriated.'

Then the report charges provincial government officials and even the Dominion Minister of Public Works with financial prestidigitation. Finally, the commis-sioners believe that the "directors of the company, and especially the ex-officio directors, are responsible to the province for an accounting. They should be called upon to submit accounts showing expenditure of \$958,799.75, or at least that portion of it supplied by the province. What steps should be taken to enforce this finding we hardly feel called upon to determine. We find, putting the most charitable construction on the entire transaction, that \$134,035.35 was misappropriated and diverted from its proper and legitimate channel.'

Naturally, everybody wants to know, if small change was really unchained, who did the untying. One would expect the Royal Commission would answer that question. For after all, who got the money is the foundation upon which all supposition and facts should be based. But "as to who personally got this money," says the report, "we are at a loss to state." To the consideration of the matter must be added the mournful fact that the secretary of the company concerned, died before the investigation commenced. Naturally, the report has aroused considerable wrath. The appointm nt of a Royal Commission to inquire into the conduct of the Royal Commission, may be announced. When politics enter finance, love flies out of the window. And facts slide down the chutes into the fathomless waters of Lake Lost Forever.

THE COMBINE SENTIMENT.

The famous "trust busting" sentiment, as it has been termed, seems to be dying a natural death. Ex-President Roosevelt could well afford to play a meteoric role in the financial and commercial firmament of the United States. But it is a significant fact that towards the end of his presidential term there was a tendency to bury the hatchet and smoke the pipe of peace. Recent decisions in the legal courts have shown that the public demand for the head and blood of anything that looks like a commercial trust has practically ceased. The Standard Oil Company, as was anticipated, did not pay the big fine which was imposed upon it. The old world went wagging along about the same, only with a few more than usual shivering fits. All the time that Roosevelt was hastening forth to slay, the stock and other markets did not feel very safe. At the same time the imps of manipulation lost no opportunity in using the new disturbing force to send stock prices up and down at will.

The first principle of a combine it seems is to eliminate cut-throat competition. This in turn is liable to raise prices to the consumer and to the public generally. An amalgamation of companies, working on the same lines, centralizes organization, makes possible more methodical working plans and reduces expenses. To these features there can be little general opposition. It is the possible abuse of power which usually comes to a combine that needs watching. If Tom, Dick and Harry prefer to amalgamate and carry on a joint enterprise it is their business only. If the same three take that opportunity to squeeze the consumer by raising the price of a commodity, because of the monopoly they enjoy, then government regulation may well intercede.

The benefits of a combine to producers are evidently being appreciated in this country. When capital flows into a new land by hundreds of millions, and every man feels his is the opportunity to be his own master, a plethora of enterprises is born. Often, without proper consideration of geography in relation to competition, a

duplication of interests exists. The first way out of the maze of declining trade is to amalgamate with one's neighbor; that is, if he is in the same fix and willing to merge.

These points are being illustrated every day in the Dominion, the last few weeks have brought news of two big amalgamations in the Province of Quebec. Most of the large asbestos companies have joined forces and are said to control the larger portion of the world's output of that product. The largest breweries in Quebec province have also amalgamated. It is by no means unlikely that most of the cement companies in Canada will take an early opportunity to merge their interests. At any rate the Monetary Times has knowledge that such a proposal is being actively figured upon and discussed. The combine has many features to recommend it to the shareholders of companies interested. On the other hand, it is to be hoped the movement will never acquire such strength as it has done in the United States. Once it has a grip of a country it can seldom be displaced. It knows the hold of an octupus. And "trust busting," like "bronco busting," often brings dire results to those performing the operation.

STRENGTHENING OF MUNICIPAL CREDIT.

Municipal bookkeeping methods are running the gauntlet of reform. The sinking funds of many municipalities have managed to eke out an existence, doing meanwhile all kinds of wonderful, statistical, acrobatic feats in order to keep up with the times. The other day, auditors discovered that the amount which should have been set aside for sinking funds on debentures issued by a large city, was more than ten thousand dollars short of the required sum.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board think that the municipalities of that province should be compelled to place their sinking funds in its care. Several municipalities have done this without pressure. Others protest that the civic business is no business of the Municipal Board. One has argued that the municipalities should be allowed to manage their own affairs, including "the investment of their own money."

The illogical position of such an argument is obvious. The money expended by municipalities is borrowed and securities are issued therefor. The investor thus takes a lively interest in how it is expended and in the matter of sinking fund provision. In older countries, municipalities are responsible to a central authority, such as the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, for a statement as to their financial position. The fact that the Board would be apprised of the condition of the municipal sinking fund, in itself would enhance the value of securities issued by municipalities under the jurisdiction of an important authority.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Says an English financial weekly: "Some folks prophesy wonderful things of British Columbia—that it will outshine both the United States and Canada." Another London journal speaks of the Canadian press, and refers to the Seattle Times as a part thereof. These are instances of geography made to order.

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Parliament is beginning at last to pay more attention to the development and conservation of the great natural resources of Canada. The committees recently appointed upon fisheries, mines, and forest and waterways can do little more than make a beginning at this session, but the members show unusual interest in the work before them. The problem seems to be not so much to discover what laws ought to be passed as it is to discover some way of enforcing them. This was quite apparent in the interesting discussions respecting the

lobster and the oyster industries. It seemed to be frankly conceded that as to fishermen, for example, any regulation would be nugatory unless supported by the good-will and good judgment of the fishermen themselves.

Although Mr. Fielding will announce a surplus for the year just closed, there is no doubt but that the national debt is increasing rapidly, and the balance sheet would be even more unfavorable should Parliament authorize the Government to write off certain assets which are not income-producing. A sub-committee of the Public Accounts Committee is now at work upon the assets which may be marked as "doubtful" at least. It is the general view that economy must be the watchword rather than any lack of patriotic inclination which inclines both parties to go slowly in the matter of Dread-

noughts and naval expenditures.

In a few days, a dozen mining companies obtained charters in Eastern Canada with an aggregate capitalization of \$12,240,000, an average of a little more than one million dollars per company. The total authorized capitalization of mining companies in Ontario reaches several hundred millions. Comparing these figures with the amount of ore shipped and the actual cost of development and prospecting, the mining and the money are out of all due proportions. One of the most interesting features just now is the attempt which is being made to interest Western Canada in Eastern Canada's mines. If pure investment was concerned it might prove attractive and at the same time remunerative. But judged broadly, the mining stock is a speculation. From what we know of the properties being introduced into the West they are as yet only good prospects, to say the most. A mine of worth needs little peddling, and it is unnecessary to start off with a huge capitalization. A comparatively small amount is sufficient to prove value. Western Canada will choose whether or not it will take a speculative fling in Eastern Canada's mining spheres. Ontario does not wish to be selfish with its minerals, but we think just now there are only about enough dividends to go round without competition therefore from the West. Besides, what have done the millions of fertile acres in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia that they should be sidetracked for a mining camp, rich as that camp has proved?

EUROPEAN DISCOUNT RATES.

The discount rates of the large banks of issue in Europe during the past two years are compared in the recent annual report of the Swiss National Bank, for a copy of which the Monetary Times is indebted to Mr. R. Burger, Swiss Consul for Ontario and Manitoba. The figures, which relate to the national or leading note-issuing banks in each country mentioned, represent the average rates in the two years, and are as follows:—

,	1907.	1908.
	per cent.	per cent.
France	. 3.46	3.04
England	. 4.92	3.00
Germany	. 6.03	4.75
Belgium	· 4.94	3.55
Holland		3.38
Austria	. 4.89	4.24
Italy	. 5.07	5.03

The average for the seven countries was 3.85 per cent. in 1908, as compared with 4.91 per cent. in 1907, and the average for Switzerland was 3.73 per cent., as against 4.93 in the preceding year. The greatest fall in the discount rate took place in the case of the Bank of England, and amounted to 1.92 per cent.; Holland occupies the second place in this respect, Belgium ranks third, and Germany fourth with a reduction of 1.28 per cent.

April 22nd has been appointed as a special settling day in the City of Winnipeg scrip, fully paid, for a further issue of £500,000 4 per cent. consolidated stock; it is also to be quoted in the official list by order of the London Stock Ex change Committee.

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CANADA NORTH-WEST LAND.

Its Record for the Past Twelve Years-Was Originally an English Company.

Up to the present time the land sold by the Canada North-West Land Company has brought an average of \$5.62 per acre. The real estate appreciation in this country has enabled the company to secure recently about \$10 per acre. There remain unsold 519,700 acres. The company has pro-vided for the whole of its subscribed capital and can now distribute its curplus profits to the aborabeldars. Originally distribute its surplus profits to the shareholders. Originally, the Canada North-West was an English organization, formed in 1882, with a capital of £3,000,000, afterwards reduced to £1,500,000, whose assets were acquired in 1893 by the present concern, which is a Canadian enterprise, having a capital of \$7,338,400, in \$5,870,700 6 per cent. preferred and \$1,467,700 common shares.

Standing of Preferred and Common.

The whole of the preferred capital has been paid off, as to \$3,074,700 by the cancellation of shares accepted at par in payment for land or acquired in the open market and payment for land or acquired in the open market and as to \$2,796,000 by the return of capital to shareholders. Of the \$1,467,700 common capital, \$1,408,400 has also been re-funded, and the liquidation of the remaining \$59,300, equiva-lent to \$1 per share, is provided for by the investment of \$68,800 in £15,000 Ontario Government $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. stock. The English company purchased 2,200,000 acres of land from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and, of this area, the Canadian company took over 1,928,300 acres. Here is the company's financial record for twolve years past is the company's financial record for twelve years past :--

	Land S	ales.	Gross	Net	Divi-	Capital	
YEAR	Amount	Average per Acre	Land Contraction of the second	Profit.	dends.	repaid	
					On Preferred Shares	Per \$100 Preferred share.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	
1897	210,600	5 40	26,100	15,800)	1	
1898	383,10)	5.35	29,800	17,800	Nil		
1899	459,50)	5.42	46,100	35,200	1		
1900	387,700	5.45	46,60)	35,400)	> Nil	
1901	629,100	5.19	63 600	48,000	$\frac{2}{5}$		
1902	2,513,600	4.88	283,400	220,800		1. LE CONTE	
1903	1,363,500	5.25	338,100	290,100	6	00	
1904	329,100	6 64	415,100	366,100		20	
1905	966,300		657,400	586,200		20	
1906	592,700	9.82	1,273,200	1,207,400	11/2	60 D #05	
					On Ord.	Per \$25	
			The second state		shares.	Ord. sh.	
1007	175 400	11 90	335,400	263,700	% Nil	12.50	
1907	175,400					11.50	
1938	95,900	11.13	203,700	137,600	500	11.00	

First Return on Common Shares.

The preferred shareholders thus have got back the whole of their capital. The power to repay these shares out of surplus profits was obtained by statute in 1903. The first return on the common shares has been declared this year, and represents 500 per cent. on the amount of capital unliquidated, or 20 per cent. on the original denomination.

HUDSON BAY LAND SALES.

The sales of farm lands by the Hudson's Bay Company The sales of farm lands by the Hudson's Bay Company for the quarter ended March 31st amounted, approximately, to 8,200 acres for $\pounds 20,000$, as compared with 1,100 acres for $\pounds 2,500$; and sales of town lots to $\pounds 5,900$, as compared with $\pounds 15,800$ for the corresponding period of 1008. The receipts are $\pounds 75,400$, as against $\pounds 60,300$ in 1008. The sales of farm lands for the twelve months to March 31st are 25,400 acres for $\pounds 59,300$, and town lots were sold for $\pounds 9,600$, as com-pared with sales of farm lands, 21,100 acres for $\pounds 54,900$, and town lots for $\pounds 25,600$ in the corresponding period ended March 31st, 1908. The total receipts for the twelve months ended March 31st amount to $\pounds 239,800$, as compared with $\pounds 230,100$ for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1908. £236,100 for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1908.

THE CANADA COMPANY.

The annual general court of proprietors of Canada was held recently at the offices of the company, I East India Avenue, London, E.C. The Governor, Joseph C. Weld, Esq., occupied the chair, the other directors present being Colonel Herbert L. Mitchell, R.A. (Deputy-Governor), William C. Scott, Esq., Reginald C. W. Currie, Esq., and Alfred R.

Wagg, Esq. The chairman stated that of the original 2,500,000 acres, The chairman stated that of the original 2,50,000 actes, the company's territory was now 114,431 acres. The un-favorable conditions prevailing in 1908 had affected them, but they had disposed by lease or sale 4,346 acres. They had also disposed of that land at an advance of 1434 per cent. over the valuation of 1894. Last year the increase was 25½ per cent. The difference had arisen by their having disposed The unper cent. per cent. The difference had affsch by their having disposed of land of inferior quality. Amongst other sales 1,318 acres of cheap land (valuation \$3.98) were sold at \$5.69. During 1908 the company had distributed a dividend of £1. 8s. per £1 share. The annual report was adopted.

THE BRITISH-AMERICAN LAND COMPANY.

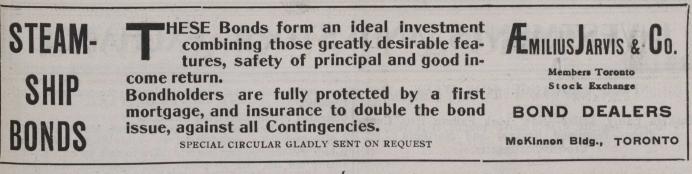
The annual general court of proprietors of the British-American Land Company was recently held at the offices, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, Mr. B. J. Scott (Deputy-Governor) presiding. The chairman said that in 1908, 783½ acres of land were disposed of. The uncultivated lands remaining on the company's books, 2,597 acres, stand at a cost of fulls, 5,0½d per acre. Land sales amounted to lands remaining on the company's books, 2,597 acres, stand at a cost of \pounds_{15} , $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. per acre. Land sales amounted to $\pounds_{23,088}$. Reference was made to the company's unsettled law suit with regard to the river bed at Sherbrooke City, and a shareholder referred to the unsaleability of the company's shares. Another shareholder referred to the added element of value, in the shape of minerals, in the company's property since they had reserved the rights of minerals, and the chair-man stated that of the company's original land purchase of man stated that of the company's original land purchase of man stated that of the company's original land purchase of 1,094,272 acres at a cost of £170,000, there now remained less than 3,000 acres. £3,498 was distributed in dividends on the A shares and £10,000 in redemption of the B shares. The report was adopted.

NEW WESTERN PROSPECTUS.

Western Canada is introducing just now numerous ncial institutions. The latest prospectus to hand is that financial institutions. The latest prospectus to hand is that of the Saskatchewan Mortgage Corporation, inccrporated in of the Saskatchewan Mortgage Corporation, inccrporated in Saskatchewan Province with a capital of \$500,000, and with head office in that rapidly growing city, Regina. The Cor-poration's charter gives full powers to transact a general loaning business, but it does not permit the company to use their funds for speculation in any form. No bonus stock will be issued to either promoters or subscribers, the intention being to organize at the lowest possible cost, and in a manner that none but actual cash subscribers shall share the profits. The capital will be used, the prospectus tells us, to assist in building up the West, and particularly Saskatchewan. The company will assist business and professional men to build homes in the new cities and towns of the West. The man-agement anticipate a profitable field in which to operate on a progressive and conservative plan, whereby interest and

progressive and conservative plan, whereby interest and principal can be returned monthly or quarterly. The capital stock of \$500,000 is divided into 10,000 shares of a par value

of \$50 each. The stock, which is divided into two classes, as fol-lows, will be offered at a premium of 10 per cent. :--(1) Fully paid permanent stock, of the par value of \$50 per share, issued at \$55 per share, fully paid and non-assessable, being at a premium of 10 per cent. This stock must be paid in full on application and participates in the full profits of the stock. on application and participates in the full profits of the stock. (2) Accumulative permanent stock, of the par value of \$50 per share, is issued at \$55 per share, being at a premium of 10 per cent.; these shares to be paid, \$8 on application, and thereafter not more than \$5 per share semi-annually until paid. Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on each payment made on account of stock, which will be credited to stock until fully paid. When this stock is paid in full, it shall then be transferred to the fully, paid will be credited to stock until fully paid. When this stock is paid in full, it shall then be transferred to the fully paid permanent stock. This stock may be paid in full at any time. The Saskatchewan Mortgage Corporation has a strong provisional directorate and it is to be hoped that these gentle-men's services will be retained when the shareholders elect their directors. These are the names:—President, J. F. April 17, 1909.



Bole, M.P.P., Regina; vice-president, R. Sinton, Regina; A. E. Whitmore, M.P.P., Regina; F. N. Darke, Regina; J. A. Allan, Regina; T. Wilkinson, Regina; Hon. A. P. McNab, M.P.P., Saskatoon; C. C. Knight, Regina; J. E. Bradshaw, M.P.P., Prince Albert; H. N. Gross, managing-director.

RAILROAD EARNINCS.

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-CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing House for the weeks ended April 9th, 1908, April 1st, and April 8th, 1909, with percentage, increase or decrease:

	April 9,'08.	April 1,'09.	April 8,'09	Cł	1g. %
Montreal	\$27,386,628	\$29,229,491	\$35,632,750	+	30.1
Toronto	20,000,462	23,097,508	26,859,671		
Winnipeg .	9,771,705	10,936,389	12,476,382		
Vancouver	3,532,239	4,214,286	4,803,455		
Ottawa	3,252,214	2,939,069	3,894,743		
Quebec	1,967,908	1,830,417	2,192,528		
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St. John	1,186,554	1,199,511	1,388,577		
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London	1,212,864	965,570	1,443,495		
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STEEL STEAMSHIP BONDS BEING INTRODUCED.

A new variety of bond is being offered by Messrs. Æmilius Jarvis & Company, a well-known Toronto house. This is the Steel Steamship bond, which is somewhat similar to the railway equivalent to the railway bed This is the Steel Steamship bond, which is somewhat similar to the railway equipment bond, a security which has become popular with Canadian investors during recent years. While somewhat of a novelty in a Canadian market, the Steel Steamship bond is a familiar security in the United States, particularly in the States of Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, where they are so highly regarded that in the State of Mich-igan for one they are sanctioned by the Government as a legal investment for State Savings Banks. The bonds being offered by Jarvis & Company are those of the Mutual Steam-ship Company, and are secured specifically and especially by ship Company, and are secured specifically and especially by the Steel Steamship "Acadian," which cost \$144,000 to build. The method on which such bonds are issued will be of in-terest to those who have not heretofore come in contact with them. When a steamship company wishes to build a new boat they, as a rule, finance one-half of the cost by an issue of bonds, which, besides being an obligation of the steamof bonds, which, besides being an obligation of the steam-ship company as a whole, are protected by a mortgage on the particular steamship, executed to a trust company. Every possible hazard, such as collision, fire, wreck, etc., is covered absolutely by insurance to the full value of the boat, and the insurance policies are assigned to the trust company as an additional protection for the bondholders. The bonds are repayable over a period of ten years, to per cent, being re-tired annually, and interest is payable to the holder semi-annually by the usual coupons, which are attached to the hond bond.

It will thus be seen that the holder of Steamship bonds at the time of issue of such bonds has an obligation of the

whole company, and is further protected by mortgage on a boat which cost actually twice the amount of the bond issue, and that his security grows 10 per cent. greater each year. Steamships of a class such as those in question are given an As rating for twenty years, and this is almost invariably ex-At rating for twenty years, and this is almost invaluably ex-tended for another twenty years, making forty years in all, while the bonds have a life of only ten years. An excellent record for safety as an investment is held by steamship bonds, there being no case recorded of one single cent of either principal or interest having been lost therein. The average net earnings of such steamships, carrying grain from Fort William down the labors and necks, carrying grain from Fort William down the lakes, and package freight, etc., on the up voyage, are approximately somewhere between three and four times sufficient to retire 10 per cent. of bonded debt and interest thereon each year. These bonds appear to be a safe and remunerative investment.

By order of the London Stock Exchange Committee the Dominion of Canada $\pounds 4,035,7003\%$ per cent. bonds are to be quoted in the official list in lieu (partly) of the scrip. The London Stock Exchange Committee have ordered the Central Ontario Railway $\pounds 200,0005$ per cent. first mortgage bonds to be quoted in the official list in lieu of the scrip now quoted.

The London Stock Exchange Committee appointed April 7th as a special settling day in the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company scrip, fully and partly paid, for a further issue of $\pounds_{1,000,000}$ 4 per cent. debenture stock, and have ordered the same to be quoted in the official list.

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange Committee to allow the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company £730,311 3½ per cent. guaranteed debenture stock (maturing 1938) to be quoted in the official list, in lieu of the same amount of 3½ per cent. guaranteed debenture stock (maturing 1936) now quoted.

The capital stock of the Star Iron Company has been in-creased from \$60,000 to \$200,000, divided into 2,800 shares of \$50, of which 2,306 shares shall be preferential stock, and 404 shares common stock.





STOCK EXCHANGE THIS WEEK.

Markets Fairly Active-New York Failure Hits Canadians-Winnipeg Brokers and Northern Crown Certificates.

Toronto, April 16th.

The foreign markets have been perturbed by European complications for a considerable period. The Turkish situa-tion upset the English exchanges on Tuesday, but British consols, despite all adverse influences, made a slight advance.

After Monday's holiday the Canadian markets opened with strength. No great amount of business had accumulated during the week end. Both Coal and Steel issues have made gains this week, and buying in Mackay common has been somewhat heavy. The milling companies' stocks have received some attention on account of the high wheat prices and the rate cutting which has been engaged in by two of the concerns.

Cobalt Market is Quiet.

The Cobalt market has not assumed any definite spring The chief bull feature this week was the declaration activity. of the regular dividend of 4 per cent. and an extra dividend of two per cent. on Kerr Lake. Late last year this company paid only 3 per cent. without a bonus. The dividend has thus been doubled. The stock has been listed on the Boston Stock Exchange. It was not affected to any extent on the local exchange.

The Foster Cobalt Company state that while the New York interests which have entered into a new financial ar-rangement with the company, are also identified with the Cobalt Central, it is not the latter company which has made the deal.

During the month of March the Nipissing mined ore of an estimated value of \$141,623, and shipped ore of an estimated value of \$193,845.

Important developments of the month including the strik-ing of ore at the 175-foot level of 64, the cutting of veins 89 and 67 from the 60-foot level at the Kendall, and the increased showing of ore in vein No. 26 below the 110-foot level.

Canada Interested in this Failure.

Another New York failure, in which Canadian speculators are involved, was announced this week. Ennis and Stoppani, consolidated stock exchange brokers, have made a general assignment to Treadwell Cleveland, assignee. A New York dispatch on Tuesday announced a petition in bankruptcy filed in the United States District Court. The liabilities were placed at \$1,500,000, with assets of \$400,000. A branch of this firm has been established in Toronto for many years, and a large amount of business has been transacted there. In Mcntreal, too, the firm had a large following. Mr. D. Urquhart, manager of the Toronto Branch, had no knowledge of the matter until the announcement came in over the wire. Mr. Cleveland will call a meeting of creditors shortly. This This is the fourth failure in comparatively recent months in which The Canadian interests have been more or less involved. others are Gay and Company, A. O. Brown and Company, and Stewart and Lockwood.

Amalgamated Asbestos on London Exchange,

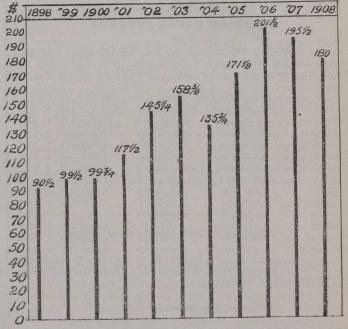
Full details appeared in the Monetary Times last week regarding the Amalgamated Asbestos Corporation. The Canadian public will shortly be given an opportunity to subscribe for the underwriting. Both the preferred and common shares will be listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange. The underwriting will also be offered in the United States and London, England, and the bonds will be listed also on the London Stock Exchange. In 1908 the combined net earnings of the companies in-

cluded in the combine amounted to \$556,000, which, after the payment of interest on the bonds and dividends on the prefarred stock of the new corporation would leave a surplus of almost \$50,000. The year 1908 was an unfavorable one in the asbestos industry owing to the depressed business conditions that prevailed during the year, and the earnings in question probably show the worst side of the case. As a re-sult of the amalgamation it should be possible at the same time to increase the production and effect economy in the cost Another improvement that should increase the of operation. demand for the company's products and strengthen its posi-tion is the standardizing of the various grades of asbestos and establishment of selling agencies abroad. It has been estimated that net earnings this year will amount to at least It has been \$625,000, which after the payment of bond interest would

leave an amount equal to almost double the preferred stock dividend.

Canadian Pacific Cathering Strength.

When a London prophet predicted on March 10th that Canadian Pacific would stand 10 points higher before the month was out, he was severely taken to task by critics. The month was out, he was severely taken to task by critics. The shares did not rise 10 points, but, comparing the closing Street price on March 8th, which was 17134, with the closing Street price on March 31st, which was 17754, the rise amount-ed to 6¼. The closing price on April 1st was 181¼, so that those who bought at 17134 have only had to wait an extra day for their 10-point rise. Not only in the world's metropolis is this stock attracting attention. It has made a 10-point advance also in Canada. Canadian Pacific is one of the in-vestments, the chief reason for the increasing value of which vestments, the chief reason for the increasing value of which is the substantial position of the company. Six per cent. is the present dividend on the stock, while one per cent. is paid out of interest on proceeds and deferred payments on land sales. At 175 the stock returns to the investor 4 per cent. This compares well with other securities of a similar character. The earning power of the company has increased from 7.96 in 1904 to 10.58 in 1908. The outlook for higher prices seem to be good. The chart below shows the highest price of eem to be good. C.P.R. for some years past.



Highest Prices, C.P.R. Stock.

Porto Rico Railway Listed at Toronto and Montreal.

As noted in this section last week the stock of the Porto As noted in this section last week the stock of the Porto Rico Railway Company has been listed upon the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges. The stock is stated to be widely distributed both at home and abroad. Until the listing last week, it cannot be said that the company's operations have attracted unusual attention. Now that the stock is quoted on the two principal Canadian Exchanges, a more lively inter-est is likely to be exhibited. The Porto Rico Railways Comest is likely to be exhibited. The Porto Rico Railways Com-pany was formed under a Canadian charter in October, 1906, and acquired the San Juan Light and Transit Company, the Porto Rico Power and Light Company of San Juan, and the Comerio Water Power, the water power being situated some fifteen miles from San Juan, the capital and largest city of the Island. The railway and electric lighting business of the first-named company and the electric lighting business of the second, have been in operation for some years. Porto Rico has a population of somewhat over 1,000,000 people, spread over an area of 3,668 square miles, the Island being approximately 100 miles long by 36 miles wide.

Financing Has Been Completed.

The Porto Rico Railways Company financing is all completed, so far as there is anything in sight, the outstanding capital stock being \$3,000,000, and the 5 per cent. thirty-year gold bends \$2,971,500, the sinking fund having taken up last year \$28,500 of bonds. The board of directors is as fol-lows:—President, Mr. W. B. Ross, K.C., Halifax; vice-president, Mr. W. M. Aitken, Montreal; Messrs. D. E. Thom-son, K.C., Toronto; J. C. White, New York; Robert E. Harris, K.C., Halifax; S. J. Moore, Toronto; Ramon Valdez, San Juan, Porto Rico; W. K. McNaught, M.P.P., Toronto; the Hon. James S. Pitts, St. John's, Newfoundland; A. E. Collas, Halifax; H. A. Lovett, K.C., Montreal.

Winnipeg Brokers and Northern Crown Bank.

The first discussion of interest to arise in Winnipeg Stock Exchange circles has centred around the course pursued by the directors of the Northern Crown Bank regarding Clause 7 of the agreement between the former Northern and the Crown banks when the merger was consummated. The clause in question reads, "In the event of the assets of either party to the agreement being found to bear a greater percentage of value in proportion to the amount of its paid-up capital stock than do the assets of the other party to the agreement, then said party shall be at liberty to declare a dividend to its shareholders to represent such excess percentage. Such dividend shall be applicable and be applied only in payment of such shares of new stock of the amalgamated bank to be issued to raise its share capital to \$3,000,000 (three million dollars) as the shareholder entitled to the dividend may be entitled to under the terms upon which the said issue of new shares shall hereafter be made.

Little Stock Transferred From East.

There did not appear to be any great cause for complaint by the brokers. The quantity of stock transferred from the East to the West was very small indeed—only 160 shares in all. To the Monetary Times a well versed authority on the subject says :-

on the subject says:— "No other course than the one pursued was open to the directors of the Northern Crown Bank. The Merger Agree-ment was assented to by Parliament, and is practically the Bank Act as far as the Northern Crown Bank is concerned. Clause 7 provides for the method of settlement which was eventually arrived at, and there was no possible way of deal-ing with the matter otherwise. The Merger Agreement might possibly be open to criticism, but the Agreement was passed and ratified by the shareholders of both banks at their annual and ratified by the shareholders of both banks at their annual meetings in 1907, and it was published in the annual report, a copy of which was sent to each of the shareholders.

It Was the Brokers' Fault.

"If a few of the brokers did not clearly understand the "If a few of the brokers and not clearly understand the meaning of Clause 7 in the Agreement, the fault was theirs, and not the directors' of the Northern Crown Bank. As a matter of fact some of the brokers who were dealing with Crown Bank shares in Winnipeg may have been caught with a few of them on their hands. The number of shares they a few of them on their hands. The number of shares they held was small, and the transactions on the stock exchange The Crown Bank shareholders bout. They now have a stock have been inconsiderable. have nothing to complain about. which is paying 5 per cent. dividend instead of 4 per cent. as formerly. No one can deny but that the position of the Crown Bank has been strengthened by its amalgamaticn with the Northern. The Northern Bank shareholders are not com-plaining for there is a stock bonus of 15 per cent. of the paid-up capital of the Northern Bank as at the 30th June, which will be paid to them some day at the discretion of the directors of the Northern Crown Bank."

No Stock Bonus at Present.

It is not the intention of the directors to pay this stock bonus at present, but at some time in the future. This has the effect of making the value of originally Northern Bank

March Good Month for Dominion Steel.

Following on the good March report of the Dominion Coal Company, the Dominion Iron & Steel Company's plant made a record output during the past month in two of the most important items of production—blooms and billets, and also in the matter of shipments. The total ship-ments were 30,122 tons. The largest previous shipments were made in August 1005 when the forume were affected were made in August, 1908, when the figures were 26,312 tons.

The shareholders of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. have sanctioned the by-law passed by the board of directors authorizing the issue of £300,000 of four and one-half per cent. perpetual consolidated debenture stock, and the execu-tion to the British Empire Trust Company, Limited, by the said stock. The by-law further authorizes the execution of all instruments and agreements required for these purposes and this was passed without discussion.

OPTIONS ON BOND ISSUES.

It was to be expected that the manner in which the issue of Moose Jaw bonds to a Regina house would meet with criti-cism. It will be recollected that an offer was placed before the City Council even before the third reading of the by-law (Continued on Page 1874.)

DIVIDENDS

Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited

Notice Is Hereby Given that a dividend has been declared of One per cent. on the ordinary shares in the capital stock of the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited, payable on April 15th, 1909, to shareholders of record on the 8th day of April, 1909. The transfer books of the company for the ordinary shares will be closed from the 9th to the 15th April, 1909, inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

C. H. S. COOKE, Secretary. The Mexican Light & Power Co., Limited.

The Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend has been declared of three and one-half per cent. for the six months ending April 30th, 1909, on the preference shares in the cap-ital stock of The Mexican Light & Power Company, Limited, payable on May 1st, 1909, to shareholders of record on the 23rd day of April, 1909. The transfer books of the company for the preference shares will be closed from the 24th to the 30th of April, 1909, inclusive. By Order of the Board.

C. H. S. COOKE, Secretary, The Mexican Light & Power Co., Limited.

MEXICO TRAMWAYS COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend of one and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a dividend of one and one-half per cent. has been declared on the capital stock of MEXICO TRAMWAYS COMPANY, for the quarter ending the 31st of March, 1909, payable on the 1st of May, 1909, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 24th of April, 1909. The stock transfer books of the company will be closed from April 25th, 1909, to May 1st, 1909, both days inclusive. inclusive

Dividend cheques for shareholders resident in Canada, the United States of America, and Mexico, will be payable at par, without cost of exchange, at any branch of the Bank of Montreal in Canada, or at the agencies of the said bank in New York City and Mexico City.

C. H. S. COOKE, Secretary, Mexico Tramways Company.

Dated, Toronto, April 10th, 1909.

CRYSTAL GLASS COMPANY, LIMITED

IN LIQUIDATION

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE.

TENDERS will be received by the liquidator up to 4 p.m., Monday, May 3rd, 1909, for the purchase of the assets

of the above company, consisting of: 1.-7 6-10 acres freehold land fronting Fraser River, New Westminster, having erected thereon docks and a glass factory and a large warehouse.
 2.—A fully equipped glass manufacturing plant.
 3.—Three hundred tons or thereabouts of silica glass

sand, and a quantity of other supplies used in the manufac-turing of glass.

Tenders can be made for the whole or any one or two of the above lots. Full particulars and complete inventories can be obtained by application to the liquidator. Terms: 20 per cent. to be paid on acceptance of tender and balance in and 12 months, when conveyance and transfer will be given. 6 and 12 months, when conveyance and transfer when The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated this 2nd day of April, 1909. THE WESTMINSTER TRUST & SAFE DEPOSIT CO., LIMITED,

181 Columbia Street, New Westminster, B.C., Canada, Liquidator.

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anada, 1910 (Reduced)	4	$101 \\ 101 \\ 10 \\ 10$	Atlantic and North-West, 5% bonds Atlantic and St. Lawrence, 6% shares	150		Scot. Ont. and Man. Land, $\pounds 5$, $\pounds 4$ paid Southern Alberta Land, $\pounds 1$ Western Canada Land, $\pounds 1$	$\frac{1\frac{3}{4}}{37/-}$	3
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Ditto, 1933	. 3/2	91 9 91 9	Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Mar	le,		Inter. Portland Cement, shares of \$100,	125	
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ebec City, 1914-10	4	100 10	Ditto, 7% prei., \$100			Ditto, 7% pref	108	
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onto, 1919-20	. 4	100 10	Ditto, shares, £25			Richelieu and Ontario Navigation, 5% debs.	95	
Ditto, 1921-28 Ditto. 1909-13	4	99 10	BANKS			Rio de Janeiro Tramway, shares	1001	
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Ditto 1932	4	99 10	Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$50	·. £1	74 184	Dutto, 5% bonds Ditto, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ deb. stock	105	
Ditto. 1926-47	. 4	99 10	LAND COMPANIES	1 27		Toronto Power 4104 deb. stock	97 981	
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NATIONAL REALTY COMPANY

Real Estate and Financial Brokers, 47-49 Richmond St. W., Toronto, Ont. The eyes of the investor and the speculator are again being directed to our Canadian West. The optimism which prevailed in 1906 is again becoming prominent. The unlimited resources which aused the optimism heretofore are still the same, and the quiet times of 1907 and 1908 have given time to the shrewd ones to investigate more closely that which Canada has to offer to the investor. We have some special bargains in Winnipeg property, which we desire to place before you for investigation. Write us for this information information.

MONEY AND MUNICIPALITIES.

MUNICIPAL CREDIT.

Steps by Which Our Cities and Towns Have Won the Investors' Confidence.

Prior to 1840 municipal obligations were but little known, but the changed conditions referred to made necessary the but the changed conditions referred to made necessary the establishing of municipal credit which would enable a muni-cipality to borrow necessary funds at reasonable rates and upon long time. The tendency of population to drift towards congested centres is taken as a text by N. W. Halsey. This change in the mode of living, they say, has required new methods of conducting public affairs and preserving public health. Vast sum of money have been spent to erect public buildings; construct water, sewerage, and park systems; im-prove the streets, and in various other public works. Municipal credit has been built up:

Municipal credit has been built up:

First, by the enactment of well-considered legislation, conferring upon municipal corporations the right to pledge the public faith and credit and to create a lien upon all taxable property within their limits.

Second, by sound decisions of the courts enforcing the obligations of such municipal pledges or contracts and re-

obligations of such municipal pledges of contracts and fe-cognizing and upholding the power of a municipality to levy and collect taxes therefor. Third, by the judiciousness with which the municipali-ties have borrowed and expended money and the care that has been given to the prompt settlement of interest and prin-cipal care it metured cipal as it matured.

Briefly, then, municipal bonds are direct obligations of states, counties, cities, towns and school districts, etc., and are issued to provide funds for waterworks, sewers, court houses, schools, park and various other corporate purposes of a similar public improvement nature.

Keep Indebtedness to Safe Limits.

Such bonds are usually secured by the full faith and credit of the various municipalities and always, if properly issued, conform with laws intended to keep municipal in-debtedness within safe limits. The bonds have behind them the taxable property of the citizens.

Money to meet principal and interest is derived from tion. These taxes must be met or the property may be taxation. sold by the municipality. Collection of these taxes is only remotely affected by periods of business depression. Legislation has provided that municipal indebtedness

shall be limited to a certain percentage of the assessed value of real estate liable to taxation. The percentage varies with the different states. In New York State it is 10 per cent. The water debt is usually excepted because the improvement is a public necessity and the revenue derived is sufficiently large, ordinarily, to meet carrying charges and meet the debt when it matures.

Strength of the Municipal Bond.

Strength of the Municipal Bond. The inherent strength of municipal bonds lies in the imperative duty of the municipality to levy a tax upon all of the property within its limits to provide for the pay-ment of interest and principal as they become due. This virtually amounts to a prior lien against taxes which takes precedence against all other obligations whether contracted in advance or subsequent to the issuance of the bonds. In view of the nature of municipal honds, the quality of

In view of the nature of municipal bonds, the quality of the security underlying such issues and the protection afforded municipal bond holders by the courts, as evidenced by repeated decisions, such bonds have come to be regarded as a premier security

The demand for them in the past has been more largely with savings banks, trustees, insurance companies and other institutional investors. Of late years, however, a large de-mand has developed on the part of individuals, and it is our belief that this demand is bound to grow as investors become better acquainted with the great merits of municipal bonds as a reliable form of investment security.

As a Good Investment.

The maintenance of a large organization with ample capital and facilities for the purpose of dealing in municipal obligations is a natural development of the times and con-stitutes a safeguard to the investor, the importance of which cannot well be overestimated.

cannot well be overestimated. While municipal bonds are usually purchased by investors with the intent to hold as a permanent investment until maturity, nowadays they will generally be found quite-readily available as collateral for loan or for resale, more especially if they have been purchased from a reliable and well-equipped dealer.

DEBENTURES

DEBENTURES FOR SALE

The Village of Athens offers for sale debentures amounting to \$8,574.82; interest 5 per cent. Tenders received up to evening of April 16. Particulars on application to G. F. DONNELLY, Clerk.



DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of the following Debentures issued under authority of the Statutes of the Province, passed by the Legislature of Manitoba this year :--Province of Manitoba

... \$200.000

first day of May next. The highest or any tender not ac-cepted unless satisfactory.

HUGH ARMSTRONG, Provincial Treas. Provincial Treasurer's Office, Winnipeg, March 26th, 1909.

TOWN OF ESTEVAN, SASK.

TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon, the 26th day of April, 1909, for the pur-chase of \$50,000, Waterworks, Sewer, and Town Hall de-bentures of the Town of Estevan, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable in thirty equal annual instalments. Delivery to be made at the Bank of British instalments. Delivery to be made at the Bank of British North America, Estevan, Sask. The highest or any bid not necessarily accepted. D. R. DAVIES,

D. R. DAVIES, Chairman Financial Com.

DEBENTURES FOR SALE.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, MONTREAL

Waterworks Bonds, By-law 56.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock, noon, April 24th, 1909, for \$33,000.00 (Thirty-three Thousand), 4½ per cent., 40-year Bonds, dated 1st November, 1908, and interest, payable half-yearly.

The highest or any other tender not accepted unless satisfactory

Further particulars on application. LEON DesCARRIES,

Secretary-Treasurer.

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Lawlor Building, Toronto	Toronto and Winnipeg.

WHERE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED.

The Society of the Montreal General Hospital are seeking an Act in the Quebec Legislature to allow the society to borrow one or more sums of money to a total not exceeding \$200,000, to be used for the construction of buildings and the general purposes of the hospital; and as security for the monies so borrowed, that the society may mortgage or hymonies so borrowed, that the society may mortgage or hy-pothecate in whole or in part its property, real or personal, moveable or immovable, with power to transfer the same to one or more trustees to secure such bonds as may be issued under the authority of such Act, and which bonds to be in such form and for such amounts as may be determined on by vote of the majority of the board of management; the said trustee or trustees to be vested with the property to be proceeded to the board of the bo conveyed to them thereunder in trust for the benefit of the holders of said bonds, with power to take such proceedings for the protection of the bondholders as may be required under the trust deed.

Yarmouth, N.S.-This town will probably borrow money to build an engine house.

Sydney, C.B.-Debentures totalling \$70,000 for school purposes may be issued here.

Wilmot Township, Ont .- The ratepayers will vote next week on a 30-year \$30,000 by-law.

Point Crey., **B.C.**—A by-law will be submitted for the construction of \$360,000 worth of new roads.

Melfort, Sask.—This town may shortly have some deben-tures for sale. A. McN. Stewart is secretary-treasurer. Brandon, Man.—A recommendation has been made to the Council for a by-law for the issue of trunk sewer debentures

Berlin, Ont .- The Hydro-Electric Power by-law to raise \$40,000 has carried also the by-law to raise \$8,000 for gas extension. mains

Blenheim Township, Ont.—The ratepayers will vote next week on a by-law authorizing purchase of \$15,000 stock in the People's Railway.

St. Johns, Que.—Subject to approval of the ratepayers the town of St. Johns, Que., will grant a bonus of \$30,000 and certain tax exemption.

and certain tax exemption. Brantford, Ont.—The ratepayers will vote on April 26th, as to the erection of new Collegiate Institute buildings and whether they be erected at a cost of \$75,000 or \$95,000. Thornbury, Ont.—A by-law to give a site with harbour and water privileges and to loan \$10,000 as bonus, to the Thornbury Transportation & Reduction Company, has been passed.

Lethbridge, Alta.—A by-law to authorize additional power plant expenditure of \$150,000 and a local improve-ment by-law for \$40,000, will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers.

Blanshard and Usborne, Ont.—These townships voted on by-laws to give the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Rail-way a bonus of \$20,000 each. The by-law carried in Usborne and was defeated in Blanshard. It may be submitted again in the latter place

In the latter place. Moose Jaw, Sask.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote on by-laws to raise \$17,000 for purchase of exhibition grounds and buildings; \$42,000 for the Collegiate Institute equipment; \$30,000 to sink a test well for gas, oil, water or coal; \$20,500 for construction of sidewalks, a part to be raised by special frontage assessment and remainder charged to the city's general funds.

Nova Scotia .- An examination of Borrowing Acts presented at the present session of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia shows that, contrary to expectations, the requirements of the local municipalities this year are limited. The majority of the bills are for small amounts, in many cases issued merely to replace maturing obligations. This combined with the active demand for the large Can-adian insurance and financial institutions which have nearly exhausted the Western market indicates a continued scarcity of offerings

Greenwood, B.C.—The ratepayers have passed a by-law giving \$50,000 bonus to the Greenwood Phoenix Tramway Company. Under the by-law the bonus, which is in the form of debentures to be paid by the city is to be paid in three instalments, \$15,000 at 3,000 feet, \$15,000 at 6,000 and the balance when the city limits of Phoenix are reached. The first 3,000 feet of the road must be constructed by November ist, 1911. It is said that a syndicate of New York and Chi-cago capitalists have underwritten the amount required to construct the bore. The tramway will run through a tunnel and will be constructed for the purpose of cross cutting some 17 veins of ore.

17 veins of ore. Melville, Sask.—Debentures are to be issued. The as-sessed valuation of real property is \$375,000, and the assessed valuation of personal property \$350,000. The total assess-ment of taxable property is \$725,000. There is no floating debt of any kind. The village was incorporated on Decem-ber 22nd, 1908, and will be incorporated as a town on No-vember 1st. The population is estimated at 1,200. The rate

of taxation is 5 mills. The total amount of the proposed issue is \$12,500, bearing interest at 5½ per cent. The pur-poses of issue are: -- To purchase property for a fire hall and poses of issue are:—10 purchase property for a file half and the building of a fire hall \$2,050, for the building of police barracks \$550, providing a water supply for fire protection \$1,500, purchasing a site for a cemetery \$400, for building sidewalks, crossings and street improvements \$8,000; total, \$12,500. Principal and interest are payable in fifteen yearly instalments. Debentures to be dated May 1st, 1909. Princiinstalments. Debentures to be dated May 1st, 1909. Princi-pal and interest payable on 1st day of February of each year, commencing February 1st, 1910. Debentures payable at Merchants Bank, Melville. Debentures and attached cou-pons to be in the form prescribed by section 171 of the Sas-katchewan Village Act, 1909. The firm of the accepted ten-der prepares the debentures and coupon forms at their own expense, and deposit the full sum offered, free of bank and other charges, in the Merchants Bank in Melville.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS EMPOWERED TO BORROW MONEY.

The particulars given are in order, name, number of school district, amount required, and correspondent:

Alberta.

- Alberta. Odessa, \$800. I. Hagel, Crossfield. Scotstown, \$1,200. G. Reid, Mannville: Rosenthal, \$1,500. J. Spencer, Stony Plain. Harvey, \$600. F. C. C. Andrews, Nanton. Prairie River, \$1,000. O. D. Hill, Lesser Slave Lake. Cloverdale, \$450. A. Asher, Sturgeonville. Mountain Peak, \$2,000. C. O. Anderson, Stavely. Sydenham, \$1,200. I. S. Woodruff, Wainwright. Tomahawk, \$1,400. J. C. Brown, Tomahawk. Markerville, \$1,200. J. O. Johnson, Markerville. Marchesseault, \$2,500. H. W. Hogarth, Taber. Sion, \$800. C. E. R. Bannister, Sion. Letts, \$1,200. H. T. Painter, Trochu Valley.

RED DEER'S CREDIT.

Town Commissioner Asks Monetary Times to Correct Misunderstanding.

The following letter has been received from A. T. Stephenson, secretary-treasurer of the town of Red Deer, Alberta :

Editor, Monetary Times:

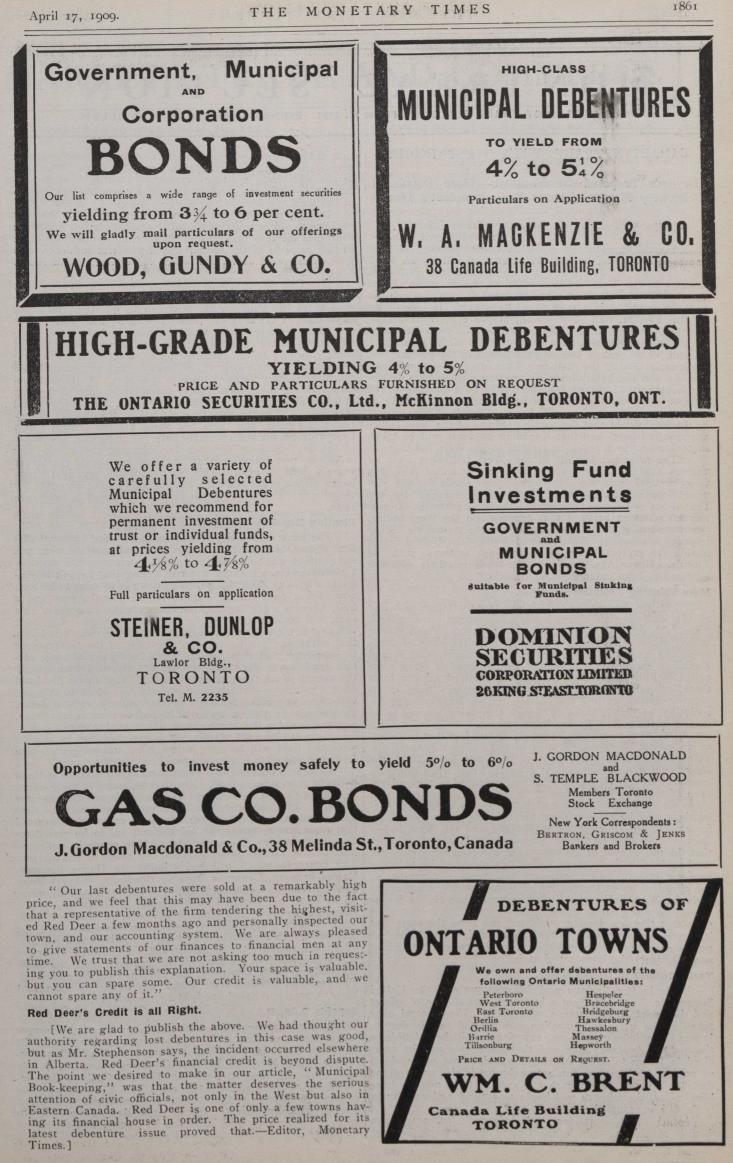
Sir,—In an article published in your April 3rd edition entitled Municipal Book-keeping appeared a statement that Red Deer lost some debentures and they turned up twelve months later in a Winnipeg Departmental Store almost waste majority of towns and cities, especially in Western Canada, have antiquated accounting systems in municipal affairs, and that their financial business is carried on in a careless and slovenly manner.

"Red Deer is referred to as being 'an otherwise progressive Western town,' giving the impression that it is one of the municipalities where its financial business is done of the multipainties where its inflateral busiless is done carelessly and its system out of date. The only proof given of this is the statement about debentures having been lost This statement is untrue, and believing as we do that it will undoubtedly affect the town's credit with financial men if allowed to pass unchallenged, we ask you to publish this anowed to pass unchanged, we ask you to publish this reply in your next edition and correct the injury we feel has been unintentionally done us. We have never had any de-bentures lost, though another town in Alberta was reported to have had the experience stated in the article with some debentures.

Town Covernment is of the Best.

"We claim that Red Deer possesses the most progressive and successful system of town government in Canada toive and successful system of town government in Canada to-day, and that our accounting system is of the best possible kind, and is carefully carried out. Although our population is only about 3,000 we have adopted the Commission form of civic government. The mayor and secretary-treasurer act as commissioners, the mayor receiving a small salary. Com-mittees are done away with entirely, and the Council acts as a legislative body, only meeting twice a month. The commissioners do all the executive work, and meet daily to transact the business. transact the business.

"G. Percy Blythe, C.A., of Edmonton, was auditor for last year, and found no fault whatever with our accounting last year, and found no fault whatever with our accounting system, as will be seen from his annual report, which is now in the hands of the printer, and which we will send a copy of to you as soon as completed. We keep a debenture book, frontage tax book, cemetery record, and daily report books for the commissioners, market clerk, chief of police, and foremen of works, besides the other necessary books, and these are kept up to date.







CANADIAN TRADE WITH WEST INDIES.

Drydock Proposed for Montreal - More Details of Brewery Merger-Former Bank President's Trial.

> Monetary Times Office, Montreal, April 15th.

"For the improvement of trade relations between the West "For the improvement of trade relations between the West Indies and Canada, better transportation facilities are need-ed," said Mr. F. W. Thompson, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills, to the Monetary Times-this week. Mr. Thompson has returned from a two months' vacation, spent mostly at Nassau, Bahamas. He sailed from Miami, Florida, and in returning stayed some time at Hot Springs, Va., and later came on through Chicago and other centres before reaching Montreal. "While in the Bahamas," he said. "I met many men of prominence in the political and centres before reaching wontreal. While in the bahanas, he said, "I met many men of prominence in the political and commercial life of the islands. They were all interested in Canada and the possibilities of increasing trade between the two countries. I understand there is to be a meeting of the different Governors of the West Indies in London in June, at which the whole problem will be considered. There cannot be the least doubt that the native products of the West Indies are required here, and that Canadian products will be taken

are required here, and that Canadian products will be taken in exchange, these being in request in the West Indies. "The principal product of the West Indies is fruit of various kinds. Lately much success has attended the effort to grow sisal, such as is imported into Canada for the pur-pose of manufacturing rope. The policy pursued by the United States has not conduced to the strengthening of com-mercial relations between that country and the West Indies, the latter being met at the boundary of the former by a duty imposed against the importation of fruits,—the United States having to protect many fruit-growing sections such as having to protect many fruit-growing sections, such as Florida. Hence, the way for closer trade relations with the Islands has been made easy for Canada."

More Shipping Facilities Essential.

"Did you discuss the question of transportation with any of the leading men there?" Mr. Thompson was asked. "Yes," he replied, "that is the vital problem. As a matter of fact, while in Nassau I suggested the advisability of deep-ening the harbor in order that steamers might enter it and discharge cargoes at a minimum cost, instead of heing comdischarge cargoes at a minimum cost, instead of being com-pelled to lighter outside. I have just received a letter from there informing me that ten principal citizens have incor-porated themselves into the Nassau Harbor Improvement Association, so that it looks as though something serious is intended in the way of harbor improvement.

"One of the present drawbacks is the fact that transpor-tation cannot be depended upon to make proper connections. Ships arrive, apparently, at any time, and leave much the same, so that merchants are at a loss to know when to expect communication. Hence they are not prepared to take advan-tage of it when it does come. It is essential to trade that tage of it when it does come. It is essential to trade that ships arrive and sail on scheduled dates, in order that con-nections may be made without loss of time and without con-fusion. Ships plying between Canada and the West Indies should come right up the St. Lawrence, to Montreal, in order that the full benefit of the passenger and freight service—for it should be both—may be taken advantage of by shippers and receivers in both countries. New York is at present so far ahead of us in the matter of transportation connections with the West Indies that it is practically impossible for us to develop any trade in competition with her. It is quite pos-cible that the new service would not pay from the start, but sible that the new service would not pay from the start, but it should pay eventually if the two countries would get to-gether and agree upon preferential trade arrangements which would advance the interests of each."

Tariff Outlook in United States.

While in Hot Springs and different parts of the United States, Mr. Thompson met a large number of men of affairs and discussed current topics with them. The general view taken of the industrial situation was hopeful for the future. It was the opinion that recent experiences will be valuable to the most of business men and that more care will be exerthe most of busiless men and that more care will be exer-cised in future to see that expenditure does not run as high as profits. At the moment, retrenchment is the order of the day. It is hoped, however, that as soon as tariff matters have been adjusted, industry will begin to expand and activity in trade will be expended. trade will be resumed.

Asked what alterations well informed business men thought would be made in the United States tariff, he said

that they seemed to believe that the changes would not be very startling unless, perhaps, in a very few lines. The bulk of the alterations would be moderate, tending towards de-creases and towards a better and more equitable distribution of the tariff.

In reply to a question as to whether it was likely that any changes would be made in the tariff against foreign grains, he expressed the view that little or no alteration would take place in this respect, as the farmer was a powerful influence and politicians would avoid acts which the farmer considered to his detriment.

Mr. Geo. W. Stephens returned this week from a long stay in Europe. As chairman of the Montreal Harbor Com-missioners, he paid special attention to questions affecting navigation in the different places visited by him, and he has a number of suggestions which he will lay before the Commissioners at an early date. One of the most important of these concerns is the construction of a dry-dock, in a convenient place, and which will be large enough to accommodate the most modern ships coming to this port. A dry-dock be-comes all the more immediately essential because of the fact that two new ships of the White Star Line, the Laurentic and Megantic, will participate in the trade of the port of Mont-real this season, and these two ships are the largest which have ever yet docked regularly here. Throughout the whole of the St. Lawrence dry-dock facilities are absent, the one at Quebec not being equal to the occasion should the larger vessels come to grief. This is one of the principal draw-backs of the route and to a considerable extent accounts for the reluctance shown to grant further reductions in insurance venient place, and which will be large enough to accommodate the reluctance shown to grant further reductions in insurance rates.

Floating Dry-dock Probable.

The work of building dry-docks is attended by much difficulty, and Mr. Stephens is not prepared to state what his suggestions will be in advance of his communication with the Commissioners. It is the general feeling that he will recommend a floating dock, inasmuch as there is no time to be lost, and such a dock can be constructed in about a year and a half, whereas a graving dock, suitable for the purposes of this port, will require six or seven years to complete. The dock will cost not less than \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, but it is likely that advantage can be taken of the offer of the Government to guarantee 3 per cent. on the cost of a dry-dock, under cer-tain conditions. Mr. Stephens, apparently, has been giving tain conditions. Mr. Stephens, apparently, has been giving the matter much thought and is in a position to lay his hand upon a company-British in all probability--which is able and upon a company—British in all probability—which is able and willing to undertake the work of construction without delay, should such be decided upon. The harbor front is now busy, preparations for the approaching opening of navigation now being pushed forward rapidly. It is expected that in another week the river will be open although no steamships are due from the ocean for some time yet.

Further details of the brewery merger, referred to in these columns from time to time, show that the name of the Eastern Breweries Company, Limited, has been adopted for the new concern. The different firms coming into the merger have been notified of its successful formation and were instructed that their books, under the old regime, are to be closed to Thereafter the various concerns will condav. Wednesday. duct business under instructions of the heads of the merger. The concerns which will be included are Dow's Brewery, Dawes Brewery, Canadian Brewing Company, (Ekers) Rein-hart's Brewery, Imperial Breweries and the Union Brewery, all of Montreal; Douglas & Company, St. Therese, Que.; Boswell's Brewery and Amiot's Brewery, of Quebec. Mol-Boswell's Brewery and Amiot's Brewery, of Quebec. Mol-son's Brewery, Montreal, will work harmoniously with the merger though it remains independent. It is considered pos-sible that, shortly, the Beauport and the Troteau breweries of Quebec will join the rest. Quite possibly, also, the brew-erv of Douglas & Company, St. Therese, will be closed up. The Imperial Brewery here, which was owned by restaurant keepers, was purchased outright by the merger.

Benefits C. P. R.

Changes in connection with the formation of the merger will remove a problem which has been confronting the C.P.R. for some time. in its efforts to extend its Place Viger ter-minals. The Montreal Brewing Company stood in the way and for a considerable time Mr. Thomas Cushing has opposed its advance of the railway. The C.P.R. has now acquired possession of the property for a sum said to be about a quarter million dollars. The first president of the new con-cern, it is expected, will be Mr. I. P. Dawes, and the comp-(Continued on Page 1874.)

TRADE INQUIRIES FROM OVERSEA.

The following are recent inquiries relating to Canadian The following are recent inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria Street, London, S.W., and at the branch for City Trade Inquiries, 73 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.: **Cas Engines.**—Yorkshire firm manufacturing gas and oil engines and suction gas plants wishes Canadian business. **Minerals.**—London firm desires names of Canadian pro-

ducers of apatite, mica, molybdenite, graphite, nickel and copper matte, copper ores, paraffin wax, tallows and bone greases, wood pulp, iron ores, etc.

Bags.-Liverpool firm desires correspondence with Canadian firms open to purchase wholesale parcels of new and second-hand bags.

Box Machinery .- North of England firm manufacturing box making machinery wishes to get into touch with Canadian buyers.

Cutlery .- Sheffield firm of cutlery manufacturers desires Canadian business.

Metals .- London firm interested in zinc, antimony, wolfram, scheelite, and all other kinds of metals, is prepared to represent Canadian producers. Agency.-London firm wants names of Canadian im-

porters of manufactured articles and general merchandise who desire a buying agent.

Sacks, etc.—London firm wants names of Canadian users of sacks, bags, Hessians, etc. Agency.—North of England merchant desires agency of

reliable Canadian firms.

Leather Goods .- Midlands firm manufacturing leather Leather Coods.—Midlands firm manufacturing leather belting, harness and saddlery, and other leather goods, de-sires correspondence with Canadian importers. Flour Mills.—Dublin firm wishes to get into touch with Canadian flour mills desiring an agent in Ireland. Paints, etc.—London firm. manufacturing. varnishes, enamels, paints, oils, etc., seek agents for Eastern Canada, except Nova Scotia. Cranbite.—London firm. wishes to receive secondered

Craphite.—London firm wishes to receive samples and quotations from Canadian producers of graphite.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

The Canada Furniture Manufacturers, Limited, have re-moved their general offices (formerly 136-8 King Street East, Toronto), to Woodstock, Ont., where the company's largest factory is situated. The Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship Company will now accept lake and rail freight for Port Arthur and points west. Navigation is practically open, there being but a few small fields of drift ice in Thunder Bay. The company an-ticipates a busy season

small fields of drift ice in Thunder Bay. The company an-ticipates a busy season. The Canadian-Mexican Steamship Company are con-sidering the erection at Tehuantepec of elevators to handle grain across the Isthmus of Panama. The company will also place more boats on the Pacific Coast run and will establish a direct line of boats from the eastern terminus of the Tehuantepec Railway to Eastern Canada. It is claimed that grain can be carried by the Isthmus route to Europe at rates equal to those via Suez with a considerable saving in time.

COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

Toronto, April 15th. **Provisions.**—Trade is very good, quite up to average. Demand for eggs is fairly active and the market firm with large receipts. Lard is scarce and the market very firm. We quote: Butter, creamery prints, 24-26c.; dairy, 21-22c.; eggs, 19-19½c.; lard, tubs, 13½c., pails, 13¾c. Cheese, large, 13¼c.; twins, 13½c. **Groceries.**—The market continues quiet as last week. The opening of pavigation is expected to increase trade, also

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the probable demand for supplies when the Northern Ontario roads are again open. **Hides.**—Market is very quiet and little doing. A better trade is anticipated when the better quality of hides comes on. We quote: No. 1, inspected, steers, 60 pounds, 10¼C.; No. 2, ditto, 0¼C.; No. 1, inspected cows, 0¾C.; No. 2, ditto, 8¾C.; No. 3, ditto, and bulls, 7¾C.; country hides, green, 8¾C. Calfskins, 12-14C. per pound. Sheepskins, \$1.20-\$1.25; horsehides, No. 1, \$2.50-\$2.75; horsehair, 30C. per pound. Tallow, 5-6½C. per pound.

TRAFFIC BETWEEN BELCIUM AND CANADA.

A British consular report by Consul-General Sir Cecil Hertslet, on the shipping and navigation of the port of Ant-werp, Belgium, contains the following paragraph regarding the returns of the regular Canadian line to that port :-

The returns of the Canadian Pacific Railway steamship service from Antwerp to Quebec and Montreal, returning via London, show a slight falling-off in regard to cargo and a decrease in passenger traffic. Both of these declines are accounted for by the general depression which has affected all steamship lines, and it is remarkable in this case that the diminution in the goods traffic is such a small one.

In 1907 there were 41 sailings of vessels of this company, and the passengers carried numbered 28,071, all from Ant-werp. Cargo carried amounted to 74,094 tons east-bound and 131,101 tons outwards from this port. The returns for 1908 show a total of 45 sailings and 11,428 passengers car-ried to Canada, while the amount of cargo conveyed reached 104,371 tons on the east-bound voyages and 97,149 tons on the west-bound.

These vessels only convey passengers from Antwerp to Canada, no passengers being brought to this port on the return voyages. On the east-bound trip cargo is carried for London as well as Antwerp.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

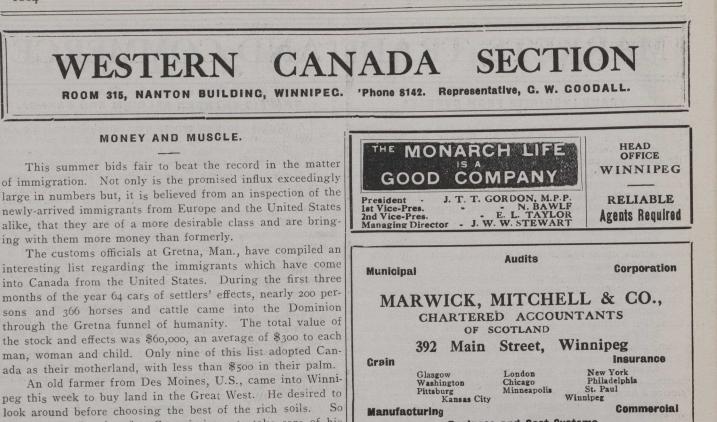
The head office of each company is situate in the town city, or province mentioned at the beginning of each para graph. The persons named are provisional directors.

Sarnia, Ont.—Sarnia Northern Ontario Mining & De-velopment Company. \$750,000. D. Barr, C. S. Ellis, W. Storev.

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Manufacturing

An old farmer from Des Moines, U.S., came into Winnipeg this week to buy land in the Great West. He desired to look around before choosing the best of the rich soils. So he asked the Immigration Commissioner to take care of his wallet. In it was \$25,000. That is another sample of the class of immigrant coming in from over the border. One day last week thirty home-seekers from the States reported at the immigration office at Winnipeg. The smallest sum that any of them had in cash was \$5,000.

These incidents do not mean that to be successful in the Dominion, the newcomer must bring with him a small fortune. Men are wanted who have enough money to buy their salt and insufficient to purchase bread and meat without the aid of labour. Sinew and enterprise are coming to us from Great Britain, the United States, and from all parts of the world. Money, muscle, commonsense, adaptability are good things. Canada needs in its immigrants the three last possessions. The first seems to be seeing to itself. It is a pleasing sight to watch the building of a great nation.

SEEDING NOW UNDER WAY.

Demand for Agricultural Implements-Great Northern Plans Approved-Winnipeg Sinking Fund.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, Man., April 12.

Seeding operations have now begun, being principally confined to Saskatchewan and Alberta, but Manitoba will start this week at many points, and in another week or ten days seeding will be general over the whole West. days seeding will be general over the whole West. Farmers are all busy with preparations and a much larger acreage than was seeded in 1908 is assured. Just what the actual crop area may be, of course, is problematical at this time, but from reliable sources it is learned that it will not be under 7,000,000 acres in wheat, an increase of three quarters of a million over last year. This increase is not confined to any particular section of the West, as there has been development all along the line. Of course Central Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta, where the great rush of settlement cen-Farmers all along the line. Of course Central Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta, where the great rush of settlement cen-tralized last year, will see the most new land cropped, and in Manitoba also where much new land has been thrown open for settlement, there will be a large increase of acreage. Reports from various parts of the West indicate excellent

Reports from various parts of the West indicate excellent business in this new country, the activity or dullness of the building trades is looked upon as one of the best gauges of general business. Measured by this standard, the year 1909 has started out for a record. An encouraging sign of trade activity lies in the exceptionally sharp demand for agricul-tural implements. Trade in this line has increased 700 per cent. of late among the Winnipeg dealers, who complain that the Eastern factories do not supply the goods so fast as the trade demands. The big crop and good prices of last year has created a boom of extra large proportions in farming operations, and the spring has opened up in good season for pushing them forward. Reports from various parts of the West indicate excellent

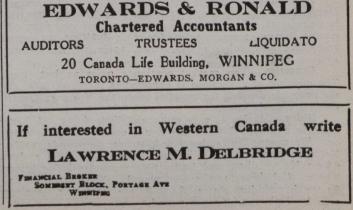
Plans have been filed with the Railway Commissioner of the Province of Manitoba, which show the Great Northern Terminals at Winnipeg, and the line to be built by the Hill interests from Emerson to Winnipeg, which it is said will be in operation by September 1st. The plans have been ap-proved by Order-in-Council, and all that is needed now is for the frost to leave the ground so that the contractors can get to work. James J. Hill has also begun active work on the construction of the Great Northern line from Michel, B.C., to Calagry, Alberta. This line will be a part of the Great Northern trunk line which will connect Winnipeg with the Deside a cost third as fourth line of million Pacific coast by a third or fourth line of railway communi-cation, and it may be completed by 1910. Work along vari-ous sections of the Great Northern will be vigorously pushed this season and the new Michel-Calgary line is expected to share in transporting the 1909 crop.

Business and Cost Systems

Mr. C. F. Roland, the indefatigable secretary of the Winnipeg Development and Industrial Bureau informs us that the bureau within the last two or three weeks has rethat the bureau within the last two or three weeks has re-ceived no less than twelve important enquiries from manufac-turers who wish to locate in this city. These include a large machinery firm of Johnstown, Pa.; an Iowa firm that makes agricultural machinery and tools; a leading iron works of the State of Wisconsin; one of the old and reliable manu-facturing concerns of Glasgow, Scotland; a Montreal firm that makes architectural and interior iron work and brass fixtures: a big hardware making house of Pittsburg. Pa fixtures; a big hardware making house of Pittsburg, Pa.; and a large shirtmaking firm from Troy, New York.

Big Increase in Alberta's Crop.

Grain Inspector Hill has compiled some interesting figures, which show that the grain business in Alberta and the grain crop of 1908 are very satisfactory. He expects the 1909 crop to exceed that of 1908 by as much as this exceeded that of 1907. The grade of grain last year was also much better than that of 1907. A general summary of the figures gives the information that while the entire number of cars



inspected for the 1907 crop was 2,683, the number of cars thus far inspected in the 1908 crop is 4,455, 1,772 more than the twelve months' shipment of the 1907 crop. During March, 136 cars of all grain were shipped.

Saskatoon, although not the capital city of Saskatche Saskatobil, altibugh not the capital city of Saskatohe-wan, has been selected as the place where the University of Saskatchewan is to be located, and the citizens of Saskatoon are greatly elated at the choice made by the Government. The question of the site for the University has been a burn-ing one for some time. Regina, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert all sought the honour, and at one time it looked as if the capital, Regina, might be the favored city.

City Had Funds to Invest.

Last week Winnipeg was looking for a place to invest \$150,000 its Sinking Fund, and the trustees had consider-able difficulty in placing it. Eventually they succeeded in getting two trust companies to take \$130,000 of the city's money, for which they will pay 5 per cent. It is understood that none of the loaning companies would take any of the funds at the present time, as they had all they could do to place to advantage the sums they had on hand.

place to advantage the sums they had on hand. For the past ten or twelve years Winnipeg's Sinking Fund has been in a "hazy" condition. During the years 1907 and 1908 the sinking fund has been placed on a satis-factory basis. On November 16 last there stood at its credit \$1,431,801, and since that time about \$150,000 has been handed over to the Sinking Fund trustees. This handing over of sinking fund charges to the trustees has only been done regularly for a limited period. In 1007 and 1006 and done regularly for a limited period. In 1907 and 1906 and the years previous the money was used in the ordinary course of the city's business. Under the new policy the proper charges for sinking fund purposes have to be made, and the money handed over to the Sinking Fund trustees, who now have work to do. Their first duty took the form of invest-ing the trust money placed in their hands. At present the ing the trust money placed in their hands. At present the sinking funds of the city are invested as follows: \$470,000 in Winnipeg 4 per cent. debentures bought at 95¼; \$130,000 on mortgage security at 5 per cent.; \$200,000 debenture stock, 4 per cent., bought at 961/4.

Royal Bank's New Block.

The Royal Bank management has begun the work of building its new block on Main Street near the Bank of Toronto. The store building that has occupied this site for some years, is being torn down and a fine block will be erected, four storeys high, and 120 feet deep. The present quarters of the Royal Bank in Winnipeg are far too small for the rapidly growing business of this bank.

IN THE WHEAT MARKETS.

Sensational Prices-European Stocks Low and Demand Strong—The Weather a Factor in Future Prices.

Monetary Times Office, Winnipeg, 12th April.

Winnipeg, 12th April. The week just closed has been one of triumph for the bulls and Patten's prediction that May wheat would sell at \$1.25 has been made good, and more—it reached the \$1.25% level on Wednesday's sensational market. With Liverpool cables 2% cents higher, followed by a report of the United States Government that crop conditions were 82 against on at the same data last waar one of the most exciting markets at the same date last year, one of the most exciting markets of the season developed. When the figures were publicly of the season developed. When the figures were publicly announced on the Chicago market, the price of May, which had lapsed to 1235% jumped to 125, and led to one of the wildest sessions ever known in the Chicago pit. Patten and his Privy Council counted \$5,000,000 in profits on their deal in May wheat. On our Winnipeg market May advanced to 12334, 43% cents over the previous Saturday, and cash 1 Northern to 12136, four cents over. The big advance in Liverpool brought bids into line, and very considerable ex-port business was done for June delivery. Shorts covered, millions were bought and there was a very active all round millions were bought, and there was a very active all round trade

While Thursday saw a slight reaction in the May and July options, September meantime had been making rapid strides. Closing in Chicago on Monday at 10036, by Thursday the option was selling at 104, and on Saturday made another striking advance of 3¼ cents. Minneapolis was equally strong. Chicago July also furnished excitement on Saturday, advancing rapidly as the session progressed. The close of the week found all markets active and strong, and a bullish cantiment merciling bullish sentiment prevailing.

Small European Stocks Responsible.

The heavy advance at the present time is undoubtedly due more directly to the small stocks in Europe and the small receipts in European countries during the past three weeks. It looks as if European, and especially British buyers were getting alarmed. The European visible de-creased three and a half million bushels in the week, as

against an increase last year of one million, when the total visible was fifteen millions in excess of now. World's visible also showed a decrease of nearly four millions, while the total on ocean passage fell off to a similar amount.

The whole situation is strong, and the only thing that would seem likely to depress the market sharply would be heavy rains in India, where they are needed, and where the acreage is such as to ensure an enormous crop if grown and reaped under favorable conditions. Freezing temperature in the winter wheat belt is making things backward, and the general crop news is a little pessimistic, but some of the crop experts are making bullish reports. A few days warm weather would no doubt change the sentiment, but the de-mand for cash wheat is the basis of much legitimate strength, and foreign requirements will be heavy. Canadian stocks will all be required to feed the masses of Europe Other wheat is getting into a strong position, and the bread eating nations of Europe will have to compete with our own domestic buyers for the balance of our surplus. North America holds the key to the situation, and prices may be forced higher.

West End Slump.

Wheat receipts for the last week at Winnipeg show an increase over last year's arrivals. Millers have been making large purchases, and their keenness in this respect is suggestive. There was a good demand on our market for all grades, and when bids were in line a fair amount was worked for export. There are predictions of smaller shipments from Argentine and Australia this week, with another liberal decrease on passage, and this leaves our markets in a state of great uncertainty. Thursday, April 15th, May wheat after selling up to \$1.25½ to-day slumped to \$1.19¾. The wildest scenes on record were witnessed in the local wheat pit.

SUCCESS FOR A WESTERN COMPANY.

Undoubtedly the natural resources and the opportunities for investment in British Columbia are coming far more rapidly to the front of public attention. The National Finrapidly to the front of public attention. The National Fin-ance Company, Ltd., which is capitalized at \$500,000 with a paid-up capital of \$250,000, are making general arrange-ments for a further extension of their business which is growing with British Columbia's progress. The company will probably establish several branch offices in the leading cities of the prairie provinces, in addition to the one now located in Winnipeg. An important agency is being or located in Winnipeg. An important agency is being ar-ranged in London, England, and a branch office will likely be established in the world's metropolis. On the account of the company's Old Country connections the National Finance Company are loaning considerable sums of money for insur-ance companies and private money lenders in Great Britain. These funds are being placed on first mortgage securities in the leading cities on the Pacific coast. The company guarantees the navment of principal and interest while in

These funds are being placed on first mortgage securities in the leading cities on the Pacific coast. The company guarantees the payment of principal and interest, while in most cases it controls all revenue on the property, retaining the amount required to meet payments when due. These loans usually net the investors 6 per cent. Real estate is another part part of the business of the National Finance Company, which is under the presidency and management of Mr. Thomas T. Langlois. That gentle-man will shortly go to Prince Rupert to make a selection of the most desirable properties there. He will then attend the sale of lots at Vancouver for the company's clients. It is not unlikely that the National Finance Company will have a branch at Prince Rupert in the future.

OVERSEAS STRAND.

Great Britain's interest in Canada during the past two years has been considerably enlarged. It is recognized that the Dominion has attractions for all classes of society. It offers labour and just reward to the immigrant. It gives a high return to the British investor and has for presentation to the tourist a variety of scenic charms. One feature of this development of appreciation is the space devoted by the English daily and weekly newspapers and the monthly magazines to progress and possibilities in the lands over the seas where Britishers are making history. The Strand Magazine for April, one of the oldest, most enterprising and best known of its class, contains the first issue of an Overseas Empire supplement, which will in future form part of, and be a permanent addition to the magazine. Matters of inter-est to Canda and her sister empires are dealt with in an attractive manner, the articles being well illustrated. This new departure should meet with the success it well deserves.

The Hudson Bay and Pacific Development Companies have registered with a capital of $\pounds_{150,000}$. Its objects are to construct and operate railways, tramways, telegraphs, and telephonic systems in Canada and elsewhere.

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History of Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert is situated 550 miles north of Vancouver, and forty miles south of the Alaskan boundary. It is in the same latitude as London, and has a climate whose mean temperature is about the same as that of the metropolis of the British Isles.

In 1905 a grant of 10,000 acres of land at Prince Rupert was obtained by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company from the Provincial Government of British Columbia, and 14,000 acres of Indian reserve land has since been purchased, making a total of about 24,000 acres for the purposes of the town-site and the development of the port. Under the usual conditions of Crown grants, one-quarter cf all the land reverts to the Province, as also one-quarter of the water-front, after the townsite has been laid out.

the townsite has been laid out. The title to the land acquired in the interests of the rail-way company has been vested in the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Company, Limited, a holding com-pany organized for the purpose, among other things, of ex-ploiting, developing, and disposing of townsite lands along the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, all of the stock of which is held by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

held by the Grand Trunk Tacher **Planning of the City.** Probably never before has there been so much money and time expended in the planning of a new city as has been devoted to the preliminary work at Prince Rupert, not only by the railway company, but by the Dominion and Provincial Governments as well. This work was commenced in May,

1906. Upon the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway the fishing industry at Prince Rupert and vicinity, which is now in its infancy, will be one of the greatest in the world, and will furnish employment not only to the railway company and its employees, but to hundreds of fishermen and laborers who must necessarily establish their homes at Prince Rupert. At the present time a large company is arranging to engage in this industry, with headquarters at Prince Rupert.

A license has been granted to establish a whaling sta-ton within a few miles of Prince Rupert, which will be an im-portant industry and feeder to the new city, as it has been found that more whales abound and have been taken in the waters off the coast of British Columbia during the time the whaling stations have been in operation than in any other waters of the world.

Timber, Pulp and Copper.

The timber industry of this part of the country is also in spruce, hemicek and cedar are to be found. At the present time a large steam sawmill, costing \$200,000, located at Prince Rupert, and a water-power mill some few miles dis-tant, are supplying the local markets at most reasonable It is safe to say that the forests within this radius prices. will produce timber enough to supply twenty-five mills with all the timber they can cut and market for the next twenty years

At Swanson Bay, about 100 miles distant, a pulp plant, estimated to cost one million dollars, is partly completed. This industry will employ at least one thousand people, and the business arising, not only in the production, but in the transportation of its manufactures, will largely pass through Prince Rupert.

There are mountain cliffs of copper in the Atlin district, in the north-west corner of British Columbia, so nearly pure copper that it must be taken out by dynamite. Here are also gold, silver, wood and coal, all of which will come in over the Yukon extension, pass out by this new Pacific gateway, and go down to the sea in ships, eventually belonging to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Another feature in favor of Prince Rupert is the great saving of time effected by the northerly route. The distance from

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

The first official sale of Prince Rupert lots will be held in Vancouver, commencing May 25th. Terms: Quarter cash. For maps and particulars write: C. D. Rand, Agent for the Sale, Vancouver, B. C.

buyers from Vancouver and Victoria some time during next Liverpool to Yokohama by this route is 10,031 miles, as against 10,829 miles via New York and San Francisco. Moreover, ships sailing from Prince Rupert pass, with a few strokes, from the land-locked harbor to the high seas, and begin their jcurney across the Pacific 500 miles nearer the East than a ship would be sailing at the same time from another Pacific port.

Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, the newly appointed general-manager of the road, has completed a tour of inspection through the country over which the Grand Trunk Pacific will Mr. E. He and a party of eleven officials of the railroad have travel. recently visited Prince Rupert.

"As to the route we will take from Fort George to Van-couver," said Mr. Chamberlin, in an interview, "the public may be assured that we will decide on whichever is the short-est and the easiest. The Grand Trunk Pacific fully realizes the opportunities this country has to offer, and you may rest assured we will not neglect them. I can not say when the branch line to Vancouver will be completed, but I am sure it will be very soon after the main line is running."

Question of Grain Transportation.

As the road will pass through the most productive belt, direct communication with Vancouver is a very essential feature, as is also the necessity for elevators, etc., for the handling of that commodity. The road expects to build a series of elevators, to the number of 230 along the main line this summer, so as to be ready to ship the fall harvest eastward.

PROGRESS ON THE COAST.

Colonization Scheme in Mexico-Another "Boom" Possible in the Yukon.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, April 12.

The projects proposed in various quarters will maintain the growth of the coast cities at a rapid pace. A deal an-nounced last week was the sale of 800 feet of water frontage on Burrard Inlet, just east of the city limits proper, to Eng-lish capitalists, on which wharves will be erected. It has also been definitely given out that the Stave Lake Power Company has had \$2,500,000 of its bonds underwritten in Eastern Canada, and that active development will progress from now on. G. H. Cahan, of Montreal and Halifax, is interested and will be associated with John Hendry in direct-ing the undertaking. The way things are going ahead at New Westminster is shown by the increase of a million in the assessment over last year, the advance in customs returns and a new land registry record. In Victoria, the enthusiasm of progress is noted in the appointment of a publicity agent, E. McGaffey, of Portland, Oregon, at a salary of \$2,500 a year, at a very demonstrative meeting. Such projects and happenings are indications of the growing prosperity of British Columbia. Mr. George H. Cowan, M.P., is back from Ottawa for on Burrard Inlet, just east of the city limits proper, to Eng-

Mr. George H. Cowan, M.P., is back from Ottawa for Easter, and states that keen interest is being taken in the East on the question of Asiatic immigration. He says that the members from British Columbia have received invi-tations to speak at various points on this subject, and if they can show people who do not know the situation the advis-ability of having a white British Columbia they will do good work. It is rather difficult for those who do not know social and economic conditions here to realize just why Westerners are so strong for Japanese and Chinese exclusion, particularly the former, and the only argument that has been really advanced against it is that of interference with diplomatic relations between Canada and Oriental countries.

Trade Development With Mexico.

On the steamer Ella, which sailed this week for Mexico, were W. L. Bond, of Victoria, and a party of 10 who have gone south to make surveys for an extensive colonization scheme in Mexico, big concessions having been obtained, chiefly along the Pacific shore line, in the Province of Guerrero. The in-auguration of steamship lines with that country has given opportunities, and the establishment of colonization parties will augment business between Mexico and British Columbia, which even now is by no means inconsiderable.

Mr. C. B. Black, a young lawyer from Dawson, who ar-rived this week, brings news of the development of a dis-covery on the Dome behind Dawson of a vein of quartz. Mining men have contended that there should be a mother lode, and that all the gold in the creeks in the Yukon could not have been carried such a great distance by glacial action. If this vein proves to be anything like a mother lode, it will have important results for Dawson and for Prince Rupert, Victoria and Vancouver. The indications are very favourable at Dawson, the vein having been traced for a long dis-tance, and the assays are high. A tunnel is now being (Continued on Page 1874.)

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Banking: Insurance: Commerce-Legal Notes

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INTEREST ON COVENANT IN MORTCAGE.

St. John vs. Rykert.—A mortgage made by the defendant contained the covenant to "repay the said sum of \$3,000 on the 11th day of July, with interest thereon at the rate of 24 per cent. until paid.

The courts have held that the defendant was liable for interest at the rate mentioned until maturity of the mortgage interest at the rate mentioned until maturity of the mortgage but after that only at the legal rate of 6 per cent. (now 5 per cent. in Ontario). The reasoning of Strong J. is as follows: Interest at the specified rate is to be paid up to the 11th day of July, the date fixed for payment upon terms of the mort-gage, and it is not to be interpreted as a covenant for pay-ment of interest at the rate of at par cent often the such ment of interest at the rate of 24 per cent. after the 11th

July. We must assume that the parties were contemplating fulfilment of the covenant at the time set for, otherwise they would not make that particular covenant nor specify that time, and we must not assume they were making provision for a breach of that covenant unless their clear and express words leave no doubt that they mean the rate mentioned to apply after the date set for payment. Now in this case there are no such precise or unambiguous words to show an agree-ment for the high rate to extend beyond the time set for payment. Therefore after that time the plaintiff can collect

payment. Inerefore after that time the plaintin can conect only the rate which the law applies in cases where no rate is stipulated.—10 S. C. R. 289. When a debtor makes payments to a creditor the debtor has the first and paramount right to say on what account that payment shall be received. Thus if he owes money to that creditor on several accounts, e.g., a note, a mortgage and a running account be can elect to receive credit on any that creditor on several accounts, e.g., a note, a mortgage and a running account, he can elect to receive credit on any one of those several accounts. But if the debtor is pressed for payment on one account, e.g., under the open account, which is unsecured, and he yields to pressure and makes a payment without specifying when paying that it is to be received on the running account; the court will presume it was made on the account under which he was being pressed. Where the debtor says nothing as to which account he is paying, the creditor can apply the amount upon any ac-count standing against that creditor; and even upon a debt which is barred by the statute of limitations.

which is barred by the statute of limitations.

INSURANCE INTEREST-RENEWAL IS NOT A NEW CONTRACT.

Howard vs. The Lancashire Insurance Company.-The Howard vs. The Lancashire Insurance Company.—The plaintiff's company had a claim against one S., who owned a stock of goods, and their manager thinking to secure his firm's account, obtained a policy from the defendants. To obtain this policy he represented that Howard was chattel mortgagee of the said stock. While the year's insurance was still unexpired S. made a composition with his creditors and Howard did actually ac-quire a chattel mortgage over the stock; four months later the policy expired but was renewed, still without notice to the company, and after the renewal the goods were destroyed by fire.

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by hre. The company contested their liability under the policy and judgment was given as follows: "I do not think this is an arguable case at all. I think that before a man can re-cover on a policy he must have an insurable interest in the property when he effects the insurance. The renewal was merely a continuance of the original contract and not a new policy." Plaintiff's case dismissed with costs.—11 S. C. R. 05.

INSURABLE INTEREST.

What property can I insure? The question is one as old What property can I insure? The question is one as old as the making of insurance policies. At the time when it was first found that insurance contracts could be carried on and business men began to feel these were of aid in business matters, there were no laws on the subject and the principles of insurance had not been studied. Matters of hazard al-ways have a peculiar fascination for the human mind, and the man on the street found in the new field a means of diversion. Men commenced to bet upon the lives of others, upon the happening of certain events, but especially upon upon the happening of certain events, but especially upon the safe arrival of ships, until this abuse of a legitimate practice became a notorious evil. It was then that parlia-ment interfered to define the field of legitimate insurance by saying: "No insurance shall be made by any person upon

any life or upon the happening of any event whatsoever wherein the person effecting the insurance has no interest." (14 Geo. 3, C. 48.) This checked the evil by rendering il-legal a great many so-called insurances which were in truth mere wagers on the happening of certain events.

EXTENT OF INTEREST.

Dolby vs. India & London Life Assurance Company.— The Anchor Life Assurance Company had written policies to an aggregate of \$15,000 upon a certain life. Wishing them to limit their liability upon this one life in which they were interested, they secured a reinsurance for \$5,000 from the India & London Life. Some years later they negotiated with the holder of their own policies with the result that they neid the contained paid him a certain amount whereupon he gave up all the four policies amounting to \$15,000, and the Anchor Life was no longer interested in the life covered. Meanwhile the no longer interested in the life covered. Meanwhile the policy reinsuring this life for \$5,000 was still in effect; the premiums were regularly paid by the plaintiff who was really trustee for the Anchor Life, and when the insured died he brought action for the \$5,000. The India & London Life contested their liability because the Anchor Life had since obtaining the policy ceased to have any interest in the life of the assured, but the courts held that this did not relieve them. The Statute requires the insurer to have an interest in the life when the policy is obtained, but it does not matter that such interest has since then ceased .--- 24, L. J. C. O. 4.

POLICY MUST NAME BENEFIC!ARY.

Dowker vs. Canada Life Assurance Company.-The defendant company issued a policy for \$5,000 to the plaintiff, insuring the joint lives of Henry Mason and his wife. The plaintiff paid the first half-yearly premium when the policy was received, and he continued to pay the premiums for six years following. The plaintiff made a Declaration of Trust which showed that he was really not the beneficiary but a trusted and that is case of the death of either Henry Mason which showed that he was really not the beneficiary but a trustee, and that in case of the death of either Henry Mason or his wife the plaintiff was to hold the insurance money for the benefit of the survivor of them and for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Mason. This declaration of trust it ap-peared was made known to the company but it was not in-cluded in the policy. Now the statute (R. S. O. 1807, Ch. 339) provides that "it shall not be lawful to make any policy on the life of any person, without inserting in the policy the name of the person interested or for whose benefit such policy name of the person interested or for whose benefit such policy is made." It will be seen that Henry Mason and his wife were named as the persons whose lives were covered but they were not named as beneficiaries. After paying the premiums for some years the plaintiff

After paying the premiums for some years the plaintin brought action to have the policy declared void and to re-cover the total premiums paid, \$1,350. The person named as beneficiary was the plaintiff Dowker, but the Declaration of Trust showed, and it was admitted, that he was not in fact the beneficiary. The court expressed the opinion that if either of the persons insured had died and the company had brought action to have the policy declared void they could have succeeded and held that the plaintiff was entitled to a like decree for the reason that the omission renders a to a like decree for the reason that the omission renders a

policy void for want of compliance. The court also decreed that the premiums paid should be returned to the plaintiff. This is in compliance with the rule that money paid upon a void contract can be recovered. The statute is passed to prevent the existence of policies in which the person benefited is not named, and declares that any such policies shall be null and void. The issuance of such a policy is not in itself odious, but the Legislature has seen fit to discourage such policies by declaring them void. Hence the plaintiff in paying the premiums was getting no value in return, and it is just that his money should be re-turned. Such cases must be distinguished from those in which the act is essentially objectionable as for instance if the act be criminal. In the latter case the act is not only not permitted but is also illegal, and the courts will not re-cognize any claim which arises out of the illegal contract.— 24, U. C. Q. B. 591.

A branch of the Dominion Bank has been opened at Saskatoon, Sask., under the management of Mr. A. H. Black. Another branch of the same bank has been opened at Hanley, Sask., under the management of Mr. A. J. Ferguson.

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THE INSURANCE CHRONICLE. April 17, 1909

RATES OF MARINE INSURANCE.

It has been recently stated that British underwriters are proposing an advance of one to two per cent. over last year's rates on hull insurance of all steamers on the St. Lawrence east of the Welland Canal. This, if true, would make the rate six per cent. for even first-class steel steamers to Prescott, which would mean \$1,200 to \$1,500 increase in the premium on a hull of average size to the foot of Lake Ontario. It is further feared that an extra of one per cent. above this will be imposed upon steamers plying east of Prescott, as was done last year. Such an advance in insurance rates would be a serious blow to the St. Lawrence route for Canadian grain. Indeed, it would neutralize the advantage the St. Lawrence route has recently demonstrated of cheaper carriage via the St. Lawrence to tide-water than via New York.

But it may be premature to assume the adoption of these suggested higher rates, since the Old Country underwriters have not yet definitely announced their attitude for the season in respect of hull premiums. The fact remains that on Wednesday the hull rate asked by a Toronto broker on a steel steamer was 5 per cent. from Fort William to Port Colborne, 6 per cent. to Prescott, and 7 per cent. to Montreal, which is a tremendous handicap for the St. Lawrence route.

As to the cause of the demand by underwriters for increased rates, there is no denying that for several seasons hull risks have been losing risks. It is urged, and reasonably, by shipowners that the route from Lake Ontario to Montreal is well buoyed, well lighted, and as safe a course as a good navigator wants. On the other hand, it is argued that all navigators are not trusty ones, and that a particular group of vessels, whose owners or officers are rash beyond even the usual recklessness of sailors, are responsible for most of the losses which are likely to induce higher insurances.

It is to be hoped that no such discrepant price as two per cent. extra from Lake Erie to Montreal shall be exacted from shipowners at a time when the Government and the people of Canada are rejoicing over what has been achieved last year in securing for Montreal the bulk of transatlantic grain shipment in competition with United States ports. It would be a calamity to have the great national advantage of the Canadian water route to the sea neutralized by reason of the grasping imprudence of a few.

THE DUTIES OF AN ACCOUNTANT IN CON-NECTION WITH INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

By Paul von Szeliski, of the Insurance Firm of Szeliski & McLean, Toronto.

The subject of insurance is such an extensive one that those who have devoted nearly a lifetime to its study even feel that they have still much to learn; nobody will therefore expect that in the small space of time at my disposal I can do more than give a general outline of the subject, deal with essentials only, and point out a few every day cases and dif-ficulties. Even so, slight as the information may be, it will show you where your own knowledge ends and where it will be necessary for you to consult professional insurance men.

The increased and intense industrial activity of the present day, the evolution of the small shop and store into mam-moth industrial and mercantile establishments of large area. the universal use of steam and electricity, and of chemical and other processes, have brought about an enormous in-crease in the danger to life and limb, and property generally.

This complexity of the mercantile and industrial affairs of the present day has created a demand for various form of insurance, designed to compensate or indemnify the public for losses arising from these various hazards.

The one with which we will principally deal here is fire insurance

The necessity for this class of insurance is so generally recognized that no loan company will make advances on imrecognized that no loan company will make advances on im-proved real estate without having assigned to them as secur-ity, policies for approximately the insurable value of the property. Banks, when making advances on shipments, ob-tain as a matter of course, policies for practically the full value of the merchandise, and, when granting large lines of discount to customers, they frequently ask for assignment of fire insurance policies. Merchants, therefore, in allowing large lines of credit to customers, should see that the latter are adequately insured and should hold nolicies payable in are adequately insured, and should hold policies payable in their favor, for approximately the amount of credit extended to the customers.

In my opinion, it is, therefore, one of the clear duties of an auditor to report whether not only the property and hazards of the clients whose books he is auditing, are adequately and properly insured, but also whether his clients' large outstanding accounts are collaterally secured by policies of the borrowers.

Financial Institutions Recognize Importance.

The loan companies and banks, as already pointed out, and the large mercantile firms, but especially the American Association of Credit Men, are fully alive to the importance of this question, but there are still a large proportion of business men who either fail to insure adequately, or who entrust one of the most important functions of their business to the care of inexperienced agents because the latter are, perhaps, friends or relatives, and who may engage in this business only temporarily until something better turns up. This still existing tendency, which is much to be deplored, makes it more necessary on the part of the accountant to examine into all matters of insurance, and, if need be, to call in the services of an expert.

Another point too often lost sight of by the assured, and which must not be overlooked by the accountant, is to ascer-tain whether the insurance companies carrying the risk are sufficiently strong to meet their obligations, even if confronted with losses from conflagrations as serious as that of Toronto, Baltimore and San Francisco for instance. The companies' standing should be ascertained from

Government statements or comparative statements con-veniently compiled by reputable financial journals, all of which statements should be based on the reserve standard as required by the Government.

In Ontario, only corporations are allowed to undertake to indemnify the public against fire loss, and all insurance con-tracts, i.e., policies, are, therefore, between the insuring company and the assured. These companies must all be duly licensed. In Ontario all insurance contracts are governed by the Ontario statutory conditions and such variations thereto made by companies, as may be considered reasonable by the judge or jury, before whom a question is tried relating thereto.

The Fire Policy as an Insurance Contract and its Definition.

Insurance against fire is a contract of indemnity by which the insurance company, in consideration of a certain sum usually called the premium, received by them, either in gross once for all, or by annual or other payments, undertakes to indemnify the assured against all loss or damage to his property by fire during a specified period, such indemnity being made either by money payment or by restoring or reinstating the property insured.

The main point to be borne in mind is. that fire insurance is indemnity only for actual loss suffered by assured, and the amount of actual loss or damage, limits the duty and obligation of the insurance company. and in no case should insur-ance enable the assured to derive a profit beyond the actual damage sustained. The question of damage, loss, and values we will refer to later and will now take up the various points to be inquired and examined into, in the order in which they usually occur in the policy.

Name of Assured.

He should, as a rule, be the owner of the property insured of have an insurable interest in the property. This is dealt with in statutory conditions 10A. It should be absolutely ascertained in every case whether the legal title is vested in the assured's name, or that of his wife, or the firm, as only too often mistakes occur in this report.

While it is true that assured need not necessarily be the

While it is true that assured need not necessarily be the absolute or legal owner, but need have only an insurable in-terest in the property, still it must be an interest which will be recognized by a court of law, and there must be a valid contract with regard to property, susceptible of being en-forced, not a mere expectancy or probable interest. As the question of insurable interest is somewhat in-volved, and the interests may be of an extremely diversified nature, it would be advisable, where the interest of assured be other than that of absolute ownership, to have a thorough understanding with the companies, and, if need be, more clearly define the interest to be insured. More latitude is allowed in connection with insurance on stocks. In fact, with stocks in trade it is quite common to include property other than that of assured, and a clause like the following, called "Commission Clause," will, therefore, often be found in policies of wholesale or the larger manufacturing concerns. It usually reads: "Either their own or held by them in trust or on consignment, or sold but not removed, or for

trust or on consignment, or sold but not removed, or for which they may be liable."

To meet various conditions special commission clauses are often prepared.

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GASOLINE ON PREMISES.

Interesting Insurance Case-Supreme Court Reverses Decision of Trial Judge and Appeal Court.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, handed down last week, in the cases of Thompson and the Union Bank of Canada vs. The Equity Fire Insurance Company and Thompson and the Union Bank of Canada vs. The Standard Fire Insurance Company is one of special interest to insur-ance companies and to the insured. Thompson was a druggist carrying on business in New Liskeard. His premises, which were insured in the above-named companies, were destroyed by fire on September 4th, 1906, the fire being caused by the use of a gasoline stove. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Riddell. The evidence was that the stove in question belonged to Thomp-son's manager, who had used it for a few days in June pre-vious to the fire for domestic purposes. He lived in apart-ments over the store and on the day of the fire he brought the gasoline stove downstairs to a room in the rear of the the gasoline stove downstairs to a room in the rear of the drug store for the purpose of compounding certain fruit essences.

Half a Callon of Gasoline.

He was using the stove for this purpose when there was an explosion or ignition of the gasoline, with the result above indicated. The evidence was that he had brought upon the premises originally about one-half gallon of gasoline and that of this quantity about a pint remained in the reservoir of the stove on the day of the fire. The policies were subject to the usual statutory condi-tions with regard to certain inflammable materials, gasoline, naptha, gunpowder, etc. The condition in question relieves

tions with regard to certain inflammable materials, gasoline, naptha, gunpowder, etc. The condition in question relieves the company from liability for losses occurring while gaso-line is "stored or kept" in the building insured. The trial judge held that under the circumstances dis-closed in the evidence, gasoline was not "stored or kept" on the premises in question at the time of the fire and he gave judgment against both insurance companies. On appeal by judgment against both insurance companies. On appeal by the companies to the Court of Appeal for Ontario this judgment was unanimously affirmed.

Insurance Company is Relieved.

But the Supreme Court has now held that when the Leg-islature provided for forfeiture of a policy in case gasoline were "kept" on the premises that, the Legislature meant just what it said and that if an insured person does not take the precaution to get a gasoline permit in connection with his policy and his premises are destroyed whilst gasoline is "kept" on the premises, he takes the risk and the insurance company is relieved.

The judges in the Supreme Court were not unanimous. They stood three for the insurance companies against two for the plaintiffs. On the final argument Mr. W. E. Raney, K.C., appeared for the insurance companies and Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., and Mr. H. D. Gamble, K.C., for the plaintiffs.

IMPORTANCE OF LICHTNING CONDUCTORS.

The Fire Marshal of the State of Ohio states that of the 229 buildings fired by lightning in Ohio last summer, 175 were barns. Of the \$297,225, loss from lightning \$233,921, or a little more than three-fourths was on barns. The loss on 35 dwellings fired was \$8,456 (exclusive of dwellings dam-

aged not fired) but in dwellings the loss of life was greater. When a barn is struck the probability is two to one that it will be entirely destroyed, contents and all. The experience of the United States Farm Mutual In-surance Companies, some of which carry more than three hundred million insurance, shows that the loss by lightning each summer, in States in the Mississippi Valley, is from two-thirds to three-fourths as great as that from all other causes added together. In Iowa in 1902 the fire loss on farm property from lightning was three times as great as from all other causes combined.

other causes combined. At the meeting of the American Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, at Denver, the matter of reducing the assessment where the building was rodded was discussed favorably. This has been done by many companies. Other companies penalize the absence of a lightning rod by paying but 80 per cent. of the loss, if it is by lightning. Others put rodded and unrodded buildings in separate classes. Aside from this, companies have been formed to insure rodden buildings only. It was said that owing to the large number of lightning

It was said that owing to the large number of lightning It was said that owing to the large number of lightning fires, farm barns have been a losing proposition to insurance companies for several years. The Minnesota Fire Marshall has stated that "of three hundred and eighty-seven lightning fires in this State during the last five years, not one of these structures was reported as having been provided with a light-ning rod." In Ohio a number of houses having rods were struck but investigation showed, in each, that the rod was more than 25 years old and was broken or rusted off.

MARCH FIRE LOSSES.

Fire losses in Canada and the United States during March totalled \$13,795,400, or considerably under similar losses in 1908 and 1907. Here is a comparison :---

1908.	1909.
January \$29,582,000	\$22,735,000
February 18,489,700	16,131,000
March 16,723,300	13,795,400
Total 3 months \$64,795,000	\$52,661,400

The Monetary Times' monthly estimate of fire losses for March, as printed in last week's issue, recorded damage amounting to \$851,690 and \$3,614,695 for the first three months of the year.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Summary of Proposed Legislation in Province of Quebec.

The new Workmen's Compensation Bill at present before the Quebec Legislature is a measure which will apply to all industrial enterprises in that Province and should be care-fully considered by the manufacturers and employers gener-

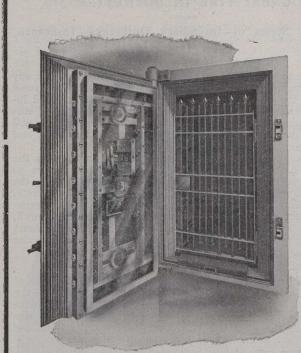
ally. It does not apply to agricultural pursuits. This is stated by section 1 in the following words: "Accidents happening by reason of or in the course of "Accidents happening by reason of or in the course of their work to workmen, apprentices and employees engaged in the work of building; or in factories, manufactories or workshops; or in stone, wood or coal yards; or in any trans-portation business by land or by water; or in loading or un-loading; or in any gas or electrical business; or in any busi-ness having for its object the repairing or maintenance of railways or tramways, waterworks, drains, sewers, dams, wharves, elevators or bridges; or in mines or quarries; and further, in any industrial enterprise other than agricultural enterprises, in which explosives are manufactured or prepar-ed, or in which machinery is used, moved by power other than that of men or of animals, shall entitle the person injured or his representatives to compensation ascertained in accordhis representatives to compensation ascertained in accord-ance with the following provisions:"

In the event of an accident happening to any workman so engaged, his only recourse against his employer for such injuries will be under the new Act.

Scale of Compensation.

The scale of compensation payable to such workmen, or in the event of death, to his representatives, will be as follows:

In the case of absolute and permanent incapacity the injured workman is entitled to a "rent" equal to 50 per cent. of his yearly wages, reckoning from the day of the accident



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For temporary incapacity, a daily allowance of half his wages if the incapacity to work lasts more than seven days,

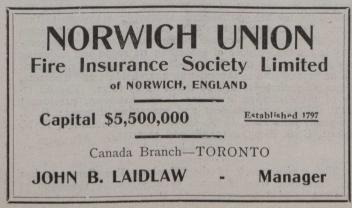
the compensation to begin on the eighth day. In event of death, the compensation payable to the work-man's representatives will be four times the average wages of the deceased at the time of the accident, but shall be not less

than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000. In addition, the representatives will be entitled to \$25 for medical and funeral expenses unless the deceased was a member of an association providing these. Apprentices are to be classed with the lowest paid work-

Apprentices are to be classed with the lowest paid work-man in the employer's service. It will be noted that \$2,000 is the maximum compensation claimable by any person whether for disabling injuries or death, hence excessive awards of damages will be unknown in the Province of Quebec, where verdicts of \$5,000 and over are not uncommon. Trial by jury is also abolished by the Bill, the procedure laid down for enforcing a claim for com-pensation being a summary and comparatively inexpensive process. process.

It will be noted that during temporary incapacity it is proposed to allow a workman to claim a "daily" compensation allowance which would naturally include his being paid for 7 days in the week instead of 6. This word should, therefore, be substituted by the word "weekly" and there is reason to assume the Government will give effect to this alteration before the Bill becomes law.

In considering the meaning of the term "incapacity" used in the Bill, the Hon. Mr. Taschereau, who is primarily re-



REMARKABLE A RECORD

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company on the 31st of December, 1908 (in its 22nd year) had Insurances in force amounting to

\$54,286,240.00

During 1908 the applications (for new Insurances) received were \$10,011,253, the largest amount in the history of the Company.

On these applications policies were issued for \$8,690,944.

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sponsible for the Bill, has stated that the French law has de-fined this as meaning "incapacity from work," a limitation very essential to the meaning of the term as translated into English.

The word "rent" appears to be an ill-chosen translation of the corresponding French term, but this word is also, on the authority of Hon. Mr. Taschereau, likely to be amended in the English translation to the word "annuity" which better carries out the intention of the proposed Bill.

Provision is made by section 9 for the payment to an insurance company, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of a sum sufficient to secure the annuity. It is the Taschereau's intention that it will be possible for Hon. Mr. an employer, liable to pay annuity of a certain sum under the new Act, to buy an annuity for a certain premium from an insurance company and thus relieve himself of further responsibility, at the same time securing the person entitled thereto against possible loss in the event of the employer subsequently becoming unable to fulfil the obligation.

Persons to Whom Compensation Payable.

In the event of death the only persons entitled to claim compensation are as follows:

(a) The surviving consort not divorced or separated.(b) The legitimate children, or illegitimate children acknowledged before the accident, provided such children are under 16 years of age.

(c) Ascendants of whom the deceased was the sole sup-

port. The term "surviving consort" would, of course, include the husband of a woman who was killed. This seems against all good morals and the Bill will probably be amended to pre-clude a husband recovering under these circumstances, unless he were, from physical reasons, totally dependent on his wife.

When Compensation Not Payable,

Compensation is not payable in the following cases: (a) In the case of a foreign workman or his representatives if they reside out of Canada or if they cease to reside there while the annuity is being paid.

(b) If the accident was caused by the workman's wilful fault. The compensation may also be reduced if the accident was caused by the workman's inexcusable fault, or increased if caused by the apple if caused by the employer's.

(c) Where the yearly wages of the workman exceed \$1,000.00

(d) Workmen who usually work alone do not come within the Act from the fact of their usually working with one or more workmen.

Injuries Caused by Third Parties.

The Common Law right to recover compensation in the event of accident being caused by persons other than the employer, his servants, or agents, is reserved to the workman or in case of his refusal to take action, to the employer in his stead, and compensation so recovered discharges the employer as far as it goes.

The employer will have the right to make an examination of the injured workman by a physician nominated and paid for by himself.

The Bill as at present framed prohibits the employer from deducting anything from an employee's wages to pay for the cost of purchasing liability insurance or applying any sums which the workman or his representatives may receive from any benefit society or accident insurance company unless the assessment or premiums charged therefor are paid solely by the employer. It is, however, very probable this restriction will be qualified to permit the employer and his workman to agree upon a voluntary scheme of individual insurance of each workman towards the cost of which the workmen and employer may contribute and all sums so accruing to be ap-nied towards reducting of the approximation of the approximation of the second plied towards reduction of the employer's liability under the

new Act. The Bill provides that the claim of the injured workman or his representatives will be secured by privilege on the em-ployer's property. This provision seems somewhat drastic and would prevent an employer disposing of or mortgaging his property except under burden of this claim unless the claim has already been paid or secured and it is to be hoped the Legislature will see their way to amend this section.

Revisal of Compensation.

According to section 26 the right is given to the workman or employer to make a demand for the revisal of the compensation within four years of the agreement as to the amount of the compensation. This can be done where the accident subsequently becomes more serious, or, on the other hand, less serious than was at first anticipated. Such a provision seems to be open to serious objection especially as no provision is made as to the time within which the employee must give notice of the accident in writing to the employer. An employer might be imposed upon by an employee who had long ago quit his service and whom he had not seen or heard of for two or three years.

GREAT FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

Follows Series of Incendiary Outbreaks-Insurance Rates Increased.

For months the fire brigade, the underwriters, and many of the merchants of Rochester have been in dread of some calamity, the result of incendiarism in their midst. And indeed, the number of fires in the first three months of this year have been nearly one-fifth greater than last, 54, 71, and 97 having been the number of fires in January, February, and March, 1909, respectively.

The fears of the people have been further justified by the sweeping fire of Tuesday, April 13th, in that city, when 50 houses were destroyed and many damaged. Starting in the Palmer manufacturing building, at Main and Gibbs Streets, which it destroyed with a loss of \$300,000, a Hebrew syna-gogue worth \$90,000, was consumed, a Reformed church, apartment houses and dwellings of Polish and other residents enough to make 100 families homeless, and to swell the fire loss to \$500,000 at least.

Fire Jumps of Half a Mile.

A high wind prevailed, and helped to spread the area of the fire which made "jumps" of half a mile to a mile,—the Reformed church was distant a mile from the Palmer building,—thus diverting and straining the efforts of the fire brigade. Aid was summoned from Syracuse and Buffalo fire brigade. And was summoned from Syracuse and Burlaio file brigades, and promptly sent, but by the time their detach-ments arrived the alarming blaze was under control. Chatham, Kelly, and Nassau Streets and Hudson Avenue, were at one time dotted with flames. Baden, Oregon, and Harrison Streets also lost buildings. The stands made by the firemen at Stillson Street and Kelly Street respectively, were successful in stopping the spread of the fire in two quarters of the city.

Rates Have Been Advanced.

"Rechester is terror-stricken," says a telegraphic report of Wednesday. Can it be wondered at, when only five years ago she suffered a conflagration of \$3,000,000, and when, ago she suffered a comagitation of \$5,000,000, and when, since January last, her citizens have been kept in daily appre-hension by rascally incendiaries who have apparently escaped punishment thus far. Militia, as well as firemen and civic patrols have been watching night and day lest smouldering piles should burst into flame. Because of this and other recent fires the Board of Fire Underwriters on April 13th advanced the rate on all buildings except dwellings, 25 cents per \$100.

FIRE AND MARINE NOTES.

T. F. Sheridan, of Wainwright, Alta., has been appointed fire guardian. * * * *

Two shacks along the I.C.R. line in New Brunswick have been fired by tramps. * *

Some person put a lighted match to a gas well which has recently been drilled on a farm near Rodney, Ont. It burning furiously.

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During high winds the Peterborough fire department received eight calls to chimney fires. A thousand feet of sidewalk was also burned, the cause being a grass fire.

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The Insurance Company of North America has received a license to transact in Canada inland transportation insurance, in addition to fire and inland marine insurance, for which it is already licensed. Messrs. Robert Hampson & Son, of Montreal, are the chief agents.

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The Canadian Fire Insurance Company, of Winnipeg, has decided to increase its capital stock from \$250,000 to \$500,000. A meeting of shareholders has been called for April 24th for the purpose of approving a by-law to this effect. The Canadian Fire is a strong financial institution of the West, and the increase in the capital stock of the com-pany is for the purpose of extending its scope and widening its operations. If the above by-law is passed the new stock its operations. If the above by-law is passed the new stock will be first offered to the existing shareholders and directors, will be first onceded to the existing shareholders and directors, and in all probability will be taken up by them. The direct-ors of the Canadian Fire are J. H. Ashdown, president; R. T. Riley, vice-president and managing director; R. J. Campbell, John Galt, G. R. Crowe, E. F. Hutchings, F. W. Stobart, C. S. Riley, manager and secretary.

The capital stock of the Winnipeg Fur Company has been increased from \$100,000 to \$600,000 by the issue of 5,000 shares of \$100 each.

LIEUT.=COL. SIR HENRY M. PELLATT.

Sir Henry Pellatt is President of the Toronto Electric Light Company and of the Electrical Development Company. He is one of the gladiators in Ontario's electrical power arena; Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, arrayed in the armour of provincial authority and using the steel of a hard vocabulary is his opponent. As amphitheatre "supers" are the Hydro-Electric Commission; Hon. Adam Beck, horse-man and "Power Minister"; engineers, politicians, farm-



ers. Mr. W. R. Lawson, financier and writer, London, in quietly gathering up the dust of fallen armour the other week; received a few back slashes. Lawson has joined the fray. Gladiators first fought at the funeral of Brutus, 264 B.C. Sir Henry, in 1909 A.D., fights as did the equites of old, on horseback. Sir James returns with the methods of the essedarii, in his chariot. And Lawson, like the laquearii, uses the lasso. It is a great fight. Canadian credit is one for the lawson. uses the lasso. of the laurels.

> CD-C NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The head office of each company is situate in the town, city, or province mentioned at the beginning of each para-graph. The persons named are provisional directors.

Estevan,	SaskShand Coal Mines.
	Alta.—Knowles Planing Mills.
	Sask Daintry Drug Company.
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	a.—Alix Agricultural Hall Company.
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lompany.	
Cobalt,	OntCobalt Delta Mining Company,
). Adams, R	R. Evans, F. C. Loring.
Belleville	e, OntActinolite Mining Company,
Birnan,	R. E. Mills, A. G. Parker. Ont.—Maple Grove Cheese & Butter C

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- \$25,000. J. Hall, P. Anderson, J. F. Smith. Strathclair, Man.—Chapman & Company, \$25,000. M.
 S. Chapman, F. F. Chapman, G. G. Chapman. Kingston, Ont.—Wormwith Piano Company, \$100,000. W.
 H. Wormwith, N. B. Wormwith, G. Y. Chown. Port Arthur, Ont.—Stanworth, Martin, Stone Company, \$40,000. L. Stanworth, H. Stanworth, C. Martin. Dundas, Ont.—Dundas & Wapak Mining Company, \$40,-000. C. E. Dingler, A. G. Mefferd, C. T. Kolter.

Tilbury, Ont.—J. S. Richardson Company, \$50,000. J. S. Richardson, E. B. Richardson, G. S. Richardson.

Apsley, Ont.—Apsley Telephone Company, \$40,000. Brown, Z. Tucker, Apsley; D. Davidson, Peterborough.

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Windsor, Ont.—Ontario Sanitary Mfg. Co., \$40,000. F.
A. Black, R. H. Evans, H. L. Evans, Detroit.
Fraserville, Que.—Fraserville Navigation Company, \$50,-000. L. Fortin, J. Hamel, G. G. Grundy.
Morrisburg, Ont.—R. H. Bradfield & Company, \$8,000.
B. C. Bradfield, H. H. Bradfield, A. H. Hunter.
Regina, Sask.—Regina Professional Base Ball Company.
North Regina Rural Telephone Company.
Edmonton, Alta.—Wilson, Limited. Hardisty Cartage
Company. McDcugall & Secord. Pembina Hotel Company.
Hamilton, Ont.—Carey Piano & Music Company, \$40,000.
R. S. Williams, W. Middleton, H. G. Stanton. Reid Press,
\$100,000. G. Allan, R. S. Allan, G. J. Reid.
Welland, Ont.—Welland Tin Plate and Sheet Company,
\$150,000. J. Huxley, Pittsburg; A. B. Spener, B. J. Mc-Cormick, Welland.
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Chatham, Ont.—Chatham Wrench Company, \$10,000. R.
J. M. Gardiner, W. D. Sheldon, J. Hadley. Blakely Oil Company, \$25,000. S. L. Blakely, R. L. Gosnell, P. S. Shillington.
Elk Lake, Ont.—Lang-Jodouin Trading Company, \$50,000. H. H. Lang, Cobalt; L. Jodouin, J. Jeffrey. Silver Belt Telephone Company, \$40,000. A. Joy, J. W. McKinlay, E. W.

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New Liskeard, Ont.—International Grain Shocker Company, \$40,000. D. S. Macpherson, B. A. Carruthers, F. L. Hutchinson. Metagami Mines, \$500,000. A. G. Crawford, D. M. Robertson, Toronto; J. A. Lawless, New Liskeard.
Ottawa, Ont.—Les Soeurs du Sacre Coeur. J. M. Proudy, M. L. Binio, A. Andre. La Societe du Monument National d'Ottawa. J. U. Vincent, A. Lemieux, H. Robillard. White, Limited, \$90,000. D. Macnair, F. R. Perrott, P. P. L. Hawn. Ottawa and Montreal Real Estate Company, \$250,000. R. C. Smith, F. H. Markey W. W. Skinner. MacArthur, Perks & Company, \$250,000. J. R. MacArthur, A. F. MacArthur, J. Everett. Everett

British Columbia.-Aetna Investment & Trust Company, \$100,000. A. F. Rolph Company, \$25,000. British Columbia Lumber, Logging & Forestry Association, Center & Hanna, Lumber, Logging & Forestry Association, Center & Hanna,
 \$50,000. Fossil Oil Company, \$1,500,000. North British
 Columbia Navigation Company, \$35,000. Okanagan Lake
 Boat Company, \$25,000. Rupert City Realty & Information
 Bureau, \$25,000. Sandon Mines, \$25,000. Vancouver Investment Western Pacific Development ment Corporation, \$10,000.

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Winnipeg, Man.—D. McCormick Company, \$20,000. D. McCormick, H. Polson, C. W. Gibbs. Dufferin Theatre Company, \$25,000. T. H. Crotty, E. Spice, A. J. Symington. Great West Poultryman Printing and Publication Company, \$5,000. A. W. Bell, C. H. Wise, J. E. Costello. Weston Public Hall Company, \$10,000. H. E. Penny, R. S. Cushing, D. Hollingsworth. Western Contracting Company, \$5,000.
T. Strathairn, G. L. Guy, J. Preudhomme. Green & Litster, \$30,000. A. E. Green, F. R. Litster, G. N. Broatch. Excelsior Coal Mining Company, \$300,000. J. S. Douglas, A. R. Wooldridge, F. Ashford. Birrell Motor Plow Company, \$150,000. J. Birrell, T. A. Crerar, A. M. Blackburn.
Montreal.—Maw Brakes, \$100,000. R. Maw, T. Timmis, R. J. Dale. Boulevard Realty, \$350,000. L. A. Taillon, E. C. St. Amour, L. G. Gauthier. Laurentian Construction and Engineering Company, \$40,000. G. H. Montgomery, R. O. McMurtry, F. G. Bush, G. R. Drenan. Laurentian Crushed Granite Company, \$40,000. G. H. Montgomery, R. O. McMurtry, F. G. Bush. Prudent Realty & Construction Company, \$40,000. J. H. Prescott, M. Dufresne, T. Sutton. W. W. Scott Company, \$20,000. W. W. Scott, T. A. Hubley, W. Bovey. Watch and Cleck Importing Company, \$175,000. L. Riesen, J. F. Desmarais, C. Desmarais. Luke Brothers, \$100,000. S. M. Luke, E. M. Luke, Westmount; J. B. Rose, Montreal. Lockerby & McComb, \$99,000. D. W. Lockerby, J. H. McComb, J. T. Fisher, M. Birkett. John Murison, \$100,000. S. M. Luke, Restmount; H. J. Elliott. National Boiler Washing Company, \$25,000. F. H. Hopkins, R. A. E. Greenshields, R. A. C. McNally. Standard Paper Bottle Company, of Canada, \$125,000. U. H. Dandurand, O. Rolland, R. Prefontaine. Crown Exploration & Development Company, \$1,000,000. R. Reford, J. Carson, W. I. Gear. J. Watson & Son, of Montreal, \$40,000. R. T. Heneker, A. H. Duft, W. S. Johnson. New Montreal Construction Company, \$40, F. Duquette, V. Lemay.

MONTREAL SECTION.

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troller will be Mr. E. C. Pratt, who has resigned the local managership of Molsons Bank to take the new position. The total securities to be issued will amount to about \$12,000,000. Of this, about half will be bonds, the remainder being preferred and common stock, the amounts of which will not be known before the appraisers have made their award. The common stock will be pooled for three years and the preferred for one year. The Royal Trust will act for the underwriters who are prepared to redeem preferred stock at 85. The hearing of the case against Hon. P. H. Roy, former

writers who are prepared to redeem preferred stock at 85. The hearing of the case against Hon. P. H. Roy, former president of the Banque de St. Jean, for alleged misdeeds in connection with the conduct of the bank, will not be postponed so long as was thought some time since. It may be remembered that Mr. Roy obtained a change of venue from St. John to Montreal alleging that the prejudice of the people in the vicinity of St. John was sufficient to prejudice his case; and that when the matter was approaching a hearing in Montreal he obtained a change of venue back again to St. John, claiming that he was again in better favor at St. John. This it was thought would put off the hearing of his case many months. It was announced this week by the Attorney-General that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council had ordered a special term of the Criminal Assizes of the District of Iberville for the hearing of the case. The Attorney-General added that no special influence had been brought to bear in obtaining the special term, it being simply held for the purpose of having the matter settled.

PACIFIC SECTION.

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The Alberni Board of Trade has elected the following officers: President, A. D. McIntyre; first vice-president, C. A. McNaughton; second vice-president, A. Carmichael; secretary-treasurer, R. F. Blandy; council, W. W. Moore, A. D. Cooper, G. A. Love, C. A. Moorhead, A. E. Waterhouse.

Population of Vancouver.

Mention has frequently been made of the lack of knowledge in Britain of things Canadian. Here is another instance. In the pamphlet issued from the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, entitled "Canada As It Appeared to the Scotch Agriculturists," being a lecture by one of them and a series of articles by another, is printed a list of Canadian cities with their respective populations. In this list, Vancouver is credited with a population of 26,133. This is the figures of the census taken by the Government early in 1901, and may be the only official figures at Ottawa on the subject. Since then the city has trebled in population, and the civic census, giving those resident entirely in certain circumscribed limits, places the population at 66,000, while the directory figures of last year, held by all to be nearer the mark, are 85,000.

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in connection with the debentures. Another block of debentures is shortly to be floated by the Moose Jaw municipality, and the successful bidders for the last issue appeared before the Council the other day asking for an option thereon. The mayor thought that there were other bond firms that should be considered; he did not favor giving any one firm an option. The general opinion of the aldermen was that the debentures should be put up for tender in the open market. The option was refused.

Options and Awards Without Tenders.

No serious objection can be made to the giving of options on blocks of municipal debentures or the awarding of an issue without advertising for tenders. Most of the bond firms have friendly relations with at least one or two municipalities. It has happened sometimes that they have come along with a good offer at a critical moment. Later, the municipality, thinking it will return good for good, rewards the house in question with an issue without asking for competitive bids. On general principles it is better that the debentures should be advertised in the usual way, so that all may have an opportunity.

A view of the bond market and one with which many will disagree is given by a financial writer. He notes the surprise in some quarters at "the sudden drying up in the demand for bonds and a rise in stock prices." "If they understood the gold question," he continues. "they would know that all of these facts were the result of the same cause. Not understanding it, they will continue to buy and hold bonds, as they did it 1904, 1905 and 1006, while prices were declining almost constantly. Some of the bond dealers are already wasting their time trying to present reasons why the prices of bonds should go higher.

Bull Market for Stocks and Bonds.

"They argue that business is dull and that money will continue cheap for the rest of this year. They say that another bull market for stocks will create a bull market for bonds. Their reasoning is fallacious. The next bull market for stocks will probably discount a bigger and more enduring industrial improvement than we have had since the panic. Such an improvement will call for money in business and will necessitate the selling of large quantities of bonds held temporarily by fiduciary institutions. The time to buy bonds, speculatively, has passed, even if there were to be no great issues of new bonds—as there will surely be."

These do not appear to be views generally held by the Canadian bond houses. The demand for bonds is quite up to expectations. It is likely that with an easy money market prices will be maintained. Some authorities are advising municipalities to take advantage of the present low rates and to finance their requirements for several years to come. As trade and commerce improve, money will undoubtedly harden and our towns and cities will not find it so easy a matter to finance.

Nova Scotia Industrial Bonds.

As briefly noted last week, Messrs. J. C. Mackintosh & Company have been commissioned to sell the first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds of Moirs, Limited, a Nova Scotia manufacturing firm. The denomination is \$500. The bonds are a first mortgage on the entire plant and property of the company, and are secured by a deed of trust to the Eastern Trust Company, in whose favor the property is insured. This property consists of real estate, building, machinery and stock valued at several times the amount of the whole bond issue. Earnings for several years past have averaged over six times the entire bond interest. No profits or dividends are withdrawn other than the salaries of the different officials of the company, the balance being turned back into the surplus account. To increase the facilities and extend the output, the present offering of bonds is made. From the raw material to the finished article every process possible is carried out by the company itself. This contributes to the quality of the articles manufactured and increases the profit.



HORSESHOE CURVE on the Company's Jequitinhonha River Property

A Few More Editorial Opinions of ECKARDT'S "Manual of Canadian Banking"

"BOSTON TRANSCRIPT."

An exhaustive work on the subject of Banking in Canada has been published by the Monetary Times, a prominent financial journal of Toronto. It is from the pen of H. M. P. Eckardt, one of the most thorough students and practical banking men of the Dominion. Readers of the Transcript are acquainted with Mr. Eckardt's work through his weekly letters on Canadian financial matters in this department. In the book under review he treats, in 200 pages, the whole field of organization and method employed in the Dominion in the conduct of the banking business—all ramifications are considered and set forth with great clearness. It is a most valuable book for American bankers and students of banking; the differences in the systems appear plainly; Mr. Eckardt elearly understands the system employed in the United States; without making any direct effort at comparison, he brings out the variations in methods plainly. It is a most instructive book and one that deserves wide reading.

"VANCOUVER NEWS ADVERTISER."

This is a publication which deals with banking, from the time an institution is started, and elaborates on all the points which come up for consideration of those who have anything to do with banking, and there are many in these days. The book is of particular interest to bankers themselves, but none the less to the bank's customers, and is a collection of the articles on the subject published in the Monetary Times. Those who deal with monetary institutions have been confronted with rules and regulations which are not exactly understood, and in explaining these, Mr. Eckardt does good service. The book is a timely one, since one of the decennial revisions of the Bank Act is at hand. Whenever the charters are up for renewal there is always a great deal of discussion of banking matters in Parliament and in the press, and this book will be of use to members of Parliament and business men joining in the discussion, as it will provide them with a means of becoming better acquainted with the interior economy of the banking business. This will enable them to handle the subject with more benefit to the public. To the members of the staffs of banks it will give a better knowledge of what the head office wants, which will assist them in the service.

"CANADIAN TEXTILE JOURNAL."

There are large numbers of people who, though they have frequent, perhaps daily, dealings with the banks, yet have a very hazy idea as to how banking operations are carried on. As a result of this they come into contact sometimes with regulations of which they do not understand the reason or significance, and they then become filled with the irritation which waits upon an apparently unnecessary delay. Mr. Eckardt, who has a thorough grasp of banking principles and methods, and who is well known to bankers throughout the Dominion has evidently borne this in mind in writing the present treatise, for he explains not only methods, but the inner reason for the same. This character of being easily understandable by the layman will make it particularly welcome for still another reason. That is, that a decennial revision of the Bank Act is about due and this is a time when the press and members of Parliament and business men generally are apt to give more than the usual amount of attention to banking matters. Canadian banking methods have attained to an enviable reputation in other countries and this book, which so admirably describes the outline of the whole system will prove of service to students in other countries besides our own.

"MOODY'S MAGAZINE," NEW YORK.

The Canadian banks gained much prestige in the United States by the manner in which they survived the panic of 1907, and bankers of this country naturally want to know how they did it. All the American banking journals have devoted a great deal of space to articles on the Canadian banking system and to discussions of the difference between that system and ours. Here is a book by an acknowledged expert which covers the whole subject of Canadian banking in an authoritative way, and no man who is at all interested in banking and currency problems should fail to read it. The branch system under which the Canadian banks operate has been incorporated in many of the plans for American currency reform and a thorough understanding of it will help the student to comprehend the currency discussions now agitating the bankers of the United States.

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al The following are the Cobalt ore shipments, in pounds, for the week ended April 10th:—La Rose, 324,540; Right-of-Way, 283,000; Nipissing, 128,880; City of Cobalt, 109,000; Y. Crown Reserve, 118,348; Temiskaming, 120,000; Cobalt Central, 43,490; Kerr Lake, 40,360; O'Brien, 64,170; Silver Queen, 62,865; total, 1,204,653 pounds, or 647 tons. The total shipments since January 1st are now 15,852,407, or 7,926 tons.

In 1904 the camp produced 158 tons valued at \$316,217; in 1905, 2,144 tons, valued at \$1,473,196; in 1906, 5,129 tons, valued at \$3,900,000; in 1907, 14,040 tons; in 1908, 25,700 tons.

lieves country bankers would be justified in advancing 95 per cent. of the amounts given in the various lists, pending final adjustment. The book is of great value to bankers, brokers, and the financial world generally. The Moneys of the World, by James P. Gardner. Published by the Bankers Publishing Company, New York, N.Y.

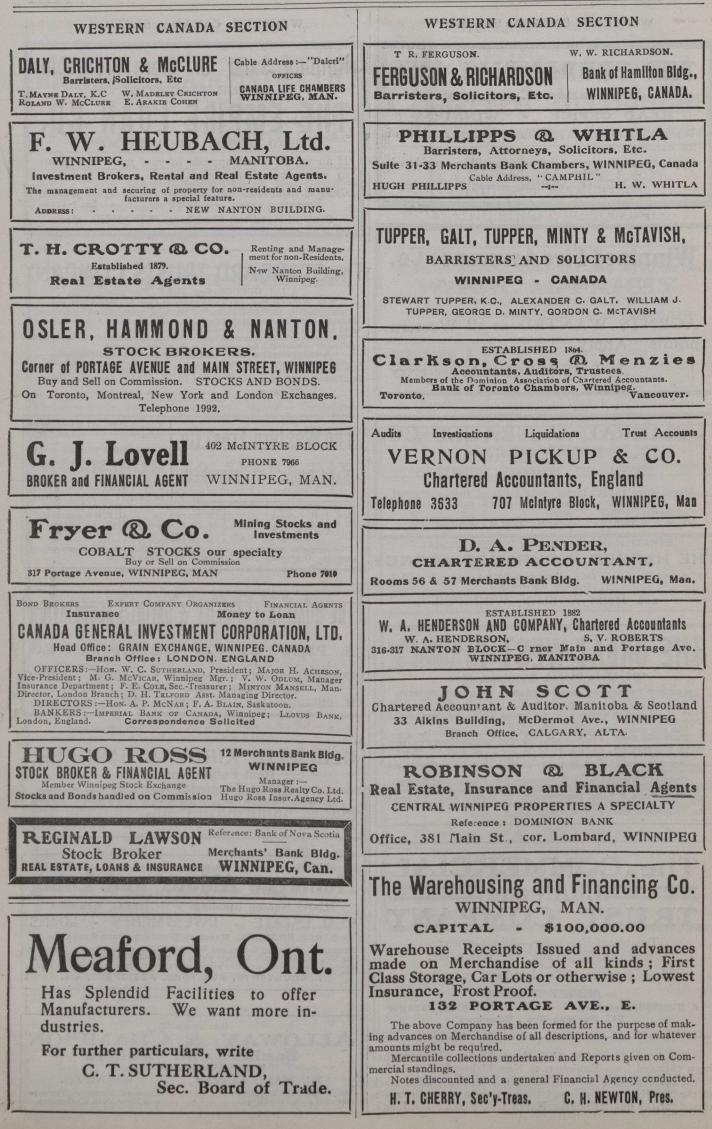
The Canadian and Foreign Investment Trust has been registered in London with a capital of £100,000 in £5 shares, to carry on the business of financiers, etc. The office is situate at 1 Church Court, Old Jewry, E.C. The first directors are R. M. Aitken, S. R. Marshall, and H. M. Hibbard.





A dividend of I per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company has been declared for the quarter ending March 31st, payable April 20th. THE MONETARY TIMES

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CLACE BAY'S RAPID CROWTH.

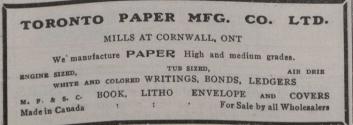
The town of Glace Bay, N.S., is seeking incorporation. In moving the second reading of the Bill for that purpose in the Nova Scotia Legislature, Mr. Gillis gave some interesting statistics regarding the growth of the town, which has an area of eight square miles. It became incorporated in 1901, at which time it was a small mining town with an assessment of three quarters of a million of dollars. To-day the assessment has reached three and one quarter millions of dollars. The Dominion Coal Company, alone, own within the civic area property valued at upwards of \$6,000,000. The population of the town in the year 1901 was 7,000. To-day it is more than 17,000. The town has a good electric light systemperhaps the best in any town in Nova Scotia. The operating expenses last year amounted to \$20,000, and the earnings to \$29,000, showing a net profit of \$9,000 a year. The system cost \$95,000 to construct. The town also has a splendid water system upon which it has expended the sum of \$290,000. The sum of \$181,000 has been expended in making street improvements. The sewerage system cost the town \$90,000, and they have a town hall which cost \$29,000. In 1901 the output of coal was about 1,000,000 tons. Last year the output amounted to 2,224,000 tons.

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*The Northern Bank's last paid dividend was 5 per cent.; the Crown Bank's was 4 per cent. The two banks amalgamated, 1908.

†All the preferred stock of the Canada North-West Land Company has been retired and the common stock has been paid off down to \$5 per share par value, reducing the common capital to \$294,073.75.

†Dominion Iron & Steel Co.—The amount outstanding in the case of first mortgage bonds is \$7,492,000 out of the original issue of \$8,000,000. The second bonds originally amounted to \$2,500,000, but have been reduced to \$1,750,000.

Crow's Nest Pass Co.—By the bonus issue of July 15th, 1908, 6 per cent. on present total capitalization is equal to 10 per cent. on former capitalization.

Prices on Canadian Exchanges are compared for convenience with those of a year ago.

British Columbia Mining Stocks (close Thursday) furnished by Robert Meredith and Company, 45 St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal.

Quotations of Cobalt Mining Stocks are those of Standard Stock and Mining Exchange.

All companies named in the above list will favor the Monetary Times by sending copies of all circulars issued to their shareholders, and by notifying us of any errors in the above tables.

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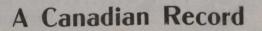
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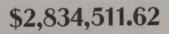
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The news of the death of Mr. H. H. Bicknell, of the law firm of Bicknell, Bain and Strathy, came as a shock to his many friends, the relapse after an illness of ten days, being unexpected. In legal and financial circles the regret is wide-spread and sincere. Mr. Bicknell who was educated in Hamilton, studied law in the office of Laidlaw, Kappele, and Bicknell, in Toronto. In 1896 he started practice in Hamilton alone and later entered into partnership with W. M. Clemont. Last November he came to Toronto, and joined the firm of Bicknell, Bain and Strathy, of which two brothers, James Bicknell, K.C., and Alfred Bicknell, already were members.

